at full prices are held over until the assortment is complete.

Hoops —Are in demand, but none have arrived as yet. Many sizes are very scarce

Boiler Plates.—Are in demand at our quotations None have come in as yet.

Canada Plates —Nothing doing.

Tin Plates.—Are enquired for, and a good many orders on hand waiting arrivals. Full quotations would be paid, but there is no stock as yet in the market

Cut Nails —Remain unchanged, but makers do not care to press sales, as present prices are unremunerative.

Shelf Goods.—Are gradually arriving, and stocks are becoming better assorted. Prices are firm and rather higher.

THE LEATHER TRADE.

Rask & Locke.	Seymour, C. E.
Bryson, Campbell.	Seymour, M. H.
Rea & Richardson.	Shaw F. & Bros.

THERE is very little improvement in this branch of business, which continues quiet, the sales making being confined to small lots.

The receipts of leather recently have been less, and many large tanneries are curtailing the manufacture of stock pending the present stagnation, which will sooner or later have a beneficial effect. Prices of all descriptions, meanwhile, favor buyers.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Atkin & Kirkpatrick.	Hannan, M., & Co.
Fisk & Locke.	Hobson, Thomas, & Co.
Esd. Robertson & Co.	Laidlaw, Middleton & Co.
Corse, Colson & Lamb.	Mitchell, Robt.
Crawford, James.	Raphael, Thomas W.
Lewis Brothers & Co.	Sinclair, Jack & Co.
	Seymour, C. E.

FLOUR.—With largely increased receipts the market has been dull and drooping throughout the week The sales have been extremely limited, neither shippers nor dealers operating, except for the immediate requirements of their business. Stocks are believed to be heavy and fully up to, if not beyond, the the actual wants of the trade for the season. There is consequently no speculation nor any disposition even to hold larger stocks than is necessary among any class of holders. At the same time, there is but little pressing on the part of sellers, who content themselves with meeting purchasers as they present themselves, so that the decline on the week has not been heavy, and the market closes moderately steady. *Rye Flour* has participated in the general dullness, and sales have been made at $5 90 to $5. There is a small consumptive demand which is freely met at current rates. *Bag Flour*—The supplies being mostly in the hands of the local millers, have been less affected; the demand is, however, very restricted.

Cornmeal.—Stocks are heavy, and demand for shipment smaller than was anticipated. Holders have at length met buyers, and some transactions have taken place at $4.30 to $4.40, market closing weak.

Grain.—*Wheat*—Some sales have been made during the week at $1 72½ to $1.75; the latter is rather an extreme rate, and only paid to fill pressing engagements of freight. The large difference between the value of Wheat and Flour prevents any demand from the millers; the arrivals and offerings are, however, small *Pease* are less enquired for, owing to the scarcity of freight. The quantity offering is, however, small and will likely be all needed as soon as tonnage is more abundant. *Oats* dull at 47½c to 49c. Shippers are disinclined to operate at present. *Barley*—No transactions have recently transpired.

Provisions.—*Pork*—Mess is firm at $22 50 to $22.75 for inspected. In other grades there is but little movement, shipments to the Maritime Provinces being on a more restricted scale than was anticipated *Lard*—Moves merely by retail at 12c. for kegs, and 13c. for tubs. No wholesale parcels are offering. Such would command 12½c. *Hams, Bacon, &c.*, in good and steady demand at full rates, according to quality, cut, &c. *Butter*.—The enquiry is entirely for local trade and irregular prices are paid according to quality &c. Receipts are still very small for the season, although slightly increasing.

Ashes.—*Pots* have been steady during the greater part of the week between the range of $5.70 to $5 75; towards the close however heavy receipts have caused buyers to hold off, and a decline in Britain has depressed prices, the market closes dull and drooping. Pearls continue unchanged, $6 may be regarded as the nominal price.

Too Many Labourers —For some time past a large number of persons from neighboring towns and cities at a distance have been pouring into Buffalo in expectation of being employed on the dock and in the lake commerce. Many of these parties arrive here without a cent in their pockets, and some entirely broken down by long journeys made on foot. Hardly a night passes but the Station House No 1 has to afford a shelter for these destitute men. The lake commerce has hardly begun yet, and there are more persons here seeking such employment than can possibly obtain it.—*Buffalo (N. Y.) Courier, April* 28

RAILWAY TRAFFIC RETURN.

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1868.

NAMES OF THE RAILWAYS.	Passengers.	Mails and sundries	Freight	Total. 1868.	Total corresponding period of 1867.
	$	$	$	$	$
Great Western Railway	279,117	46,420	600,219	925,756	889,831
Grand Trunk Railway	420,976	66,230	976,023	1,463,164	1,480,065
London and Port Stanley Railway §	1,664	214	1,805	3,683	4,497
Welland Railway	2,220	3,691	2,690	8,181	10,640
Northern Railway	20,193	3,647	56,223	80,493	1?,702
Port Hope, Lindsay, & Beaverton Railway and Peterborough Branch	7 401	761	12,613	20,835	21,?17
Cobourg and Peterborough Railway †	....	....	....	....	....
Brockville and Ottawa Railway	7,974	2,251	13,061	23,286	19,939
St Lawrence and Ottawa Railway	11,420	2,684	16,625	30,929	24,621
Carillon and Grenville Railway †	....	....	....	....	....
Stanstead Shefford, and Chambly Railway*	....	....	....	....	....
St Lawrence and Industry Railway †	....	....	....	....	....
New Brunswick and Canada Railway	1,976	80	11,986	14,042	16,193
European and North American Railway	9,638	1,517	19,879	30,934	28,039
Nova Scotia Railway	17,664	1,220	25,144	44,068	39,416
Total	788 682	128,956	1,635 834	2,551,871	2,633,476

* No Returns. † Road closed.
§ Approximate.
‡ Two months.

JOHN LANGTON, *Auditor*.

Audit Office, Ottawa, 8th May, 1868.

PRICES OF GRAIN.

ARTICLES.	Average Prices on Thursday May 7.	Friday May 8.	Saturday, 9.	Monday 11.	Tuesday 12.	Highest prices, Wed. May 13.	Average for week.	Corresponding week, 1867.
Flour, superior Extra	8 12	8 2	8 12	8 12	8 12	8 25	8 12	9 99
Extra	8 07	8 07	8 07	8 07	8 07	8 25	8 07	9 62
Fancy	7 70	7 70	7 70	7 65	7 65	7 75	7 69	9 32
Superfine	7 37	7 37	7 37	7 33	7 33	7 37	7 46	9 25
" No. 2.	7 20	7 20	7 20	7 10	7 10	7 20	7 10	8 69
Fine	6 37	6 37	6 37	6 37	6 37	6 60	6 35	8 11
Bag Flour, 100 lbs.	3 62	3 62	3 62	3 63	3 63	3 67	3 64	4 37
Oatmeal, bbl 200 lbs.	6 30	6 30	6 30	6 30	6 30	6 35	6 30	5 55
Wheat, U. C. Spring	1 72	1 72	1 72	1 75	1 75	1 75	1 74	—
Peas, per 60 lbs.	0 97	0 97	0 97	0 98	0 98	0 98	0 97	0 96
Barley, per 48 lbs.	1 17	1 17	1 17	1 25	1 25	1 27	1 21	0 62
Oats, per 32 lbs	0 49	0 49	0 49	0 47	0 47	0 47	0 49	0 45

RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE.

VIA GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY AND CANAL.

	For the week ending Tuesday, May 13, 1868.	From the 1st January to May 13, 1868.	To corresponding period 1867.
Wheat, bushels	40,101	79,567	119,899
Flour, barrels	32,506	194,067	1.40.0
Corn, bushels	8,503	28,560	15,033
Peas, "	25,102	47,356	117,963
Oats, "	974	14,712	25,900
Barley, "	273	15,731	12,504
Rye, "	—	2,319	417
Corn Meal, brls	365	2,580	—
Butter, kegs	253	1,763	6,334
Cheese, boxes	221	2,637	161
Pork, barrels	852	3,916	2,733
Lard, "	254	3,127	3,170
Tallow, "	21	1,420	1,394
High Wines & Whiskey	1?1	4,305	1,459

STOCK MARKET.

	Closing prices.	Last Week's Prices.
BANKS.		
Bank of Montreal,	133½ a 131	133¼ a 131¼
Bank of B. N. A.,	102 a 103	103 a 103½
City Bank,	103 a 102¼	101½ a 102¼
Banque du Peuple,	101½ a 105½	104 a 105
Molsons Bank,	106½ a 107	106½ a 107
Ontario Bank,	99½ a 101½	99½ a 100½
Bank of Toronto,	111 a 113	111½ a 112
Quebec Bank	99 a 99½	99½ a 00½
Bank Nationale	Books closed	Books closed
Gore Bank,	60 a 65	70 a 72½
Banque Jacques Cartier,	108 a 108½	108 a 108½
Eastern Townships Bank,	98 a 99	98 a 99
Merchants Bank,	105½ a 105½	101¼ a 105
Union Bank,	101 a 101½	101 a 101½
Mechanics Bank	96 a 97	Books closed.
Royal Canadian Bank	88 a 89	88 a 89
Bank of Commerce	103 a 101½	103 a 101½
RAILWAYS.		
G. T. R. of Canada	15 a 16	15 a 16
A. & St. Lawrence	....	....
G. W. of Canada	16 a 17	16 a 17
C. & St. Lawrence	10 a 11	9 a 10
Do. preferential	55 a 70	50 a 70
MINES, &c.		
Montreal Consols	$1.75 a $2.00	$1 75 a $2 00
Canada Mining Company	....	....
Huron Copper Bay	45 a 50	45 a 50
Lake Huron S. & C.	....	....
Quebec & Lk. S.	....	....
Montreal Telegraph Co.,	132½ a 134	131½ a 131
Montreal City Gas Company	132 a 134	132 a ..
City Passenger R. R. Co.,	105½ a 106	104 a 105
Richelieu Navigation Co.,	101 a 103	100¾ a 101
Canadian Inland Steam N Co'y.	108 a 110	108 a 109
Montreal Elevating Company	101 a 102½	100 a 102½
British Colonial Steamship Co'y.	50	50
Canada Glass Company	95 a 98	95 a 98
BONDS.		
Government Debentures, 5 p.c. stg.	86 a 87	86 a 87
" " " cy.	87½ a 88	87½ a 88
" " 6 p.c., 1878, stg.	99½ a 100	99½ a 100
" " 7 p.c., cy.	99½ a 100½	99½ a 100½
Montreal Water Works 6 per cents.	90 a 91	90 a 91
Montreal City Bonds, 6 per cents	90½ a 91½	90½ a 91
Montreal Harbour Bonds, 7 p. c.	100 a 100½	100 a 100½
Quebec City 6 per cents	80 a 90	80 a 90
Toronto City Bonds, 6 per cent, 1860	92½ a 93	92½ a 93
Kingston City Bonds, 6 per cent, 1872	93 a 95	93 a 95
Ottawa City Bonds, 6 per cents, 1860	90 a 91	90 a 91
Champlain R. R., 6 per cents	70 a 75	70 a 75
County Debentures	.... a	.... a ....
EXCHANGE.		
Bank on London, 60 days	110 a 110½	109½ a 110½
Private do	109½ a 109¾	109 a 109½
Private, with documents	109 a 109½	109 a 109¾
Bank on New York	28½ a 28½	28 a 28½
Private do.	28½ a 28¾	28½ a 28¾
Gold Drafts do.	½ p.c. d. to par	½ p.c. d. to par
Silver	3½ a 3¾	3½ a 3¾
Gold in New York.	140½ a 00	139½ a .00

CANADIAN SECURITIES IN ENGLAND.

London, April 29th, 1868.

Consols for money, 93½, for account, 92¾, Exchequer Bills, 13 to 18 pm

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

British Columbia 6 p. c., 31st Dec., 1872.	— to —
Canada 6 per cent. Jan. and July, 1877	102 to 104
Do 6 per cent. Feb. and Aug.	98 to 100
Do 6 per cent. March and Sept	98 to 100
Do 5 per cent. Jan. and July	86½ to 87½
Do 5 per cent inscribed stock	85 to 87
New Brunswick 6 per cent Jan. and July	99 to 101
Nova Scotia 6 per cent., 1875	99 to 101

RAILWAYS.

Atlantic and St. Lawrence	52 to 54
Buffalo and Lake Huron	3 to 3½
Do preference	5½ to 6½
Buffalo, Brant, and Goderich, 6 p. c.	00 to 00
Grand Trunk of Canada	15½ to 15¾
Do equipt. mort. bds., charge 6 p. c.	77 to 80
Do 1st preference bonds	39 to 41
Do 2nd preference bonds	00 to 00
Do 3rd preference stock	00 to 00
Do 4th preference stock	17 to 18
Great Western of Canada.	14½ to 14¾
Do 6 without option, 1873	99 to 101
Do 5½ do 1877-78	92 to 94
North. R.R. of Canada 6 p. c. 1st prf. bds.	78 to 80

BANKS.

British North America	49 to 51

MISCELLANEOUS.

Atlantic Telegraph	57 to 59
Do do 8 per cents	102 to 107
British American Land	15 to 17
Canada Company	59 to 62
Colonial Securities Company	— to —
Canadian Loan and Investment	2½ to 1½ dis
Hudson's Bay	14 to 14½
Trust and Loan Company, U. C.	1 to ½ dis