THE PRODUCE MARKET.

THERE has been nothing this week to vary the mo. notony of the current of business usual at this season. Flour continues drooping in spite of accounts from various quarters of damage done to the growing grain. Pot ashes are also dull and drooping. Provisions form the sole exception to the dulness ruling in every other branch of the produce trade, and prices of all kinds have well sustained their value.

FLOUR-Arrivals are limited, but the demand being still restricted to local wants, the leading descriptions have been in full supply, and no material change in value can be noted. The higher grades are in somewhat improved demand, and sales to a moderate extent may be noted at prices within the range of quotations, the choice sample in some instances commanding exceptional rates. We quoted Superior extra \$5.90 to \$6.10, Extra \$5.50 to 5.70, and Fancy \$5.15 to 5.30. Strictly choice and strong Canada supers from scarcity command exceptional prices for bakers' use, but even the handsomest samples, if lacking in the essential of strength, are neglected or only taken at about the rate of good Western. Many brands, formerly much strength, are neglected or only taken at about the rate of good Western. Many brands, formerly much in request because of strength and superior sponging properties, have for a time back been found adulterated with Western wheat, and unsuited for their accus-tomed use, and the reputation of the brand thus inde-finitely injured. It is to be regretted that millers, whose brand has generally sold on its merits without inspection or even sample, should have resorted to these adulterations, as the distrust created is likely to result in more expense and loss than any gain accruing from the sale of a few hundred barrels above its intriusio worth. We quote ordinary Canada \$4.0 to \$4.90, and strong \$4.90 to \$5.10. Weiland Canal flour constitutes a considerable proportion of the present receipts, and has sold to a moderate extent at \$4.60 to \$4.90. West-ern supers, from the relatively high rates at the sources of supply for a time back, are sparingly offered, and the better sam les find free sale at \$4.60 to \$4.70, but close ground and soft are only taken to a small extent and at considerably lower rates. No. 2 is extremely earte, and any stray parcel offered is promptly taken at \$4.25 to \$4.40 according to sample; fine is also in small supply and command full prices say \$3.95 to \$4.15 Middlings and l'ollards, though not largely offered, are believed to be held to a cousiderable or last. BAG FLORE-Supplies have come forward rather menuity and newious stocks betwoen become menutes.

continued about as at the date of our last. BAG FLOUR-Supplies have come forward rather sparingly, and previous stocks have become much re-d leed, imparting an improved tone to the market; and although no material advance can yet be noted, the anxiety to operate is on the part of purchasers, and some improvement is likely soon to take place; Canada samples may be quoted \$2.60 to \$2.70, and those from Western wheat \$2.50 to \$2.60.

OATMEAL stocks are small, and the demand is of he merest retail; nominal prices are \$4.50 to \$4.75 per the merest rebrief briof 2001bs.

WHEAT-Receipts are fair and sales to a moderate extent may be noted Chicago bringing 33 to 96 cents. Milwaukee 96 to 99 cents; U C. Spring, may be quoted lower, sales being reported at \$1.00.

COARSE GRAINS-In the absence of wholesale tran-sactions, may be quoted nominal.

PORK.—The New York market has declined, but the feeling here continues very strong; holders being firm at \$ 3at which small sales are being made, no whole-sale transactions transpiring the stock being small, and mostly in two or three hands.

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10c. LARD.—None coming forward—the stock is gradually working into consumption at 14 to 15. ASHES.—Pots continue to decline in price, especially in'er'ors, of which, as usual at this season, there is an overstock and but little demand. We quote all sorts \$5 to \$5.05—with occasional sales of very poor tares, under our quotation. PEARLS—Owing to somewhat more favourable advi-ces from Britain, have rallied in a measure and may now be quoted \$5.25 to \$5.27 for First Sorts. Inferiors yery dull at about \$5.00.

Leather.

We understand that a sale of \$10,000 worth of leather was made in this city during the week, to a buyer from the Western States. The leather market is firm without variation in prices.

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