

CARSLEY AND CO.

WHOLESALE

DRY

GOODS

93 St. Peter St.

MONTREAL,

—AND—

18 Bartholomew Close,

LONDON, England,

\$6.25 respectively, in lots. Mackerel quiet at about \$3.80. There is little doing in uncanned fish. Dry cod is reported to be in light stock, and is worth \$3 to \$3.50. It may advance when the duty comes on American fish on the first of July.

CHEMICALS AND DRUGS—In heavy chemicals there has been a fair jobbing trade at generally steady prices. The English market is dull but steady. Alum has been advanced 5s per ton. The drug trade has ruled quiet, with prices generally unchanged. Quinine is lower and quotable at \$1.15 to \$1.30.

COAL AND WOOD—There has been a quiet trade at about last week's prices. Cape Breton, as to mine, is quoted at \$3.10 to \$3.25 in round lots. Nova Scotia, \$3.50; Scotch steam, \$4. In American anthracite there is a quiet trade at former prices. We quote:—stove \$6, chestnut, \$5.75; egg and furnace \$5.50. Cordwood is quiet, and unchanged. Maple \$6.50 per long cord, delivered ex yard; birch, \$6; beech, \$5.50; tamarac, \$5; hemlock, \$4.50. The following are the wholesale prices of American anthracite, delivered:—Egg and Furnace, \$5.15; Nut, \$5.35; stove, \$5.55. Quotations previously given are what householders pay for limited quantities.

DAIRY PRODUCTS—The market continues to wear an uninteresting appearance, and the few round lots selling are on Lower Ports account. The jobbing trade is taking selections a little in excess of our quotations. In cheese the tone was less strong here and fine could be bought at 7½c; the market keeps unsettled, and reports of higher prices being paid in the country are in circulation. At Ingersoll, sales of 2,000 boxes were made this week at 8c. The offerings here were more liberal but, nevertheless, there is an impression prevalent that some excitement will be worked up on June cheese before long. Sales have been fair, and have not been confined altogether to fine goods. **Provisions**—The usual distribution of jobbing lots has been made at our revised quotations. Eggs are selling at 12c to 12½c.

DRY GOODS—All things considered, the city retail trade has been satisfactory, the closing of the schools and preparations for a retreat to summer resorts creating a demand for goods. Travellers out on a special trip with samples of fall woollens, etc., have not met with success; storekeepers seem short of the supplies offered, but evince a disposition to delay purchases, although higher instead of lower prices may be expected. Remittances are unsatisfactory, and there are general complaints from the country over the low prices of farm produce. Prices of imported goods have kept firm. Some of the European buyers have already returned, but the greater number, and probably the balance of them, come on the "Parisian," and are due here, Monday morning.

FLOUR AND GRAIN—An unusually quiet week has been passed. A little flour will go to the Lower Ports by the next steamer, but the demand from both outside and local sources is disappointing, as many buyers stocked up during the recent war scare, and do not appear to want flour at any price. The market is easy, and a reference to our price list will show that lower rates are ruling than before. In grain, some few transactions have occurred to complete cargoes on the basis of prices quoted. The Government has ordered a temporary reduction in tolls, equal to last year, and the forwarding companies have brought down their rates ¼c per bushel. Business is disappointing, and the St. Lawrence route is not getting its share of the traffic. A steamship man is said to have been vainly endeavoring for the past

10 days to secure 20,000 bushels for vessels in port.

FREIGHTS—The market continues dull, and the regular lines experience a difficulty in obtaining grain. An outside steamer was fixed for London with deals at 50s and cattle on deck at 60s. River Plate freights are dull but unchanged. A little phosphate is being moved, and the last known engagement was at 5s to Liverpool.

GREEN FRUITS—Oranges are very scarce; Valencia in cases, \$10.50 to \$12, and in boxes \$4 to \$4.50. Lemons in good demand. Messinas, \$4.50 to \$5.50 per box. Palermos, \$3.50 to \$4.50; Naples in chests, \$8.50 to \$9. Pineapples \$2.25 to \$3 per dozen. Strawberries.—First Canadian berries were received to-day, being one day later than last year and a week earlier than the two previous years; sales at 20c. American berries sold at 15c to 21c. Bananas are scarce and in demand; no yellows offered; red \$1.50 to \$2 per bunch. Coconuts dull at \$4.40 to \$4.75 per 100.

GROCERIES—Orders are more frequent and larger in amount, but business is far from being active. The representative of a leading house said: "We have found trade fair for the season, and if country produce was fetching better prices we are inclined to believe we should be doing a really good and profitable business." **Tea**—Blacks are slow, with a downward tendency. Japan tea is higher, cables reporting an advance of \$2 to \$3 per picul. There is a fair enquiry for Paklings in boxes. Travellers now out have not done much with teas this week, and sales were moderate all round. Low greens keep dear, and desirable kinds are scarce. **Sugar**—The market is strong and advancing for both raw and refined. In New York prices were 1-16 up to day, making a rise of ½ cent within a week. There have been large sales here, and refiners hold stiffly to rates. It is said a hundred barrel lot of granulated could not be bought under 7½c. Our quotations are as near the mark as it is possible in a fluctuating market. Beet sugar is higher in Europe; we heard of two cablegrams, one quoting 16s 9d, and another 17s. **Fruit**—Old stock is well cleaned up, and anything desirable brings outside figures. **Molasses**—Sales in round lots are reported at 29c to 30c; under 30c we believe were cargo lots.

HAY, STRAW AND FURF.—Receipts of loose hay were large but the demand was fair, and we quote \$10 to \$13 per 100 bundles as to quality. Straw was quiet at \$5 to \$6. There was a good demand for pressed hay at \$16 to \$17 per ton; straw in bales, \$8 to \$9 per ton. Shorts quiet at \$17 to \$18 per ton; bran weaker at \$14 to \$15, the former for Montreal and the latter for Upper Canada; mollic \$24 to \$26 as to quality; buckwheat, 70c per bushel.

HIDES AND TALLOW—The market though quiet is firm. Hides have been advanced 50c and No. 1 Montreal, uncured and uninspected, cannot be bought under \$8. Lambskins are up to 30c and clips to 25c. Western hides are also firmer. Tallow is steady at our figures elsewhere.

IRON AND HARDWARE—Pig-iron has been moving a little more freely in jobbing lots. Canada plates are slightly weaker. Tin plates are firm in consequence of cable advices noting an advance of 6d per box. In England, in sympathy with pig tin. There seems to be no reason why merchants here should not advance their figures, as prices are already excessively low, and there is no possibility of a reduction in England. We have already called attention to the firm and advancing market for pig-lead