FINANCE AND COMMERCE

WEDNESDAY, March 16.

At Montreal to-day sterling exchange stood at 108¾ for round amounts between banks, and 109¼ over the counter. Gold drafts ½ to ¾ premium.

At New York to-day sterling exchange was firmer at $4.84 for demand notes, and $4.81½ for sixty-day bills.

London, 5 p.m.—Consols, 99 15-16 for money; 100 for account. Bonds—New 4½s, 14¼; new 5's, 4¼; Erie, 19¾; Illinois Central, 139½.

STOCKS.

Bank stocks were rather more active, and prices again firmer to-day. Montreal sold at 188½, closing with 1¾ and bids 1½ up. Bids for Toronto rose ½. Ontario sold four times at 101, and closed at an advance of ½. Merchants' was offered at 120, with bids as before at 119. Commerce was held ½ with bids ½ higher. Bids for Hamilton declined 1. Bids for Dominion advanced 1, with no sellers. Standard sold at 106½ and closed with bids up ½. Federal was offered at 146, with bids as before at 145. Imperial sold twice at 123, closing unchanged. Consolidated was wanted at 20, with none offered.

Miscellaneous stocks were quiet. British Americas and Western were held as before, with bids 1 lower on each. Consumers' Gas sold at 151, closing with holders 1 and bids ½ higher. All others unchanged.

Loan and Savings stocks were inactive. Canada Permanent was offered at 208, with bids as before at 205. Freehold was offered 1 lower. Union was offered 1 lower, with bids 1½ higher. Building and Loan was held as before, at 106, with no bids. Farmers' was offered at 132, without bids. London and Canadian was offered 1 lower, with bids 1 higher. National Investment was offered at 112, with 110 bid, the latter a fall of ½. Manitoba was offered as before without bids. Huron and Erie was offered at 151, with bids unchanged at 150. Bids for Dominion Savings rose 1. Brant Loan was wanted as before, at 102, with none offered.

Debentures were wanted as before, but none offered.

The following is the official report of the Toronto Stock Exchange for Wednesday, March 16:—

Stocks.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Trans.
Montreal	187	186½	5 at 186½
Toronto	149	148½	.....
Ontario	101	100½	.....
Merchants'	120	119	.....
Commerce	143½	143	.....
Dominion	162	161½	.....
Hamilton	120	118	.....
Do. 50 per cent.	110	108	.....
Standard	106½	106	70 at 106½
Federal	146	145	.....
Imperial	124	123	.....
Nelsons	.....	.....	.....
Consolidated	20	.....	.....
Insurance, &c.			
British America	153	150	.....
Western Assurance	220	218	.....
Canada Life	.....	320	.....
Confed. Life Association	.....	200	.....
Consumers' Gas	152	150	50 at 151
Dominion Telegraph	91	.....	.....
Montreal Telegraph	132	.....	.....
Globe Printing Co.	.....	.....	.....
Railways.			
Toronto, Grey, and Bruce	.....	.....	.....
Toronto and Nipissing	.....	.....	.....
Loan and Savings Cos.			
Canada Permanent	208	205	.....
Freehold	160	157½	.....
Western Canada	.....	166½	.....
Union	150	148	.....
Canada Landed Credit	.....	136	.....
Building and Loan Ass'n	106	.....	.....
Imperial Savings	121	119	.....
Farmers' L. and Savings	132	.....	.....
London and C. L. & A. Co.	152½	151	.....
National Investment	112½	110	.....
People's Loan	.....	110	.....
Manitoba Loan	125	.....	.....
Huron and Erie	151	150	.....
Dominion Savings & Loan	119	117½	.....
Ontario Loan and Deb.	.....	131	.....
Canadian Savings & Loan	.....	122	.....
London Loan	.....	110	.....
Hamilton Provident	.....	130	.....
Real Estate	.....	102	.....
Brant Loan	.....	102	.....
London & Ont. Invest	.....	107	.....
Debentures, &c.			
Dom. Gov. Stock, 5 p.c.	.....	107	.....
Ontario (Ont.) Stock, 6 p.c.	.....	110	.....
Do (Ont.) Stock, 6 p. c.	.....	108	.....
City Toronto, 6 p.c Stock	.....	110	.....

* Ontario, 25 at 100½, 100 at 101; 25 at 101.
† Imperial, 5 at 123, 3 at 123.

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS—WEEKLY REVIEW.

WEDNESDAY, March 16.

PRODUCE.

The market cannot be said to have been, on the whole, active during the week; but still business seems to have been improving, and prices have been steady nearly all over. There has not been much offered, and holders have been inclined to press sales; consequently quietude and steadiness have been the most prominent features of the situation. Stocks have been rather on the increase, save in the case of barley, which has been reduced by large shipments from the States; and a good deal seems to have been going from outside stations as well as from here. Stocks stood on Monday as follows:—Flour, 10,138 bbls.; fall wheat, 122,872 bush.; spring wheat, 97,487 bush.; oats, nil; barley, 305,005; peas, 25,017 and rye, 12,653 bush.; against on the same date last year—Flour, 18,400 bbls.; fall wheat, 178,197 bush.; spring wheat, 162,411; oats, 22,350; barley, 129,363; peas, 57,552; and rye, 3,728 bushels. English advices show markets to have been rather unsettled. Associated press despatches show a fall of 1d. on all sorts of wheat, and of 1½d. on corn since our last. Cable advices state that in the latter part of last week markets lost the previous gain, and foreign grain was weakening in all positions, with Australian the only wheat that held its own. Since then, however, an improvement seems to have set in, as cargoes were reported in better demand, and quoted at an advance on both Tuesday and Wednesday, with arrivals small. Supplies for last week show a considerable decrease. The imports amounted to 200,000 to 205,000 qrs. of wheat, and 110,000 to 115,000 bbls. of flour, and home deliveries to 138,740 qrs., making a total supply equal to 409,575 to 408,327 qrs. of wheat, against an average weekly consumption of 454,000 quarters. The quantity of wheat and flour in transit on the 10th inst. was 2,100,000 qrs., against 2,329,000 qrs. on the 10th inst., and 1,917,000 on the corresponding date last year. The total supply from the opening of the harvest year to the 12th ult. was equal to 11,875,289 quarters of wheat, against 11,795,031 in the corresponding weeks last year. The net imports thus far were at the rate of 16,613,000 quarters per annum, which is in excess of those in the previous harvest-year, when they amounted to only 16,212,000 quarters. The average price of English wheat per quarter to the above date in this season was 42s. 6d., against 47s. 1d. in the corresponding part of the previous year. Continental advices for the week ending on the 26th ult. state that in France the wheat trade exhibited a firm tone, but not much animation. Farmers generally were indisposed to accept any further decline, and offered sparingly, but the demand, on the other hand, also remained very limited, partly owing to the unremunerative sale of flour. The week closed with quietude prevalent in the interior; farmers' deliveries decreasing, but prices varying little, wheat, rye, and oats ruling firm, and barley weak. Farmers were actively engaged in spring work, and sowing had commenced in some districts. In the ports transactions remained very restricted. Marseilles quoted no change, Bordeaux was steady for wheat, and at Nantes transactions almost nil. At Havre prices were maintained, but business was difficult. Red winter free on railway waggon was offered at equal to 48s. 3d. per 480 lbs. At Marseilles the week's imports amounted to 45,500 qrs.; at Bordeaux nil; at Havre 16,000 qrs. At Marseilles the stock in the docks increased to 204,500 qrs. Belgian markets showed increased firmness for wheat, and rye steady. In Germany a similar situation prevailed; wheat was neglected at Berlin, closing with very little change on the week. Rye was decidedly quieter, with more offers from the German and Russian Baltic ports. At Hamburg there was a good local demand for wheat at firm prices. Stocks in Northern Germany appeared to be light. Several parcels of common English wheat had found their way to Hamburg, selling at 40s. to 44s. per 504 lbs. delivered. For yellow Holstein and Mecklenburg 50s. to 51s. 6d. per 504 lbs. f.o.b. was paid. American winter, 46s. 6d. per 480 lbs. delivered. Austro-Hungarian advices, both by telegraph and mail, reported an improved feeling at Pesth, with advancing prices. Russian advices state that at St. Petersburg on the 12th ult. rye remained too high in price to allow of exports, all the more so as foreign reports quoted lower prices. Indigenous wheat no longer entered into business, and here and there there was some enquiry for foreign wheat. At Odessa the trade remained in the same inactive state, the export business growing less and less; prices were stationary, and holders, confident in their expectations of next to no further supplies from the interior, were not disposed to stimulate business by concessions. Australian advices state that the first unfavourable crop reports from Victoria and South Australia were true. The South Australian surplus is not expected to exceed 175,000 tons. The actual exports from South Australia, Victoria, and New Zealand to the United Kingdom in 1880 was 1,630,000 qrs., and those for the present year are estimated at 1,650,000. This deficiency of about 600,000 qrs. is, however, expected to be replaced by increased exports from India. States markets have been generally quiet. During the latter part of last week shippers' orders to New York were, in some cases, withdrawn or their limits materially reduced in England, and the demand for the continent fell off greatly. The milder weather giving some assurance of an early resumption of river and canal navigation, induced large holders very generally to meet the demand for export promptly. Stocks of wheat at seaboard have been decreasing, and exports thence in the eight weeks ending on the 5th inst., were 10,873,000 bushels, against 9,016,000 in the corresponding weeks last year. Crops from the States west of the Mississippi river are very favourable, the promise in Kansas being extremely flattering, and presenting a very decided contrast to the situation last year. From other localities they are also more hopeful than last season. Western markets have been quiet, partly in consequence of the late railway blockade. The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports, and on rail from Western lake and river ports, and frozen in on New York canals:—

	1881. Mar. 5. bush.	1881. Feb. 26. bush.	1880. Mar. 6. bush.	1879. Mar. 8. bush.
Wheat	24,356,235	25,748,600	27,259,552	21,416,359
Corn	15,662,753	15,544,284	14,970,644	14,083,832
Oats	3,608,454	3,427,000	2,904,575	2,537,832
Barley	2,868,123	3,036,710	3,509,077	3,080,296
Rye	703,653	797,919	831,182	1,224,799
Total	46,999,222	48,525,109	49,375,010	42,343,114

The following statement shows the top prices of the different kinds of produce in the Liverpool markets for each market day during the week:—

	March 10 5 p.m.	March 11 5 p.m.	March 12 5 p.m.	March 14 5 p.m.	March 15 5 p.m.	March 16 5 p.m.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Flour	11 0	11 0	11 0	11 0	11 0	11 0
S. Wheat	9 3	9 2	9 2	9 2	9 2	9 2
R. Wheat	9 9	9 8	9 8	9 8	9 8	9 8
White	9 6	9 5	9 5	9 5	9 5	9 5
Club	9 11	9 10	9 10	9 10	9 10	9 10
Corn	5 6	5 5	5 5	5 5	5 4½	5 4½
Barley	5 3	5 3	5 3	5 3	5 3	5 3
Oats	6 2	6 2	6 2	6 2	6 2	6 2
Peas	6 10	6 10	6 10	6 10	6 10	6 10
Pork	68 0	68 0	68 0	68 0	68 0	68 0
Bacon	41 9	43 0	43 6	43 6	43 6	43 0
Beef	75 0	75 0	75 0	75 0	75 0	75 0
Lard	55 0	55 0	55 0	55 0	55 0	55 0
Tallow	35 0	35 0	35 0	35 0	35 0	35 0
Cheese	68 6	68 6	68 6	68 6	68 6	69 0

FLOUR—The market has remained inactive at generally unchanged prices; holders have not been inclined to push sales, and had they been so it would have been very difficult to make them, as scarcely any demand was heard. Superior extra has been offered all week at $4.90, and sold at that figure on Tuesday; extra has been held at $4.80, with no movement quoted, and no buyers over $4.75; bag-flour has sold fairly well for export, at $2.30 to $2.35 per central. The market yesterday was unchanged, with a sale of superior extra at $4.90 f.o.c., and all the rest as before.

BRAN—Has been quiet but steady; a car sold on Monday at $13.50, which price would have been repeated yesterday.

OATMEAL—Quiet but firm, with an upward tendency; cars of average quality are held at $4.30 to $4.35, but no sales reported. Small lots from $4.35 to $4.50.

WHEAT—The market has been quiet and prices seem to have been rather unsettled, with buyers and sellers apart, and neither very anxious to come to terms. No. 1 sold on Friday at $1.14 f.o.c., and No. 2 fall at $1.09 on Monday, with $1.10 bid on Tuesday. Spring rather unsettled; sales were made at $1.19 for No. 1 and $1.17 for No. 2 last week. The market yesterday seemed fairly steady. No. 2 fall was wanted at $1.10, but held at $1.11; No. 3 fall was offered at $1.10, with $1.08 bid; five cars of red winter sold at $1.15 on track; spring has remained unsettled, with No. 1 offered at $1.19 and not taken, and No. 2 held usually at $1.17, but no sales reported. On the street, fall sold at $1.08 to $1.10, and spring would have brought $1.10 to $1.20.

OATS—Have continued scarce and in insufficient supply, with all offering readily taken at a further advance. Cars on track sold on Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday at 38c., and one car on the latter day at 37½c. The feeling yesterday seemed rather easier, with cars offered at 38c., and 37c. bid. On street 39 to 40c. was paid.

BARLEY—A considerable quantity has changed hands during the week by telegraph for the States on p.t., a lot of 10,000 bushels of No. 1 sold on Monday, and 20,000 bushels of No. 2 on Friday, with smaller lots daily. Prices seem to have been very close on 86c. for No. 1; from 93 to 94c. for choice No. 2; from 89 to 90c. for No. 2, and 83 to 84c. for No. 3 extra. The market yesterday was steady; some cars of choice No. 2 sold at 93c. and 94c. f.o.c.; no movement reported in other grades, but values firm. On the street yesterday 89 to 92c. was paid; receipts have been small all week, and the range from 89 to 90c.

PEAS—An active demand has been maintained all week, and a good deal lying outside has changed hands on p.t., but admittedly at firm prices. Indeed the tendency seems to have been decidedly upwards; cars of No. 2 sold on Monday at 69c. on track, and No. 1 would have brought two cents more, or 71c. in cars; and for round lots 70 and 72c. could probably have been obtained. Street receipts small, and prices from 63 to 70c.

RYE—Inactive but steady at from 84 to 85c. for car-lots.

SEEDS—The trade in round lots of clover is about ended; one car of choice, indeed, sold for the Maritime Provinces at $6.80, but no demand is now heard; dealers are selling lots from the store at $4.75 to $5 according to quantity and quality. Timothy sold at $2.67½ for a car on Monday; and dealers have been selling at $2.75 to $3. The jobbing trade with country dealers has been fairly good.

HAY—Pressed has been in demand, and cars firm, at $13 to $14 on track. Receipts on the market have been large, but all have found a sale at steady prices; the range has been from $11 to $13, with the great bulk going at $13 to $14.

STRAW—Has been increasingly active; the supply has increased, but all has been taken; prices have been firmer at $7.50 to $8.50, with a few loads at $9 for oat and rye straw in sheaves; and loose has sold at $8.

POTATOES—Cars scarce and in demand at firmer prices; one car sold at 62c., and buyers could have been found to-day at 65c. On the street all offered have found a ready sale at 60 to 65c. per bag.

APPLES—Car-lots inactive; street receipts in fair supply, and prices unchanged at $4 for inferior, and $1.25 to $1.50 for good to fine qualities.

MUTTON—Receipts have been of fair amount, and fully equal to the demand; prices have remained weak at from $6.50 to $8, the latter price being for yearling lamb.

POULTRY—Street receipts very small, and prices firm; turkeys have been worth $1 to $1.75, or 12½ to 13c. per lb., and fowl from 60 to 70c. No geese nor ducks offered. No box-lots offered, but turkeys would have brought 11 to 12c. per lb.

FLOUR, f.o.c.

Superior extra, per 196 lbs	$4 85 to $4 90
Extras	4 75 " 4 80
Fancy and strong bakers	5 20 " 5 30
Spring wheat, extra	4 80 " 4 90
Superfine	none.
Oatmeal, per 196 lbs	4 10 " 4 25
Cornmeal, small lots	3 00 " 3 25

BAG FLOUR, by car-lots, f.o.c.

Extra, per bag	2 30 " 2 35
Spring wheat, extra, per bag	2 25 " 2 30

GRAIN, f.o.b.

Fall wheat, No. 1, per 60 lbs	1 14 " 1 15
" No. 2	1 10 " 1 11
" No. 3	1 08 " 1 10
Red winter	none.
Spring wheat, No. 1	1 18 " 1 19
" No. 2	1 16 " 1 17
" No. 3	1 10 " 1 12
Oats (Canadian), per 34 lbs	0 37 " 0 37½
Barley, No. 1, per 48 lbs	0 98 " 0 00
" Choice No. 2, per 48 lbs	0 93 " 0 94
" No. 2, per 48 lbs	0 89 " 0 90
" Extra No. 3	0 83 " 0 84
" No. 3	0 72 " 0 75
Peas, No. 1, per 60 lbs	0 71 " 0 72
" No. 2, "	0 69 " 0 70
Rye	0 84 " 0 85

PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGGONS.

Wheat, fall, new, per bush	$1 06 to $1 09
Wheat, spring, do	1 10 " 1 20
Barley, do	0 80 " 0 86
Oats, do	0 38 " 0 40
Peas, do	0 63 " 0 70
Rye, do	none.
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs	7 50 " 7 75
Beef, hindquarters, per 100 lbs	6 00 " 7 00
Mutton, by carcase, per 100 lbs	7 00 " 9 00
Chickens, per pair	0 60 " 0 70
Ducks, per pair	none.
Geese, each	none.
Turkeys, each	1 00 " 1 75
Butter, pound rolls	0 22 " 0 25
Do large rolls	none.
Do tub dairy	0 18 " 0 20
Eggs, fresh, per doz	0 16 " 0 18
Potatoes, per bag	0 60 " 0 65
Apples, per bbl	1 00 " 1 50
Onions, per bag	1 50 " 2 00
Cabbage, per doz	0 50 " 1 00
Celery, per doz	0 30 " 0 60
Turnips, per bag	0 30 " 0 35
Carrots, per bag	0 40 " 0 45
Beets, per bag	0 50 " 0 55
Parsnips, per bag	0 55 " 0 60
Hay, per ton	11 00 " 16 50
Straw, per ton	7 50 " 8 50
Wool, per lb	0 29 " 0 30

PROVISIONS.

TRADE—Has been active at advancing prices.

BUTTER—Some enquiry has been heard for medium shipping lots at low prices, and a few small sales have been made at 14 to 15c., which would probably be repeated. Choice for local use has been less wanted, and prices have been easy at about 18c. for selected. No demand for purely inferior has been heard. Box-lots of rolls have been in fair, but fully sufficient supply, and have sold rather slowly, usually at 17 to 18c., and sometimes at 19c. for very choice qualities. Street receipts have been fair; good pound rolls have continued to be wanted, and have sold readily at 22 to 25c.; but tubs and crocks have been offered more freely, and have been weak at from 18 to 20c.

CHEESE—Has shown no change; the only movement is in small lots, and these have sold as before, at 13½ to 14c. for fine qualities.

EGGS—Receipts have varied from day to day; but on the whole have been equal to the wants of buyers; prices have shown little change, and stood to-day at 15c. for round lots. Street receipts increasing, and prices at from 16 to 18c. for new laid.

PORK—A fair enquiry at steady prices has been maintained; a lot of about half a car sold at $18.25, and small lots have gone off fairly well at $18.50, at which figures they were held to-day.

BACON—Has been active, with prices still tending upwards, but closing rather unsettled. Car-lots have been sold as 9c. for Cumberland, and 9½c. for long-clear, and are still held at these figures. There has, however, been little difference between the prices of cars and small lots, as tons and cases have been going off at 9 to 9½c. for Cumberland, and 9½ to 10c. for long-clear. Rolls and breakfast bacon have advanced to 11½ to 12c.

HAMS—An active enquiry at firm prices has prevailed all week; round lots of not less than 100, smoked, have sold at 11½c., and small lots at 12c. Pickled have been quiet and held as before at 10½c.

LARD—Has been decidedly active, with prices "booming." Lots of pails, none less than 100, have sold at 13 to 13½c.; and round lots of tinnets have brought 13¾ to 13c. Small lots have risen to 13½c. for tinnets, and 14c. for pails. Tierces have sold to a small extent at 12 to 12½c. The market to-day closed with none inclined to sell under our top quotations.

HOGS—There has been no rail lots offered, and the season may be regarded as closed. Street receipts have been small but sufficient, and prices steady at $7.75 to $8.

SALT—Still quiet and unchanged all week. Liverpool has been moving only in small lots; fine are held at 75c.; small lots usually bring 85 to 87½c.; dairy has ranged from $1.25 to $1.40, according to quantity and quality of the bags; Goderich has sold at $1.10 for cars here, being equal to 80c. at the wells; small lots at $1.15 to $1.25.

DRIED APPLES—Steady but unchanged, with sales of country lots at 4 to 4½c., and dealers selling barrelled at 4¾ to 5c. To-day, however, they do not seem much inclined to bid over 4c. for loose, as these are said to be offering freely.

HOPS—Inactive; the only movement reported is the sale of some small parcels of very fine new at 18 to 22c.; with all other grades purely nominal.

HIDES, SKINS, AND WOOL.

TRADE—Has remained fairly up to the average usual at this season.

HIDES—Green have continued to be few but sufficient, and prices are unchanged. Cured have sold quietly at 9½ to 9¾c. for small lots, the latter price for steers.

CALFSKINS—Prices of green have declined a cent, and now stand at 8c. for No. 1, and 5c. for No. 2. New have begun to offer to a small extent. Cured inactive and nominally unchanged.

SHEEPSKINS—Offerings have been small but fully sufficient; prices have been firmer at from $1.50 to $1.75 for green, the general run being $1.60 to $1.65. There has been no improvement in country lots, as holders still stand out for prices beyond those which dealers are inclined to pay.

WOOL—Has remained quiet, save that sales have been made to factories. Country lots, however, have been inactive, with buyers and sellers apart. Buyers are not inclined to pay over 29c. for either fleece or combing, and holders stand out for more.

TALLOW—Generally unchanged; all offering still taken at steady prices; rendered as before at 6 to 6½c., and rough at 3½c.

Quotations stand as follows:—No. 1 inspected, $9.00; Choice No. 1 steers, $9.50; No. 2 inspected, $8 to $8.50; No. 3 inspected, $7.00; calfskins, green, 15 and 13c.; calfskins, cured, 17c.; calfskins, dry, none; sheepskins, $1.25 to $1.75; wool, fleece, 29 to 30c.; wool, pulled, super, 29 to 30c.; extra super, 34 to 36c.; wool, pickings, 21 to 22½c.; tallow, rough, 3½c.; rendered, 6 to 6½c.

BY TELEGRAPH.

MONTREAL.

March 16.—Flour—Receipts, 2,200 bbls. The market is quiet but firmer. Sales:—120 bbls. superior extra at $5.30; 50 do. at $5.35; 100 do. at $5.30; 400 bbls. spring extra at $5; 100 bbls. strong bakers' at $6.30; 200 Ontario bags at $2.50; 250 do. at $2.50; 250 do. at $2.60. The following are quotations:—Superior extra, $5.25 to $5.35; extra superfine, $5.20; fancy, $5.05 to $5.10; spring extra, $4.90 to $5; superfine, $4.60 to $4.75; strong bakers', $5.65 to $6.20; fine, $4.10 to $4.20; middlings, $3.40 to $3.75; Pollards, $3.60 to $3.20; Ontario bags, $2.45 to $2.60; city bags, delivered, $3.10. Oats—35 to 36c. Peas—80 to 83c. Cornmeal—$3. Butter—Western, 14c.; Brockville, 16 to 18c.; Morrisburg, 17 to 18c.; Eastern Townships, 18 to 20c.; creamery, 22 to 24. Cheese—13 to 14c., according to quality. Lard—13½ to 14c. for pails. Pork—Heavy-mess, $19.50 to $20. Hams—Uncovered, 12½ to 13c. Bacon—11½ to 12½c. Dressed hogs—Nominal. Ashes—Pots, $4 to $4.10 per 100 lbs.; firsts, $5. Timothy seed—$2.60 to $2.75 per 45 lbs. Clover seed—$4.75 to $5 per 60 lbs. Eggs—15 to 16c. Maple syrup, 90c. to $1.10 per gallon. Sugar—12½c. per lb.

LONDON.

March 16.—The market was rather lively this morning, hay being offered in unusual abundance. Grain was rather scarce, and did not change materially in price. Butter and eggs were a little easier, but they are not yet brought in plentifully. Apples and potatoes were not scarce, and their prices was somewhat lower. Wheat—Spring, per 100 lbs., $1.70 to $1.75; Dehl, $1.23 to $1.35; Treadwell, $1.75 to $1.85; Clawson, $1.75 to $1.78; red, $1.72 to $1.75. Oats, $1.05 to $1.10. Corn, 98c. to $1.05. Peas, 95c. to $1.10. Barley, $1.40 to $1.50. Rye, 80c. to $1. Clover seed, $4.50 to $4.75; timothy seed, $2.75 to $3. Skins and hides—Sheep and lambskins, each, $1 to $1.60; calfskins, green, No. 1, 11to 12½c.; do. dry, 15 to 17c.; hides, No. 1, 8c.; do. No. 2, 7 to 7½c.; do. No. 3, 6c. Produce—Eggs, retail, 18 to 20c.; do., basket, 15 to 18c. Apples, per bag, 40 to 60c. Onions, per bushel, 75c. to $1. Turkeys, $1.75 to $2; chickens, per pair, 25 to 50c.; ducks, each, 35 to 50c. Dressed hogs, $7.25 to $8. Beef, per lb., 4½ to 7½c. Mutton, 8 to 10c. Refined oil, car load lots, 20 to 21c.; small lots, 22 to 23c. Paraffine candles, 17 to 18c. Butter, per lb., 22 to 24c.; do. crocks, 18 to 20c.; do. tubs, 15 to 18c. Cheese, 12 to 14c. Lard, 9 to 11c. Fall flour, per cwt., $3 to $3.25; spring flour, $2.75 to $3.25. Oatmeal, fine, $2.50 to $3; do. granulated, $2.75 to $3.25. Graham flour, $2.75 to $3. Cornmeal, $1.50 to $2. Shorts, per ton, $14 to $18.50. Bran, $12 to $14. Hay, $9.50 to $11. Wool, 25 to 27c. Potatoes, per bag, 75 to 80c.

OTTAWA.

March 16.—The market for the past week has been very poor, and fluctuations were directed by the monetary supply, but no real change in prices can be observed. It was confidently anticipated that in consequence of advances in the price of grain in the west that on Monday flour in Ottawa would also go up, in fact, an agreement to advance it 50c. a barrel was come to among the majority of the dealers. This was checkmated however, by one party who refused to come into the arrangement. It is now just possible that retaliation may be attempted, and that the disappointed ones will nominally drop in price $1 per barrel and recoup themselves by throwing an inferior article on the market. The present state of the country roads accounts for the scant supply of many articles. Data a few days must witness a change, which though showing larger quantities offering for sale, will not witness any serious decline in prices. Quotations to-day are:—Hay, $10 to $11 per ton. Oats, 34 to 35c. Peas, 64 to 65c. Barley, 40 to 45c. Corn, 53 to 60c. Buckwheat, 50 to 55c. Beans, 90 to 95c. Potatoes, 40 to 45c. per bag. Butter, 20 to 22c. per lb. Eggs, 15 to 18c. per dozen. Chickens, 50 to 55c. per pair. Mutton, 6 to 7c. per lb. Beef, 5½ to 6c. per lb. Rye, 60 to 65c. per bush. Pork, 7½ to 8c. per lb. Wheat, $1.20 to $1.24 per bush. Geese, 40 to 45c. each. Turkeys, 75c. to $1.20 each.

HAMILTON.

March 16.—Wheat, white, $1.08 to $1.09; red, $1.12 to $1.13. Oats, to 38c. Corn, 57 to 58c. Peas, 60 to 70c. Barley, 65 to 80c. Clover seed, $4.50; timothy, $2 to $3. Flour, XXX, $5 to $5.50; bakers', $5.25.

ST. CATHARINES.

March 16.—Flour—No. 1 superfine, $5.25 to $5.50. Fall wheat, $1.15; spring wheat, $1.03 to $1.10. Corn, 58 to 60c. Barley, 75 to 80c. Peas, 60c. Oats, 38 to 40c. Butter, 22 to 25c. Eggs, 15 to 16c. Cheese, 13½c. Hay, $12 to $14. Potatoes, per bag, 80c.

GUELPH.

March 16.—Flour, per 100 pounds, $2.75 to $3. Wheat—White, per bush., $1.04 to $1.06; Treadwell, do. $1.01 to $1.06; spring, $1.06 to $1.08. Oats, 37 to 38c. Barley, 65 to 85c. Rye, 65 to 70c. Peas, 60 to 70c. Hay, per ton, $9.50 to $10. Straw, $2.50 to $3.50. Wood, per cord $3.50 to $4. Eggs, fresh, 12 to 15c. per doz. Butter, 15 to 20c. Apples, per bag, 25 to 50c. Potatoes, per bag, 50 to 60c. Sheepskins, 50c. to $1.25. Hides, $6.50 to $7. Dressed hogs, $7 to $7.50.

NEW YORK.

March 16, 12.05 a.m.—Wheat—Steady; Chicago, $1.21; Milwaukee, $1.22 to $1.23; No. 1 white, $1.19 to $1.19½ for cash; $1.18½ to $1.19½ for March; 8,000 bush. at $1.19½ for April; $1.18 to $1.18½ for May; No. 2 red, $1.22 bid for cash; 16,000 bush. at $1.22½ for March, $1.22½ to $1.22¾ for April; 48,000 bush. at $1.24½ for May. Corn—Steady, 59c. Oats—Steady.

1 p.m.—Wheat—Sales, 800,000 bush. Chicago at $1.20 to $1.21; Milwaukee, $1.22 to $1.23; No. 2 red, $1.23½ for March; $1.22½ for April; $1.24½ for May. Corn—Sales, 30,000 bush. at 59 to 59½c. Oats—Steady. Tallow—8¼ to 8½c. Dressed hogs—8 to 8½c. Exports—Wheat, 193,278 bush.; corn, 342,508 bush. Receipts—Flour, 21,612 bbls.; wheat, 95,000 bush.; corn, 31,000 bush.; oats, 30,000 bush.; rye, 5,000 bush.; barley, 3,300 bush.; pork, 196 bbls.; lard, 1,444 tcs.; whiskey, 634 bbls.

CHICAGO.

March 16.—Opening—Wheat—Opens $1.06½ for May. Corn—42½ to 42¾c. for May. Oats—34 to 34½c. for May. Pork—$15.55 to $15.87½, 85, 80 for May. Lard—$10.87½ for May.

1.02 p.m.—Close—Shortcrib $7.80, nominal, for March; $7.80 for April; $7.90 for May. Pork—$15.50 to $15.55 for March; $15.55 for April; $15.72½ asked for May; $15.85 for June. Lard—$10.60, nominal, for March; $10.65 for April; $10.77½ to $10.80 for May; $10.87½ to $10.90 for June.

1.05 p.m.—Wheat—$1.06½ nominal, for March; $1.02½ for April; $1.07½ for May; $1.07½ for June. Corn—38½c. for March; 38½c. for April; 42½c. for May; 42½c. for June; 43½ to 43¾c. for July; 43½c. for August. Oats—29½c. for March; 29½c. for April; 31½c. for May; 34½c. for June.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

JERSEY CITY.

March 16. 11 a.m.—Cattle—Steady, at 9½ to 10½c.; receipts, 116 cars. Sheep—Steady, at 5½ to 6½c.; receipts, 13 cars. Lambs—Steady, at 6½ to 7½c.; receipts, 3 cars. Hogs—Steady, at 8 to 8½c.; receipts, 19 cars.

UNION STOCK YARDS, CHICAGO.

March 16, 9.30 a.m.—Hogs—Estimated receipts, 16,500 head; official yesterday, 13,219 head; shipments, 5,961 head; light grades at $5.70 to $6.00; mixed packers at $5.40 to $5.90; heavy shipping at $6 to $6.65. Cattle—Receipts, 4,400 head.

EAST LIBERTY.

March 16, 9 a.m.—Cattle—Fair demand; best, 5½ to 6c.; fair to good, 4½ to 5½c.; common, 4 to 4½c.; receipts, 35 head; shipments, 323 head. Hogs—Firm; receipts, 300 head; shipments, 200 head; Philadelphias at $6.50 to $6.70; Yorkers at $6 to $6.15; common at $5.50 to $5.90. Sheep—Fair demand; receipts, 1,400 head; shipments, 3,000 head.

UNION STOCK YARDS, NEW YORK.

March 16, 10.20 a.m.—Cattle—Slow. Sheep—Steady, at 6½ to 6¾c.; receipts, 2,001 head. Calves—Slow, at 6 to 8½c.; receipts, 592 head.

EAST BUFFALO.

March 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 782; shipments, 1,112. Hogs—Receipts, 1,051; shipments, 690. Sheep—Receipts, 1,900; shipments, 4,000. Cattle—The fresh arrivals were light, but there was fully enough on sale (supply the demand), which continued to be limited. New York buyers are still holding off. Three loads of through cattle were placed on the market, and although there were four or five loads in the yards, some sales were effected, prices ranging from $4.85 to $5.40. Still the feeling is weak, and about four loads will be held over. Veals—Steady, at $5.00 to $5.75; choice, $6.00 to $6.25. Sheep and lambs—To-day the market ruled steady at Tuesday's rates to a shade better, but not enough to quote any advance; shippers, however, took hold readily, and the offerings had all changed hands by noon. Hogs—There was only one deck-load on sale up to 2 p.m., the balance of the arrivals being consigned through, while the trains on the Lake Shore road (on which there were only seven loads reported to arrive) were all late. The feeling was stronger, and several loads could have been sold had they been here.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

BEERBOHM.

March 16.—London—Floating cargoes—Wheat and maize, strong; cargoes on passage—Wheat, improving; maize, firm. Mark Lane—Wheat, firm; maize, strong; good cargoes red winter wheat, off the coast, was 47s. 6d., now 47s. 6d. to 48s.; do. No. 2 spring, 46s. now 46s. 6d. London—fair average red winter, for shipment the present or following month, was 43s. 9d., now 44s.; red winter, for prompt shipment, was 44s. 3d., now 44s. 6d. Imports into the United Kingdom during the week—Wheat, 200,000 to 205,000 qrs.; maize, 55,000 to 60,000 qrs.; flour, 110,000 to 115,000 bbls. Liverpool—Spot wheat, firm; maize, quiet. On passage for the continent—Wheat, 620,000 qrs.; maize, 160,000 qrs.

LIVERPOOL.

5 p.m.—Flour, 8s. 6d. to 11s.; spring wheat, 8s. 5d. to 9s. 2d.; red winter, 9s. to 9s. 8d.; white, 9s. to 9s. 5d.; club, 9s. 5d. to 9s. 10d.; corn, old, 5s. 6d.; new, 5s. 4½d.; barley, 5s. 3d.; oats, 6s. 2d.; peas, 6s. 10d.; pork, 68s.; bacon, 41s. 6d. to 43s.; beef, 75s.; lard, 55s. 9d.; tallow, 35s.; cheese, 69s. 6d. Receipts of corn for the past three days, 5,000 centals.

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