

terraptured only by the proposed enlargement of tariffs on American goods, which will hamper dealers very much should they be ratified by Parliament.

ROOTS AND SHOES.

There has been a steady improvement going on during the week in this line, although the increase in the volume of business has not been rapid. Some travelers have returned to the city during the week, and they report prospects very encouraging at points in the far west. Cash matters have loosened up considerably, and a healthy feeling pervades the trade.

CLOTHING.

In this branch of trade there has been considerable rush and bustle during the past week, and the several houses in the city have shipped quite a heavy share of spring goods. Travelers are still out, and orders from the country are regular and numerous. Collections have been very encouraging, and confidence is again becoming general.

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

The improvement of trade in this branch of business for the week has been very marked, and there is a general impression that a long season of brisk trade will follow. Dealers are making preparations for a heavy trade, and the indications are that they will not be disappointed.

DRY GOODS.

The report from this trade is a very encouraging one for the past week. Wholesale men have recovered confidence very much, and although still acting upon conservative principles, are more inclined to push business. Country orders have increased rapidly in number and volume, and the city trade has been showing considerable life. The collections have made a heavy improvement, and promise to keep recovering. Altogether the feeling in the trade is hopeful, and still further recovery is expected during the current week.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

Business has been picking up considerably, and the prospects of a brisk trade in the near future are encouraging. Travelers on the road are sending in fair orders and collections show signs of improvement.

FANCY GOODS AND SMALL WARES.

This branch of trade shows considerable improvement. Orders are coming in more freely and are larger in amount than they have been for some time. Collections are better.

FRUIT.

During the week a very fair trade has been done and stocks in the city are not very heavy, and prices remain firm at old quotations. Apples are worth from \$7 to \$8 per barrel, according to quality; lemons, boxes, \$7.50 to \$8; oranges, \$11 to \$15 per case; Almeida grapes, \$9.50 to \$10.50 per barrel; figs in mats, 10; large boxes, 14c; small boxes, 20c; raisins, loose Muscatelles, \$3.50; black crown, \$5.25; triple crown, \$8.50 four crown, \$8.75. Collections are pretty fair.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

There is a pretty fair supply of pike and white fish, which sell at 3 and 7c per pound re-

spectively. Oysters are worth 35c for standards, and 45c for selects.

FUEL.

Remains firm at old quotations. The demand is falling off as the weather gets warmer. There is an abundant supply in the city. Quotations are: Coal, egg, stove and nut by car-load on track, \$14; Blossburg, car lots, \$13.25; soft coal, car lots, \$10.80 to \$12, according to quality. Wood, poplar, \$5 to \$6; ash, oak and tamarac, \$7 to \$8.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Business in this line is gradually improving, and when building operations get fairly under way it is expected that there will be a very lively trade done. Quotations are unchanged and are: Tin plate, 14x20, \$7.25 to \$7.75; 20x28, \$11.50 to \$15.00; bar iron, \$3.75 to \$4; sheet iron, 5½ to 6c; iron piping, 25 per cent off price list; ingot tin, 32 to 34c; pig lead, 6½ to 7c; galvanized iron, No. 25, 8½ to 9c.

GROCERIES.

There is a general improvement in the grocery trade. The influx of immigration has increased the demand from the country districts, and the city trade is also better. There has been no change in prices. Quotations are: Sugars, raw, 9½c; granulated, 12½ to 12¾c; coffees, Rio, 16c; Java, 20c.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

Business has been very fair for the week, and the prospects for spring are excellent. Collections are tolerably satisfactory.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Business is still on the quiet side, but rather better than it has been for some time. Quotations to jobbers and purchasers of quantities, duty paid, are: Brandy, 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 & Wort'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.

The market for the week has been on the dull side. Receipts both by rail and from the street have been light, in fact lighter than was expected at this season of the year. Shipment has been very light, and unless there is an unexpected revival in the movement of wheat in the country, the mills, which are only running half time now, will be forced to shut down altogether. Oats have been rather plentiful,

but barley has only been offered in very small quantities.

WHEAT.

The receipts, as we sail above, have been very light, and the quality of what does come in is poorer than has been offered during the season. Prices remain at the old figure of 80c for prime lots, and inferior qualities range from 70 to 75c.

OATS.

The commencement of railway construction and the general movement throughout the country caused by the influx of immigration, has made the oat market very firm. The supply has been fair, and there is a large quantity still held in the country. Prices range from 40 to 45c, according to quality.

BARLEY.

Receipts have been very light and prices have not changed from those quoted last week, viz.: 40 to 45c for good, and as high as 48c for specially bright lots.

FLOUR.

The home demand keeps up well and is perhaps brisker than it has been for some time. Owing to the light receipts of wheat the mills have not been running full time, and consequently shipment east has been very little. Prices remain the same, and are as follows: Patents, \$3 to \$3.20; xxxx or strong baker's, \$2.50 to \$2.60; baker's, \$2 to \$2.10; trader's or xx, \$1.50.

BRAN.

Is in fair supply and now sells at \$11 per ton.

SHORTS.

There is no great quantity held in the city, and the price has slightly advanced. From \$13 to \$14 per ton are now the ruling figures.

CHOPPED FEED.

There is quite a demand for feed, and prices are firm at \$28 per ton.

POTATOES.

Are plentiful, the supply from the country being liberal and receipts by rail large. A very fine sample will bring as high as 75c, but 65 and 70c is more generally paid.

EGGS.

The supply in the city is limited and prices hold firm accordingly. The ruling figure is 25c per dozen.

APPLES.

The stock in the city is diminishing rapidly and prices hold firm at the old figure of from \$7 to \$8 per barrel.

ONIONS.

Remain as they were at 3½c per pound.

CIDER.

This beverage is freely asked for, and sells at \$20 per barrel.

CRANBERRIES.

The supply in the city is not large, but still sufficient for the demand. As the spring opens holders are more anxious to dispose of their stocks. A good quality can be bought at \$18 per barrel.

BUTTER.

Holds very firm. The demand is good and the supply liberal. Choice dairy sells at from 24 to 27c; good creamery at 30c; inferior grades range all the way from 17 to 21c.

MEATS.

The demand is good and prices have not changed. Quotations are: Hams, per pound, 16c; spiced roll, 16 to 16½c; barreled pork, \$25.50 to \$26; mess beef, \$18.50 to \$19.

CHEESE.

Holds at 16c per pound. The supply is not heavy, but some consignments are expected in a few days.

GREEN VEGETABLES.

Are coming in from the South and are sold at fancy prices.