FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY, May 7.

WHEAT PROSPECTS IN ENGLAND.

Beerbohm's *Corn Trade Journal* of the 21st ult. reviews the state of the English wheat trade at that date, and its prospects during the remainder of the present season, as follows:—

The wheat trade continues to labour under that state of torpor from which it has, more or less, so long suffered. Excessive caution and great reserve are still the order of the day, both on the part of consumers and speculators; the distressed financial state of the trade at large is still having great influence on business, which is taking place in the narrowest possible limits. It is difficult to foresee when this unprecedented period of depression is finally coming to an end; much, if not all, depends on America and the extent of her future supplies; a sufficient crop this year in that country (which is far from improbable considering that for two years the crops have been unusually abundant, and that the spring seed wheat this season is very poor grain) added to the diminished rates under wheat in both the United Kingdom and France, would quickly effect a revolution in prices, and there are many who believe that the trade will gain strength as the season advances, simply on the bare fact of the lessened growth of wheat in the United Kingdom and on the continent; meanwhile the trade in America shows no the more confidence than that in England, as the speculative element there shows; according to all accounts it does not seem likely that the American supplies from now to the harvest will prove at all excessive; on the other hand there is every probability that they will prove less abundant than is now generally anticipated.

GRAIN IN TRANSIT.

Beerbohm's *London Corn Trade List* makes the amount of grain on passage for the United Kingdom, exclusive of steamer shipments from America, and the sail and steamer shipments from the ports of the Baltic, and those of North-Western Europe, as follows:—

Date.	Wheat. qrs.	Flour. eq'l qrs.	Maize. qrs.	B'ley. qrs.	Beans. qrs.
April 27, '79.	4,482,000	63,000	635,000	144,000	5,000
April 26, '78.	4,108,000	59,000	535,000	135,000	6,000
April 20, '79.	4,421,000	69,000	544,000	130,000	18,000
April 5, '79.	1,380,000	65,000	430,000	116,000	17,000

Bernbaum makes the amount of grain on passage for the United Kingdom, as follows:—

Date.	Wheat. qrs.	Flour. eq'l qrs.	Maize. qrs.	B'ley. qrs.	Beans. qrs.
April 27, '79.	1,589,512	72,152	622,700	120,994	5,362
April 26, '78.	926,866	78,382	627,245	149,644	4,653
April 14, '79.	1,515,325	72,874	550,850	97,461	10,629
April 5, '79.	1,472,303	75,563	514,201	100,718	14,775

ENGLISH GRAIN MARKETS.

A telegram to the New York press quotes from a Liverpool grain circular of Friday as follows:—"The wheat market this week has been dull and dragging. The demand was very restricted. The country markets for the past three days have been quietly unchanged, but dropping, as several cargoes of white wheat have been taken for France. Here and in neighbouring markets since Tuesday only a retail business has been done. Wheat and corn were unaltered. The latter has been offered on slightly easier terms for future delivery. At to-day's market there was an average attendance. Wheat was bought to a moderate extent at Tuesday's currencies. Choice red, owing to its scarcity, slightly advanced. Flour was dull at the previous rates. Corn was in fair request, and the prices unaltered."

The following is the official report of the Toronto Stock Exchange, May 7, 1879.

Banks.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Trans.
Montreal	180	----	----
Toronto	----	110	----
Ontario	64½	63	----
Merchants'	81	----	----
Commerce	108½	108	----
Consolidated	----	----	----
Dominion	109½	108½	31 at 109
Hamilton	----	97	----
Standard	92	----	----
Federal	100	98½	----
Imperial	100	93	----
Molson's	----	----	----
Loan and Savings Cos.			
Canada Permanent	174½	173	----
Freehold	----	----	----
Western Canada	----	144½	----
Union	126	----	----
Canada Landed Credit	130	128	----
Building and Loan	----	101½	----
Imperial	----	----	----
Farmers'	107½	----	----
London & C. L. & A. Co	222	----	----
Huron and Erie	----	----	----
Dominion Savings and Investment Society	----	----	----
Ont. Sav. and Inv. Society	121½	----	----
Canada Savings and L.	112½	----	----
London Loan Company	----	----	----
Hamilton Prov. and L.	114	----	----
National Inv. Co. of Canada	102½	101½	----
Anglo-Can. Mortgage Co.	----	----	----
Insurance, &c.			
British America	112½	110½	----
Western	----	150½	----
Isolated Risk	----	----	----
Canada Life	----	201	----
Confederate Life	----	137½	----
Consumers' Gas	136	130	----
Dominion Telegraph	60	----	----
Globe Printing Co.	137½	135	----
Railways			
Toronto, G. & B. Stock	----	----	----
" 8 p.c. 5 yrs. stg. Bonds	----	----	----
" 6 p.c. 5-8 p.c. 5 yrs. Bonds	----	----	----
Debentures, &c.			
Dom. Gov. Stock, 6 p.c.	----	----	----
Dom. Gov. Stock, 5 p.c.	----	----	----
County (Ont.) 20 yr. 6 p.c.	----	100½	----
Tn'p (Ont.) 20 yr. 6 p.c.	----	97½	----
City Toronto 20 yr. 6 p.c.	----	99½	----

English Markets.

WEDNESDAY, May 7.

London—Floating cargoes—Wheat, at opening, steady; corn, do.; cargoes on passage and for shipment—wheat, very little demand; corn, do. Mark Lane—Wheat, inactive; corn, do. English country markets—Wheat, steadier; French, upward tendency. Imports into the United Kingdom during the past week—wheat, 215,000 to 220,000 qrs; corn, 130,000 to 135,000 qrs; flour, 105,000 to 110,000 bbls. Liverpool—Wheat, on the spot, at opening, firm; corn, steady; fair to choice shipping clich, per cental, 8s 4d to 8s 6d; fair to choice shipping California, per cental, 8s 11d to 9s 3d; red American spring shipping cloth. No. 3 to No. 2, per cental, 7s 6d to 8s 4d. The yield of the crops on the continent generally will probably be below the average.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

WEDNESDAY, May 7.

PRODUCE.

The market was very dull all over in the latter part of last week, but has since improved with, however, most of the business doing on p. t., as our merchants and country holders are seriously afraid that a publication of past prices might seriously affect future values to the detriment of both buyers and sellers. As well as we can see the tendency has been upwards of late, with the market closing firm. Offerings have been small all week, as holders have steadily refused to make any concession, and also, perhaps, because there is not very much now on hand. Shipments have gone on during the week, and stocks have decreased, standing on Monday morning as follows:—Flour, 18,145 bbls; fall wheat, 47,510 bushels; spring wheat, 148,123 bushels; oats, 15,295 bushels; barley, 29,639 bushels; peas, 57,664 bushels; rye, nil; corn, 68 bushels, against corresponding date last year:—Flour, 23,940 bbls; fall wheat, 130,102 bushels; spring wheat, 369,213 bushels; oats, 8,438 bushels; barley, 102,858 bushels; peas, 32,666 bushels; rye, nil; corn, nil. Outside advices show an advance of 1d on red winter, and 2d on peas, in English markets during the week. Markets seem to have been improving slightly during the last couple of days; but during the latter part of last week they were dull and dragging, although several cargoes of white wheat were taken for France. The demand seemed to be slack all over, and country markets were said to be drooping; choice spring wheat, however, seemed to have been scarce and firm. Further cable advices state that in the week ending on the 29th ult. supplies of English wheat at the country markets were fairly liberal and the prices slightly improved. At Mark Lane the offerings were light. Buyers only responded to the firmness of holders by taking the choicest lots at full prices. Some sorts of American were cheaper, but the decline was enquoted, as it only affected inferior produce. Fine red winters were unchanged. Nearly all the spring wheat from the Atlantic ports was very poor, and sold very low. The supply for the week ending on the 26th ult. was very large, being equal to 585,000 to 612,812 quarters of wheat v. 411,000 to 420,624 quarters weekly consumption, indicating a surplus over consumption of 224,000 to 192,188 quarters. The supply of maize for the week was 1,080,000 to 1,120,000 bush, v. an average weekly consumption in 1877 of 1,291,124 bush, v. 1,320,774 bush in 1876, and 773,958 bush in 1875. The total supply of wheat and flour in the ten weeks ending on the above date seems to have been about 325,000 quarters in excess of the average consumption; and with the quantity in transit keeping up so well as it has done, the probabilities seem to be in favour of the continuance of a sufficient supply. The condition of the growing crops seems to have been unfavourable; copious rains and night-frosts in April were doing mischief, and had stopped spring sowing in some parts of Scotland. Continental reports by mail to the 19th ult. state that at the latest advices, French country markets were well supplied with all sorts of grain but sales were slow in all, and prices lower in 42 out of the 94, markets whence reports had been received. Flour was also weak. The Paris market participated in the weakness and inactivity prevalent through the country. The arrivals of wheat at the principal ports were somewhat lighter than previously, but yet sufficiently large to exercise a depressing effect upon prices. The week's imports into Havre, Rouen, Bordeaux and Marseilles amounted to 73,000 qrs., against 143,000 qrs. the previous week. American wheat was to be had at all ports on the west coast at equal to 47s 3d for 400 lbs., and at Havre the quotations were 47s 9d for white Michigan and 47s 3d for red winter, which was rather scarce. At Marseilles the arrivals of wheat for the week ending 12th ult. amounted to 34,100 qrs., and the stock in the docks has decreased to 201,000 qrs. Spring-sowing in France has been delayed by unseasonable weather and the appearance of crops at the latest advices seems not to have been favourable, but it is said that wheat had not suffered much injury. In Germany the weather was very unfavourable and crops were so very backward that a return of mild weather was much desired. At Berlin spot wheat has been in better request, and for forward delivery prices have advanced 2½ to 4 marks for the nearer, and 1 to 1½ marks for the more distant periods. At Hamburg the wheat trade has been quiet, but prices have been fairly maintained as the arrivals have been small. At Vienna wheat was firmer; but at Pesth it was quiet. Advices from Galatz, Roumania, under date of April 10, reports large arrivals of wheat and make at that shipping port from the Upper Danube. Wheat was wanted for Mediterranean ports and the continent. There was not much business doing at the Russian Black sea ports; but the Baltic ports seem to have been generally open. On the continent the weather seems to have improved in the Western States and fear of immediate damage to growing crops to have been lessened though it cannot be said to have disappeared. Crop prospects in America and in Europe are likely henceforth to exercise more influence on prices than the actual quantity of grain in sight all over. Stocks are small in the United Kingdom, France and Germany; and the decreased area under wheat both at home and in France, must render markets sensitive to any prospects of decreased supplies. There are many at home who expect that the trade will gain strength as the season advances simply from small stocks and decreased acreage; and of course unfavourable crop advices would add to these influences in favour of an advance. Prices in the western markets have shown an upward tendency during the last two days and close about three cents higher than at our last. The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports and the rail shipments from Western lake and river ports [illegible]

	1879.	1879.	1878.	1877.
	April 26.	April 19.	April 27.	April 28.
Wheat, bu	16,972,424	18,140,463	7,921,483	6,736,507
Corn	12,246,065	12,268,078	9,763,366	8,879,144
Oats	1,805,490	1,996,725	1,769,920	1,919,956
Barley	1,546,460	1,971,978	1,676,855	1,266,536
Rye	972,603	1,011,699	569,852	603,427
Total bu.	33,703,602	35,488,943	21,705,476	19,549,570

The apparent decrease in the visible supply of wheat is more than it should be, taking into account the receipts at lake ports and the increase in the export movement from seaboard ports.

The following table shows the top prices of the different kinds of produce in the Liverpool markets for each market day during the past week:—

	May 1 st p.	May 2 d p.	May 3 d p.	May 5 th p.	May 6 th p.	May 7 th p.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Flour	10 0	10 0	10 0	10 0	10 0	10 0
R. Wheat	8 0	8 0	8 0	8 0	8 0	8 0
R. Winter	9 2	9 2	9 2	9 2	9 2	9 2
White	9 1	9 1	9 1	9 1	9 1	9 1
Club	9 4	9 4	9 4	9 4	9 4	9 4
Corn	4 5	4 5	4 5	4 5	4 4	4 4
Oats	5 6	5 6	5 6	5 6	5 6	5 6
Barley	5 3	5 3	5 3	5 3	5 3	5 3
Peas	6 3	6 3	6 3	6 3	6 5	6 5
Pork	47 6	47 6	47 6	47 6	47 6	47 6
Lard	31 9	31 9	32 0	32 0	32 0	32 0
Beef	74 6	74 6	74 6	74 6	74 6	74 6
Bacon	36 0	36 0	36 0	36 0	36 0	36 0
Tallow	35 0	35 0	35 0	35 0	35 0	35 0
Cheese	41 0	41 0	41 0	45 0	41 0	41 0

FLOUR—The market was very dull until within the last couple of days, but prices seemed firm and sales prevented chiefly by buyers and sellers being apart in their views. No sales were reported until Tuesday, when very large quantities changed hands on strictly p.t. The market to-day was firm, with sales of one lot of extra at equal to $4.15 here, and another at $4.15 f.o.c., and spring extra wanted at $3.90 to $3.95, but holders standing out for $4. The value of superior seemed to be firm at $4.50 to $4.60, and of fancy and strong bakers' from $4.05 to $4.10.

BRAN—Has been scarce and firm; a car sold today at $12 on track.

OATMEAL—There has been no movement reported; good brands are still held at $3.90, but inferior might be had lower. Small lots unchanged at $4.10 to $4.25.

WHEAT—The market has been quiet, but values have been fairly steady, and sales could probably have been made to a considerable extent were it not for the fact that buyers and sellers have been apart. No. 2 fall has been inactive; a lot of uninspected lying outside, and said to be close on this grade, sold on Saturday at 96c; No. 3 on the spot has been held at 95c, with 93c bid. Spring has been quiet, with No. 1 nominal; No. 2 has been held at 94c, with 92c freely bid; No. 3 sold last week at 89c, and for choice at 90c f.o.c. on Monday. The market today was more active and firm. No. 2 fall would have found buyers at $1; No. 3 fall sold in car-lots at 95 and 96c f.o.c.; the sale of one cargo of spring was reported at 93c f.o.c., and another on p.t., but we cannot say whether the transactions actually occurred to-day or previously. On the street receipts have been very small; fall is worth 90c to $1, and spring from 85 to 92c.

OATS—Have been quiet but steady; cars of Western Canadian sold last week and on Tuesday at 37c on track; but in one instance 38c was paid for a choice sample; to-day a car of very choice brought 38½c but the average value is from 37 to 37½c. Street receipts small, but 38c was paid once.

BARLEY—The season being over inactivity has set in as the rule but some small sales have been made at 65c for No. 2 and at 52c for extra No. 3, f.o.c., which prices would probably be repeated. No. 3 may be regarded as worth about 40c. On the street sales of a few loads have been made at 50 to 60c but fine samples would bring more.

PEAS—Have been steady; some car-lots of No. 2 sold last week at 68c and one car at 67c, f.o.c., which prices would have been paid to-day. Round lots are generally held at 69c. Street prices 65 to 66c.

RYE—Remains purely nominal at 48 to 50c.

HAY—Pressed has been quiet and easy, and sold at $12.00 on track. Receipts on the market have increased, and prices have been easier, but all offering has been wanted; the range has been from $9 to $14, and the general run from $11 to $13.

STRAW—The supply has been small but probably sufficient; prices have been firm at $6 for loose and $7 to $9 for cut or rye straw in sheaves.

POTATOES—Have continued in steady demand at still advancing prices; cars have sold at $1.10 and $1.12 for early rose on the track. Street receipts have been small and prices firm at $1.15 to $1.25 per bag.

APPLES—The supply has been small and prices have been firm at $1.75 to $2.50 for sound cooking qualities, with all offering wanted.

MUTTON—Receipts have been small and insufficient; yearling lamb, dressing about 50 lbs., has been firm and wanted at $3.50 to $3, but old sheep go lower.

POULTRY—Has shown no change of any consequence; fowl have been steady at 40c to 70c, and turkeys have been worth 90c to $1.50.

FLOUR, f.o.c.		
Superior Extra, per 196 lbs	$4 35	to $4 50
Extra	4 15	4-20
Fancy and Strong Bakers	4 05	4 10
Spring Wheat, extra	3 90	4 00
Superfine	----	none.
Oatmeal, per 196 lbs	3 65	3 90
Cornmeal, small lots	2 00	2 00
BAG FLOUR, by car lot f.o.c.		
Extra	$3 90	$4 10
Spring Wheat, extra	3 80	3 90
GRAIN, f.o.b.		
Fall Wheat, No. 1, per 60 lbs	$1 02	$1 04
" No. 2, "	1 00	1 02
" No. 3, "	0 95	0 96
Red Winter	----	none.
Spring Wheat, No. 1	0 98	1 00
" No. 2	0 93	0 94
" No. 3	0 88	0 90
Oats (Canadian) per 34 lbs	0 37	0 38
Barley, No. 1, per 48 lbs	0 50	0 53
" No. 2, "	0 65	0 66
" Extra No. 3	0 52	0 53
" No. 3	0 40	0 42
Peas, No. 1, per 60 lbs	----	none.
" No. 2, and No. 3	0 66	0 68
Rye	0 48	0 50
PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGGONS.		
Wheat, fall, new, per bush	$0 90	$1 00
Wheat, spring, do	0 85	0 96
Barley, do	0 40	0 70
Oats, do	0 32	0 40
Peas, do	0 62	0 65
Rye, do	0 50	0 00
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs	6 00	6 50
Beef, hind qrs., per 100 lbs	6 00	8 50
Mutton, by carcass, per 100 lbs	7 50	9 00
Chickens, by pair	0 60	0 70
Ducks, per brace	----	none
Geese, each	----	none
Turkeys	0 90	1 50
Butter, lb. rolls	0 15	0 17
" large rolls	0 13	0 14
" tub dairy	0 14	0 15
Eggs, fresh, doz	0 11	0 12
Potatoes, per bag	1 15	1 25
Apples, per bbl	1 75	2 50
Onions, per bag	1 50	0 00
Tomatoes, per bush	0 00	0 65
Turnips, per bag	0 30	0 35
Carrots, per bag	0 50	0 00
Beets, per bag	0 55	0 00
Parsnips, per bag	0 00	0 65
Hay, per ton	8 00	14 00
Straw, per ton	6 00	8 50
Wool, per lb	0 30	0 00

FREIGHTS

RATES BY STEAMER—The propellors are expected to commence running on Saturday. Rates to Montreal upon at 18c for flour, and 5c for grain; and [illegible] Toronto and Prescott at 10c for flour and 1½c for grain.

GRAND TRUNK RATES.—The rates of this company have remained unchanged, and from Toronto to the undermentioned points they now stand as follows:—Flour to Kingston, 20c per bbl; Gananoque to Prescott, 25c; Belleville to Montreal, 30c; lb. Lambert to St. Johns, 40c; to St. Hyacinthe, 45c; St. Liboire to Lennoxville, 55c; Waterville to Coaticook, 50c; Danville to Chaudiere, 50c; Doucett's Landing to Point Levis, 45c; Cacoma to Metapedia, 65c; to St. John, 60c; to Halifax 65c; to Miramichi (for Newcastle), 65c; Point du Chene and Pictou, 65c; Dalhousie and McAdam Junction, 55c; to Carleton, 60c. Rates on grain one-half of the above per cental.

THROUGH RATES TO ENGLAND.—Through rates via Dominion and Beaver lines via Montreal stand this week as follows:—Flour, 75c per barrel, and wheat — per cental to Liverpool. Beef and pork in barrels, 45c; boxed meats, tallow, and lard, 45c to Liverpool, per cental; butter and cheese, in lots not under 10,000 lbs, 55c to Liverpool. Oil-cake, 42c to Liverpool, and — to Glasgow. Oatmeal in bags 34½c, and flour in bags 34½c to Liverpool.

PROVISIONS.

TRADE—Has remained quiet and generally unchanged.

BUTTER—There has been nothing of any consequence doing; offerings of tubs have been small but sufficient, as the only demand is for the local market and receipts of rolls continue to long way towards supplying its wants. The very best qualities have not been bringing over 14 to 15c, and medium and inferior have been nominal. There was, indeed, one lot of inferior sold to complete a shipment at somewhere about 4c, but this is not likely to be repeated. Box lots have been offering very freely and selling slowly at a decline; the general run for good samples has been 11 to 13c. On the street receipts have come in with a rush during the last couple of days and prices have come with a rush in sympathy; pound rolls were not worth over 15 to 16c to-day; large rolls may be regarded as worth 13 to 14c, and new dairy about 14 to 15c.

CHEESE—Has remained quiet at 7 to 8½c for small lots of the best qualities offering; round lots of July-make are offering at 4 to 5c without finding buyers; we see that sales of April-make have been made in Montreal.

EGGS—Receipts have increased and have been fully equal to the wants of the market and prices have declined to 10 to 10½c for round lots. On the street sales the supply has increased and prices have fallen to 11 to 12c.

PORK—Small lots have been selling at $12 to $12.50 and, going off fairly well; but there has been nothing doing in cars, nor are they offered.

BACON—Has been decidedly quiet and prices seem weak. Cumberland has been selling in cases and smaller lots at 6½ to 6¾c; it is probable that tons might be had at 6½; there is no demand for round lots. Long-clear is quiet at 7 to 7½c for small lots. There are a few smoked rolls and bellies still selling at 9 to 9½c, and canvassed bellies at 10c. Shoulders are not offering and seem nominal.

HAMS—The movement has been small and prices seem weak; no sales of round lots are reported. Smoked have usually sold at 10 to 10½c, and can vassed at 11c. Pickled are unchanged at 9 to 9½c.

LARD—Sales are small and prices easy but unchanged at 9 to 9½c, for tinnets and pails, and 8½ to 8¾c for tierces; prices would probably be lower were it not that stocks are light. There have been some tinnets of rather poor quality sold at 8c, with more still offering.

HOGS—The few offering on the street have sold at 96; any increase in the supply would lead to an instant fall in price.

SALT—Dairy has continued to move and is unchanged at last week's decline, or $1.60 to $1.65 for small lots with cars offering at $1.50. Liverpool is unchanged at $1 to $1.10.

DRIED APPLES—Seem easier; round lots have been offered at 6c and not taken. Small lots have been selling at 4 to 4½c, though some very choice have brought 5c.

WHITE BEANS—Have been selling fairly well and steady at from $1.25 to $1.35 per barrel.

GROCERIES.

TRADE—Has shown very little improvement and remains generally quiet.

TEA—An increased enquiry has been heard for lines and prices of them seem generally firmer considerable sales of first and second Young Hyson have been made on English account. A good many lines of rather poor seconds have been sold on the spot at 32 to 35c, and some coarse Japan Oolong at 24c. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers' lots: Young Hyson, common to fair, 22 to 26c; Young Hyson, medium to good seconds, 30 to 37½c; Young Hyson, ordinary to choice extra firsts, 45 to 65c; Twankays, 20 to 25c; Gunpowder and Imperials, common to good, 25 to 45c; Fine to Extra Choice, 55 to 60c. Japans, common to fair, 22 to 26c; Souchong, 35 to 60c; Scented Pekoes, 45 to 55c.

COFFEE—Seems quiet and rather unsettled in price; one lot of 50 bags of Java sold at 26½c, but job lots seem little wanted. Mocha at 27c, but not taken; small lots quiet. Quotations are as follows, the outside being for retailers' lots: Government Java, 27 to 31c; Singapore, 21 to 23c; Rio, 17 to 18½c; Jamaica, 20c.

SUGAR—The market has remained quiet and prices seem to have continued weak and tending downwards. Raws have been selling in small lots at 6¾c for Porto Rico and 6½c for Cuba. Scotch refined has been quiet and unchanged; one lot of medium bright sold at 7½c. New York yellow not offering. Granulated has been inactive and easy; one small job lot sold at 8¾c. Extra C. has also been weak; a lot of 100 barrels went off at 8c. Canadian refined has been in the market and selling in small lots at 7½ to 8c. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers' lots—Porto Rico, per lb., 6¾ to 7c; Cuba, 6½ to 7c; Barbadoes, nominal; Demerara and Scotch refined to bright choice, 8 to 8½c; medium, 7½ to 7¾c; do., low grades, 6½ to 7½c; Canadian refined, 7½ to 8c; Extra C, 8 to 8½c; Dry Crushed, 9½ to 10c; Granulated Standard, 8½ to 9½c; Off-Standard, 8½ to 8¾c; Cut Loaf, 10 to 10½c.

SYRUPS—Some sales of round lots have been made at firm prices and the market generally is firm at the late advance which is steadily maintained on small lots. Quotations are as follows:—Common, 45 to 47c; Amber, 50 to 55c; Amber choice, 60 to 65c.

FRUIT—Has shown very little change since our last. Valencias have been more active with sales of lots of 500 boxes at 6½c on the spot. Loose Muscatelles have been steady with sales of lots of 100 and 200 boxes at $1.50. Layers and Sultanas have remained quiet but steady. Currants have been rather more active with sales of good sound quality in lots of 10 barrels at 4½c. Prunes have been firmer and sold in lots of 25 and 50 kegs at equal to 5c here. Nuts remain quiet and unchanged. Prices are as follows, the outside being for retailers' lots:—Barcelona, nominal at $1.50 to $1.60; Valencias, 6½ to 6¾c; new seedless, none; Sultanas, new, 8 to 8½c; loose Muscatelles, new, $1.50 to $1.65; Currants, 1875, ordinary to fine in barrels, 4½ to 5½c; choice, in cases, 6 to 6½c; old, 2 to 3c; Filberts, 8 to 8½c; Walnuts, 7½ to 8c; Almonds, 15 to 16c; Prunes 4½ to 5c; Brazil nuts, 7 to 7½c; Lemon peel, 22 to 23c; Orange do, 20 to 22c; Citron do, 20 to 22c.

RICE—The demand has been less active, and the feeling seems easier, with sales of standard in lots of 50 bags at $4.35. Small lots usually sell at $4.50.

FISH—The market has remained in its former lifeless condition, with no lake fish offering, no buyers for any sort and values unchanged. Quotations stand as follows, the outside prices being for retailers' lots:—Herrings, Labrador, bbls, $5.00; Salmon, salt water, $15.50 to $16.00; Codfish, new, per 112 lbs, $4.75 to $5.50; boneless, per lb, 6 to 6½c; Trout, $5.50 to $5.75; Mackerel, bbls, $10; half-bbls, none; Sardines, ¼s, 9½ to 10c; do. ½s, 17 to 20c.

TOBACCO—Has been less active, but sales of job lots of black-eye have been made at 34 to 44c in bonds; values are unchanged. Quotations are as follows:—Manufactured 10's, 35 to 37c; do. ¼s, ½s, and 6's, 37½ to 45c; Navy, 5's, 37½ to 54c; Navy black, 37 to 40c; Solaces, 35 to 42c; Extra bright none; Virginia, 60 to 90c.

LIQUORS—Have been quiet but at firm prices with no movement reported in the jobbing line. Quotations are as follows:—Pure Jamaica Rum, 16 o.p., $2.30 to $2.50; Demerara, $2.20 to $2.30; Gin—green cases, $4.25 to $4.50; red, $3 to $3.50; Wines—Port, $1.15 to $1.25; fine, $2 to $4.50; Sherry, $3.75; Champagne, per case, $10 to $22; Brandy, in wood, $3 to $3.50; in case, Saurnee, $5.00 to $6.50; do. Otard's, $6 to $6.50; Central Society, $3 to $5.50; do. Hennessy's, $10.50 to $10.75; do. Martell's, $10.25 to $10.50; do., Jules Robins, $5.50 to $5.75; do., Vine-growers' Co., $5.00 to $5.50; do., Julie Bellerin, $7.50 to $8. Whiskey—the following are Messrs. Gooderham & Worts' prices on which merchants charge an advance of 5 per cent.—Alcohol, per imperial gallon, $2.25; pure spirits, 65 o.p., $2.33; do., 22 o.p., $2.15; do., 22 u.p., $1.98; family proof whiskey, $1.19; old Bourbon, $1.19; old rye, toddy, or malt, $1.11; domestic whiskey, 22 u.p., 95c; rye whiskey, 4 years old, $1.44; do., 5 years old, $1.54; do., 6 years old, $1.64; do., 7 years old, $1.74.

CATTLE.

TRADE—Has generally been quiet since our last.

BEEVES—The supply has fallen off considerably and has scarcely been equal to the wants of the market; all offering has been taken steadily at firm prices, and in some cases at an advance, or recovery on the previous decline. First-class steers averaging 1,300 lbs. and upwards, have been scarce and wanted at former prices, from $4.75 to $5; and heavy oxens and bulls or light steers and heifers have remained steady at $4 to $4.50, all offering being readily taken. Second-class have become scarce; offerings have been decidedly insufficient, and the decline of last week has been recovered, there being ready buyers at $3.50 to $4. Third-class have not been offered, nor do they seem to be wanted.

SHEEP—Offerings have been very small as they usually are on the eve of the shearing season. All offering have been wanted and selling readily, but at unchanged prices. First-class have been steady, and bringing from $6 to $7, or perhaps $7.50 for very choice. Second-class have not been much wanted, but have remained worth at $4.50 to $5. Yearlings have been wanted at firm prices; one lot of 40 head, dressing about 45 lbs, sold at $4.85.

LAMBS—Receipts have fallen off and have been insufficient for the wants of the market; and prices seem to have been tending upwards. First-class, or lambs weighing from 35 lbs upwards, have been in active demand at $3.75 to $4.50, but the latter price is scarcely ever paid for any save picked. Second-class have been firmer at $3 to $3.50; but any below this are not wanted, and there is not much use in offering them.

CALVES—Have continued to offer freely and rather in excess of the demand; prices have consequently been weak. First-class, dressing from 110 to 140 lbs, have declined and ranged from $6.50 to $8.50. Second-class, dressing from 75 to 100 lbs, have been abundant, weak, and slow of sale, at from $4 to $6. Third-class are not wanted at any price.

HIDES, SKINS AND WOOL.

TRADE—Seems generally to have been quiet.

HIDES—Green have been coming forward slowly and selling as before. Cured have been quiet but steady at 8½c for No. 1 inspected.

SKINS—Are unchanged at 10c for calf and 7c for sheep.

TALLOW—Rendrings have been abundant and unchanged. Cured have been firm and selling at 4½ to 13c, the latter for No. 1 inspected in small lots.

SHEEPSKINS—Offerings have been small and prices unchanged at $1.50 to $1.75 for the best green skins; country lots are inactive.

LAMBSKINS—Very few have been offered but these few have brought 15 to 20c.

WOOL—Has been quiet but steady; some small lots of fleece have sold at 20c but pulled wool has not been offering to any extent. There are buyers at 19c for pulled combing and 19 to 20c for average super.

TALLOW—Remains steady with buyers at 5½c for rough and 6¼ to 6½c for rendered. There have a cent lot of rendered sold at 6c.

Quotations stand as follows:—No. 1 inspected, choice, $6.25; No. 2 inspected, $5.25; No. 3 inspected, $4.25; Calfskins, green, 10 to 11c; Calfskins, cured, 12 to 13½c; calfskins, dry, none; Sheepskins, $1 to $1.50; Wool, fleece, 20c; Wool, pulled, super, 20 to 21c; extra super, none; Wool, pickings, 4 to 7c; Tallow, rough, 3½c; rendered, 5½ to 6½c.

DRUGS.

Quotations for some heavy chemicals are lower, owing to a break in steamers' freights. Camphor is easier. Castor Oil is also rather lower. Iodine and Iodides are all advanced and are likely to be still dearer. Quotations are as follows:—Acid, Tartaric, 50 to 52c; Alum, 2½ to 3c; Ammon, Carb, 20 to 21c; Ammon, Liquor, 21 to 22c; Antimony, Black, 15 to 16c; Antimony, Tart, 55 to 65c; Ether, Nitrous, 26 to 28c; Camphor, Refined, 37 to 43c; Gum Aloes, Cape, 16 to 18c; Iodine, $6 to $7; Mercury, Chlorid, 95c to $1; Morphia, Sulph, $2.60 to $2.75; Oil, Castor, 14 to 15c; Oil, Lemon, $2.50 to $2.75; Oil, Peppermint, $2.50 to $2.75; Opium, Tky, $4.75 to $5; Potass, Bitart, 30 to 32c; Potass, Iodid, $5.75 to $6; Quinine, Sulph, $3.85 to $4; Root, Gentian, 8 to 12c; Root, Hellebore, 16c; Root, Ipecac, $2.25 to $2.50; Seed, Canary, 4½ to 5c; Seed, Hemp, 4½ to 5c; Soda, Caustic, 2½ to 3c; Sal, Epsom, 2 to 3c; Saltpetre, 8 to 9c; Sal Soda, 1½ to 1¾c; Soap, Castile, 9 to 10c; Sulphur, Roll, 3 to 3½c; Sulphur, Sublimed, 3½ to 4c; Extract Logwood, 10½ to 11c; Indigo, Madras, 90c to $1; Madder, 10½ to 12c; Blue Vitriol, 7½ to 9c; Cochineal, 75 to 88c.

PETROLEUM.

The termination of the London combination has brought down prices both there and here. There is nothing doing in cars here, but they sell in London at 8 to 9c per wine gallon. Small lots are selling fairly slowly here. Quotations are as follows:—Refined, per Imperial gal., 0.00; white, by car-load, 00c; lots of five to ten bbls, 13½c; single bbls, 14c.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Montreal Markets.

MONTREAL, May 7.

FLOUR—Market fairly active; prices firm; receipts, 300 bbls; sales, 3,600 bbls. Sales of 1,150 bbls of superior extra at $4.65; 300 bbls of bakers' medium strong and choice at from $4.55 to $4.60; 100 bbls of superfine at $3.87½; 400 bbls of spring extra, at $4.25; 100 bbls do on p.t.; 150 bbls fine at $3.80; 900 Ontario bags at from $2.10 to $2.15. Quotations are:—Superior extra, $4.60 to $4.65; extra, superfine, $4.45 to $4.50; fancy, $4.30 to $4.35; spring extra, $4.20 to $4.25; superfine, $3.90 to $3.95; strong bakers', $4.35 to $4.50; fine, $3.75 to $3.80; middlings, $3 to $3.15; pollards, $2.60 to $2.80; Ontario bags, $2.10 to $2.15; city bags, delivered, $2.85.

PEAS—Receipts, 66,850 bush; held at about 80c per 66 pounds afloat.

OATS—Offered at 31c afloat.

OATMEAL—Ontario, $4.30 to $4.25.

CORNMEAL—At $2.50 to $2.60.

CORN—Nominal.

WHEAT—Receipts, 121,982 bush; Canada No. 2 spring held at about 96c to $1.01 afloat.

BUTTER—New at 12 to 16c.

CHEESE—6 to 7c, according to make.

LARD—9 to 9½c for tubs and pails.

PORK—Mess at $13.50 to $14, according to brand.

ASHES—Pots, per 100 lbs, $3.00 to $3.65; pearls, $5.60 to $5.65.

SEEDS—Timothy at $1.70 per 45 lbs; clover at 6½ to 7c per lb.

HAMS—9 to 9½c.

BACON—8 to 9c.

EGGS—10c.

Detroit Markets.

DETROIT, May 7, 12.45 p.m.

WHEAT—Stronger; extra at $1.07½; white at $1.06½ for cash; $1.06½ to $