FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY, March 6.

ENGLISH GRAIN TRADE LAST WEEK.

A leading Liverpool grain circular of Friday reviews the trade of the preceding week as follows:—

The grain trade is in a state of perplexity on account of the political uncertainty. The country markets have been frequently 6d. to 1s. cheaper, and all exceedingly dull. Though there has been no actual decline here, trade is weak without absolute pressure on the part of holders. Off the coast a few transactions occur from day to day. The number of cargoes on sale is increasing. Maize, on the spot, is quiet; choice dry new nearly maintaining last quotations. Damp parcels are selling at irregular prices. This morning the tone was somewhat better; wheats were taken by millers more freely. In red the turn was in favour of sellers, while the prices of white descriptions were unaltered. Flour was in moderate request at Tuesday's prices. Corn was in tolerable request—dry new at previous rates, and damp parcels at irregular prices; old was scarce and held for more money.

MOVEMENT OF BARLEY.

Receipts of barley at lake ports from the opening of the harvest year to the 22nd ult., have amounted to 8,237,576 bushels against 7,043,630 bushels in the corresponding period last year; receipts at Buffalo and Oswego in the same time have been 5,382,739 bushels against 4,478,711 bushels last year; and those at seaboard ports have been 5,683,221 bushels against 5,716,749 bushels last year. We have here an increase of 1,194,946 bushels at lake ports; of 884,028 bushels at Buffalo and Oswego, and of 2,996,472 bushels at seaboard ports. The export clearances from seaboard ports for the week were 161,296 bush, vs. 158,376 bush the previous week, comprising 123,588 bush from New York; 3,500 from Portland, Me., and 34,148 bush from Baltimore. The exports from New York since September 1st have been 3,471,107 bush; from Portland, 189,504 bush: from Boston, 9,500 bush; from Baltimore, 63,948 bush

CHICAGO PRICES IN FEBRUARY.

The following table shows the opening, highest, lowest, and closing prices of grain and provisions at Chicago during the month of February, 1878:—

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat.....	$1 03	$1 11½	$1 01¾	$1 09½
Corn.....	0 39¾	0 43	0 38	0 42¾
Oats.....	0 22¾	0 25½	0 23	0 25
Rye.....	0 50	0 56	0 50	0 56
Barley.....	0 49	0 49	0 45	0 47
Mess Pork..	10 60	10 65	10 00	10 25
Lard.....	7 20	7 37½	7 10	7 25

On the 16th the highest price of the month was paid for fresh receipts of wheat, $1.11½, and on the 28th, $1.09½, the outside price for regular, was paid. The lowest price was paid on the 6th. Corn sold at the lowest price on the 15th and the 28th. Sales transpired at the lowest price on the 4th. Oats sold at the outside price on the 25th, and at the inside figure on the 5th. Rye opened at the inside price, and closed at the outside. Barley sold highest at the opening, and lowest on the 26th. Mess pork sold at the extreme outside on the 4th, and at the lowest price on the 8th. The highest price for lard was paid on the 27th, and the lowest figure was reached on the 8th.

OPENING OF THE BLACK SEA.

The subjoined interesting observations on the present position of the foreign wheat trade and the extent to which it may be influenced by the repening of the Black Sea navigation, are from Beerbohm's *Evening Corn Trade List*:—

"If our prices had not already experienced a gradual decline, which has brought them down to a comparatively moderate rate, a serious check on them would, of course, have had to be expected; but as matters stand, the circumstances relating to Russia may be considered with greater calmness, because in other respects the situation as determined by supplies and requirements in the United Kingdom has for some time presented itself encouragingly for the earlier part of the present year. The imports last week have been quite below our weekly requirements, and they must continue so for some time. The quantity of wheat and flour on passage for the United Kingdom is about the same as last week, and amounts to 1,340,000 qrs., against 1,992,000 qrs., at this time last year. It is also impossible to avoid the conclusion that with the increased pressure of supplies towards the southern ports of Russia there will be a corresponding diminution in the supplies by rail at the frontiers of Germany, and a hardening effect on prices there. From the official returns it results that Germany had, from the 1st of October, 1876, to the 30th of September, 1877, imported 16,226,576 zollzentners (of about 110 lbs. English), and exported during the same period only 10,947,657 zollzentners, which thus left a balance of imports of 1,219,752 qrs of 480 lbs. More than this: in the two following months of October and November last year there was a further balance of imports over exports of 361,880 qrs., thus making a total which is usually rather an exporter of wheat. This is clearly attributable to the large exceptionable imports from Russia, and this quantity having apparently been retained for home consumption in Germany must have had a great deal to do with keeping prices in check there, the effect of which must have more or less extended westward to Belgium and Holland, and explains, perhaps, the reason of the demand for the Continent for cargoes off the coast, and on the spot in England having been much less than had been generally expected. The exports of wheat from St. Petersburg and Riga alone have last year been 2,045,224 qrs., and taking into account the shipments from Reval, as well as those via the German ports of Stettin, Dantzic, and above all, Kenigsberg, it is safe to assume that a total of over three millions of quarters exported to foreign countries by sea, in addition to the one million and a half, or thereabouts, absorbed by Germany, which latter can only be supposed to be mainly Russian wheat. Russia having thus got rid of a very large quantity of wheat, the reserves in that country will be found to be more reduced than had probably been suspected. We are thus at this moment left in a most unsettled position. On the one hand, the general statistical position of wheat is favourable; but, on the other hand, the restoration of peace (or at least of free exports from the south of Russia) is causing apprehensions on the part of holders. In comparing our position with that of last year, we ought to remember in addition to all that has been said above, that the exports from the south of Russia were then quite free, as they now are, that they were actively pushed on, and only ceased on the 17th or 18th of May. The outbreak of the Russian war then caused a rise, and the average price of English wheat reached in May last 68s 9d per qr. Now, this was a great mistake, consequent on exaggerated impressions produced by the magic of the mere name of 'war' against which idea many warnifigs had been expressed in these columns at the time; it might equally be a mistake if, *vice versa*, exaggerated fears were now to cause a decline from our present much lower average price of 51s 11d per qr."

English Markets.

WEDNESDAY, March 6, 1878.

London—Floating cargoes—Wheat, at opening, very inactive; corn, very inactive; cargoes on passage and for shipment—Wheat, at opening, very little enquiry; corn, very little enquiry. Mark Lane—wheat, at opening, very heavy; corn, very heavy. London—Quotations of good cargoes No. 2 spring wheat, off the coast, per 480 lbs., sea damage for sellers' account, less usual 2½ per cent. commission, 48s. Imports into the United Kingdom during the past week—Wheat, 190,000 to 195,000 qrs; corn, 140,000 to 145,000 qrs; flour, 85,000 to 90,000 bbls. Liverpool—Wheat on the spot, at opening, quiet; corn, steady; Californian white wheat, range of fair shipping to choice shipping Californian, per cental, 11s 7d to 11s 10d; red American spring wheat, range of No. 2 to No. 1, per cental, 10s 1d to 10s 9d.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

WEDNESDAY, March 6.

PRODUCE.

The past week has been a period of excessive dullness in this market. Up to the day of the signature of peace holders had lived on in hopes of war prices; and were unwilling to sell at those ruling. On the other hand buyers held off and any who were forced to buy had to pay previously ruling prices. Since then, however, a reaction has set in. The hope of war prices has been generally abandoned, and holders would be exceeding happy to sell at the prices of this day week, could they be obtained, which they cannot, to-day. What prices would be paid it is impossible to say. The market closes in a most unsettled condition and with a strong tendency downwards. Receipts of grain have been small, but stocks show, on the whole, a slight increase, and stood on Monday morning as follows:—Flour, 28,810 bbls; fall wheat, 114,628 bush; spring wheat, 378,670 bush; oats, 11,728 bush; barley, 195,006 bush; peas, 17,728 bush; rye, *nil* bush; corn, 350 bush. Outside advices have shown English markets during the last three days very dull and inactive at declining prices. The week shows a fall of 1s on flour; and of 2d on red, white, and club wheat; corn advanced 3d last Friday but lost it on Monday. Cargoes of spring wheat off the coast have declined 1s to 1s 6d per quarter since Monday; and markets all over seem to close very dull to-day. Imports last week were much less than in that preceding, but fully up to the average. The total supply for the week ending on the 23rd ult. was equal to 538,125 to 566,250 qrs vs. 406,000 to 411,000 qrs consumption, indicating a surplus over consumption of 132,125 to 155,150 qrs. The supply of maize for the week was equal to 1,640,000 to 1,680,000 bushels, against an average weekly consumption in 1876 of 1,320,000 bushels, against 771,075 bushels in 1875. The cable of the 28th ult. reports the amount of wheat and flour on passage for the United Kingdom, at that date, as equal to 1,321,000 qrs., against 1,873,000 qrs on the corresponding date last year and 1,344,000 qrs on the 14th ult. The expected arrivals of wheat at the ports of call in the United Kingdom for orders during the four weeks from February 14th to March 14th, from the fleet of vessels on passage, as in the foregoing, are 294,500 qrs, comprising 158,000 qrs from American Atlantic ports and 136,500 qrs from California; and of corn in the same time, 164,000 qrs, all from American Atlantic ports. Further cable advices to the 28th ult. report offering of English wheat at Mark Lane and the provincial markets to have continued small; but arrivals of foreign on the increase owing to the action of America and Germany, whose united contribution to last Monday's arrivals amounted to nearly 35,000 qrs, while the imports into Liverpool also were decidedly larger. Prices were weak, but there was very little pressure to sell, and holders seemed perfectly content to abide the issue of political affairs, which it was thought could scarcely reduce values much below the present level for some time, even if the Eastern question should find its ultimate solution in a pacific manner. French advices by mail report supplies to have been small and of poor quality and prices weak. At Paris spot wheat was freely offered without attracting much attention. At Marseilles the arrivals of wheat, for the week ending Feb. 2nd, were only about 3,500 qrs, and the stock in the docks has decreased to about 63,500 qrs. There has been increased activity in the wheat trade, and millers purchased somewhat freely of hard and secondary qualities. German advices state that at Dantzig navigation was stillopen. Supplies of first-class wheat were light and prices of them firm; while inferior grades were abundant and weak. At Hamburg caution was the ruling feature of the market; but prices were fairly maintained for wheat, and millers were not able to supply their wants at any less money. In the scarcity of choice parcels the prices asked by holders offered no margin for exportation. The conclusion of peace will throw upon the market the stocks of grain held in Southern Russia. As to the amount of these considerable difference of opinions exists. But, at all events, the ports on the Azov sea will not be open until April; the obstructions in the Danube will prevent exports from Ibrail, Suleria and Galatz until they shall have been removed; and the torpedoes in Russian ports of the Black Sea will save a tendency to delay or prevent an active export movement for several months. And it should also be borne in mind that it will take a considerable space of time and a large number of ships to move 5,000,000 quarters or forty million bushels of wheat. Hence, the *immediate* effect on prices of the movement of these stocks must be trifling. On this continent markets were somewhat excited in the latter part of last week, in consequence of dealers expecting that the eastern troubles would result in war. At New York about half-a-million bushels of wheat were sold on Friday and Saturday. Since then, however, news of the conclusion of peace has caused a reaction, kept markets quiet and brought down prices. The quantities coming forward have continued to be large, but it is said that in the Western States the greater part of the last crop is still held at or near the places of production, owing to the impassible condition of the country roads during most of the fall and winter. In reference to the growing wheat crop the Chicago *Tribune* says that reports agree in the statement that it is looking well, but all do not coincide that it is doing well. The very mild weather this winter has permitted an unusual growth, which, if frosted down in March, may leave little strength in the roots for the yield of the summer season. The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports, at the undermentioned dates:—

	1878. Feb. 23.	1878. Feb. 16.	1877. Feb. 24.	1876. Feb. 25.
Wheat....	8,595,423	9,265,489	10,823,124	17,044,422
Corn.....	5,527,841	5,747,118	11,470,713	5,866,351
Oats.....	2,913,793	2,981,715	2,825,991	3,226,514
Barley....	3,415,214	3,735,914	3,385,918	2,131,205
Rye.....	966,511	719,212	966,339	431,297
Total bu.	21,120,781	22,470,148	29,474,085	28,709,390

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

	Feb. 26 5 p.m.	March 1. 5 p.m.	March 2 3 p.m.	March 4. 5 p.m.	March 5. 5 p.m.	March 6. 5 p.m.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Flour....	27 0	27 0	27 0	27 0	26 0	26 0
R. Wheat.	10 10	10 10	10 10	10 10	10 8	10 8
W. Winter.	11 0	11 0	11 0	11 0	11 0	11 0
White....	12 2	12 1	12 1	12 1	12 0	12 0
Club.....	12 8	12 8	12 8	12 8	12 6	12 6
Corn, new.	26 9	27 0	27 0	27 0	26 9	26 9
Barley....	3 11	3 11	3 11	3 11	3 11	3 11
Oats.....	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0
Peas.....	36 6	36 6	36 6	36 6	36 6	36 6
Pork.....	54 0	54 0	54 0	55 0	57 0	54 0
Lard.....	38 3	38 3	38 0	37 0	37 0	37 0
Beef.....	85 0	85 0	85 0	85 0	85 0	85 0
Bacon....	29 6	29 6	29 6	29 0	29 0	28 6
Tallow....	40 6	40 6	40 6	40 6	40 6	40 6
Cheese...	69 0	69 0	69 0	69 0	69 0	69 0

FLOUR—Scarcely any business has been done, or at least reported, during the week; the demand has undoubtedly been slack and sales very small; prices were fairly well maintained until the last couple of days when they broke. Superior extra sold to a small extent on Thursday and Saturday at $5.80 f.o.c. Extra, for future delivery, sold last week on p. t., and on Tuesday a car half superior and half extra sold at $5.65 and $5.40 f.o.c. Spring extra is entirely nominal; the only sale reported is that of 200 barrels on Thursday at $4.50 f.o.c. The market to-day was dull and prices purely nominal; sales, as nearly we can judge, stood at our quotations.

BRAN—Has been scarce and wanted at about $12.50.

OATMEAL—There was one car-lot sold at equal to $4.10 here, and some broken lots changed hands at $4.20 to $4.25. Small lots are unchanged at $4.50 to $5.

WHEAT—The market has been inactive with buyers and sellers apart all week, closing with a fall of about two cents. No. 2 fall sold to the extent of a single car last week at $1.12 f.o.c. No. 1 spring brought equal to $1.06 here last week and No. 2 sold at $1.04 f.o.c. on Friday. This week the market has been purely nominal, the only sale reported being that of a car of No. 3 spring on Tuesday at 95c. f.o.c. There was nothing doing to-day, but enquiries were heard as to how the values stood. As well as we can see No. 1 spring, if pushed on the market, would not have brought over $1.03 and holders might have consented to take $1.05 for cars; but for any in store, on which storage had been paid, they would not have accepted even this price. On the street fall has sold at $1.17 to $1.18 and spring at $1 to $1.03.

OATS—Have been quiet but steady at 34c for Canadian, and 34 to 35c for cars of American on track, which price would probably have been paid to-day. On the street 34 to 36c has been the range.

BARLEY—Has not been very much wanted but has remained fairly steady in value. No. 1 has been inactive but worth from 62 to 63c f. o. c. No. 2 sold to the extent of 15,000 bush on Friday at 54c at a station whence Toronto rates rule; and in car lots at 54c for choice Hipkins on the track; and for average qualities at 53c f.o.b., at 51 and 49c on track, the latter sales on Monday and Tuesday. Street prices stood to-day at 56 to 62c, but some has sold through the week at 52c.

PEAS—None have been offered and nothing has been done, but values have remained firm at 64c for No. 2, and at 66c for No. 1 inspected f.o.c. Street receipts have been small and prices firm at 65 to 66c.

RYE—Is worth 60c on street.

BEANS—Have been quiet and weak; lots of clover are not worth over $3.60 to $3.75, and dealers have been selling at $3.75 to $3.90 per bushel. Tares are selling at $1 to $1.20 per bushel.

HAY—Cars of pressed have sold at $14.50 to $15, the latter for fine. Street receipts have been sufficient but all wanted and taken at firm prices. The range has been from $13 to $18.50, and the general run from $15 to $17; the top price to-day was $17.50.

STRAW—The supply has been small and more wanted; prices have been rather firmer at $11 to $12 for oat straw in sheaves; loose has been worth $7.50 to $8.

POTATOES—Cars have been inactive but would probably find buyers at 50c on track; small lots sell at 60 to 65c delivered. Street receipts have been fair and prices steady at 60 to 65c per bag.

APPLES—Remain unchanged; cars are not to be had, and street receipts have been small and readily taken at $2.75 to $3.50 for really sound.

MUTTON—Has been in fair supply but all wanted at an advance; the general range of prices has been from $7 to $7.50 per central, though choice lamb might, perhaps, bring rather more.

POULTRY—Offerings have been very small and prices very firm at $1 to $1.50 for turkeys and 45 to 60c for fowl; neither ducks nor geese have been offered on the street. Box lots have been scarce and prices firm at 11 to 12c for turkeys and ducks, and 7 to 8c for fowl and geese per lb.

FLOUR, f.o.c		
Superior Extra, per 196 lbs	$5 60	to $5 70
Extra	5 30	5 40
Fancy and Strong Bakers'	4 70	4 90
Spring Wheat, extra	4 40	4 50
Superfine	4 00	4 10
Oatmeal, per 196 lbs	4 20	4 30
Cornmeal, small lots	2 65	2 75
BAG FLOUR, by car lot f.o.c.		
Extra	$5 00	to $5 20
Spring Wheat, extra	4 15	4 25
GRAIN, f.o.b		
Fall Wheat, No. 1, per 60 lbs	1 23	1 24
" No. 2, "	1 19	1 21
" No. 3, "	1 10	1 11
Red Winter	none.	
Spring Wheat, No. 1	1 03	1 05
" No. 2	0 98	1 01
" No. 3	0 93	0 95
Oats (Canadian), per 34 lbs	0 33	0 34
Barley, No. 1, per 48 lbs	0 61	0 63
" No. 2, "	0 50	0 52
" No. 3,	none.	
Peas, No. 1, per 60 lbs	0 65	0 66
" No. 2, "	0 63	0 64
Rye	0 60	0 00
PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGGONS.		
Wheat, fall, per bush	$1 17	$1 18
Wheat, spring, do	1 00	1 03
Barley, do	0 52	0 64
Oats, do	0 34	0 36
Peas, do	0 65	0 66
Rye, do	0 60	0 00
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs	5 50	6 50
Beef, hind qrs., per 100 lbs	6 00	8 00
Mutton, by carcass, per 100 lbs	7 00	8 00
Chickens, per pair	0 45	0 60
Ducks, per brace	0 70	0 75
Geese, each	0 55	0 70
Turkeys	0 90	1 50
Butter, lb. rolls	0 18	0 22
" large rolls		none.
" tub dairy	0 16	0 18
Eggs, fresh, per doz	0 16	0 18
" packed		none.
Apples, per bbl	2 75	3 50
Potatoes, per bag	0 60	0 65
Onions, per bush	0 75	0 80
Tomatoes, per bush	none.	
Turnips, per bag	0 25	0 30
Carrots, per bag	0 35	0 45
Beets, per bag	0 45	0 50
Parsnips, per bag	0 45	0 50
Hay, per ton	11 00	18 00
Wool, per lb	0 28	0 00

FREIGHTS.

The rates of the Grand Trunk line were reduced on Thursday and from Toronto to the undermentioned points stand as follows:—Flour to Kingston 22½c per barrel; Gananoque to Prescott 25c; Edwardsburg to Montreal 30c; St. Lambert to St. Johns 40c; to St. Hyacinthe 45c; St. Lebobe to Lennoxville 50c; Waterville to Coaticook 55c; Danville to Duckett's Landing 55c; to Point Levis 55c; Cacouna, to Metapedia 70c; to St. John 70c; all other points on the Intercolonial, including Halifax, 75c; to Miramichi for Newcastle and Pictou, 75c; Dansville and McAdam junction 75c; to Carleton 70c; to St. John via Portland, 70c. Rates on grain one-half of the above per cental.

PROVISIONS.

TRADE—Has been quiet but steady, with little change since our last.

BUTTER—Some enquiry has been heard for fine dairy; one lot sold at 17c and small lots have been bringing 16 to 17c with more wanted, but offerings small. Sales have also been made at 8c for a lot outside with no white in it, and a lot of good store on the spot at 10c. There are buyers of fair store at 7 to 8c, but holders are not inclined to accept these prices although there seems to be very large stocks on hand in the country. Box lots have been quiet and not much wanted, but fine qualities have continued to sell slowly at 18 to 14c and inferior down to 10c. Street receipts have been small and prices easy at 18 to 22c for pound rolls and 16 to 18c for tubs and crocks of dairy. English advices are very discouraging; business is said to be "most unsatisfactory; the limited supply of really good is quickly disposed of at 112s od, whilst lots intrinsically worth 90s od to 95s od sell slowly at 70s od to 80s od; for a lower grade intrinsically worth 65s 0d to 70s 0d buyers decline to give over 40s 0d to 50s 0d, and hundreds of packages have been sold at these ridiculously low figures."

CHEESE—Continues firm and selling fairly well, usually at 12½ to 13½c, but we understand that some extra choice brings 14c occasionally.

EGGS—Limed are now out of the market, and almost unsaleable; one lot of 200 dozen sold at 5c. Fresh have been coming forward freely, and in sufficient numbers; prices are easier at 14 to 15c. On the street prices have declined to 16 to 18c for new laid.

PORK—Has been quiet with sales of very small lots at $14.50, which may be regarded as the very top of the market.

BACON—No movement has been reported in round lots, but buyers could probably be found at 6½c; in tons and under sell steadily at 6¾ to 7½c; long clear is quiet at 7½ to 8c. Rolls and bellies are inactive at 9½ to 10c. Shoulders have been inactive at 6½c.

HAMS—A steady demand has prevailed at firm prices; smoked have sold in lots of 100 at 9½c, and small lots at 10c. Pickled have been quiet and unchanged at 8 to 8½c.

LARD—Prices have been firm; round lots could find a sale at about 8½c for tinnets, but this price holders refuse to accept. Small lots of tinnets and pails have sold steadily at 9½ to 10c; tierces have been quiet at 8½ to 9c.

HOGS—Railway lots have not been offered to any considerable extent, and the season may be regarded as closed; if offered they would probably bring $5. Street receipts have been small, and prices higher at $5.50 to $6.50; the latter for choice only.

DRIED APPLES—The scarcity of green seems to be increasing the demand for dried; fair sales have been made usually at 6½ to 7c, though some choice qualities have occasionally brought 7½c in small lots.

HOPS—There have been some small sales of good qualities at 5c; and 4½c has been offered and refused for more; holders generally want 7c, but cannot get it.

SALT—There has been no change since our last. Rock-salt is selling at $12.50 to $15 per ton. Liverpool has been quiet but steady at 90c for lots not under 100 bags, and $1 to $1.10 for smaller lots. Dairy remains unaltered at $1.35.

GROCERIES.

TRADE—Has been quiet both in the jobbing line and with the country.

TEA—Has been fairly active, principally in sales of lines on New York account at firm prices. Lines on the spot have been quiet, but steady; two lines of Ping-Suey, choice thirds, sold at 32c; a line of good seconds went off at 37½c. No movement in blacks or Japans on the spot is reported, but prices are decidedly firm, and good prices were paid for those sold on New York account. Quotations are as follows, the outside being for retailers' lots:—Young Hyson, common to fair, 26 to 28c; Young Hyson, medium to good seconds, 35 to 45c; Young Hyson, ordinary to choice extra firsts, 45 to 65c; Twankays, 20 to 25c; Gunpowder and Imperials, common to good, 25 to 40c; Fine to Extra Choice, 55 to 70c. Blacks—Congous, 26 to 70c; Souchong, 35 to 70c; Scented Pekoes, 45 to 60c.

COFFEE—There has been an improved demand heard, and job lots have sold fairly well at 22c for Rio, at 23c for Java, and at 21½c for Jamaica. Quotations stand as follows:—Java, 27 to 30c; Singapore, 25 to 26c; Jamaica, 25 to 27c; Laguayra, 25 to 26c; Rio 21 to 22c; Mocha, 33 to 34c.

SUGAR—The market has been quiet in almost all sorts, but prices have generally been firm. Raws remain inactive and unchanged. Scotch has sold in lots at 7½c for fair and at 8½c for bright. New York yellows have been neglected and inactive at unchanged prices. Granulated also has been inactive and seems rather easier; round lots could have been bought to-day at 9½. Prices are quoted as follows, the outside quotations being for retailers' lots:—Porto Rico, per lb., 7½ to 7¾c; Cuba, ——; Barbadoes, ——; English and Scotch refined yellow, 8 to 8½c; do, low grades, 7 to 7¾c; New York yellows, 7½ to 8c; Extra C., 8⅝ to 8¾c; Dry crushed, 10 to 10½c; Granulated, 9½ to 9¾c; Cut loaf, 10½ to 11c.

SYRUPS—There has been little doing in lots; the only sale reported is that of one lot of molasses at 33c; sales to the retail trade have been small but prices firm. Quotations are as follows:—Common, 45 to 50c; golden 55 to 57c; amber, 58 to 62c; amber, choice, 65 to 67½c.

FRUIT—The feeling seems to show some improvement, and prices are generally firmer; Sultanas have sold to the extent of about 3,500 boxes during the week at 7c for lots of 1,000 boxes and over of fine quality, and at 6¾c for inferior in lots of 500 and 300 boxes. Valencias have been quiet but steady with sales of choice in lots of 50 boxes at 8c. Layers have been inactive and not wanted. Currants have sold to a small extent at 6½c for new of fairly good quality. Prices are as follows, the outside being for retailers' lots:—raisins, Layers, new, $1.75 to $1.85; Valencias, 5 to 6c; new seedless, 8 to 9c; Sultanas, 7 to 9c; loose Muscatelles, old, $1.25 to $1.50; new, $1.80 to $2; Currants, new, 1877, 6 to 6½c; Filberts, 7½ to 8c; Walnuts, 8 to 10c; Almonds, 13 to 15c; French prunes, 7½ to 8c; do do (old), none; Brazil nuts, 7 to 7½c; Lemons (per box), 20 to 22c; Orange do, 20 to 22c; Citron do, 20 to 22c.

RICE—Continues scarce, firm, and wanted; for a lot of 500 bags $4.40 was offered and refused, and a small job lot sold at $4.45. Retailers' lots usually bring $4.70 to $4.75 with stocks light.

FISH—Has been dull and weak. Labrador herrings have sold in lots as low as at $4.50, with more offering at same figure, and trout has gone off at $2.50 in lots. Other sorts show no decline from former prices, but are inactive and weak. Quotations stand as follows, the outside prices being for retailers' lots:—Herrings, Labrador, bbls., $4.50 to $5.00; Salmon, salt water, $15.50 to $16; Codfish, new, per 112 lbs., $5 to $5.25; boneless, per lb., 4 to 6½c; Whitefish, hf-bbls, $3 to $3.25; Trout, $2.50 to $2.75; Mackerel, bbls, $10; hf-bbls, none; Sardines, ¼s, 11 to 11½; do, ½s, 18½ to 19½c.

TOBACCO — Has remained quiet with prices generally rather weak; there were about 60 car-loads of navy threes, somewhat damaged, sold at 30 to 33c, but nothing else in the jobbing line reported. Quotations are as follows:—Manufactured 10's, 37½ to 40c; do 1's, 6's, and 8's, 37½ to 45c; Navy, 5's, bright, 45 to 55c; Navy, black, 38 to 40c; Solaces, 35 to 42c; Extra bright, none; Virginia, 80 to 90c.

LIQUORS—There has been no change in the market; prices remain steady as follows:—Pure Jamaica Rum, 16 o. p., $2.25 to $2.50; Demerara, $2.20 to $2.30; Gin—green cases, $4 to $4.50; red, $7.75 to $8.50; Wines—Port, $3.50; Sherry, $3.75; Champagne, per case, $10 to $22; Brandy, in wood, $2.75 to $3.50; in case, Sazerac, $8 to $8.50; do Otard's, $8.75 to $9.25; do Hennessy's, $10.25 to $10.50; do Martell's, $9.75 to $10; do Jules Robins, $7.50 to $8; do Vine-gr'r Co, $9 to $9.50; do Jules Bellerie, $7 to $7.50; Whiskey, Common, Imp. 52 u. p., 92 to 95c; Old Rye, $1.07 to $1.10; Malt, $1.07 to $1.10; Toddy, $1.07 to $1.10; Spirits, $1.06 to $1.07; Native Wine, per gal, 75c to $1; do do per case, $3.30 to $6; Native Brandy, per gal, $1.40 to $2.50; do do per case, $5.05 to $8.50.

CATTLE.

TRADE—Has been rather dull generally since our last.

BEEVES—Receipts have been on the increase and the supply has been largely in excess of the wants of buyers. First-class have been more plentiful but all of them available have sold readily at firm prices both for local consumption and for export; prices have ranged from $4.25 to $4.75, but the latter figure is exceptionally high and has been paid only for heavy-weights of choice quality. Second-class have been very plentiful and in excess of the demand, which was only for the local market; prices have been rather easier at $3.37 to $3.62. Third-class have continued abundant and slow of sale at $2.62 to $3. There have been sales of several small lots of steers averaging about 1,400 lbs. at about $4.62 for shipment; a car of steers averaging 1,200 lbs. at $4.75; a car of oxen averaging 1,700 at $350; a lot of 20 head of mixed averaging 1,350 lbs. at $48; a lot of 20 head of mixed averaging 1,150 lbs. at $39.

SHEEP—All offering have found a ready sale at firm prices, as would a few more had they been available. First-class have been worth $5.25 to $7, or about $4.50 per cental. Second-class have been worth about $4 per cental, or from $4.50 to $5.50 each. Third-class are not wanted.

LAMBS—An active enquiry has been maintained, and all offering have been readily taken; the supply, however, has been insufficient and more are wanted. Prices have been very firm, with an upward tendency. First-class have been wanted at $4.75 to $5, or about the same rate per cental live weight. Second-class have been taken readily at $4 to $4.50 for those dressing from 40 to 50 lbs. Third-class have been quiet but steady at $3 to $3.50.

CALVES—The supply has been on the increase, but all offering have found a sale at steady, but generally unchanged, prices. First-class, dressing from 120 to 150 lbs., are wanted, and are firmer at $10 to $12. Second-class, dressing from 80 to 110 lbs., have sold fairly well, and are also rather higher at $6 to $8. Third-class are not wanted, and there is no use in offering them.

HIDES, SKINS, AND WOOL

TRADE—Has shown a slight improvement in some cases

HIDES—The fall in green expected for some time past has occurred. No. 1 have declined 50c; No. 2 and grubby now sell together at $5, and No. 3 inspected at $4. Receipts have been fair, but all wanted. Cured have sold at 7c for inferior to 7½c for No. 1 inspected, and 7½c for old January hides; but prices close with No. 1 offering at 7½c.

CALFSKINS—Have been abundant and selling readily at former prices.

SHEEPSKINS—Receipts have been small and prices firm at $1.10 to $1.25 for green; dry remain generally unchanged.

WOOL—Seems to have been moving more freely than for some weeks past. One lot of 18,000 lbs. of super sold on p.t. A report of the figure would seriously affect the quantity offering and wanted, and might even alter the value of the lot sold; there were also some small lots of super sold at 24 and 25c. Extra super has been quiet, as has also combing. Fleece will not bring over 28 to 29c.

TALLOW—Has been abundant and easy at 7 to 7½c for rendered and 4½c for rough.

Quotations stand as follows:—No. 1 inspected, choice, $6.50; No. 2 inspected, cut, and grubby hides, $4; No. 3 inspected, $4; Calf skins, green, 8 to 10c; Calfskins, cured, 11 to 13½c; calfskins, dry, none; Sheepskins, 60c to $1.25; Wool, fleece, 28 to 30c; Wool, pulled, super, 24 to 29c; Wool, pickings, 9 to 15c; Tallow, rough, 4½c; rendered, 7 to 7½c.

HARDWARE.

Trade has shown a slight improvement during the last week, but still remains decidedly dull. Buyers continue to purchase only for the supply of immediate wants, so the aggregate of sales is very small. The only sort of goods which have been moved to any extent is shelf goods. Prices of all sorts of goods are now so very low that it is complained there is little or no profit in them. Payments are generally said to be not improving at least.

TIN—Block, per lb., 19 to 20c; Grain, 22 to 23c.

COPPER—Pig, 19 to 20c; Sheet, 27 to 30c; Bar, 35 to 37½c; Brass Sheets, 30 to 32c; Brass Kettles, none; Lead, pig, per lb., 6½ to 5½c; Lead, bar, per lb., 5½ to 6c; Lead, Sheet, per lb., 5½ to 5¾c.

OUT NAILS—12 dy. to 7 inch, per keg of 100 lbs. $2.80 to $2.90; 5 dy. to 10 dy., per keg of 100 lbs., $3.10 to $3.20; 2½ dy. to 4 dy., per keg of 100 lbs., $3.60 to $3.70; 2 dy., per keg of 100 lbs., $4.40 to $4.50.

HOOPS—Coopers', $2.50 to $2.60; Band, $2.50 to $2.60.

FOWDER—Blasting, Canada, $3.75 to $4; FF, Canada, $6 to $5.25; FFF, Canada, $5.25 to $5.50; Blasting (Curtis & Harvey), —— to ——; FF Loose, $4.50; FFF, $4.75 to $5.

BORAX—Per lb., 12½ to 14c.

GLUE—Per lb., 8 to 20c.

TIN PLATES—IC Coke, 10x14, $5.50 to $5.75; IC Charcoal, 10x14, $6.50 to $6.75; IX Charcoal, 10x14, $8.50 to $8.75; IXX Charcoal, 10x14, $10.50 to $10.75; IXXX Charcoal, 14x20, $12.50 to $12.75; DC Charcoal, 12x17, $5.50 to $6; DX Charcoal, 12x17, $7.50 to $7.75.

IRON WIRE—(4 months)—No. 6, per bundle, $2 to $2.10; No. 9, per bundle, $2.30 to $2.40; No. 12, per bundle, $2.60 to $2.70; No. 16, per bundle, $3.15.

TIN SHEET IRON—No. 24, 10½ to 10¾; No. 26, 11½ to 12c; No. 28, 12½ to 14c.

GALVANIZED IRON—Best No. 24, 7 to 7½c; best No. 26, 7½ to 7¾c; best No. 28, 7½ to 7¾c.

AMERICAN PIG IRON—No. 1 Stove Plate, $22; No. 2 Foundry, none; Patent hammered, assorted sizes, none.

INGOT IRON, (at 6 months)—Pig—Gartsherrie No. 1, none; Glengarnock, No. 1, none; Eglinton, $18 to $19; W. W. & Co., $19.50 to $20; Calder, No. 1, none; Calder, No. 3, none; No. 1 Clyde, none; Monkland, none; No. 1 Summerlee, $20 to $21. Bar—Scotch, per 100 lbs, none; English, best brands, $2 to $2.10; American, none; Lowmoor, $6 to $6.50.

SHEET IRON—Russia, 10 to 11c; Boiler Plate, $4.50.

CANADA PLATES—Arrow, none; Hatton, none; Garth, $3.50 to $3.65; Maple Leaf, $3.55 to $3.65; M. S., $3.50 to $3.60; M. L. S. Crown, $3.65 to $3.75; Thistle, $3.55 to $3.65; Antimony, per lb, 14½ to 15c; Sad Iron, $3.25 to $3.50; Zinc, sheet, 6½ to 6¾c; Zinc, block, 5 to 6½c.

GLASS—Up to 25 inches, $1.80 to $1.90; from 26 to 40 inches, $2.10 to $2.20; from 41 to 50 inches, $2.40 to $2.50; from 51 to 60 inches, $2.60 to $2.70.

London Markets.

TUESDAY, March 5.

Market dull. Receipts light. Grain rates slightly lower. A few loads of fall wheat, barley, peas and oats, which found customers at quotations, as under. Clover seed: a few bushels; selling at $3.25 to $3.30. Hay: 20 to $10 prevailing figures. Dressed Hogs firm, at $5.00 to $5.20; but very few carcases brought forward on account of the mild weather. Eggs plentiful, at 12 to 14c. In other articles of produce no change to note.

GRAIN—Delhi, $1.80 to $1.95; Treadwell, $1.