FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27.

MUD AND COMMERCE.

The *Northwestern Lumberman* is responsible for the following:—In parts of Missouri and Kansas resident dealers tell wonderful stories of the depth and consistency of the mud. A dealer from Clinton county, Mo., said to us the other day, "Mud? Well, I should think so! Why, a farmer in my country let his cattle into a cornfield and I'll be—if eleven head of 'em didn't get mired and died there before he found it out. Fact!"

ENGLISH GRAIN MARKETS.

A telegram to the New York press dated London, February 15th, quotes from the weekly review of the *Mark Lane Express* of Monday as follows:—"The soil is now getting into good order for spring sowing, which has already begun in some of the earlier districts of the home counties with the planting of peas. Barley may be expected to follow shortly, but this must depend on the weather. Generally speaking, country advices are favourable as to the appearance of winter-grown wheat, although some complaints are made that on certain early sown fields the plant has lost colour. The quantity of English wheat marketed was again very limited, although the condition of samples has shown decided improvement. The imports of foreign wheat into London have been moderate, and would have been exceedingly small, but for the unusual mildness of the season, which permitted shipments from Revel. According to last Monday's arrival list, one-half of the week's supply was furnished by North Russia by way of this port. Latest advices state that the harbour of Revel is now closed by ice, so that for the present we must not expect much more grain from this source. The arrivals from India and Persia are steadily decreasing, but the moderate prices at which East Indian produce is obtained have once more attracted the attention of millers. The raising of the blockade of the Black Sea ports has been deprived of its influence on trade by the political situation. The present is a time of suspense, and business has moved within moderate limits, which is all that can be expected as long as such uncertainty prevails. The country demand for wheat has improved, as was anticipated last week, and a fair consumptive inquiry has been met at an advance of a shilling per quarter. Barley, maize, and feeding stuffs ruled quiet. With moderate arrivals at ports of call, the floating cargo trade for wheat has been firm, owing to the unsettled state of political affairs."

GRAIN AT BLACK SEA PORTS.

Beerbohm's *Corn Trade List* of the 7th inst. states that the stock at Odessa has been specifically returned at 408,000 quarters of wheat, and at 725,655 quarters of all grain and seed. At Nicolaieff there are 475,200 quarters wheat, while of all grain the stocks are 648,000 quarters. It is stated that the accumulation at Nicolaieff would have been much larger, but the rent for storage has risen to three times the amount paid in 1876, which forced dealers to leave large quantities of grain in the districts where they were produced. The stocks in the Azof ports are not exactly known, but, according to mercantile advices, they have kept at a comparatively moderate point. Considerable difficulty with regard to the further supplies, will, it seems, be caused by the general derangement in the interior of Russia, and a still more serious point is the inferior condition of a large proportion of the grain. That a large quantity of grain exists in Russia cannot be doubted, but the real point of the question is how much of it is merchantable, and whether it will be shipped to reach this country before the next harvest. Shipbrokers at Odessa have telegraphed to London that for early steamers to arrive there is little demand.

The following is the official report of the Toronto Stock Exchange, Feb. 27th, 1878:—

Banks.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Trans.
Montreal	159	.....	.....
Toronto	140	.....	.....
Ontario	92½	92	.....
Merchants'	65	.....	.....
Commerce	115½	115	20 at 115
Consol'dated	78½	.....	.....
Dominion	128	120	.....
Hamilton	.....	.....	.....
Standard	78½	77½	15 at 78
Federal	103	102	.....
Imperial	105	104½	10 at 105
Molsons'	.....	.....	.....
Loan and Savings Co's.			
Canada Permanent	175	.....	.....
Freehold	144½	.....	.....
Western Canada	144½	.....	.....
Union	130	.....	.....
Canada Landed Credit	135	134	.....
Building and Loan	117½	.....	.....
Imperial	110½	.....	.....
Farmers'	110½	.....	.....
London & C. L. & A. Co.	134	.....	.....
Huron and Erie	132	.....	.....
Dominion Savings and Investment Society	124	122½	.....
Ont. Sav. and Inv. Soc.	.....	124	.....
Hamilton Prov. and L.	.....	.....	.....
National Inv. Co. of Canada	101	101	.....
Anglo-Can. Mortgage Co.	105	103	.....
Insurance, &c.			
British America	.....	111	.....
Western	142	141½	.....
Isolated Risk	.....	.....	.....
Canada Life	.....	183½	.....
Consumers' Gas	.....	138	.....
Dominion Telegraph	81	80½	.....
Railways.			
Toronto G., & B. Stock	.....	.....	.....
6 p. c. 5 yrs. stg. Bonds	.....	.....	.....
T. & N. S 8 p. c. 5 yrs. Bonds	.....	.....	.....
Debentures, &c.			
Dom. Gov. stock, 6 p. c.	102½	101½	.....
Dom. Gov. stock, 5 p. c.	.....	99	.....
County (Ont.) 20 y. 6 p. c.	101½	.....	.....
R'ap (Ont.) 20 y. 6 p. c.	98½	.....	.....
City Toronto 20 y. 6 p. c.	98½	.....	.....

English Markets.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27.

London—Floating cargoes—wheat, at opening, inactive; corn, inactive; cargoes on passage and for shipment—wheat, at opening, inactive; corn, inactive. Mark Lane—wheat, at opening, slow; corn, slow. London quotations of fair average quality mixed American corn, for prompt shipment per sailing vessel to Queenstown, for orders, per 480 lbs., American terms, 25s to 25s 6d. Imports into the United Kingdom during the past week:—Wheat, 300,000 to 305,000 qrs.; corn, 205,000 to 210,000 qrs.; flour, 125,000 to 130,000 barrels. Liverpool—Wheat, on the spot, at opening, quiet; corn, quiet; California white wheat, range of fair shipping to choice shipping club, per cental, 12s 3d to 12s 7d; Californian white wheat, range of fair shipping to choice shipping Californian, per cental, 11s 11d to 12s 2d; red American spring wheat, range of No. 2 to No. 1, per cental, 10s 4d to 10s 11d.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27.

PRODUCE.

The past week has witnessed an inactive market in Toronto, chiefly because holders have not been inclined to sell at ruling prices. A steady enquiry for spring wheat has been maintained throughout, but equally steady has been the difference between the views of buyers and sellers. Receipts have been rather light, probably in consequence of the bad condition of country roads. There seems to be no doubt that an unusually large proportion of the crop still remains in the hands of farmers, which fact is one of the most pleasant features of the commercial situation, and should be borne in mind when calculating on the future course of markets. Stocks have shown but little change during the week and stood on Monday morning as follows:—Flour, 26,100 bbls; fall wheat, 114,810 bush; spring wheat, 365,824 bush; oats, 10,628 bush; barley, 201,452 bush; peas, 17,171 bush; rye, nil bush; corn, 650 bush. Outside advices have shown English markets weak and declining since our last. Flour shows a fall of 6d; red wheat of 1d; white at 2d; club of 2d and corn of 6d. Cargoes have been quiet all week; and both Mark Lane and country markets are reported as being easier. Imports last week were very large, nearly 50 per cent. over those of the preceding week. The total supplies for the week ending on the 16th inst. was equal to 431,250 to 459,375 qrs of wheat against 406,000 to 411,000 qrs consumption, indicating a surplus over consumption of 25,250 to 48,375 qrs. The supply of maize for the week was equal to 800,000 to 840,000 bushels, against an average weekly consumption in 1876 of 1,320,000 bushels, against 771,978 bushels in 1875. The cable of the 21st inst. reports the amount of wheat and flour on passage for the United Kingdom at that date at 1,263,000 qrs., being a considerable decline from the previous week. The quantity of wheat and flour in transit on the 7th inst. was equal to 1,328,000 qrs, against 1,992,000 qrs at the corresponding date last year. The expected arrivals at the ports of call in the United Kingdom for orders during the four weeks from February 7th to March 7th, from the fleet of vessels on passage, as in the foregoing, are 350,000 qrs, comprising 155,000 qrs. from American Atlantic ports and 195,000 qrs from California; and those of maize, same time, are estimated at 150,000 qrs, all from American Atlantic ports, and nil qrs from the Black Sea and Danube. Further cable advices state that the ground is getting into a good condition for spring sowing, which has commenced in some quarters with the planting of peas. Imports had been moderate, and would have been smaller but for the Baltic having been left open so much longer than usual. Home deliveries continued to be very small. Continental advices state that in France the weather had been dry and cold, with a good deal of snow in the eastern and central departments. The appearance of the autumn sown cereal crops gives rise to no complaints. The country markets had been moderately supplied, but a good deal of the wheat on offer was in deteriorated condition. Millers purchased sparingly of the finer qualities at about former rates, but inferior samples were lower. Stocks of wheat at Marseilles were estimated at 66,000 quarters. In Germany the weather was stormy and unsettled, with much rain and snow, but only an occasional frost, and navigation was still for the most part uninterrupted. At Berlin there has been very little variation in the wheat market. At Hamburg the weather was rather colder, but still milder for midwinter. Neither sellers nor buyers showed any disposition to operate in wheat in the unsatisfactory state of political affairs, and business was considerably interfered with. Fine qualities had not given way in price. At Dantzig the weather was open, and shipments could be effected without hindrance by ice. The wheat trade was firm, and as supplies were insufficient to meet the demand higher rates had occasionally been obtainable. From Vienna advices state that the export of grain from Austria and Hungary was going on rather slowly, whilst Russia and Roumania were exporting immense quantities notwithstanding the war. For the most part this export took place by means of the Galician railways, but must cease with the opening of the Black sea by peace. On this side we find markets to have been rather quiet through the week, with prices in the west fairly steady. It seems, however, that mud and bad roads have become a most terrible nuisance in Illinois, and that they are likely to last until the spring. Wheat, nevertheless, has continued to come forward fairly well. The receipts at western lake and river ports for the week ending on the 16th inst., were 1,097,036 bush, against 1,128,498 bush the previous week, and 233,189 bush the corresponding week in 1877. The deliveries at Atlantic seaboard ports for the same week were 1,616,778 bush, against 1,410,717 bush the previous week, and 271,083 bush the corresponding week in 1877; and the export clearances from thence for Europe for the week were 1,219,758 bush, against 1,320,680 bush the previous week, and for the last eight weeks, 8,528,031 bush, against 1,654,815 bush the corresponding eight weeks in 1877. 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. 16.	1878. Feb. 9.	1877. Feb. 17.	1876. Feb. 13.
Wheat	9,326,499	9,691,202	11,083,627	17,089,460
Corn	4,836,347	5,009,403	11,077,124	5,772,724
Oats	2,931,715	3,297,716	3,973,490	3,044,408
Barley	3,735,914	4,185,476	3,985,435	2,249,525
Rye	719,212	736,928	1,073,022	428,637
Total bu.	21,558,177	23,969,818	30,177,668	28,089,210

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. 21, 5 p.m.	Feb. 22	Feb. 23 5 p.m.	Feb. 25, 5 p.m.	Feb. 26, 5 p.m.	Feb. 27, 5 p.m.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Flour	27 6	No Report.	27 0	27 0	27 0	27 0
R. Wheat	10 11		10 10	10 10	10 10	10 10
R. Winter	11 6		11 6	11 6	11 6	11 6
White	12 5		12 5	12 3	12 2	12 2
Club	12 10		12 9	12 9	12 8	12 8
Corn, new	27 3		26 9	26 9	26 9	26 9
Barley	3 11		3 11	3 11	3 11	3 11
Oats	3 0		3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0
Peas	36 6		36 6	36 6	36 6	36 6
Pork	54 0		54 0	54 0	54 0	54 0
Lard	39 0		39 0	38 6	38 6	38 6
Beef	85 0		85 0	85 0	85 0	85 0
Bacon	30 0		30 0	30 0	29 6	29 6
Tallow	40 3		40 6	40 6	40 6	40 6
Cheese	70 0		70 0	70 0	69 0	69 0

FLOUR—Very little enquiry has been heard all week, and sales have been small, though at fairly steady prices. Superior extra has been inactive. Extra has been quiet, but sold last week at $5.35 on track. Fancy was also dull, but one lot brought $5 f. o. c. on Tuesday. Spring extra has not been more active than other grades, but sold at $4.50 f. o. c. on Tuesday. The market to-day showed some improvement. Spring extra was firm, and sold freely at $4.50 f. o. c. and on the track, and one car of superior extra changed hands at $5.60 f. o. c. Extra was held as before at $5.40, and fancy at $5, with no sales reported.

BRAN—Has been steady, and sold in the latter part of last week at $12 on track, and the same price was bid to-day.

OATMEAL—Quietude has remained the rule, with values unchanged at $4.20 to $4.30 for average brands; broken lots have sold at $4.25 f. o. c. Small lots are unchanged at $4.50 to $5.

WHEAT—The market has been very quiet, with buyers and sellers apart, and the latter not at all inclined to push sales; prices have shown very little change. No. 2 fall sold last week in car lots at $1.20 f. o. c., and one car of No. 1 fall at $1.25 f. o. c. Spring has been inactive; for No. 1 buyers have steadily offered $1.05, but found none inclined to accept it; one lot of 5,000 bushels, however, sold at $1.10 for May delivery; No. 2 has sold in cars for the use of millers at $1.02 and $1.03 f. o. c. The market to-day showed no alteration; holders were still disposed to sell, with buyers at $1.02 for No. 2, and at $1.05 for No. 1 spring f. o. c. On street fall sold at $1.18, and spring at $1 to $1.07.

OATS—Have been quiet but steady; some cars of Canadian on track sold last week at 33c., which would probably be repeated; and to-day one car of American brought 35c. on track. Street price 35c.

BARLEY—There has been but little changing hands, and prices have seemed to be rather unsettled. Some cars of No. 1 lying outside sold last week at equal to 62c. here, and 63c. was paid for a same grade on the spot f.o.c. No. 2 sold last week at 53c. on the track, and on Monday at 52½c. f.o.b.; there appears to have been some other sales on p.t., and choice might, perhaps, bring higher prices than the above. The market to-day was steady, but the only sale reported was that of two cars of choice No. 2 at 52c on the track. On the street 54c. to 54c. was paid.

PEAS—There has been no movement reported but a steady demand has been maintained at 66c. for No. 2, and 64c. for No. 3, inspected f.o.c. Street receipts small and prices firm at 65c. to 66c.

RYE—Remains unchanged at 60c. on street.

CORN—Sold on Monday at 47c. on track.

SEEDS—There is still nothing doing in anything saved clover, and it is rather easier at $3.75 to $3.90 per bushel for lots; and dealers selling at $4.00 to $4.15.

HAY—Pressed has been slow of sale, but seems fairly steady in price; one or two cars of choice have sold at $15 on track. The market has been irregularly supplied, but on the whole there has been enough in. Prices have ranged from $10 to $13.50, and the general run $12 to $13.

STRAW—Receipts have fallen off, but seem to have been sufficient; oat straw in sheaves has sold at $9 $12; loose sold to-day at $6.50, but not much offered.

POTATOES—One car sold at 55c delivered, but scarcely any enquiry is heard; small lots bring 60 to 65c. Street receipts have been fair and prices unchanged at 60 to 65c per bag.

APPLES—There is nothing doing in car-lots; street receipts have been very small, and prices firmer at $2.75 to $3.50 for sound qualities.

BUTTER—Has been steady at $5.50 to $7.25 per cental, the latter for good lamb only.

POULTRY—Has been very scarce. Turkeys bring $1 to $1.50, and fowl 45 to 60c. Ducks or geese are not offered. Box-lots have also been scarce and prices firm at 10 to 12c for turkeys and ducks, and 5½ to 7½c per lb. for fowl and geese.

FLOUR, f.o.c		
Superior Extra, per 196 lbs	$5 60	to $5 70
Extra	5 35	5 40
Fancy and Strong Bakers'	4 70	5 00
Spring Wheat, extra	4 45	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 24	1 25
" No. 2, "	1 20	1 22
" No. 3, "	1 10	1 12
Red Winter	none.	
Spring Wheat, No. 1	1 05	1 07
" No. 2	1 02	1 03
" No. 3	0 93	0 95
Oats (Canadian) per 34 lbs	0 33	0 00
Barley, No. 1, per 48 lbs	0 62	0 64
" No. 2 "	0 52	0 54
" 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 18	$1 20
Wheat, spring, do	1 00	1 07
Barley, do	0 52	0 64
Oats, do	0 34	0 35
Peas, do	0 65	0 66
Rye, do	0 60	0 00
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs	5 25	6 00
Beef, hind qrs. per 100 lbs	4 00	5 00
Mutton, by carcase, per 100 lbs	6 50	7 25
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 20	0 22
" large rolls	none.	
" tub dairy	0 16	0 18
Eggs, fresh, per doz	0 20	0 22
" 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	19 00
Wool, per lb	0 28	0 00

FREIGHTS.

The Grand Trunk authorities not caring to report changes, nor being desirous of having rates quoted, we have withdrawn our table.

PROVISIONS.

TRADE—Has been generally quiet, but steady, since our last.

BUTTER—There has been some movement in small lots of inferior for local consumption, but nothing doing in shipping lots. One lot sold as low as 7c, and several more at from about 8½ to 11c, but the quality of those bringing 10 to 11c was that of fairly good store-packed. Stocks of culls in the country are large and pressed for sale or consignment, but dealers here are not inclined to take either. Fine qualities are wanted; selections would probably bring 15c, and fine dairy for local use is scarce and firm at 16 to 17c. Box-butter has been less abundant, and good qualities steady at 13 to 14c. Street receipts are small and prices firm at 20 to 22c for pound rolls, and 16 to 19c for tubs and crocks. English advices show no improvement.

CHEESE—Has been firm and selling freely in small lots at 12½ to 13½c. English advices show a fall of 1s during the week.

EGGS—There was one lot of 2,500 dozen of limed sold at 10c, and nothing more can be relied on for this quality. Fresh have been coming forward more freely and are easier at 15 to 16c. Street receipts have increased and prices declined to 18 to 20c, the latter for really new-laid.

PORK—There was a lot of 100 barrels of mess sold on Tuesday on p. t.; small lots have been quiet and unchanged at $14.50.

BACON—The market has been quiet but firm prices; no movement has been reported in round lots, but 6½c would be paid for them; tons and under have been selling quietly at 6¾ to 7c, and long-clear at 7½ to 8c. Rolls and bellies are quiet and unchanged at 9½ to 10c. Shoulders sold to a small extent at 5½c.

HAMS—There is no movement reported in round lots, but small are selling steadily at 10c; round lots could be had at 9½c. Pickled are inactive and unchanged at 8 to 8½c.

LARD—Has been in active demand; a lot of 250 tinnets and 250 pails sold on p.t.; small lots are steady at 9½ to 10c, the latter for pails. Tierces seem steady but quiet at 8¼ to 8c.

HOGS—Receipts in the latter part of last week were of fair amount, and sold readily at an advance; cars changed hands at $4.85; at $4.87½, and $5, and for two cars of choice $5.10 was paid on Saturday. Since then, however, offerings have fallen off though a fair enquiry has been heard, and $4.90 to $5 was bid to-day. Street receipts have been small and prices firm at $5.50 to $6.

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 $1.85.

DRIED APPLES—Have been selling steadily, usually at 6½ to 7c for fair to average qualities; but choice in small quantities brings 7½c.

HOPS—There are still no buyers although lots are offering at from 5 to 7c.

GROCERIES.

TRADE—Seems to have shown some little improvement during the week, but still remains very quiet.

TEA—The enquiry for lines seems to have fallen off somewhat; a demand is still heard for good seconds at 30 to 35c, but holders are not inclined to accept these prices, and so nothing has been done. The only sale on the spot, reported, is that of one line of fair Ping-Suey at 40c; besides which several lines sold on New York account on p. t. Low grade Japans are scarce and wanted. Black remains quiet, steady, and unchanged. Quotations are as follows, the outside being for retailers' lots:—Young Hyson, common to fair, 20 to 22c; Young Hyson, medium to good seconds, 25 to 28c; Young Hyson, ordinary to choice extra firsts, 45 to 65c; Twankays, 29 to 35c; Gunpowder and Imperials—Common to good, 25 to 40c; Fine to Extra Choice, 55 to 70c. Blacks—Congous, 26 to 70c; Souchong, 35 to 70; Scented Pekoes, 45 to 60c; Japans, 25 to 55c.

COFFEE—The only movement has been in small lots, and these have sold at unchanged prices. Quotations stand as follows:—Java, 27 to 30c; Singapore, 25 to 26c; Jamaica, 25 to 27c; Laguayra, 25 to 8c; Rio 21 to 23c; Mocha, 33 to 34c.

SUGAR—The market has been fairly active, but at generally unchanged prices; at all events the tendency has not been upwards. Raws have shown a faint sign of life in the sale of one job-lot of Porto Rico at 7c. English and Scotch refined have gone off fairly well; a line of low English sold at 6¾c, and several lots of fair to bright Scotch at 7¾ to 8¼. American yellows have quiet, the only sale reported being that of one line of low-grade at 7½c. Granulated has been unchanged with sales of lots at 9¾c. Dry crushed and cut-loaf have been quiet and unchanged. Prices are quoted as follows, the outside quotations being for retailers' lots:—Porto Rico, per lb., 7¼ to 7¾c; Cuba, ———; Barbadoes, ———; English and Scotch refined yellow, 8 to 8½c; do., low grades, 7 to 7½c; New York yellows, 7½ to 8c; Extra C., 8¼ to 8½c; Dry crushed, 10 to 10½c; Granulated, 9¾ to 9¾c; Cut loaf, 10½ to 11c.

SYRUPS—There has been little doing in lots; the only sale reported is that of one lot at equal to 52c here; 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—There has been a slight improvement since our last in the movement. Layers and muscatelles remain unchanged. Valencias have been selling to some extent; new have sold in lots of 100 boxes at 5c and a lot of 350 boxes of old changed hands at 3½c. Sultanas have been steady; one lot of 200 boxes, and another of 1,000 boxes, brought 7c. Currants have been in demand and selling at 6¾ to 7c for choice; at 6 to 6¼c for average, and at 4½c for damaged. Nuts have remained quiet and unchanged. 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 6¾c; 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; Lemon peel, 20 to 22c; Orange do, 20 to 22c; Citron do, 26 to 28c.

RICE—Has been quiet but firm at $4.50 for round lots and $4.70 to $4.75 for retailers' parcels of good qualities.

FISH—Has remained dull, inactive, and weak. Herrings have declined 50c., but are selling very slowly. There has been no alteration in lake fish, and scarcely any of it selling. Cod is quiet and unchanged. Quotations stand as follows, the outside prices being for retailers' lots:—Herrings, Labrador, bbls., $5.00 to $5.25; Salmon, salt water, $15.50 to $16; Codfish, new, per 112 lbs., $5 to $5.25; boneless, per lb., 6 to 8½c; Haddies, hf-bbls., $3 to $3.25; Trout, $2.75 to $3; Mackerel, bbls, $10; hf-bbls, none; Sardines, ¼s, 11 to 11½; do, ½s, 18½ to 19½.

TOBACCO—There has been one lot of navy threes sold at 33c in bond. The market remains generally unchanged, with prices as before. Quotations are as follows:—Manufactured 10's, 37½ to 40c; do ½'s, 6's, and 8's, 37½ to 45c; Navy, 3'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, $8.50; Sherry, $8.75; Champagne, per case, $10 to $22; Brandy, in wood, $2.75 to $3.50; in case, Sazerac, $8 to $8.50; do Otard, $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 Bulleris, $7 to $7.50; Whiskey, Common, imp, 32 u. p., 93 to 95c; Old Rye, $1.07 to $1.10; Hall, $1.07 to $1.10; Toddy, $1.07 to $1.10; Spirits, $1.05 to $1.07; Native Wine, per gal, 75c to $2; do do per case, $3.30 to $6; Native Brandy, per gal, $1.40 to $2.50; do do per case, $5.05 to $6.50.

CATTLE.

TRADE—Has been fairly active since our last.

BEEVES—The supply has increased and has been fully equal to the wants of buyers. For the local market there has been very little demand and trade has been kept up only by an active enquiry for lots for export. First-class have been in fair supply and selling, readily for shipment at $4.75 to $4.50; very choice, weighing 1,500 lbs., would have brought more but they were not offered. Second-class have been wanted only for the local market; the demand for it was slack and prices were unchanged at $3.50 to $3.75. Third-class was decidedly slow of sale with probably too many in, at from $2.62 to $3. There was a lot of eight steers averaging 1,300 lbs., sold at $4.63; a car of steers averaging 1,300 lbs., at $4.50; a lot of steers and heifers averaging 1,050 lbs., at $4; a lot of steers and heifer averaging 1,200 lbs., at $4.12.

SHEEP—Receipts have increased, but all have been wanted in consequence of an active demand for export. Prices have been very firm, with an upward tendency, particularly in first-class. This grade is now worth $4.25 to $4.50 per cental, the latter for exportable lots only, and bring by the head $6 to $6.75. Second-class are not wanted for export, and sell slowly at much the same prices as before, the range being from $4.50 to $5.25. Third-class not wanted.

LAMBS—Have been in active demand for the local market, with offerings small and prices firmer. First-class, dressing 55 to 60 lbs, are wanted at $4.75 to $5. Second-class, dressing from 40 to 50 lbs, have been firm and selling readily at $4 to $4.50. Third-class have been quiet but firm at $3 to $3.50.

CALVES—An active enquiry has prevailed; all offering have been wanted and readily taken at firm prices, though no further advance can be reported. 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 been very quiet during the week.

HIDES—No change has occurred in the price of green, but as as they are down to 6c in Montreal a further fall may be expected. Cured have been selling slow at 7½ to 7¾c for small lots, the latter price being for selected.

CALFSKINS—Remain unchanged at 8c for No. 2 and 10c for No. 1 green, with receipts on the increase.

SHEEPSKINS—Show very little change; receipts have been large and prices steady but unchanged at $1 to $1.25 for green, most selling about $1.10 to $1.15. Dry have been quiet and unchanged.

WOOL—The market has continued to be very quiet, from the fact that buyers and sellers are apart, the former demanding concessions which the latter refuse to make. Fleece is weak, with small parcels selling at 28c. For super buyers offer from 24 to 26c, the latter for extra. Combing remains neither offered nor wanted, and purely nominal.

TALLOW—Has been abundant and easy at 7 to 7¼c for rendered and 4½c for rough.

Quotations stand as follows:—No. 1 inspected, choice, $7.00; No. 2 inspected, cut, $6.50; Grubby No. 2 and bulls, none; No. 3 inspected, $5.75; Calfskins, green, 8 to 10c; Calfskins, cured, 11 to 13½c; calfskins, dry, 16 to 18c; Sheepskins, 60c to $1.25; Wool, fleece, 23 to 30c; Wool, pulled, super, 24 to 29c; Wool, pickings, 9 to 18c; Tallow, rough, 4½c; rendered, 7 to 7½c.

U. S. Cattle Markets.

BUFFALO, N.Y., Feb 22.—CATTLE—Receipts to-day, 1,683 head; total for the week thus far, 10,370 head, against 9,197 head last week; consigned through, 427 cars. No sales reported to-day; fresh arrivals consigned through—62 cars of through stock in the yards held for shipment to-morrow.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts to-day, 1,200 head; total for the week thus far, 18,300 head, against 16,100 head last week; consigned through, 16 cars; market firm; active demand; offerings light; fair to good western sheep at $4.12½ to $5.25; extra at $5.60; offerings generally of good quality; all offerings disposed of.

HOGS—Receipts to-day, 7,130 head; total for the week thus far, 27,520 head, against 33,375 head last week; consigned through, 191 cars; market dull and declining for Yorkers; fair demand for heavy grades; sales of good to choice at $4.90 to $4.95; common to fair at $3.50 to $4; Yorkers, good to choice, at $4 to $4.10; offerings mainly fair to medium; local dealers principal buyers.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 22.—CATTLE—Receipts, 156 car-loads, 30 more than last week; prices dropped about ½c on all grades for the first part of the week, and to-day quotations were as follows:—Common to fair at 3¾ to 4½c; medium at 4½ to 4¾c; extras at 5½c.

SHEEP—Receipts, 97 car-loads, 11 more than last week; common to fair at 3¾ to 4½c; fair to good at 4½ to 4¾c; extras at 5½c.

LAMBS—Supply and demand light; common to fair at 5½ to 6½c; fair to good at 6½ to 6¾c; extras at 6¾.

MILCH COWS—Receipts very light; demand good; fair to good at $45 to $50; extras at $55 to $70.

CALVES—Only 2 car-loads received; no prices reported.

English Cattle Markets.

The condition of the above markets in the week ending on the 7th inst. is reported to the *Montreal Gazette* by Messrs. John Bell & Co., of Glasgow, as follows:—

London.—Best beef, 8d to 9d per lb; inferior and secondary, 6½d to 7½d per lb. Best mutton, 10d to 10½d per lb; inferior and secondary, 8d to 9d per lb. To-day the weather is unfavourable, and with heavy dead meat market, trade has ruled dull. The dullness was also increased by about 300 foreign cattle and 5,000 foreign sheep at Deptford market.

Liverpool.—Best beef, 8d to 9d per lb; inferior and secondary, 6½d to 7½d per lb. Best mutton, 10d to 10½d per lb; inferior and secondary, 8d to 9d per lb. To-day our market was a dull, slow selling one, without any change in price. Few real good cattle were forward, and these quite made late rates. Sheep were a small show, and were not more than enough for the demand, and prices were, if anything, stiffer.

General Remarks.—The English markets were duller at beginning of week, but are now a little firmer; to-day, in Glasgow, we had a slow, dear sale. On Monday first the Duke of Richmond will introduce the Cattle Diseases Bill, which will, we fear, prove very injurious to continental cattle exporters.

Montreal Cattle Market.

MONTREAL, Feb. 24.

About 13 car loads of cattle were offered at St. Gabriel market to-day, which met with slow sale. Prices, however, were steady, ranging from 3½ to 4½c for fair to choice fat cattle. One car-load was sold by Wm. Jack, of Peterboro', at 9½c per lb., live weight. These cattle averaged 1,000 lbs. Mr. Head's sales were 4 cattle at 4½c, with $2 off on the lot, 2 do. at $45 each, or at 3½c per lb. Mr. Michael Laperle, of Mildmay, had one car of cattle, selling 11 head for $337.50, or 3½c per lb., 3 bulls for $125, or 3½c per lb., 5 cattle for $225, or 4c per lb., and 2 do. for $152, or 4½c per lb. J. J. Crean, of Stratford, received 1 car-load of cattle, and sold 2 do. for $110, or at 4c per lb. John Rice, of Bowmanville, received 1 car of cattle, and sold part at a car of sheep, and sold 5 cattle at 4c per lb., and 12 sheep at 4½c per lb. R. J. Hopper bought during the week 161 head of cattle, costing $6,765, and sold 9 cattle for $355, or 4c per lb., 8 do. for $347, or 4c, 29 do. for $1,165, or at 3¾ to 4c per lb., 27 do. for $1,062.50, or 4c per lb., 10 do. for $459, or 4c. A. Dow, of Waterloo, received 1 car of choice cattle, and sold 3 head for $175, being at the rate of 4½c per lb. John McKinnon, of Guelph, offered 21 cattle for sale, selling 2 head for $96, or at 4c per lb. Dressed hogs were in small supply, but there was no enquiry for them at the advanced rates, $5.15 to $5.25, being a fair range of quotations. Ten car-loads of choice fat steers are being shipped through to England by the Dominion steamer Dominion from Portland this week as follows:—Messrs. George Denson & Co., Guelph, 31 head; Mr. E. Lemmon, of Craig's Road, Q., 16 head; Mr. J. Dunn, of Guelph, 15 head, and Mr. A. J. Thompson, of Toronto, 45 head. The receipts of live stock at Point St. Charles last week were 445 head of cattle, half a car-load of sheep, and 7 horses.

Tiny baskets, filled with natural flowers, suspended by a ribbon from the right side, are worn with ball costumes at the Court. A tiny sip of Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam, which is remarkable for its many virtues, is the best remedy for colds, coughs, hoarseness, etc., and its persistent use will cure bronchitis, pleurisy, and all diseases resulting from a cold. For sale by all dealers.

Medical.

SWORN EVIDENCE.

The following Cure is probably the most remarkable ever effected by any medical preparation for the treatment of Catarrh.

Gentlemen,—I hereby certify that I have, had Catarrh for ten years, and for the last six years have been a terrible sufferer. I was rendered partially deaf, had ringing in the head, pains across the temple, dizzy spells, weak and painful eyes, swollen and ulcerated tonsils, hard and constant cough, severe pain across the chest, and every indication of consumption. My head ached all the time. The matter accumulated so rapidly in my head and throat that I could not keep them free. Frequently at night I would spring out of bed, it seemed to me, at the point of suffocation. I