

gauge on the G. T. R., are now coming to town and some activity is looked for this week. The stocks promise to be well reduced after the usual sorting up business is over, and it is expected the stocks to be carried over for another season will be very light both with the wholesale and retail trade. Clothing business has been active, and orders to a very fair extent are coming in, prices are generally looked upon as being satisfactory.

FURS.—Our quotations do not exhibit much change this week the usual amount of business for this season is doing. There are very general complaints of the number of worthless skins which are being brought to market, which have been taken out of season. We quote:—Beaver \$2 to 2.50 per lb; black bear large \$8 to 10; ditto small \$5 to 8; fisher \$7 to 8; silver fox \$25 to 50; cross fox \$2 to 5; red fox \$1.50 to 1.60; lynx \$2 to 2.50; marten, dark Labrador, \$7 to 8; pale marten \$1.75 to 2.25; prime dark mink \$3.50 to 4; mink dark 2nd \$1.50 to 2; otter \$8 to 10; fall muskrat 15c; winter muskrat 17c; spring muskrat 22c; racoon 25 to 50c; skunk 10 to 20c.

FISH.—We have as yet had no arrivals of new herrings, and prices are still nominal. Smoked herrings are getting low in stock, but prices are unchanged. For *Dry Cod* there is a good demand with large sales at \$4.50 to 4.75. *Salmon* is in steady demand at \$14.50 to 15.00.

FREIGHTS.—Tonnage is getting scarce, and the fall fleet has not yet come to port, it is not expected to be so numerous as in former years, rates have however declined but the number of engagements have been limited. For heavy grain by steamer and sailing vessels to Liverpool and Glasgow the latest engagements were at 9/- to 9/3 and for flour 4/- to 5/-.

FLOUR.—Receipts for the past week 23,294 brls; total receipts from 1st January to date 760,829 brls. being an increase of 166,587 brls on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1872. Shipments for the past week 12,242 brls; total shipments from 1st January to date 627,765 brls. being an increase of 152,349 brls on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1872. The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st inst., were 37,483 brls against 31,129 brls on the 15th ult., and 40,099 brls. on the 1st October 1872. We have to notice considerable improvement in the amount of business done this week over the previous one, prices of supers owing to the scarcity and good demand have advanced, but for other kinds of flour our closing quotations of last week have not been maintained. Market closes quiet, downward tendency. We now quote:—Extra \$6.70 to 6.75; Fancy \$6.45 to 6.55; Ordinary supers from Canada wheat \$6.20 to 6.30; Strong Bakers flour \$6.70 to 6.95; Welland Canal, flour \$6.20; Ordinary super No. 2 \$5.70 to 6.00; fine 5.35 to 5.50 Middlings \$4.50; Pollards \$3.75; Upper Canada Bags 2.75; Oatmeal dull \$4.75 to 5.00, and Cornmeal \$2.90 to 3.

GRAIN.—Wheat—Receipts for the past week 427,441 bush; total receipts from 1st January to date 6,612,688 bush being an increase of 4,206,199 bush on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1872. Shipments during the week 440,023 bush. Total shipments from 1st January to date 5,809,193 bush, being an increase of 3,917,543 bush on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1872. The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st inst. were 215,513 bush against 119,807 bush on the 15th ult. and 160,623 bush on the 1st Oct., 1872. The only transactions we hear of having taken place in wheat were some cargoes of No. 2 western spring on the spot at \$1.27 to 1.27½ and 2 or 3,000 bush of Canada red winter afloat at \$1.38, with these exceptions that grain is entirely nominal. U.C. spring is offered at \$1.32. *Maize*—Stocks in store on 1st inst. 325,527 bush; market has ruled inactive and nominal. *Peas*—Stocks in

store on 1st inst. 6,592 bush; market quiet, sales at 85c ex cars. *Oats*—Quiet and steady at 33 to 35c. *Barley*—Stock in store on the 1st inst. 2,042 bush. This grain is now beginning to move and a number of cargoes were sold f.o.b. on the Beauharnois canal at \$1. *Pot Barley* \$7. *Pearl Barley* \$12, both kinds scarce and in demand.

GROCERIES.—*Teas*—The demand this week has been very small and prices are unchanged, what demand has existed has been for Japans, prices of which are firm. *Coffee*—Stocks are very low and prices firm with continued upward tendency. High prices check business. Java is now firmly held at 27½ to 28c. Maracaibo, 25 to 26c. Ceylon, 23 to 24c. *Fruit*—Very little new fruit arriving and stocks of layer raisins are nearly run down, the nominal price just now being \$2.25 to 2.50. Valencias are also nominal at 4½ to 5½c for old and 8½ to 8¾c for new. Currants are easier with large sales of old at 4½ to 5c, for new crop 6 to 6½c is asked. Almonds are scarce and held for 14 to 15c. Filberts scarce and firm at 11c. *Spices*—Market firm. Black pepper in considerable quantities has been moved at 20 to 21c. Cloves steady at last quotations. Cassia, 20 to 22c. Nutmegs are advancing, the quotation being \$1 to 1.05 with sales within our range. In other descriptions of spices we have no change to note. *Sugar*—Market quiet for all descriptions of raw, and prices are a shade off. We quote Cuba 6½ to 7½c. Scotch refined 7½ to 8½c. Barbadoes, 7 to 8c. Centrifugal, 8 to 8½c, but as the amount of business done this week is so small these quotations are to some extent nominal. For local refined the demand is good at last week's values. *Molasses*—Only a light business done this week chiefly in Barbadoes at 40 to 41c. Golden syrup, 43c. amber syrup, 73c. *Rice*—Has been in better demand, but prices have declined. Sales from \$4 to 4.15.

HIDES AND PELTS.—Trade has been quiet this week and the expected advance in sheepskins has not been realized. We quote:—Salted hides \$9.50 to 10.00; No. 1 green hides \$9.50 to 10.00; No. 2 ditto \$9.00 to 9.50; No. 3 and Bulls \$7.50 to 8.00; Sheepskins 75 to 80c; Calfskins 15c per lb.

HARDWARE.—The latest British reports tend to stiffen prices in this market. But the anxiety to still further reduce stocks prevents any decided advance here. We have but few changes to note this week, nor do we look for any great fluctuation this season, stocks are being quietly reduced to their proper level, and some lines are already in short supply. The reduction of 50c per keg on the price of cut nails has given more confidence to buyers of this important article, and orders are being placed more freely than of late. A slight decline is noted in Scotch bar iron and also in galvanized sheets, with these exceptions other alterations are unimportant:—Gartsherrie, \$41.00 to 42 Summerlee and Laugloan \$36.00 to 39.00; Eglinton \$34.00 to 35.00; Glengarnock \$35 to 36; Carnbroe \$34 to 36; Monkland and Clyde \$33.00 to 35.00. Hematite \$42 to 44. *Bar Iron* per 100 lbs. Scotch \$3.25 to 3.35; Staffordshire \$3.30 to 3.40; ditto refined \$3.50 to 3.70; Swedes \$5.50 to 6.00 *Hoops and Bands* \$4.00 to 4.50; Sheets \$4.50 to 5.50; Boiler plate \$4.50 to 5.50; Russian sheets \$16 to 17; Galvanized sheets \$9.50 to 11. *Canada Plates* per box; Hatton \$6.75 to 7.00; Arrow and Garth \$7.25 to 7.50; F. and W. crown \$7.50 to 7.75. Budd Lion \$7.25 to 7.50; Glamorgan \$7 to 7.25. *Tin Plates* per box: Charcoal IC \$11.25 to 11.75; ditto IX \$13.25 to 13.75; ditto DC \$10.25 to 10.75; ditto DX \$12.25 to 12.75; Coke IC \$10.25 to 10.75. *Tin*—Block per 100 lbs \$34 to 35; Antimony \$18 to 19. *Zinc* sheet \$7.50 to 8.00; ditto spelter \$6.50 to 7. *Lead* per 100 lbs. Bar \$6.50 to 7; ditto sheet \$7 to 7.50; ditto pig \$6.25

6.75; shot \$7.00 to 7.50. *Nails* cut \$4.25 to 5.75; ditto pressed \$7 to 10; ditto horse 5 to 10 o/o disc off list; Spikes pressed \$6 to 7. *Steel*—Cast \$14 to 16; ditto spring \$6 to 7; ditto sleigh shoe \$5.50 to 5.75; anvils \$10 to 11 per 100 lbs; vices \$12 to 14; anchors \$7.50 to 9; manilla rope 13.50 first quality. *Blasting powder* \$3.50 to 4; sporting powder \$4.25 to 5. Boiler tubes are lower in price, we now quote 2 in 22c; 2½ in 24c; 2½ in 26c; 3 in 31c; 3½ in 24c; 4 in 53c; 5 in \$1.00. Iron wire per bale No. 6 \$3.10 to 3.20.

LEATHER.—The receipts this week have only been moderate, and the demand has been in about equal ratio. *Spanish sole*—Has met with fair enquiry, and of prime quality there is no overstock. *Slaughter sole*—Choice makes are in demand, but inferior stock is dull of sale. *Harness*—Is less called for though not quoted lower. *Upper*—Is less brisk, and outside figures are hard to be realized. Prime light stock is somewhat scarce. We quote:—Spanish sole No. 1 25 to 26c, do No. 2, 23 to 24c Buffalo sole No. 1, 22 to 23c; do. No. 2, 18 to 20c; Hemlock slaughter 27 to 31c; waxed upper light and medium 37½ to 42c; do. heavy 33 to 38c; grained upper 35 to 42c; large splits, 26 to 32c; do. small 18 to 25; calf skins (27 to 36 lbs) 60 to 80c; do. (18 to 26 lb) 50 to 70c; sheep-skin linings, 35 to 45c; harness, 27 to 30c; buffed cow, 14 to 17c. per foot; enamelled cow 18 to 19c; patent cow 19 to 20c; pebbled cow, 14 to 17c; rough leather 28 to 29c.

LIQUORS.—*Brandy*—The trade in this liquor has been quite active this week and all desirable brands in wood found a ready sale at from \$2 to 2.35; cases bring \$7.12½ to 8.25. *Gin* quiet but firm \$1.37½ to 1.40 in wood; red cases \$6.60 to 6.70; green cases \$3.50 to 3.60. *Rum* \$1.90 to 5.10 for 160 p. *High wines*—Fairly active at \$1.50 to 1.52.

NAVAL STORES.—There is a brisk demand for spirits of turpentine, with considerable sales at 55 to 57½c according to size of lot. *Rosins*—Meet with good enquiry at \$4 for strained; No. 2 \$4.25 to 4.50; No. 1 \$4.75; pale and extra pale \$5 to 7. Pine tar and pitch, scarce but unchanged in value; coal tar and pitch \$3.

OILS.—Only a small business is reported this week. *Linseed* raw, small sales at 70 to 72½c, and boiled 75 to 80c. *Cod oil*—In quantity has changed hands at 60 to 62½c, there is now a fair supply of this oil in the market. *Steam refined seal*—Is easier with sales at 58 to 60c; pale seal 52½ to 53c; straw seal 50 to 52½. *Lard oil* 65 to 67½c. *Olive* 92½ to \$1.07½. *Palm oil* 8½ to 9c. *Petroleum*—Has experienced a good demand and whole car loads bring from 30 to 31c; smaller parcels being placed at 32 to 34c.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*—Receipts 10,593 kegs, shipments 17,861 kegs, market easier and closes at a decline. We now quote store packed western new 15 to 16c; fair dairy new 19 to 20c; choice do. 20 to 21c. *Cheese*—Receipts 18,708 boxes, shipments 21,717 boxes; market has ruled quiet, sales of common grades 10 to 10½c; fine to finest factory 11 to 11½c. *Pork*—Receipts 90 brls; shipments 786 brls, market firm with fair sales at our quotations, new mess \$18.50, old mess \$17 to 17.50; thin mess \$17.25 to 17.50. *Beef*—Quiet for prime mess \$15.75 to 16 is being paid. *Lard*—Market quiet at 10 to 10½c. *Tallow* 7½ to 7¾c.

SALT.—Coarse salt has been largely dealt in since our last report at \$1.05 to 1.10; it is now held at our outside quotations. Fine is firm at \$1.15, and factory filed \$2 to 2.05.

WOOL.—The demand this week has been light, and although in the early part there was some enquiry for Canadian pulled wood, this has now fallen off. The only change we make this week in quotations is in westering combing fleece which we quote 1c lower. Our quotations now stand for Eastern Townships fleece 31 to