

sold as high as \$6.50 to \$7 per bbl. American strawberries sell all the way from 10c up to 30c per box as to quality. Canada berries are not expected before the 20th inst. Bananas being from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per bunch for red and \$2.00 to \$6.00 for yellow as to size and quality. Cocoa nuts are quiet at \$4.50 to \$5.00 per 100 and pine apples \$2.50 to \$3.50 choice Havana selling at higher figures. Liverpool cables on Monday last quoted Valencia oranges at 26s per case.

GRAIN AND FLOUR.—Trading in cereals on spot has been rather limited, and what business transpires is on the basis of former sales, a lot of 8,000 bushels of pease having changed hands at 90c afloat, and sales are reported of Manitoba oats on English account. Considerable quantities of oats have been shipped from Manitoba recently, of which about 240,000 bushels were destined for this city, and 75,000 bushels for Ottawa. In wheat there is no business on spot beyond car lots, and prices are nominally unchanged at \$1.14 to \$1.16 for Canada Spring and winter. Corn has been bought in Chicago on the basis of about 63c here in bond. Rye quiet at 70c to 71c, oats at 41c and barley at 55c to 65c. The amount of wheat and flour afloat to the Continent has increased during the week 1,100,000 bushels, while the visible supply on this continent has decreased about 220,000 bushels which is much less than was expected. The visible supply of grain in the United States and Canada according to latest returns was as follows:—

	June 7, 1884.	May 31, 1884.
Wheat bush.....	16,565,636	16,782,680
Corn "	7,953,589	7,949,913
Oats "	3,492,624	2,966,297

The shipments of grain and flour from the commencement of navigation to June 6th at Montreal were as follows as compared with the corresponding period last year:—

	1884.	1883.
Wheat, bush	404,000	981,943
Corn "	151,756	170,306
Peas	389,900	282,282
Oats	63,640	14,292
Barley	4,049	10,868
Rye	93,163	21,447
Total	1,106,508	1,481,138
Total flour bbls.....	55,657	99,898

The flour market is very dull and prices are declining, Superior being sold at \$5.40, Extra at \$5, Spring Extra at \$4.40, Superfine at \$3.50, fine at \$3.25 and Middlings at \$3.00 to \$3.10. Further shipments of flour are being made to Newfoundland one steamer in port taking about 4,000 bbls. In Chicago to-day at noon wheat was quoted at 88½c July, 89½c August, 90½c September, showing a decline of 1½c to 1½c on the week, or a decline of 4c to 5c during the past 3 weeks. Corn was 55½ July, 56½ Aug., or 1c lower on the week. Oats were easier at 32½ July, 28½ Aug., Wheat in Chicago closed weak and about 1c lower than at noon at 87½ July.

GREEN FRUIT.—This generally quiet going market has been quite excited during the past week, and some dealers have realized handsome profits by the sharp advance in prices. The principal interest centred in lemons, the demand being brisk, with the supply scarcely equal to meet it. At the beginning of last week 100 boxes were sold at \$1.90, and on Monday last \$3.50 was bid for 100 boxes more of the same kind without getting them. One firm brought in about 4,000 cases from Boston, which cost from 55c to \$1.50 per box laid down here, and are being resold at \$3.00 to \$4.00 per box as to quality. It is estimated that the firm will clear about \$5000 on its late importations. Others took a fair profit, and sold out at \$1.50 to \$2.50 per box, but they have subsequently been compelled to go into the market at much higher rates in order to supply their trade.

Some now refuse to accept less than \$4 and as high as \$4.50 is asked for the balance of the SS. Barcelona's cargo. Oranges are also very firm and considerably higher, ordinary cases being quoted at \$10 for good fruit and at \$8.50 to \$9 as they run. Advances from England state that recent storms in Spain have swept the remaining oranges off the trees. Not more than 400 or 500 cases are advised on board the incoming steamer.

GROCERIES.—Whilst a fairly active business has resulted in refined sugars during the week prices have remained depressed in sympathy with those of foreign markets. Granulated has been placed at 7½ to 7¾c, the inside figure having been shaded for large quantities. Yellows have changed hands pretty freely at 6½c to 6¾c, and there has been more business in raw, some bright grocery grades of Porto Rico having sold at 5½ to 5¾, 100 lbs. at the former figure, and two car loads at the latter. Cables from Porto Rico and Barbadoes have been received during the past few days advising a further decline of 6d per cwt. on the week. Such a low basis of cost is scarcely within memory of our oldest dealers. In New York prices are so low, that nearly all the business now transacted there is strictly of a private character, which is calling forth protests from a portion of the press in that city. There is one redeeming feature, however, in the present unsatisfactory state of the market, namely the increased consumption which abnormally cheap prices are inducing. The demand for molasses has in no wise improved, and the arrivals referred to last week have gone into store, to await developments. Prices are quoted at 34c for new Barbadoes, 26c to 27c for Antigua, and 24c to 25c for Sugar House in round lots. Syrups are dull at 32½c to 60c as to quality. The chief feature in dried fruit is the continued demand for Valencia raisins, further sales being reported of 2000 boxes of old at 3½ to 3¾ for prime and 1700 boxes new at about 5c. Malaga fruit is in limited supply and is quoted at \$2 for new muscatels and at \$1.00 to \$1.25 for old. Prunes are steady at 5c to 5½ for new and at 4½ to 4¾ for old. Figs are quiet and unchanged. Only a small business is being done in nuts at last week's figures. Shelled almonds are quoted at 21c to 28c Ivaca, at 11c to 11½, and filberts at 7c to 9c. Teas show no improvement in values, although an increased enquiry is reported for Japans and Blacks by some houses. Sales have taken place of 100 packages low grade Japans at 13c, and 50 packages fine black at 35c. A sale of Indian black is also mentioned at 40c. Owing to the great strength of Indian teas, they are used for mixing, in order to bring up the flavor of other kinds. Prices in Japan are 3c to 4c lower than the opening prices of the season, and fully 10 per cent lower than at this time last year. The coffee market is devoid of animation, all speculative enquiry being dead. The few sales transpiring are for covering immediate consumptive wants on the basis of 16c to 22c for Java, the latter price for Old Government, Mocha at 25c to 27c and plantation Ceylon at 17c to 20½c. In spices the market remains quiet and firm, the sale of 25 bags of black pepper being reported at 17c. Rice is unchanged at \$3.50 to \$3.60. Cables just to hand from Cuba quote still lower prices for refining grades of sugar and remark that the condition of planters on that Island it is said is one of almost universal bankruptcy in consequence of the ruinously low prices the world over. In molasses there have been two sales of new Barbadoes in this market, amounting to 100 lbs. at 34c. Cables received this afternoon from Yokohama and Higo report a further decline in teas of fully 1c per lb. on last week's cables, being a lower range of prices than at this time last year. The opening sales of black teas, in China, according to cables just received are 2c lower than those of a year ago.

HAY & STRAW.—Liberal supplies of loose hay from both sides of the river have kept prices down to the reasonable bases reported last

week, sales being made today at \$7.50 per 100 bundles for as good quality as any horse need feed upon. A large quantity of good clean hay has been delivered in the city this week on contract at \$7.25. Quotations range from \$7 to \$8 for good choice and at \$5.50 to \$6.50 for inferior to fair. Straw is quiet at \$3.50 to \$5.00 as to quality. Pressed hay is offered freely at \$7.50 to \$9.50 per ton as to quality.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Some of the large Quebec tanners have been in the city during the past few days, one of whom it is said purchased a large lot of 2000 foreign green hides brought in from Boston, but the terms were private, although the figure is supposed to be about 9½c. A car of Toronto hides has also changed hands in this market at 9½c No. 1, and 9c No. 2. In green city hides there is little doing as supplies are very light; regular rates are quoted at \$8, \$7 and \$6 for No's 1, 2 and 3, but sales of No. 1 are nevertheless recorded at \$8.50. In Western States hides the market is quiet and prices are purely nominal. Calfskins are steady at 12c, and sheepskins at \$1.00 to \$1.05. Business in clips and lambskins has been of moderate proportions at 25c each. A lot of about 500 lbs. of rough fleeces wool is offered at 16c per lb.

IRON AND HARDWARE.—The demand for pig iron in Scotland exhibits no improvement, but if anything appears to be more unsettled, judging from the fluctuations of warrants which during the past week have oscillated between 41s 3d. and 40s 11d. Business has been equally dull with makers, and an easier feeling has developed in values. Latest mail advices report the stocks in Connal & Co.'s stores 12,000 tons larger than at the same date last year. The reduction in the wages of all classes of engineer's by the Clyde shipbuilders and Engineers Association it is feared will be followed by further revisions in the same direction. The tin plate trade in the West of England has also suffered from the depression, and sales of Coke's have transpired at 15s per box. A very quiet feeling exists in the iron plate and angle trade, quieter in fact than has been experienced for the past five years, and manufacturers state that if they were to close their works they would be better off than running them at the low values their products were realizing. In bars, however, makers are working nearly full time and better prices are obtained. Angles have sold at £4 15s bars at £5 5s and sheets at £6 15s. The advance of 2s 6d in steel rails which occurred sometime since has been maintained, although it has not produced the effect upon buyers that was anticipated. Altogether the English iron and hardware trade has a very unfavourable outlook. It is thought however, that the low prices for nearly everything may at an early day induce a better enquiry both at home and abroad. In this market the dullness is as pronounced as ever, buyers continue to hold off, and the business passing is upon a low and unsatisfactory basis of cost. Several parcels of Scotch pig have recently changed hands for Western delivery at below quotations but the circumstances connected with the sales rendered them exceptional. Small lots of Summerlee and Gartsherrie are quoted \$17.50 to \$17.75 regular terms, Coltness at \$19 Langloan at \$18.50 and Calder at \$18. The metal market is quiet, ingot tin being 17s 6d lower in London at £82, 17s 6d spot, and £33 10s on 3 months. Here however there is very little change, and prices are quoted at 21c to 22c as to brand, and quantity. Copper in London is cabled at £63.10 for best selected. Tin plates are in moderate demand and prices are quoted at \$4.55 to \$4.75 for I. C. Charcoal and at \$4.25 for I. C. Coke. In Canada plates a fair aggregate of sales is mentioned for the week at \$2.75 to \$3.00. Bar Iron is quiet and easy at \$1.75. The general hardware trade has made no progress so far as the volume of business is concerned, travellers being mostly all home from the sorting-up trip. The old complaints