

track. Corn inactive; a car of Canadian sold on Friday at 64c. on track.

STOCKS IN STORE.

The following are the quantities of flour and grain in store here on the dates mentioned:—

	May 21, 1883.	May 14, 1883.	May 22, 1883.
Flour, bbls.....	6,230	6,605	2,627
Fall wheat, bush..	151,223	204,972	170,658
Spring " " ..	159,634	155,005	71,720
Oats " "	9,413
Barley " " ..	68,754	72,681	7,313
Peas " " ..	12,634	12,331	13,284
Rye " "	11,700
Corn " " ..	1,400	1,400

Grain total.. 393,848 446,479 317,495

GROCERIES.—Wholesale merchants report a little better trade this week. The orders received are more numerous but as a rule they are for small quantities. Stocks are said to be light in the country and for this reason an increased movement is anticipated as soon as farmers get through with their seeding. Sugars are a trifle firmer, granulated now being quoted at 9c. to 9½c. Teas are quiet at unchanged prices. Fruits are easy, and tobacco and liquors are unchanged.

HARDWARE.—Business is of moderate volume and prices steady. Quite a number of sorting-up orders in shelf goods are coming in, and heavy goods are moving to a small extent. Payments are generally reported as satisfactory. Reports from Philadelphia state that the steel rail market is moderately active and there is considerable inquiry, although buyers appear disposed to hold off for low prices. A fair average has been done at about \$38 to \$39 at mill for heavy rails and \$39.50 to \$42.50 for light sections, say 40s. to 25s. Several orders are held in abeyance for lower prices, \$37 having been bid and refused for one lot. For old rails the market in Pittsburgh is weak, \$23 to \$23.50 per ton is quoted for spot lots.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The receipts of hides are fair, but the higher prices of last week continue notwithstanding that some dealers complain of their being too high. No. 1 green cows bring 7½c. and No. 1 steers 8½c. Cured are quoted at 8c. to 8½c. Calveskins in fair receipt and prices unchanged. Sheepskins quiet and steady at \$1.80 to \$1.85, and country lots \$1.20 to \$1.25. Lambskins are higher, dealers now paying 25c.

LIVE STOCK.—Cattle.—There is considerable activity in the shipping trade, the receipts at Montreal being large from the West during the week. The demand appears good for choice beasts, which bring 6½ to 6¾c. A few head of choice butchers' cattle sold here at 6c., and the supply was not equal to the demand. Fair to good sell at 5 to 5½c., and medium at 4½ to 4¾c. Sheep are steady, receipts small, and prices rule at 6 to 7c. Spring Lambs are steady at \$4 to \$6 a head. Hogs in limited supply and steady at 7 to 7½c. per lb. Calves in fair receipt and unchanged at \$5 to 12.00 a head, according to quality.

PROVISIONS.—This trade has been moderately active, and prices as a rule have been firm during the past week. The receipts of Butter are fair, with large rolls plentiful and easier in prices at 15 to 16c; choice tub would bring 19 to 20c, and pound rolls on open market 22 to 25c. Boxed lots of inferior quality sell at 12 to 13c. Eggs are steady, the supply and demand being about on a par; dealers pay 14c for boxed lots and sell at 15c. Cheese.—Quiet and slightly easier, in sympathy with prices at factories and in Britain. We quote 15 to 18½c. Beans unchanged at \$1.75 to 1.90 per bushel. Hops sell in small lots at 90 to 95c per lb. Dried Apples.—Quiet, with small lots selling at 10½ to 11c. Potatoes.—Unchanged; car lots sold during the week at 64 and 65c on track. Bacon.—In good demand and firm; there were sales of round lots of long clear on p. t., thought to be about 11½c, and a round lot of Cumberland sold at 10½c; jobbing lots are ½ to ¾ higher; rolls firm at 13c. Hams in fair demand and firm at 14 to 14½c. for smoked and canvassed and 12½ for pickled. Lard is firm at 13½ to 14½c., the latter for pails. Pork firm, small lots selling at \$23.50 to \$24. Hogs sell on the street at \$9.25. Special reports show the number of hogs packed from March 1 to date and latest mail dates compared with last year as follows:

	1883.	1882.
Total, all points	880,000	1,075,000
Total last week	750,000	955,000
Increase for the week	130,000	120,000

Wool.—There is no change in the fleece market, prices being nominally unchanged at 18 to 20c. The demand from factories is moderate; Pulled Super sells at 26 to 27c., and extra at 31 to 32c.

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By order,

A. P. ERADLEY,
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Dept. of Railways and Canals,
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