

thirds coming in at present and prices are nominal. *Pearls* there has been little or nothing doing in this kind of ash this week and the quotations of \$6.70 for firsts is quite nominal in the absence of transactions. The stocks at present in the inspection stores are Pots 1107 brls.; *Pearls* 1159 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—There is little doing in this line of business beyond supplying a jobbing demand for light goods, for heavy stock there is no demand, quotations are without material change since our last. Mens Kip boots, \$2.75 to 3.30; do. French calf \$3 to \$3.75; do Buff Congress \$1.75 to 2.25; do split Brogans \$1.10 to 1.25; do Kip Brogans \$1.40 to 1.50; Boys split Brogans 90c to \$1.00; do Buff and pebbled congress \$1.40 to 1.50; Womens Buff and pebbled bals \$1.20 to 1.40; do prunella bals 75c to \$1.75; do congress 75c to \$1.75; Misses Buff and pebbled bals 90c to \$1.15; do prunella bals and congress 70c to \$1.25; childrens do 60c to 1.00.

CATTLE.—There was a large number of cattle in the market to-day, 55 car-loads having arrived since last Friday. Some of these being prime stock for the Easter market; prices ranged from \$5.00 to 5.50 and 6.00 and over per 100 lbs. live weight, the latter being for prime animals. *Sheep*—About three car loads were exposed for sale, but high prices seemed to keep back buyers, some that were sold brought from \$8. to 10. each. *Dressed Hogs*—The demand is now about over for the season, any few sales transpiring were at \$8.00 to 8.30 per 100 lbs.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—We have no improvement to record in this market, stocks are low, but large purchases have been made in England to arrive with the opening of navigation. A few small sales of *Bi Carb* have been made at \$5.00 to 5.25; *Sal Soda* is scarce and firm at \$1.75 to 1.80; *Soda Ash* nominal, 2½c; *Caustic Soda* is still procurable at \$3.75; *Cream tartar crystals* 28 to 29c; *Blue Vitriol* 8c; *Copperas* 1½c; *Bleaching Powder* is quiet at 3½c being a shade dearer than last week, *Alum* 2½ to 2½c, a considerable sale took place at our inside quotations; *Saltpetre* nominal at \$8.25; *Epsom salts* 2c.

DRY GOODS.—There has been a decided improvement in business during the bygone week, but it has not been so to speak very active. Some large buyers have been and are still in town, but they are operating very cautiously, not being desirous of buying more than what is wanted for actual requirements. Travellers have been sending orders to a fair extent, and as stocks are now very complete, the trade is quite ready for the activity at this season. The cold weather is interfering a good deal with the city trade. Clothing is rather dull for the season. Remittances continue as unsatisfactory as during some weeks past.

FISH.—The Lent demand for fish is now very nearly over, and stocks of all kinds are very much reduced. Dry Cod and Salmon are the only two articles in any quantity remaining in stock. We now quote *Dry Cod* \$4.75 to 5.00; *Green Cod* \$6.00 to 7.00 per 200 lbs; *Labrador Herrings* \$4.75 to 5.00; *Salmon* \$15. 14. and 13. for Nos. 1 2 and 3 respectively; *Mackerel* \$4.00 to 4.50 per ½ brl.

RAW FURS.—A few Fox skins are coming in which find buyers within our range of quotations, it is expected that Rats will begin to come in next week. We make a few changes on our price list. Beaver, \$1.50 to 1.75; Black Bear \$6. to 12.00, according to size; Fisher, \$6.00 to 9.00 Silver Fox \$25.00 to 60.00; Cross Fox; \$2.00 to 5.00; Red Fox \$1.25 to 1.50; Lynx \$1.50 to 1.75; Dark Labrador Martin \$7 to 8; Pale Martin \$1.25 to 1.50; Prime Dark Mink \$2.50 to 3. Dark Mink, 2nd, \$1.50 to 2.00; Fine Dark Otter \$8. to 10.; Fall Muskrat 12 to 15c;

Winter do 17 to 20c; Spring do 24 to 28c; Raccoon 25 to 60c; Skunk 20 to 50c.

FLOUR.—Receipts for the past week 9,150 brls: total receipts from 1st January to date 75,253 brls, being a decrease of 24,542 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1874. There has been very little disposition shown this week to speculate in this article, but there has been a moderate consumptive demand all week; prices are considered to be too high yet, although for some grades, our quotations of last week are not maintained, while we have to note an advance on Extra, Spring Extra, Superfine, Middlings and Pollards. to-day the market closes inactive, reported sales footing to only about 500 brls. We quote Superior Extra \$5 to \$5.10; Extra Superfine \$4.75 to 4.85; Fancy \$4.60 to 4.65; Spring Extra \$4.40 to 4.45; Superfine \$4.25 to 4.35; Strong Baker's Flour \$4.55 to 4.75; Fine \$4.05 to 4.10; Middlings \$3.75 to 3.85; Pollards \$3.40 to 3.50, nominal; U.C. bag flour \$2.25; Oatmeal is quiet at \$5.50 to 5.60; Cornmeal \$4.00.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—Receipts for the past week 10,000 bushels; Total receipts from 1st January to date 60,901 bushels, being a decrease of 26,716 bush on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1874. We have no change yet to report in this market in the absence of transactions quotations continue nominal. *Maize* nothing doing quotations nominally 80c per 56 lbs; *Peas* quiet 93 to 94c per 66 lbs; *Oats* there is a good city demand but no enquiry for Cargoes or Car loads 43c to 45c per 32 lbs are present prices; *Barley* is nominal at 75c per 48 lbs. Pot Barley \$9.00.

GROCERIES.—*Teas.*—The action of the Government refusing to reimpose the 10 per cent duty against the U. S. has caused a good deal of dissatisfaction here among importers, and steps have been taken to have the matter brought up again before the House of Commons in Ottawa with the view of having it reimposed. The market remains much the same as last week a few sales have been made within our late range of quotations but buyers think prices too high at present to operate to any large extent a few small sales of Greens have taken place; but there is almost nothing doing in Black Teas. *Coffee.* The demand just now is very small, but sufficient for the stocks held here at present to meet. For Java we raise our inside quotation to 30c to 32c being the range for last week; Jamaica steady at 20 to 22c; East Indian coffees apart from Java are unchanged. *Sugar.* Refined sugars have been in moderate demand and an advance of a ½ cent has been established. For Raw sugars the market is firm at our quotations but there is yet very little demand and only a few unimportant sales reported. We quote Scotch refined 8 to 9c; Canada refined, Grocers A 9c; confectioners A 9½c; Ground 9½ Extra Ground 9½; Raws Porto Rico 8½ to 8¾c Demerara 8½c to 8¾c. *Molasses.* Holders are showing more disposition to meet the views of buyers and have somewhat modified their views. We do not hear of any extensive sales but the following are the prices at which molasses are offered Centrifugal 42c to 42½c; Muscovado 42½; Porto Rico 48c; Barbadoes 50c. *Syrups* are now selling at under last weeks quotations we quote amber 68c other kinds 46c to 54c; *Rice* is in moderate demand with sales from \$4.87½c to \$4.50c. *Fruit* There has been a pretty fair demand for articles in this line stocks are light and prices firm. Layer Raisins \$2.90c \$3.00; Valencias 9c to 9½c; Sultanias 15 to 16; Currants 5½c to 6½; Figs 15c Almonds 15½c & 16c for Terragonia and Languedoc respectively; Walnuts 9 to 10c. *Spices* The demand has been small and confined to retail parcels Pepper continues to decline owing to the reports from producing countries and from Europe, Black has been selling from 16c to 17c; Cloves 49 to 52; Nutmegs are unchanged Cassia is a shade firmer at 21 to 22½c Ginger is unchanged; Mace nominal at \$1.40.

HIDES AND PELTS.—There is no particular feature to record in this market this week, prices are firm but unchanged, as follows:—No. 1 inspected Hides, \$6.75 to 7.00; No. 2 ditto \$6.00; No. 3 \$5.00; *Sheeps Pelts* \$1.50 to 1.75 each; *Lambskins* 25c. each.

HARDWARE.—The slight improvement noted last week continues, and there now exists a more hopeful feeling amongst our Wholesale Merchants; Reports from travellers are more satisfactory, though there is still much room for improvement, both in amount of orders and remittances. We reduce our quotations for cut nails in accordance with the decision come to at a meeting of manufacturers, held on Tuesday last. For quantities of 100 kegs and over, a further reduction will be made. American competition, which at present is very keen, has compelled our manufacturers to make the present concession in price, and it is to be hoped, for the sake of the manufacturers and others that more remunerative prices may prevail ere long. We quote *Pig Iron* per ton of 2240 lbs. Eglington, & Clyde \$31 to 32; Summerlee, and Calder \$34.50 to 35.00; American, \$31 to 33; Hematite \$41.50 to 42.00. *Bars* per 100 lbs., Scotch and Staffordshire, \$2.65 to 2.70; best do., \$2.75 to 3.00, Swedes and Norway \$5.50 to 6.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.50 to 7 *Canada Plates* per box—Glamorgan and Budd, \$5.50 to 5.60; Arrow, \$5.75 to 6.00; Garth, \$5.50 to 5.75; Hatton \$5.25 to 5.50. *Tin Plate* per box—Charcoal IC, \$10.25 to 10.50; ditto, IX, \$12.25 to 12.50; DC, \$9.25 to 9.50; Coke IC, \$8.25 to 8.50; 14 x 20, 25c extra. *Tinned sheets* Charcoal best No. 26 14c. *Galvanized sheets* best brands No. 28, 10c. *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs., \$3.25 to 3.50; *Sheets* best brands, \$3.50 to 3.75; *Boiler Plates* ordinary brands \$3.50 to 3.75; Best brands \$3.90 to 4.00; *Russian Sheet Iron* per lb. 16 to 17c; *Cut Nails* 2 D Lath, \$4.80; ditto, 2½ to 4d shingle \$4.05; ditto, 5d to 10d, \$4.55; ditto 12d and larger \$3.30; ditto patent Chisel points 25c extra. *Pressed Spikes* \$5.00 to 5.25; *Shot Canadian* \$7 to 7.25; *Lead*—Pig, per 100 lbs \$6.50; do sheets, \$6.50; do Bar, \$6.50; *Steel cast*, per lb. 13 to 14c; Spring per 100 lbs. \$5.00 to 5.50; *Sleigh Shoe* \$4.50 to 4.75; *Tire ditto*, \$4.75 to 5. *Ingot Tin*, 24 to 25c; *Ingot Copper*, \$22 to 23. *Horse Shoes* per 100 lbs. \$5.50 to 5.75; *Proved Coil Chain*, 3 in., \$6.50 to 6.75; *Anchors* 7 to 8c; *Anvils* 10 to 12c. *Iron wire* per bdl \$2.70 to 2.90; *Files* "KINMOND" brand 5 to 10 per cent of English list.

LEATHER.—We have no improvement to chronicle in this department, a fair demand exists for Spanish Sole and Slaughter, though outside quotations are difficult to realize. Harness leather of good quality and heavy, is also saleable. For other description of stock the demand is extremely moderate and sales are in small quantities only:—Hemlock Spanish; sole No. 1 B. A. 25 to 26c; do No. 2 23 to 24c Buffalo sole No. 1 22 to 23c; do. No. 2 19 to 20c Hemlock slaughter 27 to 30c; waxed upper light and medium 38 to 42½c; ditto heavy 35 to 38c; grained upper 37 to 40c; splits large 26 to 32c; do small 18 to 25c; calfskins 27 to 36 lbs, 60 to 80c; do 18 to 26 lbs 50 to 65c; sheepskin linings 30 to 40c; harness 28 to 32c; buffed cow 14 to 17c per ft.; enamelled cow 18 to 19c; patent cow 19½ to 20c; pebbled cow 14 to 17c; rough leather 27 to 28½. *Leather Belting*, warranted genuine English Oak Tanned, 20 per cent. off list, ditto Canadian Tanned, 30 per cent. off list.

LIQUORS.—*Brandy.*—The demand this week has been of a retail nature, prices keep up but a considerable break is anticipated, when new supplies come in with the opening of navigation. We quote Hennessy's in wood \$2.90; Cases \$9.00; Martells in wood \$2.70; Cases \$8.50. *Gin.*—Some pretty fair sales of De Kuypers have taken place at \$1.60 in wood,