

on the spot. There is a greater quantity of fancy offering and sales of lots are reported at \$5.00 and \$5.05 on the spot. Spring extra is not so abundant but a steady business was done in this brand at \$4.75 here. In superfine there have been transactions at advanced figures \$4.25 f.o.b. having been paid. No sales of note were reported yesterday and the market; remained firm with buyers at the above quotations. **Oatmeal.**—Car lots are quiet and worth about \$4.00 to 4.10 on the track. A small lot sold at \$5.05 f.o.c. small quantities bring \$4.25 to 4.50. **Bran.**—Two cars changed hands during the week at \$10.00 and buyers are ready to pay that figure for them on the track.

FREIGHTS.—No rates to Lake Erie ports. Rates to Oswego remain unchanged at 1½c American currency, and to Kingston at 1½c gold. Lumber to Oswego 90c per thousand. **Grand Trunk Railway** rates are as follows: Flour to Montreal 17½c, to Point Levis 35c, to St. John via the Intercolonial 45c, to Halifax 50c per barrel; to St. John via Portland 45c, and to Halifax by the same route 45c. **Rates by Steamer.**—Rates per the Jacques line to Montreal are 17½c on flour, and 4½c on grain; and 12½c on flour, and 4c on grain, to Kingston, Prescott, or Brockville. The Royal Mail line carries flour to Montreal at 20c. **Through Rates to Britain.**—Flour to Liverpool via Allan line is nil per bbl.; or in bage 52s 6d per ton; grain nil, exclusive of bagging; butter and cheese 57s 6d per ton; boxed meats, tallow, pork, and beef in barrels 57s 6d; lard 57s 6d; oil-cake 57s 6d per ton. To Glasgow via Montreal flour is nil per bbl.; wheat nil per cental, and boxed meats and pork 60s 0d; cheese and butter 67s 6d per ton; tallow 60s 0d; lard 60s 0d per ton; flour and oatmeal 55s 0d per ton.

GRAIN.—Stocks in store on the 18th inst. were: fall wheat 97,542 bush., spring wheat 120,130 bush., oats 7,100 bush., barley 31,781 bush., peas 2,517 bush., corn 400 bush., against fall wheat 47,650 bush., spring wheat 19,546 bush., oats 12,729 bush., barley 78,414 bush., and peas 850 bush., on the corresponding date last year. **Wheat.**—In the latter part of last week the market was fairly active. Several car lots of No. 2 fall sold at \$1.12 to 1.13 f.o.c., 20,000 bushels at \$1.15 f.o.b. and other round lots at the latter figure. No. 3 fall sold at \$1.07, but sold on Saturday at \$1.10 f.o.b. In spring a moderate business has been done. Holders expecting higher prices are not willing to sell and prices keep firm and steady. No. 1 spring changed hands at \$1.10 f.o.b. for car lots and one round lot. Yesterday a cargo brought \$1.10 f.o.c. Holders of No. 2 fall asked \$1.15 to 1.16. **Oats.**—The number of cars offering has been insufficient to supply the wants of the buyers. Prices are firm. Car lots on the track bring 35c. **Barley.**—Little has been done as yet. Some days ago 2 cars that would inspect No. 2 brought 65c f.o.b. But for No. 2 buyers are willing to give 65 to 67c, and 75c f.o.c. for No. 1. On the street about 25,000 bushels have been taken at 65 to 67c. **Peas.**—Are in demand at 72 to 75c, but there are none offering. **Rye.**—There is none in this market and it is impossible to state what it is worth.

GROCERIES.—**Coffee.**—The business of the past week has been of the same quiet character that has characterised the market for some time. The demand from country dealers is moderate, and confined, with hardly a single exception, to small quantities of a few bags. The movement among jobbers shows little change for the better. The market remains easy. We quote as before Rio 21 to 22½c; Singapore 26 to 28c; Java 27 to 31c, and Mocha 33 to 35c. **Fish.**—Labrador herrings and trout are coming in more freely, and the market is well supplied. The enquiry so far has not been large. Prices are unchanged at \$6.50 for herrings, and \$3.40 for trout. Dry cod sells at \$5.30 to 5.40. **Fruit.**—New Raisins

are yet in limited supply, but some sales of layers are reported at \$2.25 to 2.50; old layers bring \$2 to 2.20; Sultanias are unchanged at 13 to 14c; new Valencias are worth 9 to 10c, and old about 7c. Currants are active and in moderate supply; new sell at 7 to 7½c according to the lot, and old are worth about 6½c. Nuts are moving steadily at past figures. **Spices.**—Stocks are in fair supply, prices steady, and the movement of a regular kind. Cassia, whole, brings 18 to 24c, nutmegs 90 to \$1.15, ground ginger 25 to 33c, and cloves 45 to 50c. **Rice.**—There is no change to note. Prices remain firm, and trade is principally confined to small lots at \$4.20 to 4.45. Good samples in round lots are worth \$4.95 to 4.12. **Sugar.**—Trade has not developed any new features. There is a steady demand from retailers, but movements in lots are rather quiet. Dry crushed and granulated are both the same price, 10½ to 10¾c. Porto Rico is worth 7½ to 8½c. Scotch brings 8½ to 9½c, and the same range represents the value of English refined yellow. Cuba changes hands at 7½ to 8½. **Syrup.**—Sales so far have been small and prices are unchanged. **Liquor.**—Brandies and wines keep firm but move slowly. Malt rye and spirits are in good demand at 92 to 95c. **Tobacco.**—There is no change to note in the state of business. Prices are firm and unchanged. **Tea.**—The market continues to improve slowly. Prices are a shade firmer, and lines begin to change hands more freely. But the country trade embraces nearly all the business done.

HARDWARE.—Trade continues to be of a very satisfactory nature, and the movement embraces nearly all classes of goods. A good deal of caution is used in selling. Our best dealers scrutinize carefully the standing of those sending orders. Should there be any doubt respecting their position or ability to meet their obligations as they become due a cash quotation is returned them. A good many orders are refused altogether when the position of the intending purchaser is thought to warrant such a course. In this way business is being very safely done. Remittances are slow in some cases but not sufficient to cause much complaint. Our quotations would be somewhat shaded for cash. Nails, galvanized iron, bar iron, hoops, Canada plates, glass, and shelf goods are selling freely.

HIDES & SKINS.—**Hides.**—Trade continues to be steady without developing any new features. There is about the same numbers offering. Dealers get them from the butchers as soon as they have them to give. Prices are unchanged as formerly at 5½c for No. 1 steers and cows, and 4½c for No. 2 of both kinds. There is a steady demand for cured, and dealers have no difficulty in selling as soon as the stock can be got ready. One car lot of good even weights brought 6½c but some sales have taken place at 6¼c. **Sheepskins.**—Prices are unchanged since our last. The demand is moderately active and supplies are about the same. Dealers are paying 70c for the best. **Calfskins.**—A few are coming forward and are taken at 8 and 11c. Cured bring 12 to 12½.

LEATHER.—Business remains about the same as at last report, improving. Quite a quantity of goods has changed hands since last week and the prospect seems more cheering. Harness and upper seems to be in demand and good lines would meet with ready sale. In other lines operations are rather duller, but on the whole there is a better feeling. Foreign goods unchanged and coming to hand in satisfactory manner. Money is moving very slowly. Cod Oil is scarce and firm, Straits oil steady. Tanners supplies generally unchanged.

PROVISIONS.—**Butter.**—The quantity in movement is not very large. There is a considerable quantity held in the country, apparently awaiting higher prices. But, as we show in another column, this is a very imprudent course to fol-

low. The scarcity will probably keep prices up for some time, but it is not likely any further advance will take place. The market has been steady this week. Prices are firm, but supplies are small. Good dairy is worth 19 to 20c, and choice would bring 21c. Shipping lots of good quality are saleable at 18 to 19c. **Cheese** is firmer at 10½ to 11c for small. A despatch from Ingersoll states that 10,000 boxes of July, August, and September brought 11c, and 3,800 boxes of September 10½ to 12½c. **Pork** remains quiet at \$19.50 to 20.25 for small quantities. **Eggs.**—Supplies are small and hardly sufficient for the wants of the market. Prices are firm at 14 to 14½c. **Bacon.**—Trade does not extend beyond the movement of lots of a ton and under. Cumberland is worth 9½ to 10c; long clear brings 10½ to 11c. Smoked is worth 10½ to 11c. Smoked shoulders sell at 9 to 9½c, and green shoulders at 8c. **Lard.**—Stocks of Canadian refined are small, and tinnets of Western, in small quantities, bring 13½c, and tierces 12½ to 13c. **Hops.**—New are offering at 30 to 32c, and old sell in small quantities at 18 to 20c. **Hogs** are worth \$6.50 to 7.50, as prices are weaker in consequence of an increase in supplies. **Dried Apples** are unchanged at 7c.

SALT.—The demand is small and prices are unchanged at 75 to 80c for Liverpool in bags, and \$1.05 for Canadian.

WOOL.—The market is firm at the improvement of last week. Every day there are small lots coming in at 29c for the best merchantable combing, and ranging from 28c downwards, according to quality.

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