

there is a feeling of hesitation in sending out early this season in consequence of the slowness of payments. The farmers in the West, were reported some weeks ago as not being willing to sell at the prices of the day, and therefore could not pay on old account or buy on new, and now are too busy with spring work to mind matters much. A quietness is therefore experienced in the way of selling a second parcel. Remittances show some improvements since our last issue. Reports from Lyons, up to Sept. 1st, show an improvement at last in the tone of the silk trade, higher prices being asked.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—*Flour.*—The arrivals have been large during the weeks, and perhaps a little in excess of the wants of the trade, so as to give the advantage to the buyer in the general tone of the market. Still values have been well maintained, and we do not have to change our quotations excepting for Superior, which has sold down to \$6.30. It is questionable, however, if any more could be bought at this figure.

Liverpool, Sept. 27, 5.10 p.m.—Flour, 26s. 6d to 32s; Red Wheat, 10s 3d to 11s 10d; Red Winter, 11s 8d to 12s 1d; White Winter, 12s 6d to 12s 10d; Corn, 12s 9d to 13s; New Corn, 27s 3d to 27s 6d; Barley, 3s 6d; Oats, 3s; Peas, 41s; New Pork, 49s; Lard, 47s; Beef, 92s 6d; New Bacon, 37s to 40s; Tallow, 41s; New Cheese, 62s.

London, Sept. 27, 5 p.m.—Consols. 95 9/16; four and a half's, 105; 59s 10 1/2; Erie, 11 1/2; do pft., 21; N.Y.C., 103 1/2; I.C., 64 1/2.

Chicago, Sept. 20, 1.05 p.m.—Wheat, unsettled; \$1.16 1/2 to 1.17. Corn quiet; 42c cash; 41 3/4 to 41 1/2 October. Oats, quiet; 23 1/2c cash; 23 3/4 October. Barley quiet; 61c cash; 62c Oct. Pork, firm; \$13.70 Oct; \$13 year; \$13.12 1/2 Jan. Lard quiet, \$8.37 1/2 year; \$8.45 Jan.

Chicago, Sept. 27, 2.15 p.m.—Wheat, sales: \$1.04 1/4 Nov.

FREIGHTS.—*Grand Trunk Rates.*—Rates on flour are as follows:—From Montreal to Point Lewis, 20c; Sherbrooke, 27 1/2c. St. John, N.B., and Halifax via Intercolonial or via Portland or Danville Junction, 40c. *Through Rates to England.*—Rates on flour via Allan line to Liverpool and Glasgow now stand at 3s. per barrel. Beef and pork in bbls., 40s. per ton; boxed meats, tallow and lard, 40s per ton; butter and cheese to Liverpool, 45s.; to Glasgow, 45s.; oil cake, 3s. 6d. per bbl. to Liverpool and Glasgow. Cattle, £5 to £6 stg. per head, including stalls.

FISH.—Gaspé Dry Fish in good demand at full quotations. We quote:—Dry Cod, Gaspé, very scarce, \$1.50, firm at that. Cod Oil firm at 49c to 50c for line Newfoundland or Gaspé; Tanners, 45c. First cargoes Labrador Herrings arrived and selling by cargo at \$5.00. Demand so far dull.

FURS AND SKINS.—Since the beginning of the month there has been no activity in raw furs. There has been an active demand for manufactured furs, and all the large houses have been kept busy, with a fair prospect that the transactions in made-up goods will continue to increase for some time to come. There is hardly any doubt but that the closing of the season will see stocks well sold out. The low prices at which goods are offered, now that skins cost less than formerly, is the principal reason for the ready demand that has sprung up for them. Buffalo Robes are in good demand, and are taken in larger quantities than usual in consequence of the reduced prices at which they are offered. We quote:—Rat Spring, 18c to 20c; Fall do, 10cts. to 15cts.; Coon, 22c. to 25cts.; Red Fox, \$1.00 to \$1.25; Cross, Fox, \$2.00 to \$3.00; Martin Pale, 70cts. to 90cts.; Martin Dark, \$1.30 to \$1.75; Mink, Western Canada, good colors, \$1.00 to \$1.50; Mink, Eastern Canada, prime small, \$1.00 to \$1.50; large, \$1.50 to \$2.00; Otter dark prime, \$5.00 to \$7.00; Fisher, dark prime \$1.50 to \$6.25; Lynx, \$1.25 to \$1.75; Beaver, full clear pelts per lb. \$1.25 to \$1.75; Winter do. \$1.75 to \$2.00; Bear, large prime, \$8.00 to \$10.00.

HARDWARE.—Business has been fairly active, but not quite up to what had been expected. Canada plates and sleigh shoe steel have as usual been shaded till nothing is left.

LEATHER.—The improved demand of last week

has continued, and parties holding first-class stock, such as Splits, Bufts, Pebbles and Slaughter Sole, do not feel like pushing sales, as a further advance is looked for. Hides have advanced to \$11, and should this only continue at that figure a short time a very decided advance must take place.

LIVE STOCK.—The market has been very dull. There are plenty of beef animals offered but there is little demand, and the few sales effected are at low prices, 3c to 4c per lb. Country drovers declare that Tuesday's business was the worst they have experienced this season. A Toronto dealer complains that he lost from \$6 to \$8 on every animal he sold, and others have the same story to tell. A superior milch cow was sold for \$55 and a pretty good springer for \$53, another cow for \$40, a few small cows at from \$20 to \$25 each, strippers at from \$16 to \$22 each. There were about 140 head of beef cattle offered. 25 cattle sold in one lot for \$625, three cattle for \$23.50 each, and a bull weighing 1,300 lbs. for \$31, a pair of oxen, a steer and a heifer in one lot for \$110, and three heifers for \$63. The four market hogs on Monday afternoon had only about fifty cattle each. A Cornwall man sold a pair of good two-year old heifers for \$33.50, and two dry cows for \$41. A Port Lewis man, sold four dry cows at \$25 each; a few other sales of small cattle were made at from \$14.00 to 16.00 each. The supply of sheep and lambs has been small of late, and prices are higher. One man bought between forty and fifty good sheep at from \$5.00 to \$6.50 each. Another bought eleven lambs at \$3.12 1/2 each; other sales of lambs were made at from \$2.25 to \$3.00 each. Six sheep and thirty lambs were bought in one lot for \$134. The same buyer purchased eleven prize sheep and four lambs for \$100; these were exhibited at the recent Provincial Exhibition at Quebec, some of them taking first prizes. There were the usual supply of old lean hogs and a few three to four months' old pigs offered. Old hogs sold from \$7 to \$9 each; pigs at from \$3.50 to \$5 each.

LUMBER.—Reports here to hand show that the lumber market is improving somewhat. At Buffalo an advance has taken place. At Chicago prices rule firm at previous quotations, and at St. Louis the shipping trade is reported heavy and city demand better than at any time this season. At Cincinnati and Louisville trade is looking up. In the former the local demand is good on account of a largely increased amount of building going on in the city. 17 million feet have been shipped from Ottawa to the United States since August 1st; 500,000 feet more than for the same period last year. A sale of between three and four million feet of assorted lumber has been made at the Stinson Mill, Belleville, at \$8 per m. A number of small sales are reported. In the local market there is little doing and prices are unchanged. Freight rates from Quebec to London are 77s 6d for dry deals, 30s for timber, to Liverpool 26s for timber, 77s 6d for deals, and 82s for boards.

PROVISIONS.—*Cheese.*—At the Ingersoll market for the week ending 25th inst.—Eleven factories offered 6252 boxes, Sept., and Oct. make. No sales reported. 13c offered. Sellers want 13 1/2c for September and October. Cable 62s. The attendance of dealers was small. At the Little Falls Market, 4,000 boxes sold, at 12 1/2c for mostly all. Most factories refused 12 1/2c, causing dead-lock. Cheese for export desired at 12 1/2c.—Buyers not anxious at over that figure. At Utica 6,000 boxes offered, and 3,000 sent on commission, buyers and sellers apart. At New York.—Receipts for the week, 77,420 boxes. Receipts since 1st January 1877, 1,678,041 boxes. Same date 1876, 1,518,428 boxes. Exports for the week, 58,294 boxes. Exports since 1st January 1877, 1,530,045 boxes. Same date 1876, 1,430,874 boxes. Closing quotations 13c to 13 1/2c. Fancy factory, good to prime, 12 1/2c to 12 3/4c.

SALT.—Liverpool salt is dull and full supply on hand, 51c to 52c Factory filled Fine, dull at 90c, in good supply. Demand slow. Prices firm. There were shipped from Goderich last week 556 barrels of common salt, 40 tons of land salt, and 19 bbls. of dairy salt.

TOBACCOES.—In plug, both manufacturers and jobbers are doing a good trade, although there are no large lots of any kind moving. Prices remain steady, and are quoted in bond:—Blacks, common to fair, 13c to 16c; good to fine, 17c to 20c; Mahogany and Brights, common to fair, 12c to 18c; good to fine, 20c to 30c; fancy, 30c to 40c; Prince of Wales 10s, 38c to 41; Solace, 35c to 45c; Rough and Ready 5s and 6s, 53c to 60c; Bright Navy 3s, 45c to 58c; Black Naves, 37c to 42c duty paid. In cut tobaccos next to nothing is doing except in contraband goods. One cutting machine can more than supply the demand in the Dominion for duty paying goods. *Cigars.*—The demand improves, and a good fall trade expected. Prices are unchanged, and we quote for Domestic, clear seed, 13c to 25c; Seed and Havana, \$25 to 50, according to size; Imported Havanas, for common to fair, \$25 to 50; good to fine, \$55 to 150. *Cigarettes* are in good demand. For paper wrapper, \$3.75 to 7.00; tobacco wrapper, \$10 to 20.

WHOLESALE GROCERY MARKET.—*Sugars.*—Yellows 8 1/2c to 9 1/2c; Granulated 10 1/2c to 10 3/4c. Market in England to-day reported advance of 6d. The change of drawback in the United States on 1st October, will add 42c to cost. Now that this question is settled it is not improbable but that our Refinery may before very long be again in operation. If refining and exporting Sugars in bond could be arranged for in the several countries, all doubts as to quality would be at an end. *Molasses and Syrups* steady. *Tens.*—There is a good degree of animation in the market for certain kinds of Japans, and an advance of 1c to 2c. may be noted in low to fair sweet grades. In other Tens no special change. In sympathy with New York our market has, during the last few days, shown some signs of increased activity. The scarcity in low grade Japans which we noticed in our last issue, has become to be perceptibly felt, and it is next to impossible to find any sweet drawing samples except at an advance of from 1c to 3c. The conservative policy which our importers have been adopting in reducing their stocks has had a very salutary effect, and now that the country storekeepers are sorting up, the stocks here are being rapidly diminished, old lines of tens being passed into immediate consumption, and thus affording a ready sale for the new crops. In this connection we may say that the importations this Fall are and will continue to be light, and instead of (which has been the case for the last two or three years) the market being glutted, we confidently expect that the quantity of tens brought into store and those going out will be about evenly balanced. With the exception of blacks we believe that those Cautons which in former years were imported for mixing, are now "hors de combat" as the present low prices do not admit of any alteration. We quote:—Japans, good to medium, 35c to 40c; Fine to Choice, 37 1/2c to 47 1/2c, some Extra Choice lines fetching as high as 52 1/2c. Ping Sings are dull of sale and holders have to make a still further concession. Moyunes are in steady demand.—First of both Young Hysons and Sanpanders being somewhat scarce. Souchongs and Congous are in moderate demand at former quotations. We hail with satisfaction the fact that the attention of our grocers is being directed towards the importation of Assam Tens. These are pungent and delicious in flavour and prove a powerful adjunct to English breakfast teas. For years past these with Orange Pekoes have been freely used in England and with a judicious mixture it brings up straight Cough or Souchong, some twenty to thirty cents a pound at an actual extra cost of only from 3c to 6c. *Coffees.*—Market steady for all kinds. *Rices.*—From \$4 3/8 to \$5.50. *Chemicals.*—Bi-carb soda \$3.50, sol soda \$1 3/8 to 1 1/2. *Fruits.*—Late advices confirm reports of damage to current crop about one sixth will be unmerchantable, fancy are quite high at place of growth. Valencia raisins are also higher. In meantime so many better fingers have arisen from operations in this article as well as Malaga fruit that exports are likely to be quite high. It is not improbable that a good deal may be sent on consignment at later date. Currants, 1876, are 6 1/4 to 6 1/2; Va-