

decline. Apples still hold firm at \$7.50 to \$8, according to quality. Oranges are easier, although the New York and other eastern markets show a firmness. Boxes are worth from \$7 to \$8. Lemons are also easier, and are quoted at \$7.50 to \$8. Some bananas and pineapples have made their appearance, but not in quantities sufficient to admit of quotations. A few barrels of Almeria grapes are still to be had at \$8. This makes up the variety of green fruit. Cocoanuts are quoted at \$1.50 a dozen. Golden dates have made their appearance and are quoted at 11 to 12c in sacks and 15c in boxes. Figs still hold at 10c in mats and 14c in boxes. Loose Muscatel raisins have dropped to \$3 and black crown and tripple crown have also declined similarly, the quotations being \$4.75 and \$5. Dried apples are now a little too plentiful in the city, and are offered at \$12c

GROCERIES.

From this staple line we have a very encouraging report for the week. Sales have been heavy and have been well distributed over the country. The effects of the immigration is now beginning to be felt, and a number of weeks of really brisk trade is expected. Collections have improved also, and the trade altogether is in a very satisfactory state. There has been no change in the price of any staple article. Sugars are quoted at 9½ to 10½c for yellows, 11 to 11½c for granulated, and 12½c for Paris lumps. Coffees have ranged, Rio 15 to 18c, Javas, 22 to 28c.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

In this business there has been quite a lull during the week, especially in metals. It is now certain that the great calculations upon the building operations of the coming summer were a little too sanguine and the number of contracts that will be carried out will be much less than was expected some weeks ago. Hardware and metals for building purposes are consequently less in demand, and hence the quiet feeling of the past week. April was a very promising month, but May has opened with anything but a bright prospect, which, however, will no doubt clear somewhat as the month advances. There are no change in prices. Quotations are as follows: Tin plate, 14x20, \$8.00 to \$8.85; 20x28, \$15.00 to \$15.25; bar iron, \$3.70 to \$4; sheet iron, 3½ to 6c; iron piping, 25 per cent off price list; ingot tin, 32 to 35c; pig lead, 6½ to 7c; galvanized iron, No. 28, 8½ to 9c, according to quality.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

The report from this trade for the past week is not so good as the last, a quiet feeling being experienced. There have been no change in quotations, which are as follows: Sole leather, No. 1 Spanish, 33 to 35c; kips, slaughter, 70 to 75c; B. Z., 85 to 90c; French first choice, \$1.15 to \$1.25; French calf first choice, \$1.40 to \$1.50; wax upper, No. 1, 55c; grain, No. 1, 55c; harness leather, 34 to 36c for

LUMBER.

The trade in this branch has not been so brisk during the past week as might have been expected. There still remains an unsettled idea in the minds of contractors and a belief that lower prices will be secured ere long. On

the other hand the dealers have a heavy stock on hand, and some are feeling the pressure of the same. The same unsatisfactory state of affairs noted in our last report exists regarding prices. There is yet no regular scale, and quotations of a reliable nature cannot be given. Prices are fixed according to the anxiety of the dealer to sell, and the purchasers have to search for who will sell at the lowest figures. The opening of the C. P. R. to Thunder Bay will no doubt do away with a great share of this cutting and bring matters to a regular system of reliable quotations.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

The same satisfactory report comes from this branch of trade. Business is steadily good, if not rushed, and the area of the trade's operations is rapidly extending. Both city and country orders have come in freely during the week, and collections are also reported in a very encouraging state. Altogether the complaints from this source are very few.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

In this trade there is the same quiet feeling noted in our last report. The business of the past week has not been a heavy one, but it has, like that of former ones, been safe, as collections are reported all that could be desired. There have been no changes in prices of staple goods, and quotations for duty paid staple goods are as follows: Hennessy's one star, in cases, \$14; V. O., in cases, \$18; Jules Robin, cases, \$10.50; in wood, \$4 per gallon, Imperial measure; Pinette, in wood, \$4 per Imperial gallon; Louis Freres, in cases, quarts, \$10; flasks, two dozen in a case, \$11; half flasks, four dozen in a case, \$12; M. Dubois, in wood, \$3.50 per gallon; cases, quarts, \$8; flasks, \$9; half flasks, \$10. Gin, Holland, in wood, \$3 per gallon; red cases, \$11; green cases, \$6; Old Tom gin, Bernard's, in wood, \$3.25 per gallon; Booth's, in wood, \$3.25; Booth's, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; Scotch whisky, Ramsay's in wood, \$4; Stewart's, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; flasks, \$9.50. Irish whisky, John Jameson & Sons, in wood, \$4.50; Bernard's, in cases, quarts, \$8; flasks, \$9.50. Jamaica rum, \$3.50 to \$4 per gallon. Domestic whiskies, Gooderham & Worr's, in wood, \$1.65 per gallon; 65 o. p. rectified, in wood, \$3.50; W. F. L. five year old, \$2.50 per gallon, cases, quarts, \$7.50, flasks, \$8.50.

THE MARKETS.

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GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

There is very little improvement to report in the grain market of the past week, and, like report of the week previous, it is altogether a dull one. There has been scarcely any movement in any class of grain, and dealers are not at all anxious to purchase at any figures. No wheat has reached the city by rail, with the exception of a few cars from different points in the country, where it had been stored for some time past. These cars make up the cleanings out of country warehouses, and unless what is now held by mills there is no stock of wheat on sight, and very little in the country outside of the farmers' hands. About half a dozen cars have been shipped east via Duluth, which is probably the last that will seek an eastern market, until the route via Thunder Bay is

open for freight. It is totally different with rough grain. Not that the receipts are liberal in this respect, but the stock held in the city is heavy, and holders are beginning to complain of the expensive storage which they have to pay.

In provisions the trade has been generally good, and a feeling of satisfaction, if not of high hope is general, while prices in several staple articles have advanced. There is no reason for complaint in this branch, but in grain the week while not being quite so monotonously dull as the previous one has not developed any activity, and indeed none is expected until lake navigation is thoroughly opened.

WHEAT

The standing offer of millers is 80c for good Red Fife, and good dry lots for milling purposes would bring a cent or two more. Mills are running only a portion of their time to keep pace with the home demand, and are consequently not reducing their stock very fast. Still the amount on sight is so limited, that with the opening of lake navigation and the Thunder Bay route an advance in price is not at all unlikely, especially if eastern markets maintain the firm feeling which has characterized them for several weeks. There is still considerable wheat in the hands of the farmers, and the portion of it which is dry and in good condition to keep over warm weather, may bring a much higher price than it will at present.

OATS.

Only an odd car or two from country warehouses have been received in the city during the past week, and no more is wanted, as every available place for storage is now brought into requisition. Dealers express disappointment that the demand is so light at present, and are in anything but a hopeful mood over the prospect. The nominal quotation is 40c for good oats, but the price is held up to that on account of the heavy stocks in the city, which compel dealers to make an effort to hold up prices. None of them however are anxious to buy at the above figure. Altogether the oats trade is in a very unsatisfactory state at present.

BARLEY.

There is no barley coming to market, and none is wanted. Dealers have large stocks which they have held for weeks, and there is no demand at present. Prices are nominal at 40 to 42c.

No other grain to be had at present.

FLOUR.

The trade done at the mills during the past week has not been heavy, although there has been a good home demand both for the city and country points. With mills only partially running the stock is not increasing, and prices have held steady. There have been no shipments to the east, and none are likely to be made until freight can be forwarded by the C. P. R. to Prince Arthur's Landing. Prices have not changed, quotations being: Patents, \$3 to \$3.20; xxx or strong baker's, \$2.50 to \$2.60; baker's, \$2 to \$2.10; trader's or xx, \$1.50

BRAN.

The stock of bran is rather low at present owing to mills having shortened production. The demand however has not been heavy during the week, and prices remain at \$10 a ton in car lots.

SHORTS

Are equally low in stock and slow in demand. The price has held at \$12 a ton in car lots during the week.

CHOPPED FEED.

The demand for this product which had been active during several weeks, has fallen off, owing to so much damp wheat being used for feed. There has been no change in price, \$28 a ton being the quotation.

POTATOES.

There is still rather a scarcity of these in the