

a light demand. Prices have not varied much, and the few changes have been in different directions.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—A moderate business has been done during the week in filling sorting-up orders, but the season is now well advanced, immediate wants have been supplied, and accordingly the demand for winter goods is light just now, and will likely continue so until cold weather sets in. Again, the market has recently been flooded with a lot of cheap American "shoddy" goods, which has had the effect of blocking trade for the time-being. The factories are not running on full time, and the workmen are being employed in manufacturing staple lines of Spring goods, samples of which are being introduced by travellers already.

COAL AND WOOD.—Business has continued good, considering the mild weather. The demand for both coal and wood has considerably improved, and stocks have been largely increased, several cargoes having arrived during the week. The recent advance in prices continues to be maintained; present quotations range as follows:—Stove coal, \$5.50; nut, \$5.50; egg, \$5.25; Briar Hill, \$5.50; Mount Morris, \$5.50; and Blossburgh, \$5.50. Dry cordwood is sold at \$6, and \$7 for cut and split.

CATTLE, ETC.—The aggregate of cattle of all grades, from the small two-year-olds up to four-year-olds, offered here during the week was large, and the competition among buyers of export grades was keen. The supply of these, however, was still far from sufficient, and all well-fatted animals, weighing each 1,200 lbs. and upwards, brought \$4 to 4.50 per cwt. Second class were sold at \$3 to 3.50, and the small ones, weighing only 700 to 900 lbs each, were sold at \$2 to 2.50. It will be seen that prices have declined 25c to 50c per cwt since last week at this time. *Sheep* have been abundant, about 6,500 head having changed hands during the week. For export grades values have remained firm at \$5 to \$6 each, but there is a decline of 25c to 50c per head for second and third classes, which brought respectively \$3.50 to 4.50 and \$2 to 2.50. *Lambs* have been in large supply, selling at \$3 to 3.50 for firsts; \$3 to 3.25 for seconds; and \$2 to 2.50 for thirds. *Calves* have continued dull and prices have further declined, now quoted at \$8 each for firsts; \$5 to 6 for seconds; and \$3 to 4 for thirds. The supply of *Live Hogs* has been excessively large and the demand very slow. Prices have declined to \$2.50 to 2.75.

DRY GOODS.—A comparatively few sorting-up orders continue to be received by dealers here from travellers, but business has been very limited, owing to the causes stated in our last report. In fact there are no new features to note, and the bad roads continue to be quoted against complaints of slow remittances.

DRUGS, ETC.—There has been a moderate trade done with country dealers, at steady prices, during the week. Stocks are not reported heavy, and there is no new feature of interest to note. Business in this line fluctuates but very little, and is in other respects exceptional too. Prices, we are informed, take a very wide range, and vary according to the size of the orders, in a manner that makes it difficult indeed to quote actual values or give information of a practical character. Further, the list of drugs usually kept and required is so large that only a very small proportion of the catalogue can be quoted at all.

FURS.—There has been but a very limited demand for *Furs* so far this season, and no improvement in the trade is looked for until the advent of decidedly colder weather. Of *Raw Skins* there have been scarcely any offering as yet, and there is not much prospect of any material advance in prices. Stocks held over from last year throughout the country are gradually being worked off, and should cold weather set

in, a good enquiry for manufactured furs is expected in December. Stocks in the wholesale houses are decidedly not heavy. The future of the fur market, however, is not as encouraging as it might be. Several large lots of fall skins arrived in Montreal last week, principally from the North, and sold readily at current quotations. Advices from European markets state that little change is expected, and there is no prospect of improvement in prices. Following are the quotations: Rats, spring, 13 to 16c; rats, winter, 10 to 15c; rats, fall, 6 to 8c; red fox, \$1.10 to 1.20; cross fox, \$2.00 to 4.00; silver, \$25.00 to 40.00; lynx, \$1.25 to 1.50; martin, 75c to \$1.00; otter, \$3.00 to 5.00; mink, dark prime, 75c to \$1.25; mink, pale, 25 to 50c; beaver, winter, clean pelt, per lb, \$1.50 to 1.75; beaver, fall, clean pelt, per lb., \$1.50 to 1.75; bear, large prime, \$6.00 to \$8.00; bear, small, \$4.00 to 5.00; cub, \$2.00 to 4.00; fisher, \$5.00 to 7.00; skunk, 20 to 40c.

FLOUR.—Stocks in store 3,850 brls., against 3,220 brls. last week, and 9,002 brls. on like date last year. There has been a fair enquiry for flour during the week, but the movement has been small, under limited offerings, and the upward tendency in prices checked. Superior extra sold at the close of last week at equal to \$4.10 here. Extra has been fairly steady, with sales at \$3.90 and \$4.00. Fancy has remained nominal. Spring extra has been scarce and easier, with sales at \$3.65. To-day the market was inactive, there was some enquiry for fall wheat grades, but no sales reported in any values, as well as could be judged in the absence of sales; prices remained at our quotations. *Bran* has been steady with sales on track at \$8.00 and \$8.50.

GRAIN.—*Wheat, Fall.*—Stocks in store 46,431 bush. against 45,043 bush. last week, and 37,254 bush. on like date last year. The market has been inactive, with very little change in prices. At the close of last week there were sales of all three grades of fall wheat, at 93, 87, and 85c. f.o.c. respectively, for Nos. 1, 2, and 3. Since then No. 2, has been scarce and wanted, and No. 3 easier, selling yesterday at 83c. f.o.c. To-day No. 2 was in active request, and would have brought 88c. On the street, fall wheat sold at 80 to 93 cents. *Spring.*—Stocks in store, 88,678 bush. against 78,511 bush. last week, and 163,861 bush. on like date last year. Spring grades have been fairly steady; yesterday there were sales reported of No. 1 at 85c f.o.c.; of No. 2 at 82 to 83c f.o.c.; and No. 3 sold at 74c f.o.c., and rejected at 65c on track. To-day No. 1 would probably have brought 85c, and one car of No. 2 spring sold at 82c. Street prices, 70 to 84c. *Oats.*—Stocks in store, 13,340 bush. against 13,340 bush. last week, and 17,049 bush. on like date last year. The market has remained unchangeably dull; dealers here appear to be stocked, and are holding off, and prices in the States being firmer cars to arrive here are held firmer, as high as 29½c being now asked. No Canadian offering. Street prices to-day, 29 to 32c. *Barley.*—Stocks in store, 293,095 bush. against 274,334 bush. last week, and 155,731 bush. on like date last year. The market has ruled quiet, with a downward tendency, if anything, in values. A slight recovery, however, was noticeable during the last two days, and No. 1 sold yesterday at 97c, and No. 3 at 75c f.o.c. Extra No. 3, which has been offering rather freely, has sold steadily at 65c f.o.c, and the same remark applies to ordinary No. 3, which sold at 55c f.o.c. yesterday. Rejected sold on Monday at 35c f.o.c. To-day the market was quieter than yesterday; cars were sold at 97c for No. 1; at 65c for extra No. 3, and 54c for No. 3, all f.o.c. No. 2 was offered at 75c f.o.c. Street prices, 60 to 90c. *Peas.*—Stocks in store, 17,913 bush. against 15,408 bush. last week and 16,301 bush. on like date last year. There has

neither been much offering, nor much of this grain wanted during the week, and prices have ruled almost nominal. There have been no offerings of No. 1, and No. 2 is quoted at about 55 to 56c. Street receipts small, and prices ranging from 55 to 60c. *Rye* has been easier, with sales of car lots at 52c.

GROCERIES.—Trade has been steady, not active, though the demand from country dealers has improved. Remittances are reported rather unsatisfactory. *Fish.*—The demand is as yet light, and a large trade is not expected this season. Sales include two car loads white fish and trout, half and half, at \$2.87 to \$3.00; and 1,800 boxes scaled herrings at 23c; in Boston. No movement in salt water fish. *Fruit* has been less active, country dealers having been fairly well supplied until the Christmas demand sets in. The Liverpool market is firm, and currants have advanced about 2s; per cwt. in Greece. Prices are reported lower this season than for many years past, and there is scarcely any speculative movement. Sales include round lots Valencias at 4½c, and 4½c; London layers, at \$2.10 to \$2.20; and at ordinary layers, at \$1 60; New Sultanias have been arriving, and stocks are now full, they are offering at 8½ to 9½; and selling in small lots at 9½ to 10c; *Syrups* have been dull, partially owing to cheapness of butter. One line of Amber sold to-day at 49c for a round lot. In *Spices* there is no quotable movement. *Sugars* have been steady, but prices are easier, and show a decline of about 25c per cental on most grades. Advices from Liverpool report a gloomy market with lower prices, and quotations here are ½ to ¾ lower than last week. Sales include round lots of medium and light grades, at 7 to 8c, and of Extra C. at 8½ to 8½c. New York Yellows have been quiet, and sold at 7½ to 8c in round lots. Granulated has also partaken of the prevailing weakness. *Teas.*—There has been a good demand from country dealers, and some lines have been sold on English and New York account, at steady prices, but there is very little doing in lines on spot; sales include one line good seconds at 37c, and a fine third at 28c; one long line low grade Japans at 25½c; one line of Young Hysons at 32c, a round lot; round lots of Congress at 36 and 57c; two lines of Japan Pekoes, at 28 to 37c, round lots. Prices are quoted higher in England for medium and firsts, and quotations here for mediums to fines are about 1 to 2c higher than last week. Some lines of Blacks sold at 35 to 40c. *Tobaccos* remain quiet and unchanged.

HARDWARE.—On the whole trade has not been quite so active as during the previous week, but owing to the continued open weather the movement of general heavy hardware, including skates, axes, cross-cut saws, cattle chains, Canada plates, copper, etc., has been satisfactory. Navigation will close permanently this week. Glass is reported firm, owing to an advance in Antwerp, without actual change of quotations. The anticipation of a small duty upon free goods, and of an increase on the five per cent. list, together with the low prices, has induced manufacturers and dealers to purchase stocks sufficient to carry them over till spring. Remittances are fair, and as good as can be reasonably expected.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Trade has continued dull, and *hides* are easier, selling at prices to ½ to ¾ lower than last week at this time. The supply is fully equal to the demand, but stocks are not accumulating. Sales of No. 1 cured have been made at 7½ to 8c, inspected, and they are now offering at 7½c. Prices will have to shrink still more, when compared with the relative value of the raw material. There is a great lack of confidence, and the outlook is very unpromising. *Sheepskins* have advanced during the week, and the best green now bring 85c, which price is considered much higher than