

DEMAND FROM GERMANY for rye continues very strong, and orders direct for ports on the Baltic are being received, but the limits, combined with the freight and insurance at this season, are decidedly too low. A cargo of No. 2 Toledo red winter was offered here yesterday at \$1.09 for export, and \$1.08½ was bid. No. 2 Canada red winter is held at \$1.10, with \$1.09 bid. Canada Spring wheat is worth \$1.15, and No. 2 Canada red winter, \$1.10. No. 1 White Michigan cannot now be had at under \$1.09½. A cargo of peas was offered to-day at 83c, but 82½c. was the highest figure bid. Rye is very scarce, having been largely bought up for New York; cargoes are quoted at 84c to 85c. Barley remains nominal at 65c to 75c, and for cargoes of corn to arrive 52c would be paid. Prices for coarse grains in Canada just now are higher than they have been known for years. During the present week Messrs. Thos. MacKay & Co., Ottawa, have forwarded large shipments of rye and peas to this port, for export to England; the price paid for the rye was 76c. per bushel, and for the peas 60c. The local flour market has been quiet all week, and closes rather easier under a limited demand, and stocks are accumulating. Some 2,000 sacks of superior extra have changed hands this week for export on p.t. Superior sold here yesterday at \$5.25 and several hundred barrel lots changed hands at \$5.20. A lot of 125 barrels Spring extra was sold at \$5.25.

FRUITS.—Business has fallen off somewhat during the past few days of wet weather. Receipts of apples during the week have been heavy, but the demand, on both local and shipping account, is good, and holders are quite hopeful for the future. Prices are reported steady at \$1.25 to \$1.50 per barrel for straight cars of fair to choice fall fruit, with selections at \$1.60 to \$1.75, while winter kinds are quoted at \$1.90 for round lots. A lot of 300 barrels of choice Baldwins changed hands yesterday at \$1.75 for shipment to England. During the week several thousand barrels of fall and early winter apples have been forwarded across the Atlantic, and large quantities for export are expected to arrive here in a few days, one firm being advised of 12 car loads now on the road. Several Montreal buyers have recently made extensive purchases in the Rochester district, where prices for winter apples are low, and, owing to the lower freight from this port, shippers can pay the fruit down in Liverpool a great deal cheaper than by shipping per the New York route. Ocean freights from this port are quoted at 3s. 6d.; and one regular line is reported to be carrying apples to Liverpool at even 3s. *Peaches.*—The season is about over; receipts on Wednesday last were about 100 baskets, which sold at \$1 to \$1.50 per basket, as to quality. *Pears* are very dull, almost a drug in the market. Flemish Beauties and Duchess are worth to \$4 to \$6 per barrel. *Plums* are quoted at \$2 per crate for blue; no green in the market. *Grapes* are very scarce; the demand is fair, at 5c. for Concord, and 8c. per lb. for Delaware. Almeria grapes and Jamaica oranges have recently been received in this market; the former sells at \$9 per barrel, and the oranges bring \$12 to 13 per cases. Latest cable advices from Liverpool report sales of Canadian fall apples at 12s. 6d. to 13s. per barrel.

CATTLE.—A slight decline in prices has taken place during the week, owing to the falling-off in the demand for export trade. 20 car loads were offered at Monday's market, but the absence of foreign buyers left an over-supply, which butchers were not prepared to pick up, therefore prices declined to 25c. per 100 lbs., all round, good shipping selling from 5 to 5½; butchers from 3 to 4½c., and some inferior selling as low as 2c. per lb. Hogs were in good demand, prices averaging from \$5.50 to \$6 per 100 lbs. The receipts for the week ending Monday last were 122 cars cattle, 5 cars of sheep, and 6½ cars hogs. Advices from Great Britain are reported of a discouraging character, according to some statements, while others again are of a more hopeful feeling. Ocean freights are quoted at £3 5s to £3 10s, with engagements reported at the former figure.

FURS.—All the manufacturing houses continue very busy on orders, and will be until the close of the season. Trade so far has been quite satisfactory; owing to the depression in trade last year the stocks manufactured were light, and, with increased prosperity, the demand has improved, consequently there is a scarcity of goods this year. South Sea seals, notwithstanding the advance in prices, have been sold in larger quantities than usual; Persia lambskins are being much used for hats and coats, and there is every prospect of a good demand this winter for all kinds of manufactured furs. The Buffalo market here is rather bare of skins, owing to the failure of supply from the Hudson Bay Co., which has occurred this season for the first time during 35 years. The annual average supply from this source during the past ten years has been over 15,000 skins. The wholesale trade have rather less than half their usual stock of the article, but, at the advanced price, will, no doubt, have sufficient to meet the necessities of the season, as the trade show a disinclination to purchase at a large increase on the values of the last three or four years. Late advices received from the Fair at Nizni Novgorod (Russia) state that Persian Lamb and all descriptions of lambskins have advanced 60 per cent. on last year's prices. There is but a very slight sale there for American goods, owing to the unsettled state of affairs in Russia. The quantity of squirrel skins coming forward is about the same as last year; the article is dull, but the price firm. European furriers are not buying very freely of Russian goods, nor can they find sale for muskrat, sea otter, and fisher at remunerative prices. The large advance on sea otter last winter was caused by speculative orders for Russia, and the stock has been worked off with difficulty and without profit. *Martins* show very little life, but at present low prices will not show a loss to shippers. *Mink* seem to have gone out of use, in their natural state, and are now largely pulled and dyed, and make a very good imitation of seal. The seal market is in rather an excited state and very strong, notwithstanding the enormous advance of about 400 per cent. on the raw material within the last three years. The small manufacturers in Europe and the United States have worked up their stocks, and the wholesale trade have generally sold out, so that a further advance on the present unparalleled price is anticipated at the next trade sales.

GROCERIES.—There is no great activity to note in trade generally. *Sugars* are steady for Yellow Refined, and Granulated is at same price as last week. In Barbados and Port Rico there is not much to report as to business or change in figures. *Teas.*—Latest Japanese Cable reports quote for, of course, the later packings, \$22 for good medium. Market here is not active, although during the week some quantity has been sold. A reduction of about 1c to 2c is to be noted in Japans. Young Hysons, for the low to fair qualities, are not a large supply and steady. Black Teas quiet. *Molasses* rather easier, by, say, 1c to 2c the gallon. *Coffees.*—Sales light without particular alteration in values. *Rice,* \$4 to \$4.35. *Spices.*—Pepper from 11c to 12½c; Pimento, 14c to 16c; Cloves, 36c to 46c. *Fruit.*—A slight advance is reported in Valentia at Denia, here held 8c to 8½c. Malaga Cable advices are but a very little lower than opening rates. Currants, for 1879 crop 5½c to 6½c for ordinary; 1880, 6½ to 7½c for ordinary to good.

HOPS.—Business in hops so far this season has been very small; no recent sales of the new crop have been reported. Brewers desire to lay in their supplies at much lower prices than last year, and are offering only 13 to 15c per lb., and dealers display a masterly inactivity.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—Trade has continued good; dealers are now commencing to realize the expectations entertained and expressed earlier in the season of an active Fall business. Travellers have been forwarding numerous

fair-sized orders for all kinds of shelf goods, and *Bar Iron* has also been moving off pretty freely; slight concessions have been made to buyers of large lots of this article during the week, and we accordingly reduce our Prices Current 10c. per cwt. This has not been caused by any decline in prices in England, where the market remains firm, but is owing to the vigorous competition, chiefly in the west, referred to in our last report. *Tin Plates* have ruled quiet, and prices are a shade easier; the demand is only moderate, buyers apparently holding off for even lower prices. A fair business has been done in *Steel and Cut Nails*, at unchanged prices, but sales usually comprise a general assortment of goods. The local market for *Pig Iron* has remained unchanged since our last reference. Latest cable advices report Scotch warrants very strong at 50s., an advance of 2s. on previous rates. Here sales are confined to small lots at our quotations, which for round lots would be shaded. There is a good enquiry from consumers, who are holding off, however, for lower prices, and purchasing now only for immediate requirements. They may have to lay in winter stocks later on at higher figures than are current at present. The numerous enquiries from American dealers during this month have not yet resulted in much business. On the contrary, we hear of a Chicago firm offering a lot of 500 tons of Glengarnock in this market at \$16, *ex-ship in bond*. Dealers report remittances prompt and liberal.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The offerings of green *Hides* in the local market have continued fairly large, and about equal to those of corresponding previous seasons; but, owing to the excessive number of dealers here, the demand is always very competitive, and all are readily sold at the high prices previously quoted. Inspected hides are sold to tanners at an advance of \$1 per cwt. on the rates paid to butchers, which will be found in our list of Prices Current. Our outside figures represent those paid by that veritable Judas, the well-known local tanner, who persistently refuses to be governed by the trade, and who has come to be recognized as no part or parcel of it, only so far as his opposition goes. Some misapprehension might be caused by the statement contained in our last report that butchers preferred to sell to dealers who inspect their own hides, and it is only fair to state that but a very small minority of either dealers or butchers have been known to be parties to transactions in hides not submitted to the Government Inspector. *Sheepskins* have been coming forward freely during the week, and all have been bought up at prices ranging from 85c. to \$1 each, according to size and quality; and, as dealers are talking of paying \$1.05 for the best skins after the 1st of Oct., we advance our quotations to cover the range.

LUMBER. Prices at mills firm. Demand from the States slackening off some, but large sales of thin lumber to go to Quebec for the English market has caused the manufacturers to stiffen prices somewhat. Stock boards have been sold at unusually high prices. A demand setting in for this size of lumber from an unexpected quarter causes the manufacturers to feel jubilant. Local trade fairly active. Stocks of lumber mostly consist of low grades.

OILS.—A fair demand exists for goods in this line without any special feature in the market requiring comment. Prices of all kinds are firm and no prospect of any decline for the remainder of the season. *Naval Stores.*—Turpentine has been advancing steadily in New York. Sales having been made there at 41c, closing at 40½c, equal to 51c laid down in this market per wine gallon. Yet we hear of sales being made at 49c to 50c. The ruling price for the past few days has been 60c to 62½c imperial gallon. *Paints* are in good request at unchanged prices.

PROVISIONS.—Trade has continued good throughout the week. The improvement in the lumber trade has created an active demand for *Mess Pork*, and sales of round lots have been