

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday, August 25.

THE weather the past ten days has been something splendid, and has done much to put the new English wheat into condition, the samples however offered at the different country markets were very various both in quality and condition.

At the London corn market last Monday, there was a large show of new English wheat, which together with the late and present hot days frightened millers from doing any business, and where sales were forced 2s. to 3s. per qr. decline had to be taken on foreign. New English red shorts selling at 42s. to 48s., and for white 45s. to 53s. per qr. Flour was 1s. per bbl. and sacks 2s. to 3s. cheaper.

At our corn market, on Friday, there was a very small attendance of country buyers, and wheat sold in the merest retail lots at a decline of 2d to 3d per cental, except for fine white. In flour hardly a sale reported, though offered at 6d to 1s decline. Indian corn with little offering was 6d per qr. higher.

At our corn market yesterday, there was about the usual attendance of country millers and dealers, but the dull accounts of the London market the day before, with a continuance of splendid weather, and large receipts from sea frightened millers, so that none would buy except just to keep their mills going, and we call white 1d per cental lower, while red sorts were 2d to 3d lower. Flour also dull at 6d decline. Canada peas very scarce. Oats lower. Indian corn slow, at 6d. per qr. reduction.

Deliveries of British wheat for week ending 21st inst.:—48,279 qrs, against 61,642 qrs in 1868, and 24,859 qrs in 1867.

Imports into this port for week ending 22nd August: Wheat, 50,419 qrs; oats, 2,425 qrs; peas, 4 qrs; Indian corn, 6,816 qrs; oatmeal, 1,834 loads; flour, 3,148 sacks, 10,518 bbls.

Exports in the same time were:—Wheat, 8,121 qrs; oats, 3 qrs; peas, 56 qrs; Indian corn, 1,213 qrs; oatmeal, 166 loads; flour, 1,128 sks, 2,231 bbls.

Provisions.—Butter is arriving pretty freely but not in sufficient quantity to meet the demand; a good business has been done. Lard is dull. Bacon is in demand, and both old and new sell readily. Hams no change. Cheese is arriving in quantity, but not in excess of the demand.

Ashea.—Sales about three hundred barrels, chiefly Pots at 30s.

Copper Ore is firmer on account of the decreased charters in Chili, which are only 500 tons. Bars £1 dearer, no transactions in furnace stuff.

KENNETH DOWIE & CO.

J. BERGER SPENCE & CO'S WEEKLY CHEMICAL AND METAL REPORT

MANCHESTER, August 20, 1869.

CHEMICALS.—During the past few days the Chemical trade has not displayed so much vitality as the previous week; the intelligence from abroad is more satisfactory, stocks being considerably reduced.

Soda.—Soda Ash is slightly firmer at £7 2s 6d to £7 10s for 48 per cent. Salt Cake rather easier at £2 17s 6d to £3. Caustic Soda, 13s 6d to 13s 9d. Crystals moving off freely at £4 2s 6d to £4 10s.

Nitrate of Soda maintains its firmness, and is in request at 16s 6d.

Potash.—Muriate, a good market for late delivery at £7 1s 6d to £7 12s for 80 per cent.

Saltpetre.—Owing to higher prices for Nitrate Soda, Saltpetre has advanced to 23s for refined, and 22s 6d for Calcutta.

Alum.—Selling freely at old prices—£6 5s for Loose Lump, and for Export, £7 to £7 2s 6d.

Ammonia.—Sulphate in considerable request at £12 15s for 19 per cent, and £16 for 23 per cent.

Copperas.—Dry, 50s; green, 52s.

Pyrites.—Spanish, 7d to 8d per unit; German and Norwegian, 2s per ton at outports.

Lime.—A moderate business in Phosphate, at 52s for 65 per cent. Bleaching Powder selling slowly at 8s to 8s 8d per cwt.

Manganese.—Offering at 95s for 70 per cent; and 41s for 40 per cent.

METALS.—There is little of importance to report this week in the Metal trade. The market has not displayed much activity, and prices for the most part are unaltered.

Iron.—Scotch pig, 52s to 52s 2d; Cleveland, 43s to 47s 6d; Welsh bars, £6 5s; Staffordshire, £6 17s 6d; Gas tubes, at 60 to 70 per cent. off list prices, and boiler tubes 40 to 42½ per cent.

Copper.—Prices are rather firmer, owing to increased orders resulting from low Chili quotations, £73 to £74 for tough cake, and £75 to £76 for best selected.

Tin.—Is not in so much request and prices rather lower, English being offered at £122, and Foreign, £125 to £130.

Lead.—A limited business at previous quotations. Spelter.—The business has been sufficiently large to sustain recent prices, and £20 10s English, with £20 15s Silesian is now asked.

The cultivation of flax is daily increasing in importance as a product of western soil. Its value hitherto has been greatly underestimated, inasmuch as it was raised for the seed only, while the fibre was allowed to go to waste; but within the last few years machinery has been constructed to work up that article to advantage, and that product is now extensively used for covering bales of cotton. To cover a crop of 3,000,000 bales of cotton, 20,000,000 yards of bagging are required, at a cost of \$5,000,000.

ST. JOHN, N.B., MARKET REPORT.

ST. JOHN, N.B., August 31, 1869.

MONEY.—The volume of transactions in the money market this week is somewhat less than the activity of the preceding week have led us to anticipate, but the quietness existing is merely of a very transitory character. There is no material alteration on rates to report.

Sterling Exchange exhibits a downward tendency, but is still maintained on the basis of 110½ for 60-days sight bills, short sight 111 to 111½.

BREADSTUFFS.—Flour is in light demand at a fraction easier prices. Markets abroad are quoted dull, though latest advices show that prices are tending upward; yet as the variations in rates of wheat and flour are dependent on the weather, sufficient confidence is not felt to warrant holders in maintaining much firmness. Superior brands are held at \$5 75 to \$5 85, and Fancy at \$5 90 to \$6.

Cornmeal remains without quotable change. SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—The market for sweets is extremely dull, but we anticipate more activity next month when our Fall trade commences. Our quotations remain unaltered.

COAL.—There have been two arrivals since our last report, from Sydney, 290 tons ex "Carrie Douglas," and 198 tons ex "Evergreen." Also 321 tons ex "Annie," from Philadelphia. Prices remain the same with the exception of Anthracite which has gone up 50c per ton.

FREIGHTS.—We have to report another dull week in the freight market. Very little tonnage is offered. We hear of the following dead charters:—"Dorset," 1,265, at 66s 3d; "Emma J. Secord," 570, at 66s 3d for deals, 25s for pine timber, 26s 3d for birch, both for Liverpool; "Cherokee," 580, Bristol, 66s 3d; "Victoire," 107, Cork, and a port East Coast Ireland, 76s 3d; "Plover," 294, New River to Swansea, 67s.

We hear of few charters for South America:—"Caledonia," 375, and "Posel," 187, lumber, \$17, Montevideo.

West Indies.—Freights still continue very dull. No charters to report.

Coastwise Freights.—There has been a decline in Coastwise freights since our last report, and very few transactions.—News.

HALIFAX MARKET REPORT.

HALIFAX, N. S., Sept. 1.

THE fine weather of the last few days, has had a fine effect, and the amount of business done has been larger this, than for some previous weeks the quantity of dry fish exported, particularly, being much in excess of last week. The imports are comparatively light. Among the imports, in addition to those given under the different headings below, are 16 M lumber; 25 barrels pitch; 716 tons coal, and 45 pkgs butter. Exports—48 chests, and 3 half-chests for; 104 boxes, and 24 caddies tobacco; 40 pkgs butter; 50 spars; 2 M hoops; 179 M shingles, and 84,434 feet lumber.

BREADSTUFFS.—There has been a slight decline in flour, the market continuing quiet, and the demand limited. There will not likely be any material change for some weeks, until the new wheat coming to market begins to make itself felt. It is hard to conjecture what the prospect is for prices, until the result of the wheat crop in Europe is known with more certainty. The crop of the United States and Canada is stated from reliable sources as much larger than that of 1868, more especially winter wheat. That of the United States, is said to be the largest ever harvested, though complaints are made in some of the North Western States and California, of damage from prolonged rains. From England, however, the reports are not so favorable, while from Russia (except the interior) and other parts of the continent, complaints of a short crop are made. In England the deficiency is estimated at 13 per cent. from last year, and should the supply usually obtained in Great Britain from Europe, fall short, it will no doubt cause a demand on the surplus stock on this side of the water, and prevent the decline which otherwise must take place. Cornmeal, Oatmeal and Rye flour quiet and unchanged. Receipts—1,980 barrels flour, and 245 barrels cornmeal. Exports—178 barrels flour.

FISH.—Cod in fair demand at quotations, and the market firmer and more active, owing probably to the bad reports from Labrador, and favourable advices from West Indies. Haddock and Hake in fair request at former rates. Mackerel in good demand at quotations. Herring and Alewives quiet and unchanged. Salmon dull. Receipts—3,498 qts codfish; 220 bbls herring; 658 do Mackerel; 1,032 do salmon; 40 do alewives; 28 do, 2 hf do and 2 kits trout.

EXPORTS.

	Tons	Drms	Bxs	Hf-Bxs	Qtl
Codfish	1672	40	949	681	200
Scalefish	75	56	—	60	60

	Bbls.	Hf-Bbls.
Herring	1674	2
Mackerel	807	42
Alewives	695	—
Salmon	236	8
Smoked Herring	250	—

OLDS.—Unchanged. Receipts—130 casks cod, 10 do whale, and 52 do seal oil. Exports—140 casks cod, and 100 do seal oil.

SALT.—Firm, with a slight advance. Exports (exclusive of fishermen) 740 hhd. No receipts. Receipts to date and same date last year:—

	Tons	Hhds	Bush	Bags	Bbls
1869	12370	5902	46696	8885	1004
1868	9479	2900	17739	12144	—

WEST INDIA GOODS.—Sugar quiet and unchanged. Molasses in fair demand at former figures. Rum unchanged. Exports, 135 puns, and 5 tros molasses; 117 hhd, 2 tros, and 5 barrels sugar; and 212 puns rum. Receipts:—

Molasses.

	Funs.	Tros.	Bbls.
Ex Alert	0	0	0
Spanish Main	157	24	18
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Previously reported	10006	1087	982
Total to date	10253	1111	1000
Same date last year	11147	1253	962

Stocks in Warehouse Sept. 1st, 1868 and 1869:—

	1869	1868
1869	4109	501
1868	2843	243
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	2843	243

Sugar.

	Hhds.	Tros.	Bbls	Bxs	Bkts.
Ex Alert	72	0	0	0	0
Span. Main	0	0	0	0	0
	72	0	0	0	0
Prev Rptd	5134	580	2352	578	0
Total to date	5206	580	2352	578	0
1868	9254	1080	3844	810	604

Stocks in Warehouse Sept. 1st, 1868 and 1869:—

	1869	1868
1869	1755	207
1868	2483	219
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In 1869, 324 puns and 6 hhd rum; in 1868, 606 puns and 1 hhd.—Citizen.

J. BELL FORSYTH & CO'S PRICES CURRENT OF TIMBER, DEALS, &c.

QUEBEC, Sept 3, 1869.

White Pine:—	s.	d.	s.	d.
In the raft, for inferior and ordinary according to average, &c., measured off	0	8	to	0 10
For superior do, do	0	10	to	1 0½
In shipping order according to average and quality	0	9	to	1 2
Board 18 to 23 in, in shipping order	1	2	to	1 3

Red Pine:—	s.	d.	s.	d.
In the raft, measured off according to average and quality	0	9½	to	1 0
In shipping order, 40 feet	0	10	to	0 11

Oak:—	s.	d.	s.	d.
By the dram	1	6	to	1 7

Elm:—	s.	d.	s.	d.
By the raft, according to average and quality	1	1	to	1 5
In shipping order, 40 to 50 feet	1	4	to	1 5

Tamarac:—	s.	d.	s.	d.
Square, according to size	0	9	to	0 10
Flatted, do. do	0	7	to	0 8

Staves:—	s.	d.	s.	d.
For specification, merchantable	£52	10	to	£60 00
All pipe according to thickness	£54	00	to	£60 00
W. O. puncheon, merchantable	£15	10	to	£16 00

Deals:—	s.	d.	s.	d.
Bright according to specification	£18	10	to	£19 00
[for 1sts, 2nds and others in proportion]				
Floated, do. do	£17	10	to	£18 00
[for 1sts, 2nds and others in proportion]				
Spruce, do. do	£7	15s.	for	1sts,
[£5 15s. for 2nds, £3 15s. for 3rds]				

English specifications of deals are 12 and 13 ft. long, one-ninth under 11 in. broad, and eight-ninths 11 in. broad and upwards—half firsts and half-seconds are worth £2 to £3 more than the above quotations; and if first quality alone, from £3 to £5. Dry floated are worth more than our quotations.

N. B.—Parties in England will bear in mind that timber sold in the raft subjects the purchaser to great expense in dressing, butting, and at times heavy loss for culls—if sold in shipping order, the expense of shipping only to be added.

REMARKS.

Transactions have been on a large scale during the past fortnight, and about twenty-five rafts have changed hands.

White Pine.—For common and ordinary there is little demand, but good and superior lots command much attention, and are selling from 10d to 11d for 55 to 60 feet, and 11d to 12½d for 60 to 70 feet, and a very prime raft guaranteed to average 77 feet, 14½d.

Red Pine.—Not much enquiry, although a considerable quantity has been sold with White Pine Rafts at our quotations.

Elm and Oak.—Little doing. Staves.—Are selling at our quotations. Deals.—Very few Pine or Spruce in market.

Freights.—2½s 6d for Liverpool, and 25s 6d for the Clyde, may be considered present rates.

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GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

Traffic for the week ending August 13, 1869

Passengers	£33,617.67
Freight	22,819.70
Mails and sundries	2,063.22

Total receipts for week	£58,500.59
Corresponding week, 1868	62,288.86

Increase.....\$ 3,766.27