

holders are strong; in some cases buyers cannot fill their wants even at the advance. We hear of a few car loads selling at 73½c., but prices are now quoted at 73½ to 74½c. in store. Oats have been strong, and an advance of 1c. is reported, with sales at 42c. on the track, and 43c. in store. Barley steady, with several lots changing hands at 65 to 70c. We quote: Canada red winter wheat, 85 to 87c.; white winter, 85 to 87c.; Canada spring, 83 to 84c.; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 86 to 87c.; No. 2 do., 83 to 84c.; No. 1 Northern, 83 to 84c.; peas, 73½ to 74½c. per 66 lbs. in store; oats, 42 to 43c. per 34 lbs.; rye, 50c.; barley, 65 to 70c.; corn, 70 to 71c. duty paid, and 62c. in bond.

GROCERIES.—Wholesale trade in this line is handicapped by the severe weather and bad roads of the last several weeks. Payments from the Province of Quebec are much better than those from Ontario. Sugars are easier; on granulated there is a decline of a quarter cent within last ten days, granulated at refinery now being quoted at 7½c.; yellows are lower by an eighth, particularly in the lower grades, in competition with which grocery raws are being brought in, and the range is now from 6½ to 6¾c., subject to the established advance for jobbing lots. Outside markets for cane and belt sugars are lower. Molasses firm, and likely to remain so during Lent, Barbadoes held at 39 to 40c. Teas not in active request, but a fair sprinkling of orders reported at steady prices; stocks are not heavy. The demand for dried fruits is light, and values are rather easier, the range being from 5½c. for rain damaged fruit to 6½ for best. Currants continue scarce locally, and are firm in all European markets, we quote 6½ to 7c. The market is cleared of Malaga raisins, and the general report is to the effect that they are in less request from year to year; prunes, none here; figs, 11 to 14c.; dates, 4 to 4½c.; no Elme raisins brought in this year; Sultanias, 7½ to 8½c.

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METALS AND HARDWARE.—Quietness marks the situation as regards the metal trade, a sale of 50 tons of pig iron the other day being the largest transaction of late, and consumers are buying in "hand-to-mouth" lots altogether. The market shows an easier tendency, Calder and equal have been offered for spring delivery ex-ship at \$19.50, Glengarnock \$19, Carnbroe \$18, but no transactions reported up to moment of writing. Tin rather easier, copper firmer, other lines unchanged. Scotch warrants according to last quotations are down to 39/1d. We quote:—Colt-ness \$23.75; Calder, Gartsherrie and Summerlee \$23.00; Eglington and Dalmellington \$21 to \$22; Siemens \$22.00 to \$23.00 for No. 1. No Carnbroe or Shotts here; cast scrap, railway chairs, &c., \$19.00 machinery scrap \$17 to \$19, common ditto \$16. We quote:—Bar Iron, \$2.10 to \$2.15; Best refined \$2.35 to \$2.40; Siemens, \$2.10 to \$2.15; Canada Plates—Blaina, \$2.75; Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$6.00 to \$6.50; Charcoal I.C., \$4.75; do. I.X., \$5.50 to \$6; Coke I.C., \$4 to \$4.25 as to lot; galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5c. to 7c., according to brand; Tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c.; No. 26, 7c., the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100lbs., \$2.35 to \$2.50. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75; Common Sheet Iron, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian Sheet Iron, 11c.; Lead, per 100 lbs.—Pig, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Sheet, \$4.75 to \$5.00; Shot, \$6.00 to \$6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 13c.; Spring, \$2.70 to \$3.00; Tire, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2.40 to \$2.50; Round Machinery Steel, \$3.00 to 0.00; Ingot tin 38 to 40c.; Bar Tin, 40c.; Ingot Copper, 18 to 20c.; Sheet Zinc, \$5.00; Spelter, \$5.00; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.25 per 100 lbs., Annealed do. \$2.30.

PROVISIONS.—In dairy products there is a fair movement, the demand for choice dairy and creamery butter for city use is active, and all offerings are readily taken. But little local demand exists for poorer grades, and they are not wanted for export. Prices are firm and unchanged as follows:—Creamery 20 to 22c., townships 17½ to 20c., Morrisburg 17 to 20c., Brockville 16½ to 19c., western 15 to 18½c., low grades bring from 12 to 14½c. Of cheese there is no movement and prices are as before, we hear of some enquiry for good mediums, but of no transactions, the only enquiry is for small lots to supply the retail trade. We quote as under:—Fancy colored 11½ to 12c., finest white 11½c., fine 11 to 11½c., medium 10 to 11c. The cable reports Liverpool price 58/6d. and market dull. A good jobbing demand for pork is heard, but buyers decline to pay present prices, viz., \$16.75 for western mess and short cut at \$17.50, thin mess \$18.50, hams and flanks at former prices. Shoulders sold fairly well at 5½ to 6c., hams, city cured, bring 11½ to 12c., western lard, in pails, 9½ to 10½c. per lb. and Canadian, in pails, 9½c., bacon 10½ to 11c., tallow, com. refined, per lb. 4½ to 4¾c., dressed hogs in poor request, the market dull.

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we quote car lots \$6.90 to \$7.00, and jobbing lots at \$7.25 to 7.40 per cental. Eggs are in fair demand at steady prices. We quote as follows:—Held fresh 18 to 20c., Montreal limed 18c., western limed 16 to 16½c., and other grades (partly frozen) 13 to 15c. per doz. A good deal of poultry is offering, choice lots find a market at outside quotations, but others not active. We quote turkeys 8 to 10c., ducks 8 to 9½c., chickens 6 to 8c., geese 6 to 7½c. per lb. Onions are scarce and higher, prices advanced 25c. to \$3.50 per bbl.

Wool.—The demand is very fairly maintained and prices are steady, the result of the late English sales has created a firmness, but no marked advance. There is some activity in pulled wools. We quote:—A. super 27 to 28c., B. ditto 23 to 24c., unassorted 23 to 24c., fleece 24 to 25c., Cape 14½ to 15½c., Australian 16 to 20c.

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