

discouraging, sales of good Eastern Townships having been made there at 60s per cwt., and good to choice Morrisburg at 55s to 65s. Here sales of creamery have been made at 19c to 21c. Fine goods are scarce and wanted at full prices, but most of the goods in stock show poor quality, and of course are difficult to sell. **Cheese.**—This market is dull and discouraging to holders on both sides of the Atlantic. Reports have been received of auction sales in Liverpool amounting to 8,000 boxes at from 7s-6d to 40s for summer cheese. Here prices are nominally unchanged.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The general drug trade is quiet, the volume of trade being reported below the average during the past week. There is however no material change in prices, the advance in oil of peppermint having been sustained. Quinine is quiet at \$1.30 to \$1.40 for Howards and at \$1.15 to \$1.20 for German in bulk. Opium quiet at \$4.25 to \$4.40, and morphin \$2.20 to \$2.40 as to size of lot. Chemicals are unchanged, a few more contracts having been made for spring delivery. On spot there will not be much doing until spring importations arrive. Prices are as follows: Bleaching powder, \$2.25 to \$2.30; bicarb soda, \$2.25 to \$2.50; sal soda, \$1.10 to \$1.15; caustic soda, \$2.25 to \$2.35; soda ash, \$1.90 to \$1.75; alum, \$1.75 to \$1.85; blue vitriol, \$1.70 to \$4.45 for American and \$5.45 to \$5.70 for English; flour sulphur, \$2.70 to \$2.90, and roll sulphur, \$2.25 to \$2.35.

DRY GOODS.—The only change of any importance is the further advance of 7½ to 10 per cent in brown holland, advised by last English mail, making a rise of 15 to 20 per cent the last few weeks. A few sorting-up orders have been received direct from customers, and buyers arriving from the West are beginning to order. Canadian tweeds are very quiet, this being between seasons. Spring woollens have met with further enquiry, low prices inducing purchasers. Remittances are generally reported disappointing.

Eggs.—The market is dull under a dragging demand, the only transactions we hear of during the week being two lots of limed and one lot of held stock, in cases, at 15c to 16c. Fresh in cases have been sold at 21c to 22c. Retail lots bring higher prices.

FREIGHTS.—Through rates of freight on grain from points west of Toronto to Liverpool via Portland are quiet at 32c. Freight from Montreal via Portland are quoted as follows:—Grain 6s per quarter. Flour 3s to 3s 6d per bbl or 30s per ton in sacks. Ashes 30s for pots, and 37s 6d for pearls. Butter and cheese 36s. Hops 3d. Cattle 30s to 35s per head.

GRAIN AND FLOUR.—There has been a firmer feeling in this market during the past day or two, arising from the Eastern war cloud, but as yet no advance in prices has been established by actual sales, although holders were yesterday asking more money. Quotations are, therefore, more or less nominal. We quote:—No. 2 red winter wheat 91c to 93c, and No. 2 spring and white winter 90c to 91c. Ontario corn, 54c to 55c; peas, 72c to 73c; oats are quiet at 32c and barley at 45c to 60c. Rye is nominal. Mail, 80c to 90c for Montreal and 70c to 75c for Toronto. The flour market is firm, and prices have an upward tendency. Sales of Superior were made yesterday at \$4, and of patents at \$4.10. The Mark Lane Express of last Monday's date says of the grain trade: "Unsettled weather prevented material progress being made in the spring sowings. Native wheats have been 6d to 1s dearer; dry samples were very scarce. The sales of English wheat for the week were 50,000 qrs. at

31s 8d, against 54,506 qrs at 37s 6d during the corresponding week last year. Flour has been 6d lower. Foreign wheats were tangibly unimproved, although sellers were making somewhat firmer ground, owing to war rumors. Foreign flour was irregular and cheaper. There has been little doing in cargoes off coast. Four cargoes were sold, two were withdrawn, and one remained. The forward trade was at a standstill, both buyers and sellers awaiting to see whether there is to be peace or war. If war be declared prices will probably rise by leaps and bounds. To-day, despite warlike rumors, the trade disappointed the sellers. Foreign wheats were more firmly held. Flour was staidier. Maize was quiet. Barleys were very dull. Oats were 3d dearer."

GROCERIES.—A further decline has taken place of 1-8c per lb. in the price of granulated sugar, which has been offered freely at 6½c, although some buyers state that they can do better than that. Ordinary sized lots are quoted at 6½c to 6 5-8c. Yellows are quiet at 4½c to 5½c. The following are recent cables received at the New York Grocers' Exchange.—London, March 9, 2.30 p.m. Market cane sugar steady, but very little doing. Beet firm and hardening, rather dearer. Stocks in four ports United Kingdom Feb. 28th 7,200 tons over last week, or 287,104 tons, against 262,346 tons same time last year. Quotations: Java No. 15, 15s centrifugals, fully fair refining muscovado, 12s 9d; Austrian and German beet, 88½ 12s. Havanna, March 7.—Market sugar dull, and tone generally lower. Stock at Havanna and Matanzas, March 6, 50,000 tons, against 53,000 tons same time last year. Quotations: Centrifugals, 95° to 96°, 5½ rials; fair refining, 89° test, 4 rials. Freight from outports, \$3 to \$3.50. Exchange, short sight, 7½ to 7¾ per cent premium. Since the above was received private cables from London have quoted a weaker feeling in both cane and beet sugar. Syrups are quiet, at 25c to 48c per gallon. Molasses are easier, Barbadoes being quoted at 31c, and Trinidad at 24c to 27c. The fruit market remains quiet, Valencia being quoted at 7½c to 8c as to quality and size of lot. Sultanias 6c to 7½c. Currants 4½c to 5½c in barrels. Elemo Figs 9½c to 11½c in boxes, and at 4c to 5c for Malaga in mats. Prunes still weak at 3½c to 4½c. The tea market continues to improve, owing to buyers waking up to the fact that values have a steady upward turn. Several sales have been made of Japans during the week at full prices. Coffee and spices are unchanged. Rice is in somewhat better demand, with business at \$3.40.

HIDES, ETC.—Green butchers' hides are selling to dealers at 8c for No. 1, and an attempt is being made to get them down to 7½c, as it is claimed that tanners will only pay 8½c for No. 1 Montreal inspected, several large sales having been made to Quebec tanners at that figure. Western hides are quiet at 9 3-8c to 9½c for No. 1 Bull. Sheepskins have been sold in round lots at 70c to 80c as to size of skins. The receipts of calf skins have increased somewhat of late, but prices are not altered, being quoted at 12c per lb.

HOPS.—The market is dull, and prices are shaded where stocks are forced for sale. A few small sales have been made to brewers during the week at within range of quotations, which are as follows:—Choice 10c to 11c, good 8c to 9c, and poor 5c to 7c.

IRON AND HARDWARE.—The pig iron market rules quiet and steady at former range of quotations. A few sales of Gowan have taken place during the week on the basis of \$16.50 here, and of Calder at \$18.50. Gartsherrie has also been sold in car lots at within range of quotations, which are as follows:—Siemens, \$18 to \$18.50; Coltness, \$20 to \$20.50; Langlohn, \$19.50 to \$20; Calder, Gartsherrie and Summerlee, \$18.25 to \$19; Dalzellington, \$17

to \$17.25; Eglington, \$16.50 to \$17. In finished iron the sale has just taken place of a round lot of bars at a shade under quotations, which are quoted steady at \$1.70. Tin plates are in fair demand for spring delivery, and several sales have recently taken place at a f.o.b. price in Liverpool. Here I. C. charcoal is quoted at \$4.40 and I. C. coke at \$4. A letter from Liverpool states that several large orders for cokes have recently been filled for Canadian buyers, and that prices have since been firmer, preventing further orders at the same figures. In Canada plates there is not much doing on spot, although several sales have recently taken place for spring delivery. Prices are quoted at \$2.90 to \$3.00 for Perm and equal. Ingot tin 18½c to 20c, and ingot copper 12½c to 13½c.

LEATHER.—The market is dull, this being between seasons with manufacturers, who are buying very sparingly. Advances from England report increasing activity in the boot and shoe trade, and this it is thought will create more demand for Canadian buff and splits. A lot of 150 sides of ordinary No. 1 sole is reported at 23c, but choice plump B. A., selected weights, is held at 26c. A few transactions are reported in waxed upper at last week's rates. In buff, splits, and harness there is no material change.

NAVAL STORES.—Spirits of turpentine is quiet but firm at 50c. Oakum is dull at 7c to 10c. Rosins are unchanged at \$4.25 to \$4.50 for fine pale, and common at \$2.40 to \$2.60. Pine tar is quoted at \$3 to \$4, and pitch at \$2.30 to \$3.

OILS.—Cod oil is quiet at 57c to 60c for Newfoundland and at 55c for Halifax. A lot of 100 bbls. of Halifax oil was sold at 55c, but it is said the sale would not be repeated. Steam refined seal oil is unchanged at 64c to 65c. Linseed oil is firm, at 59c to 60c for raw, and at 61c to 63c for boiled.

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