merchants are buying freely, and stocks, with the exception of iron wire, are well assorted.

LEATHER.—There has been a brisk business done in all grades of leather during the week. Splits are scarce and in demand. Good rough is quoted at 27c. to 30c., and meets ready sale at these figures. Buff and Pebble is active at 14c. to 16c., in other kinds there is no change to note in price. Receipts are still only about equal to the demand.

WOOL.—The market has been more active this week. Fleece wool is now coming in, and is taken up at 25c. to 27c. for first quality. Inferior and unwashed ½ or ¼ off in price or weight. Pulled wool is unchanged.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—We are yet unable to get the quotations for boots and shoes. There was a meeting of the wholesale trade this morning, and the fixed prices will be issued about Saturday.

COAL.—The amount of business done in coal has not been large. Scotch Steam is now selling at $4.75, being an advance of 25c. on the week. A cargo of Lower Port coal (Gowrie Mine) was sold at $4.50 per long ton to ex ship. American coal is unchanged in price. Some lots have been sold during week. Smith coals are worth $6.25 to $6.50 at the wharf. An inferior lot of American coal was disposed of at cost, on captain's account, to pay duty.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There has only been a limited amount of business done during the week, and prices for most articles are if anything easier. Caustic Soda is in small demand at 3½c. Soda Ash is quiet at last week's prices. Bi-carb. continues dull and unasked for. Sal Soda is 1c. lower. Bleaching powder is nominal at last week's rates. Saltpetre is firm at $7 to $7.50. There is no change to note in prices of other articles.

OILS.—Cod oil is stiff at 62½c. The demand for Seal has been better this week, but prices are unchanged. Linseed is firm, and considerable sales have taken place at 75c. and 80c., for raw and boiled respectively. We hear of no transactions in Whale. Olive is asked for at $1.16 to $1.17. Petroleum is steady at last week's prices.

FISH.—The amount of business has been small, but fairly equal to the average done at this season, which is principally confined to the retail trade. Dry Cod is scarce and enquired for at last week's price. Bay of Island Herrings are quoted at $3. to $3.25; others are unchanged.

SALT.—There has been a large business done during the week, round lots of new were sold at 55c., but the same article cannot now be had under 56¼c. to 57c. Coarse has also been dealt in to a good extent, at 50c. to 52½ for old. It cannot now be procured under the outside figure. Fine salt has changed hands in large lots at 87c., but 85c. to 87½c. is now asked. The quantity brought to Montreal has been only limited; the stock in Quebec is, hower large, waiting for lower freights to bring it here.

GROCERIES.—The trade sales which have taken place during the week, have, with one exception, been unsatisfactory. *Teas* have been largely dealt in, and favorite brands of uncolored Japans, Young Hysons and Twankays met a ready sale at last week's prices. *Sugar.*—The market for raw sugar has been very active; the sales have been large and principally on refiner's account, and consisted of Cuba, Barbadoes, Demerara and Porto Rico, at from 7¾c. to 8½c. for good grocery. Porto Rico is held for 8¾c., but buyers seem rather inclined to hold back. Refined is advanced, and the prices are, for yellow 9½c. to ¾c.; crushed A 11½c.; dry crushed 12c.; ground 12c.; standard syrup 44c.; golden 48c. *Molasses.*—The sales this week include 250 hhds. Barbadoes at 40c. Centrifugal and Clayed were also disposed of to a considerable extent, and realized 23½c. to 25c. and 26c. to 27½c. respectively. The firmness in New York has acted favorably on the market here. *Coffee.*—Rio is scarce; other kinds are in good supply and are firm at former prices. *Fruit*—is dull. Valencia Raisins are now quoted 8¾c. to 9c. Currants are firm at 6½c.; no change in other prices. *Rice*—is in fair demand, and good samples command about $3.60 to $3.80, according to quality. *Tobacco,*—for manufactured, there has only been a small demand, and quotations are unchanged. Leaf has advanced in sympathy with the American market; the stock of manufactured is at present rather low. *Spices*—are unchanged. *Liquors.*—Gin is firm and unchanged. Brandy has been sold to some extent at $2.22½—1868 vintage brings $2.30 to $2.40, according to size of lot. *High Wines*—are unchanged.

NAVAL STORES.—Spirits of Turpentine are in good demand at 50c. to 52½c.; stock very light. Rosins may be quoted $2.10 to $2.25 for common, and $2.50 to $3 for strained No. 2; $3.25 to $3.75 for No. 1, and $4.50 to $7 for pale and extra. Tar (Wilmington) $3.

FLOUR.—The market during the week has been much excited, and high prices have ruled, owing in a great measure to the advance in the Chicago market. The amount of flour damaged here by the fire had also an exciting effect, but holders who expected a large amount of damage, have been disappointed in that respect, and have bought their lots back from the insurance companies at a small reduction in price. The market to-day closes firm, buyers and sellers being apart in their views; very little business was done. Strong baker's flour, fancy and extra, are scarce, and are eagerly bought up as they arrive, at exceptional rates. Shipments this week, by sea-going vessels were, 13,412 brls. Total shipments from opening of navigation to date, 187,377 brls. against 206,224 brls. in corresponding period of 1869, being a decrease of 18,847 brls. The quotations on 'Change to-day were, for extra $6.25 and upwards, according to brand; fancy $5.90 to $6; strong bakers' $5.60 to $5.75; medium strong bakers' $5.30 to $5.45; superfine, from Canada wheat, $5.10; super., No. 2, $4.75; city brands of superfine $5.35 to $5.40; fine $4.50; middlings $4.10, Pollard's $3.75; U.C. bags $2.35; city bags $3.45 to $3.47½. *Oatmeal.*—An U. C. brand sold to some extent at $4.50 to $4.60.

GRAIN.—Wheat has partaken of the rise in price noted in flour, and a good many cargoes have changed hands at a considerable advance on last week's prices. No. 2 Western Spring $1.12; U. C. Red, Winter $1.15; Canada Spring $1.16. Shipments by sea-going vessels this week 160,111 bush. Total shipments from opening of navigation to date, 1,126,278 bush., against 692,741 bush., in corresponding period of 1869, being an increase of 433,537 bush. *Peas.*—Market is rather higher, a few round lots have been sold at prices within range, viz., 82½ to 87½c. *Corn.*—We have nothing to report in this article, there have been no transactions, and any quotation would be nominal. *Barley.*—Some sales took place early in the week at 55 to 57c., market closes quiet but firm at 55 to 60c. *Oats.*—There have been no cargo sales reported this week, car-loads have been sold to some extent at 35 to 37½c. per 32 lbs.

PROVISIONS.—*Cheese.*—Receipts are small and business confined, principally, to local wants, market is dull, and new can be bought at 11 to 12c. *Butter.*—There is a fair enquiry now for local consumption, good brands bringing 16 to 18c. *Pork.*—Market has been firm all week, and closes at an advance on last week's prices, higher prices are looked for as stocks are low, and the price rules high in Chicago. Mess is quoted at $28 to $28.50; Thin Mess, $25 to $25.50; Prime Mess, $21.50 to $22; Extra Prime, $19.50 to $20; Prime $20.50 to $21. Uncovered hams 13 to 13½c.; covered, 14 to 14½c. for Montreal cure. *Lard.*—is not in large supply, and the sales reported this week were at 13½c.

ASHES.—*Pots.*—The market has been steady but quiet, and prices have ranged from $5.45 to $5.55, closing at $5.50, at which price the principal business has been done; seconds, $5.05; thirds, $4.20 to $4.25. *Pearls.*—There has been a great advance in the price of pearls during the week, in the early part sales were made at $7.75 which price subsequently advanced to $8, at which price sales were also made, market closed nominal at $7.50 to $8. It is thought that this advance will have the effect of increasing the production of pearls and we may expect before long to have a larger supply, which has of late been rather limited.

FREIGHTS.—Latest engagements per steamer to Liverpool and Glasgow, 6s. 6d. to 7s. for wheat. For flour nominally 2s. 6d. to 2s. 9d. per barrel. Ashes and provisions, freights are unchanged.