

Few offering, but sufficient for the demand; quoted at \$1 to \$1.25, as to quality.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—In the early part of the week the English breadstuffs market was quite unsatisfactory, lower quotations being advised, but for the past two or three days an improvement has to be noted. Yesterday wheat prices advanced 6d per quarter all round in England, for spot offerings, and more enquiry on continental account for floating cargoes has also been experienced this week. The imports of breadstuffs into the United Kingdom during the week shows an increase of 185,000 quarters wheat, of 10,000 quarters corn, and 70,000 brls. flour. In sympathy with the advance in England, the western wheat markets have been stronger, Chicago advancing 1c per bushel for No. 2 Spring on Tuesday, and closing steady yesterday evening at 98½¢ March, 99½¢ April. The stock of wheat in Chicago is estimated at 7,811,383 bushels, against 7,712,588 bushels a week ago, showing an increase of about 100,000 bushels. In New York there is a steady feeling in wheat at about previous quotations. Little or no business of importance has transpired in the local grain market during the week. Recent sales include two carloads No. 2 Canada Spring wheat at \$1.20; car lots of oats at 35½¢ per 32 lbs., and at 35¢ per 34 lbs., when on the track; and pease on the line at 70¢ per 60 lbs. In many sections of Ontario the farmers have pretty well sold out their wheat, and higher prices are looked for by the local millers. In the local flour market there is a slightly better feeling the last couple of days, in consequence of the advance in England; the scarcity of wheat in Ontario renders receipts of flour here light, so that, with small stocks, holders are not anxious sellers at present prices. At the same time the demand is quite limited; hence supplying the immediate wants of the local trade, there is not much business to be done. Recent sales include hundred barrel lots at \$5.50 for Superior; \$5.15 for Spring Extra; \$4.35 for choice fine; \$3.65 for Middlings, and \$2.55 for Ontario Bags.

FISH.—A more active demand has been induced by the milder weather and near approach of Lent, still business is yet within a comparatively small compass. Labrador herrings are extremely scarce, and wanted; holders now ask \$6 for No. 1. No. 1 Canoe still worth \$5.25 to \$5.50, as to quality. Jobbing lots of No. 1 Green Cod sell at \$4 to \$4.25; large No. 1, \$5.50 to \$6; and No. 2 at \$3 to \$3.25. Dry Cod still quoted at \$4.25, with little business doing. There has been a revival of the American demand for Salmon, but prices remain steady, at \$18.50, \$17.50 and \$16.50 respectively for Nos. 1, 2 and 3. No white fish in the market.

LEATHER.—Trade continues inactive and unsatisfactory, the expected activity this month has not been realized. There is a quiet, steady business being done in small lots, but manufacturers, although busy and cutting as much as, if not more, material than usual at this period, show no disposition to anticipate their wants, and the market lacks tone all round. The easier feeling heretofore noted in sole leather is quite pronounced, though not to a degree to warrant a further alteration in quotations. One plausible solution of the problem is: that manufacturers being rather overstocked in December last, determined, after taking stock, to cut up all the leather in hand before buying fresh stocks. The older houses are not pushing sales, and while not concealing their readiness to make concessions for large parcels, generally adhere to our quotations, the outside figures being obtained for small lots only to country purchasers; some few weak firms, however, are said to have sold at lower prices, figures which one would suppose admitted of no profit to the tanners, in view of the cost of hides. Shipments of Sole and Black leathers continue to be made to England, but not so frequently as earlier in the season; latest American and English advices indicate the state of affairs abroad somewhat similar to the condition of the local market.

OILS.—A fair demand has been experienced for Cod, stocks of which are in limited compass. Prices rule firm; several medium-sized lots have changed hands at 60c. Imp. gal., and one lot was reported sold at a shade under that figure. Smaller lots have been sold to tanners at 65c. to 66c. per Imp. gal. In Linseed and other kinds the movement has been small, the demand being quite light, and prices indicate an easier tendency.

PETROLEUM.—Prices unchanged. The demand is reported fully as good as last week. Stocks are light all over the country.

PROVISIONS.—The Chicago market closed yesterday rather unsettled, and at lower prices, Mess Pork having declined early in the day 20c per barrel, to \$14.40 March, \$14.57½ April. The market has since partially recovered, however. Lard did not participate in the decline, but closed a shade firmer, at \$9.55 March, \$9.65 April. Hogs were 5c to 10c per 100 lbs. higher, under light receipts. This market has ruled steady and firm for the week. A lot of 130 brls. old mess pork sold yesterday at \$17.50, while new Canada mess is firm at \$18 to \$19, as to size of lot; jobbing lots bring \$18 to \$18.50. Lard is firm, quoted at 12½¢ to 13c in pails; a lot of 125 pails sold yesterday at the inside price. Dressed hogs scarce and firm, even in the face of the thaw; there are no arrivals now, the season being about over. Sales are confined to small lots at \$7.00 to \$8 per 100 lbs.; \$7.75 was refused yesterday for a car load, the few holders here being reluctant sellers. Eggs.—The recent advance to extreme figures has so checked the consumption, that to-day there is but little enquiry. The mild, soft weather of the last few days has brought a few boxes into the market, and holders find it impossible to effect sales, except at a considerable reduction. The asking prices to-day, for fresh winter-laid eggs, are 3½¢ to 35c. A further decline may be anticipated next week, if the mild weather continues. In New York, eggs are down to 28c to 30c.

WINES AND LIQUORS.—Business continues quiet, generally restricted to filling small orders for the best makers of Brandy and Gin received from country merchants. The only reported sale between houses during the week was that of 145 packages medium Brandy at about \$2.60 per Imp. gal. Prices rule steady but firm, especially for the best gins, which are unusually scarce.

WOOL.—The home market remains dull. Sales of domestic are still confined to small lots of pulled at unchanged prices. Manufacturers' supplies have not run short yet, and they will not likely enter the market until near the close of the month. In foreign descriptions reported sales include 50 bales Greasy Cape at 18½¢ to 19c. Australian quoted steady at 33c. to 35c., with supply and demand light; in fact, stocks of all kinds are quite limited, and an increased demand is only necessary to enhance values.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

(By Telegraph.)

Chicago, Feb. 10, 2.26 p.m.—Wheat, Feb., 98c; March, 98½¢; April, 98½¢; May, 102½¢. Corn, 1.03 p.m., Feb., 36c; March, 37c; May, 41c. Oats, Feb., 29c; March, 29c; May, 34c. Pork, 2.12 p.m., Feb., \$14.57½; March, \$14.65; April, \$14.80. Lard, 2.14 p.m., Feb., \$9.55; March, \$9.57½; April, \$9.67½; May, \$9.77½.

ENGLISH MARKETS.—By Cable.

Beerbohm, 10 Feb.—Floating cargoes Wheat steady, continental demand. Maize, firmer. Cargoes passage, Wheat, very little demand. Maize hardening. Good cargoes Cala. Wheat off coast was 44s to 44s 6d, now 45s. Liverpool Spot Wheat firm. Maize strong. On passage U. K. ports, call and direct ports, Wheat, 2,450,000 qrs.; Maize, 200,000.

Liverpool, 10 Feb., 11.30 a.m.—Flour, 8s 6d to 11s 6d; Spring, 8s 4d to 9s 4d.; Red Winter,

8s 10d to 4s 6d; White, 9s to 9s 6d.; Club, 9s 7d to 9s 10d. Corn, 5s 1½d; Old, 5s 3½d. Pork, 67s; Lard, 51s; Bacon, 40s 6d to 41s.

London, 10 Feb., 11.30 a.m.—Cons. 98 9-16 money, 11-16 account. Bonds, new 4½s at 15½; New 5s at 3½. Ex. 50. Ill. C. 138.

Liverpool, 2.30 p.m., unchanged. London, 2.30 p.m., Ex. 49½.

MARITIME MARKETS.

(By Telegraph.)

St. John, N.B., Feb. 10th, 1881.

There is an easier tone to the breadstuffs market, and some grad's of flour have dropped a few cents. The dealers are carrying full stocks and not a few have lately been in receipt of large consignments, which give them as much as they can handle in the face of the only moderate trade. The quotations are Extra, \$5.70 to \$5.80; Superior Extra, \$5.90 to \$6.20. American White Wheat, \$7.00 to \$7.50; High grade family, \$7.00 to \$7.50. Cornmeal, \$3.25 to \$3.50.

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

By Telegraph from our Special Correspondent.

Toronto, Feb. 10, 1881.

Wholesale trade in general merchandise has been moderately active, but the volume has been restricted some, owing to the weather. Merchants, as a rule, speak confidently of prospects; and, all things considered, the movement is fair for the season. The demand for Spring goods from the country is yet small, merchants not feeling disposed to purchase such lines while the mercury is so low. Numerous country merchants, however, were observed making store purchases, and travellers anticipate large orders in the near future. Manufacturers are busy, and it is probable that larger quantities of Canadian goods will be used than ever before. Hardware continues fairly active, and the same thing may be said of boots and shoes, leather and provisions. Groceries are quiet, with little change in prices. Breadstuffs are inactive, with buyers holding off in expectation of lower prices. The money market is quiet, with rates unchanged from last week; call loans are unusually inactive at 4½ to 5 per cent., and time loans on good collateral are quoted at 5c to 5½c. Prime commercial paper of short date is discounted at 6 per cent., and the general run at 7 per cent. Sterling exchange has ruled firm the week throughout. Sixty-day bills are quoted at 108½ between banks and 108½ over the counter, and demand bills at 109½. Gold drafts on New York are a premium over the counter. The stock market has been quiet and steady up till yesterday, when banks sold off a little. There is, however, no feature of interest connected with it. Within a few days Dominion sold at 149½, 150 and 150½, Commerce at 136½, Federal at 138, and Standard at 104½ and 104. Loan, Insurance and Miscellaneous shares were also quiet, but generally steady, with sales of Canada Permanent at 200½, Dominion Savings at 117½, Union at 150½, British America Assurance at 151½ and 151, and Dominion Telegraph at 93, 93½ and 94.

Following are the closing bids to-day as compared with those of last Thursday:

Banks.	Bid Feb. 8.	Bid Feb. 10.	Loan Cos.	Bid Feb. 8.	Bid Feb. 10.
Montreal..	147	177	Can. Permanent	200	201
Toronto ..	142	142	Freehold..	157	157
Ontario ..	98½	97½	Western Can.	165	165
Merchants	110½	117	Bldg. & Loan..	98½	98½
Commerce	137	137½	Imp. Savings..	119½	119½
Dominion ..	150	150	Farmers' Loan.	128½	128½
Hamilton ..	103	103	Land & Cdn. Bn.	150	151
Standard..	108½	108½	Huron & Erie..	150	151
Federal ..	137	137	Dom. Savings.	117½	117½
Imperial ..	118½	118½	Ontario Loan..	134	134
Molson ..	118½	118½	Hamilton Prov.	125	125

BOOTS AND SHOES.—This branch of trade at present is generally in a healthy condition