FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY, June 19.

ENGLISH GRAIN TRADE LAST WEEK.

A Liverpool cable despatch of Friday to the New York press quotes a leading grain circular of that day as follows:—"The grain markets have been firmer this week, in consequence of the wet weather. Large consumers purchase more freely, a slight advance being in some instances realized on the spot and in the immediate district. Since Tuesday there has been a fair demand, with a trifling improvement in prices for white and red wheat, but maize, although in better request, scarcely maintains the last quotations. Off the coast there is an increase in the wheat cargoes, which, however, do not sell freely, buyers waiting for samples. The wheat trade was less active to-day, having few country buyers in attendance. Flour was dull, but not quotably lower. An average quantity of corn found buyers, choice American parcels at 3d, and secondary at 3d to 6d decline from the last quotations.

GRAIN IN TRANSIT.

Beerbohm's *Corn Trade List* makes the amount of grain on passage for the United Kingdom, exclusive of steamer shipments from America, and the sail and steamer shipments from the ports of the Baltic, and those of North-Western Europe:—

Date.	Wheat. qrs.	Flour. qrs.	Maize. qrs.	Rye. qrs.	Beans. qrs.
May 30, '78..	1,238,000	81,000	729,000	304,000	3,000
May 31, '77..	950,000	43,000	497,000	160,000	27,000
May 23, '78..	1,378,000	54,000	784,000	292,100	6,000
May 16, '78..	1,092,000	60,000	730,000	236,000	1,000

MOVEMENT OF BARLEY.

Receipts of barley at lake ports from the opening of the harvest year to the 8th inst., have amounted to 9,401,995 bushels against 8,242,703 bushels in the corresponding period last year; receipts at Buffalo and Oswego in the same time have been 6,123,588 bushels against 4,933,417 bushels last year; and those at seaboard ports have been 9,736,438 bushels against 6,418,419 bushels last year. We have here an increase of 1,248,390 bushels at lake ports; of 1,189,471 bushels at Buffalo and Oswego, and of 3,350,519 bushels at seaboard ports. The export clearances from seaboard ports for the week ending June 8th, were 5,561 bush, vs. 32,185 bush the previous week, including 5,561 bush from New York, and *nil* bush from Montreal; and for the last eight weeks 399,691 bush. The exports from New York from September 1st, 1877, to June 12th, 1878, have been 3,432,750 bush; from Portland, 240,528 bush; from Boston, 9,504 bush; from Baltimore, 68,946 bush, and from Montreal, 795,981 bush; total, 4,547,709 bush. The imports into the United Kingdom since Sept. 1, 1877, to May 25, 1878, have been 10,446,788 cwts, vs. 11,068,967 cwts for the corresponding period in 1876-7. The stock on passage for the United Kingdom May 30, 1878, was 364,000 qrs., vs. 160,000 qrs at the corresponding date in 1877. The stock on the New York canals on Wednesday evening, June 12, 1878, exclusive of shipments from the interior of New York State was about 10,000 bush. The crops in the States and Canada in each of the last four years are estimated as follows:—

	In 1875.	1876.	1877.
United States	29,962,082	25,735,110	†30,000,000
Canada*	8,423,738	7,723,108	7,916,555
Total bush	38,375,820	33,458,218	37,916,555

*Exports only. No report of the aggregate crop. †Estimated.

The following is the Official Report of the Toronto Stock Exchange, June 19th, 1878:—

Banks.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Trans.
Montreal	162	.....	.....
Toronto	137	134	.....
Ontario	80½	80	100 at 80
Merchants'	92½	91	.....
Commerce	113½	113	.....
Consolidated	75	.....	.....
Dominion	118½	116	.....
Hamilton	.....	92	.....
Standard	.....	80	.....
Federal	104½	104	.....
Imperial	104	103	.....
Molson's	.....	.....	.....
Loan and Savings Co's.			
Canada Permanent	.....	183	.....
Freehold	.....	115	.....
Western Canada	.....	151	.....
Union	.....	139	.....
Canada Landed Credit	133	132	37 at 132½
Building and Loan	117½	116	.....
Imperial	.....	111	.....
Farmers'	.....	145	.....
London & C. L. & A. Co.	.....	105	.....
Huron and Erie	.....	139	.....
Dominion Savings and Investment Society	127	125½	.....
Ont. Sav. and Inv. Society	136	132	.....
London Loan Company	114	.....	.....
Hamilton Prov. and L.	.....	114	.....
National Inv. Co. of Canada	.....	102	.....
Anglo-Can. Mortgage Co.	.....	102	.....
Insurance, &c.			
British America	115½	114½	.....
Western	.....	151	.....
Isolated Risk	30	.....	.....
Canada Life	.....	190	.....
Confederation Life	.....	113½	.....
Consumers' Gas	.....	142½	.....
Dominion Telegraph	85	83	.....
Globe Printing Co.	.....	152½	.....
Bonds.			
Toronto, G. & B. Stock	.....	.....	.....
6 p.c. 5 yrs. stg. Bonds	.....	.....	.....
T. & N. 3 p.c. 5 yrs. Bonds	.....	.....	.....
Debentures, &c.			
Dom. Gov. stock, 6 p.c.	.....	101½	.....
Dom. Gov. stock, 5 p.c.	.....	99½	.....
County (Ont.) 20 yr. 6 p.c.	.....	100	.....
Tp'p (Ont.) 20 yr. 6 p.c.	98½	98½	.....
City Toronto 20 yr. 6 p.c.	.....	99	.....

English Markets.

WEDNESDAY, June 19.

London—Floating cargoes—Wheat, at opening, steady; corn, ditto; cargoes on passage—Wheat, slow; corn, ditto; (several cargoes have been taken off the coast for the continent.) Mark Lane—Wheat, heavy; corn, ditto. London—Quotations of fair average quality No. 2 Chicago spring wheat, for shipment during the present month and following one, per sail to Queenstown, for orders, per 480 lbs, American terms, 41s. Imports into the United Kingdom during the past week—Wheat, 395,000 to 400,000 qrs; corn, 365,000 to 370,000 qrs; flour (sacks to be converted into barrels), 110,000 to 115,000 brls. Liverpool—Wheat, on spot, at opening, steady; corn, quiet.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TORONTO WHOLE SALE MARKETS.

WEDNESDAY, June 19.

PRODUCE.

The market has been somewhat unsettled during the week, with the amount of business doing and the tendency of prices varying at different times. In the latter part of last week little enquiry was heard for anything, and prices, after starting firm, became weak and declined rapidly; since then, however, the demand has improved, and sales have increased while prices to-day seem decidedly firmer than before. Receipts of grain have, of course, been small, but until lately holders were not inclined to sell; consequently shipments have been small, and the decrease in stocks is insignificant for this period of the year. Those in store on Monday morning were as follows:—Flour, 20,727 bbls; fall wheat, 124,703 bush; spring wheat, 249,021 bush; oats, 19,500 bush; barley, 57,203 bush; peas, 15,552 bush; rye, *nil* bush; corn, *nil*. Outside markets have been dull. English markets declined, edly so. A private cable from Liverpool to Montreal on Monday says quotations for wheat were entirely nominal, and transactions unimportant; holders would be compelled to accept lower prices to sell any amount. Quotations show a fall for the week of 1s on flour; of 3d on red and white wheat; of 9d on red winter; of 3d on club and 2d on corn. Strange to say this decline has occurred in face of English and French crops progressing unfavourably of cargoes off the coast being taken for the continent. The only causes which seem to us calculated to offer any explanation of the decline are large imports last week, and a general expectation that the end of the month will show a large increase of stocks in sight. The total supply of flour and wheat showed a considerable decrease in the week ending on the 8th inst., when it amounted to only 308,576 bs 287,500 qrs. vs. 403,000 to 411,000 qrs consumption, indicating a deficiency in supply under consumption of 73,569 to 93,625 qrs. The supply of Maize for the week was equal to 1,320,000 to 1,560,000 bush, against an average weekly consumption in 1876 of 1,320,000 bush, against 771,078 bush. in 1875. The quantity of breadstuffs in transit has decreased since our last. The cable of the 8th inst. reports the amount of wheat and flour on passage for the United Kingdom at that date as being equal to 1,150,000 qrs against 968,000 at the corresponding date last year, and 1,300,000 qrs. on the 30th ult. The quantity of wheat due at ports of call during the four weeks from May 30 to June 28 is stated at 322,000 qrs., comprising 125,000 qrs. from Azov and Black Sea and Danube, 122,000 qrs. from Am. Atlantic ports, and 75,000 qrs. from California and Oregon; nil from Chili and Australia; and during the same period 176,000 qrs. of Maize. Further cable advices to the 11th inst. report a continuance of unsettled weather, with copious showers almost every day. Crop appearances were very unfavourable, and it was thought that however favourable the weather might be during the next two months, the appearances did not favour the presumption of more than a bare average yield, at any rate as regards wheat and barley. Trade was very dull, with wheat going into store, and considerable increase of stocks was expected to become apparent at the end of the month. Sales were small and chiefly to country millers; and the influence of politics on prices was thought to have ceased. Mail advices state that in France the wheat market was worse, but not at all to the same extent as in England; prices were higher than there, and amongst other sales made in London was that of a steamer cargo of ordinary Azov Ghirka, just landed, sold for Marseilles at fully 1s 6d per qr. above the relative price obtainable for the United Kingdom, and this although prospective supplies for Marseilles continued to be large. French crop reports were decidedly unfavourable; the heavy rainfall was expected to do serious damage. In Germany crop prospects were highly encouraging; but markets were dull, prices weak, and stocks small. In Hungary, crops promised remarkably well; prices had declined, and there was little business doing. Russian advices report large shipments to the United Kingdom from the Black Sea of Azov, but very little from the Black Sea; there were also offers of wheat made from Russian ports on the Baltic. On this Continent all parties have seemed anxious to keep safe, willing to sell and cautious to buy. At New York the most marked feature in the latter part of last week was a very manifest disposition on the part of holders to sell. The demand, on the other hand, was exceptionally slight, and transactions were only induced by material concessions on the part of sellers, amounting to about 3 to 5 cents per bushel on nearly all descriptions. Crop reports of wheat in the States continue to be favourable, but there seems to be some doubt about corn; it appears, however, that the result of the wheat harvest in some of the Southern States have been less favourable than was expected a month since. The reports of the wheat crop in Oregon state that an average yield per acre is expected. There is also reported a considerably increased area sown in wheat in that State. Estimates of the yield on the Pacific slope generally give from 20 to 25½ millions of bushels of wheat for export. The quantity of wheat coming forward on this side of the Continent shows a decrease. The deliveries at seaboard ports for the week ending on the 8th inst. were 1,304,312 bushels, against 1,921,604 bushels for the previous week, and 623,171 bushels the corresponding week in 1877. The export clearances from thence for Europe for the week were 1,614,879 bushels, against 1,526,383 bushels the previous week; and for the last eight weeks, 11,749,602 bushels, against 11,746,014 bushels the corresponding eight weeks in 1877. The quantity of grain in sight also shows a decrease. The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports, the rail and lake shipments from Western Lake ports, and the amount on the New York canals at the undermentioned dates was as follows:—

	1878. June 8.	1878. June 1.	1877. June 9.	1876. June 10.
Wheat, bu	6,365,973	6,975,014	4,413,622	10,319,389
Corn	10,357,648	10,393,388	10,376,741	6,549,119
Oats	2,208,207	2,487,356	2,212,546	3,379,973
Barley	1,103,514	1,208,958	694,628	520,906
Rye	231,317	226,003	536,482	273,343
Total, bu	20,536,559	21,596,619	18,284,262	20,982,135

The following table shows the top prices of the different kinds of produce in the Liverpool markets for each market day during the past week:—

	June 13, 5 p.m.	June 14, 5 p.m.	June 15, 5 p.m.	June 17, 5 p.m.	June 18, 5 p.m.	June 19, 5 p.m.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Flour	25 0	25 0	25 0	25 0	24 0	24 0
R. Wheat	9 7	9 6	9 6	9 6	9 4	9 4
R. Winter	11 0	10 4	10 4	10 4	10 3	10 3
White	10 9	10 8	10 8	10 8	10 6	10 6
Club	11 2	11 0	11 0	11 0	11 0	11 0
Corn, new	23 3	22 6	22 6	22 9	22 6	22 6
Oats	3 2	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0
Barley	3 4	3 2	3 2	3 2	3 2	3 2
Pea	35 0	35 0	35 0	35 0	35 0	35 0
Pork	43 6	43 6	43 6	43 6	43 6	43 6
Lard	35 6	35 6	35 6	35 0	35 3	35 6
Beef	77 6	75 0	75 0	74 0	74 0	74 0
Bacon	28 6	28 6	28 6	28 0	28 0	28 0
Tallow	37 6	37 3	37 3	37 3	37 3	37 3
Cheese	48 0	48 0	48 0	47 0	47 6	47 0

FLOUR—The enquiry has been slack, and prices have been weak, with sales small. Superior extra has been inactive, and was offered on Monday at $4.65, with $4.60 bid. Extra has been declining, with small sales last week at $4.50; at $4.45 on Monday, and $4.40 f.o.c. on Tuesday. Fancy has been inactive, and was offered on Tuesday as low as $4.10 f.o.c. Spring extra and strong bakers' sold last week and on Monday at $4.10 to $4.15, but ordinary spring extra went off on the latter day at $4.05 f.o.c., thus showing the grade to have been unsettled. The market to-day seemed more active. Superior extra sold to the extent of 100 bbls at $4.60 f.o.c.; fancy was very weak, and went off at $4.05; spring extra was in demand, with sales of round lots at $4.05 and $4.08, and 100 bbls at $4.10 f.o.c.

BRAN—Has been inactive and nominally unchanged at $10.50 to $11.

OATMEAL—Has been inactive, with lots offered at $3.90, and $3.80 bid. Small lots are easier at $4.25 to $4.50.

WHEAT—The recovery of last week in prices has been completely lost; up to Saturday the market was inactive, with both holders and buyers standing off. On that day, however, a cargo-lot of No. 1 spring sold at 96c f.o.c., and on Monday further sales of round lots were made at 96c for No. 1, and 92c for No 2 spring f.o.c. On Tuesday prices fell another cent, and No. 1 spring changed hands at 95c f.o.c. The market to-day was steady; a round lot of No. 1 spring changed hands at 95c, and five cars of No. 2 spring at 92c f.o.c., but there was more of the latter grade offered at the same figure. No. 2 fall was offered at $1.05, and No. 3 fall at $1, with no bids, though it is said that some enquiry for the former grade was heard. On the street, fall has ranged from 98c to $1.01, and spring from 90 to 97c.

OATS—The market has been more active and prices have been steady; there have been sales almost daily at 31c on the track. No sales reported to-day. Street price 32c.

BARLEY—There has been no business doing, but this inaction has been due to the fact that none has been offered; a speculative enquiry has been heard for No. 2 at 50c f.o.c., but none could be had. No. 1 has not been wanted and has been nominal. Street receipts have been small, with prices unchanged at 45 to 55c.

PEAS—Have been inactive and less firm since our last; no enquiry has been heard and no sale has been reported, nor is it probable that over 65 to 66c f.o.c. would be paid. No. 1 inspected were offered to-day at 68c with no buyers. Street receipts small and prices unchanged at 63c.

RYE—Remains nominal at 60c.

CORN—There were two cars of choice quality sold on Tuesday at 45½c, but this must be regarded as a top price, inferior being offered lower.

HAY—Pressed has been inactive and weak with cars not likely to bring over $12. The supply on the market has been about sufficient; prices have been easy at $11 to $17, the general run being from $14 to $15, though the best price paid to-day was $15.50.

STRAW—Has sold steadily but with enough offering; prices have ranged from $10 to $10.50 for oat-straw in sheaves; loose is worth about $8.

POTATOES—Cars were scarce and firm last week when as high as 70c was paid for a car of chiles; since then however they have come in with a rush and have sold as low as 55c. Small lots sell at 75c delivered. Street receipts have increased and prices declined to 60 to 70c.

HUTTER—Receipts have been small but prices have been easier at 16 to 17 per cent, the general run being $6.50.

POULTRY—Some few spring chickens have been offered and readily taken at 35 to 40c; a few fowl have sold usually at 45 to 50c but with a very slack demand.

FLOUR, f.o.c	
Superior Extra, per 196 lbs	$4 60 to $4 75
Extra	4 40 4 45
Fancy and Strong Bakers'	4 05 4 10
Spring Wheat, extra	4 05 4 10
Superfine	3 50 3 60
Oatmeal, per 196 lbs	3 80 3 90
Cornmeal, small lots	2 65 2 65
BAG FLOUR, by car lot f.o.c.	
Extra	$4 15 to $4 25
Spring Wheat, extra	3 75 3 90
GRAIN, f.o.b.	
Fall Wheat, No. 1, per 60 lbs	$1 06 to $1 08
" No. 2, "	1 00 1 05
" No. 3, "	0 96 1 00
Red Winter	none.
Spring Wheat, No. 1	0 95 0 96
" No. 2	0 91 0 93
" No. 3	0 86 0 88
Oats (Canadian), per 34 lbs	0 30 0 31
Barley, No. 1, per 48 lbs	0 57 0 60
" No. 2, "	0 50 0 52
" No. 3, "	0 38 0 40
Peas, No. 1, per 60 lbs	0 66 0 68
" No. 2, "	0 65 0 66
Rye	0 60 0 00
PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGGONS.	
Wheat, fall, per bush	$0 98 $1 01
Wheat, spring, do	0 90 0 97
Barley, do*	0 45 0 55
Oats, do	0 32 0 00
Peas, do	0 63 0 00
Rye, do	0 60 0 00
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs	5 75 6 00
Beef, hind qrs., per 100 lbs	none.
Mutton, by carcase, per 100 lbs	6 00 7 00
Chickens, per pair	0 45 0 50
Ducks, per brace	none.
Geese, each	none.
Turkeys	none.
Butter, lb. rolls	0 13 0 15
" large rolls	0 13 0 13
" tub dairy	0 12 0 13
Eggs, fresh, per doz	0 12 0 14
" packed	none.
Apples, per bbl	none.
Potatoes, per bag	0 60 0 70
Onions, per bush	0 85 0 90
Tomatoes, per bush	none.
Turnips, per bag	0 20 0 30
Carrots, per bag	0 35 0 40
Beets, per bag	0 45 0 50
Parsnips, per bag	0 45 0 50
Hay, per ton	11 00 17 00
Wool, per lb	0 20 0 00

PROVISIONS.

TRADE—Seems to be improving and a fair business doing.

BUTTER—The market has been quiet, but steady since our last. There is very little new coming forward, and in the country it would appear that some are following the old policy of paying high prices and waiting for an advance, and others are offering to sell. Prices remain unchanged with a few sales of choice and selected at 12c, which must be regarded as the top price; a good deal has been offered at 13c and not taken. Old has been inactive and nominally unchanged at 4 to 5c. There has been nothing doing in box-lots. Street receipts have increased, but have sold fairly well at 13 to 15c for pound rolls, and 12 to 13c for crocks. English advices continue to be discouraging to shippers.

CHEESE—Has been quiet; the low figures at which the market opened have led buyers to hold off. There is nothing doing here in round lots, but lots of 20 boxes usually sell at 9c, and smaller lots at 9½ to 10c.

EGGS—Receipts have continued to be on the increase, and there are now quite enough offering prices are again easier at 10 to 11c for lots. Street receipts have been fair and prices steady at 12 to 14c for really fresh.

PORK—Seems firmer and shows an advance of about 50c; cars are now held at $12, but no sales reported; small lots have been going off fairly well at $12.50 to $13.

BACON—Has been selling quietly in lots of a ton and under, but nothing at all doing in round lots. Prices cannot be said to have changed since our last, but the feeling is easy at 6½ to 6¾c, and occasionally 7c for Cumberland; at 7 to 7½c for long-clear; and at 7½ to 8c for smoked Cumberland. Shoulders have been inactive, and offered at 5 to 5½c. Rolls and bellies are practically out of the market, but a few might be had at 9½c.

HAMS—The active demand noticed in our last has been maintained; stocks seem to have run low, and prices are very firm, though no further advance can be reported; a round lot of smoked brought 9c, and small lots bring 9½; canvassed have sold readily in small lots at 9½ to 10c; lots of 100 might, perhaps, be had a shade less. Pickled range from 8½ to 9c.

LARD—Has remained very quiet and seems likely to continue so. Prices are unchanged at 8½ to 9½c for tinnets and pails, according to quantity and quality, and 8 to 8½c for tierces.

HOGS—There have been a few sold on the street at 6c.

SALT—New Liverpool has arrived; a lot of 1,800 bags to arrive has sold at equal to 65c; lots of 50 to 100 bags on the spot bring 70 to 77½c, and small lots as high as 80c. Goderich is unchanged.

DRIED APPLES—Have been in fair demand and selling steadily at 6 to 6½c for American, and 6½ to 7c for Canadian of good quality.

WHITE BEANS—Remain quiet and unchanged; dealers are usually selling small parcels at from $1.40 to $1.50 per bushel in barrels.

GROCERIES.

TRADE—There seems to have been some improvement in business with the country, but the local jobbing business has been quiet.

TEA—The local demand has been checked by buyers waiting for a trade sale which opened to-day. Some lines have been sold on New York account and generally at firm prices. The feeling generally is steady but there is nothing in the way of local sales to notice. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers' lots:—Young Hyson, common to fair, 25 to 30c; Young Hyson, medium to good seconds, 30 to 37½c; Young Hyson, ordinary to choice extra firsts, 45 to 65c; Pinkertons, 20 to 25c; Gunpowder and Imperials, common to good, 25 to 40c; Fine to Extra Choice, 55 to 65c. Blacks—Congous, 25 to 70c; Souchong, 35 to 65c; Scented Pekoes, 45 to 55c.

COFFEE.—There has been no movement in job lots reported during the week. Java is held firmly but coarse grades are rather weak. Quotations stand as follows:—Java, 28 to 30c; Singapore, 23 to 25c; Jamaica, 24 to 27c; Laguayra, 24 to 27c; Rio 18 to 21c; Mocha, 34 to 36c.

SUGAR.—Buyers have been holding off to a considerable extent; the feeling seems to be somewhat weak but no fall can be reported, nor do holders seem inclined to make concessions. Porto Rico and Barbadoes have been selling as before at 7½ to 7¾c. Scotch has been very quiet; dark grades seem a shade easier at 7½c; sales of lots of good medium have been made at 7¾ to 8c. New York Extra C. is easier with sales of round lots at 8½c. Granulated has sold to some extent in lots at $9.20 per central, but holders generally stand out for $9.37. Dry crushed is easier at 10¼ to 10½c. The principal business in all sorts is being done with country retailers. Prices are quoted as follows, the outside quotations being for retailers' lots:—Porto Rico, per lb., 7½ to 7¾c; Cuba, 7½ to 7¾c; Barbadoes, 7½ to 7¾c; English and Scotch refined bright, 8½ to 8¾c; do., low grades, 7½ to 7¾c; New York yellows, ; Extra C, 8¼ to 8½c; Dry Crushed, 10¼ to 10½c; Granulated, 9½ to 9¾c; Cut Loaf, 10½ to 11c.

SYRUPS—Sales have been small; job lots are held a cent higher. Quotations are as follows:—Common, 45 to 47c; Golden, 50 to 52½c; Amber, 55 to 57½c; Amber choice, 60 to 62½c.

FRUIT—The market has been decidedly active through the week. Valencias have sold freely but at rather easier price; lots of 200 and 300 boxes have sold at 5½c and 5¾c, and lots of 100 boxes at 5½c; for lots of 2,000 and 3,000 boxes 5¼c has been offered and refused. Sultanas also have been active; a round lot of old changed hands at 12c in Montreal, and lots of 100 and 200 boxes here at the same figure; for similar lots of new 7½c have been paid. Layers have been fairly steady; a lot of 250 boxes sold at equal to $1.65 here. London layers to arrive are offering at $1.90, with some sales, and loose Muscatelles to arrive are offering at $1.65. Currants have been quiet but firm at 6 to 6½c for good new; inferior are unsettled. Nuts are unchanged. Prices are as follows, the outside being for retailers' lots:—Raisins, Layers, new, $1.70 to $1.80; Valencias, 6 to 6½; new seedless, 7 to 7½; Sultanas, 6½ to 7½c; loose Muscatelles, new, $1.65 to $1.75c; Currants, new, 1877, 4½ to 6½c; Filberts, 7½ to 8c; Walnuts, 8 to 10c; Almonds, 12 to 15c; Prunes, 7½ to 8c; do do (old), none; Brazil nuts, 7 to 7½c; Lemon peel, 20 to 22c; Orange do, 20 to 22c; Citron do, 26 to 28c.

RICE—Has come to hand during the week, and has been selling rather freely at a decline; sales of round lots have been made at $4.55 for medium, and at $4.60 for choice; small lots do not now bring over $4.75.

FISH—There is nothing at all to say of any sort beyond the fact that no sales are reported and prices are nominally unchanged. Quotations stand as follows, the outside prices being for retailers' lots:—Herrings, Labrador, bbls, $3.50 to $4.00; Salmon, salt water, $15.50 to $16; Codfish, new, per 112 lbs., $5 to $5.25; boneless, per lb., 6 to 6½; Whitefish, hf-bbls., $1 to $1.50; Trout, 75c to $1; Mackerel, bbls, $10; hf-bbls, none; Sardines, ¼s, 11 to 11½c; do, ½s, 18½ to 19½c.

TOBACCO—Has been quiet, and prices generally unchanged; one lot of Myrtle Navy sold on p. t. Small lots have been steady. Quotations are as follows:—Manufactured 10's, 33 to 37c; do 5's, 5s, and 2's, 37½ to 45c; Navy, 5's, bright, 42 to 54c; Navy black, 37 to 40c; Solaces, 35 to 42c; Extra bright none; Virginia, 30 to 90c.

LIQUORS—Have been quiet and generally unchanged. Prices are as follows:—Pure Jamaica Rum, 16 o. p., $2.25 to $2.50; Demerara, $2.20 to $2.30; Gin—green cases, $4 to $4.50; red, $7.75 to $8.50; Wines—Port, $3.50; Sherry, $3.75; Champagne, per case, $10 to $22; Brandy, in wood, $2.75 to $3.50; in case, Sazerac, $8 to $8.50; do Otard's, $8.75 to $9.25; do Hennessy's, $10.25 to $10.50; do Martell's, $8.75 to $10; do Jules Robins, $7.50 to $8; do Vine-gr's' Co, $9 to $9.50; do Jules Bellerie, $7 to $7.50; Whiskey, Common, imp, 32 o. p., 95 to 95c; Old Rye, $1.07 to $1.10; Malt, $1.07 to $1.10; Toddy, $1.07 to $1.10; Spirits, $1.05 to $1.07; Native Wine, per gal, 75c to $2; do do per case, $3.50 to $8; Native Brandy, per gal, $1.40 to $2.50; do do per case $5.05 to $5.50.

CATTLE.

TRADE—Has been rather less active since our last.

BEEVES—Receipts of all grades have fallen off, and all offering have been wanted and readily taken at firm prices. Export cattle have been very scarce indeed, scarcely any having been offered; the demand for them has been active at $5 to $5.25 for any really good quality and weighing not under 1,300 lbs; first-class of rough quality have been taken for the local market at $4.50 to $4.75. Second-class also have been offering less freely and selling more readily than before and at firmer prices; the usual price has been about $4; holders have been trying to run up the price still higher but have yet failed to do so. Third-class have been scarce and the few offering usually thrown in with second, but they may be regarded as steady at $3.50. There have been sales of some small lots of first-class at $4.50 to $5 per central; a car of mixed, averaging 1,150 lbs, at $4½; a car of mixed, averaging 1,000 lbs, at $4½; a lot of 15 steers, averaging 1,250 lbs, at $52.50; a lot of 11 steers, averaging 1,150 lbs, at $46.75.

SHEEP—The supply has increased, and has probably been sufficient, but as it has come in very principally in small waggon lots no large sales have been made. Prices have been steady, but show little change. First-class, weighing not under 125 lbs, have been usually selling at $4.75 to $5, and wanted for export at $4 to $4.25 per central. Second-class have not been very much wanted, but have sold at $4 to $4.50 each, or $3.50 per central.

LAMBS—Have continued to offer freely, and good qualities to sell readily at firm prices. First-class dressing, from 30 to 35 lbs, have been steady at from $3.50 to $4, with all offering wanted. Second-class dressing, not less than 20 lbs, have sold fairly well at $2.50 to $3, but with quite enough in the market, if not too many. Any lighter than these are almost unsaleable, or go off at any price offered.

CALVES—The supply has been large, and fully sufficient of the lower grades has been on the market. First-class have found a ready sale, all offering being wanted; any dressing from 120 to 150 lbs have sold readily at $5 to $10. Second-class, dressing from 80 to 110 lbs, have been plentiful, and ranging from $5 to $7.50. Third-class have been less abundant, but still slow of sale, with too many offering, and prices weak at $2 to $4.50.

HIDES, SKINS, AND WOOL.

TRADE—Has been fairly active since our last.

HIDES—Green have been in fair supply with a sale for all offering at former prices; cured have been nearly within sales of No. 1 at 7½c and of No. 2 at 6½c.

CALFSKINS—Green have been abundant and unchanged; no movement reported in cured.

LAMBSKINS—Have been very plentiful and selling at 25c being an advance of 5c since our last. Pelts also have risen five cents and are bringing 20c with few offering.

WOOL—The market has been quiet but steady; offerings of fleece have been small, both from small receipts from farmers and a disposition of holders to sell at present prices; still one lot of 7,000 lbs., and some smaller lots of 2,000 to 3,000 lbs. have sold at 21c. The market to-day was steady; a lot of 5,000 lbs. brought 21c. On the street receipts have been small and prices easier at 20 to 21c.

TALLOW—Has been very dull; offers have been small, but quite as much as was wanted; rendered has been easier at 6 to 6½c.

Quotations stand as follows:—No. 1 inspected, choice, $6.50; No. 2 inspected, cut, and grubby hides, $5.50; No. 3 inspected, $4.50; Calf-skins, green, 8 to 10c; Calfskins, cured, 11 to 11½c; calfskins, dry, none; Sheepskins, 60c to $1.50; Wool, fleece, 20 to 21c; Wool, pulled, super, 22 to 28c; Wool, pickings, 10 to 11c; Tallow, rough, 4c; rendered, 6½ to 6¾c.

HARDWARE.

Trade in all lines of goods has been very active. Heavy goods of all sorts have been going off in a rush. Tin, tin plates, galvanized iron and iron wire have been all in active demand. Glass has been coming to hand through the week, having been released at Montreal. Shelf-goods have not been going off so quickly as heavy, but have still been active. Harvest tools have begun to move off. Stocks are now complete of all sorts of goods, but no change has occurred in prices; and this being the case we have, in consequence of a pressure of matter omitted to be discouraging to shippers.

London Markets.

TUESDAY, June 18.

Market not very extensive, a few loads each of wheat, peas, and oats finding ready sale at yesterday's figures. Wool—a few bundles going at unchanged rates. Hay—several loads at $8 and $9. Strawberries plentiful, at 12½c per quart. Vegetables and flowering plants in great abundance.

GRAIN—Per 100 lbs., Delhi wheat, $1.60 to $1.80; Treadwell, $1.60 to 1.70; Red, $1.60 to $1.65; Spring, $1.30 to $1.70; Barley, 90c to $1; Peas, 60c to 00; Oats, 86 to 92c; Rye, 80; Buckwheat, 80; Corn, 85 to 95c; Bean, $0.

PRODUCE—Eggs, per dozen, fresh, 9 to 12c; eggs per dozen, packed, 10 to 10c; roll butter, 13 to 15c; tub butter, 10 to 12c; straw, per load, $2.00 to $4.50; turnips, 25 to 25c; carrots, 25 to 30c; potatoes, 40 to 50c; onions, per bushel, 60 to 70c; tallow, rendered, 6 to 6½c; tallow, rough, 4 to 4c; lard per lb, 0 to 10c; wool, 22 to 24c; cheese, per lb, 11½ to 12½c; hay, per ton, $8.00 to $9.00; clover seed, per bush, $5.50 to $4; timothy seed, per bush, $1.25 to $1.50.

Montreal Cattle Market.

MONTREAL, June 17.—The supply of cattle was limited at this market to-day, but was fully equal to the demand, which was very slack from butchers. The best cattle were picked up by exporters at from 4½ to 5½c per lb. Butchers paid from 4 to 4½c per lb. Wm. Head received two cars cattle from Mr. Thos. Head, of Thorontо, and sold eleven head at from 4½ to 5½c per lb., live weight; and fifteen at from 4½ to 4¾c. He also had one car of fine Chicago hogs. Hogs are quoted at from 6 to 6½c per lb., live weight. B. Bonner, of Toronto, had a few cattle held over from last Thursday, and sold three for $165, at about 4c per lb., live weight; two milch cows for $95; four cattle at $56 each, 1 do. at $52.50, and 2 do. for $92.50. R. J. Hopper had a car load of fat cattle, part of which he sold at prices ranging from 4½ to 4¾c. per lb. J. & S. Price are shipping over 100 cattle to Europe this week and Thompson & Co., of Toronto, 130 cattle. D. F. Stewart is shipping a splendid lot of fat sheep to England numbering 300 and averaging 130 lbs. each. They cost about 4½c. per lb., live weight. C. M. Simmons is also sending 350 fat sheep to Liverpool and D. Coughlin, London, Ont., is shipping 200 sheep and 60 hogs to the English market. Ald. McShane is also shipping a lot of choice cattle for England. The following were the receipts of live stock at Point St. Charles last week:—631 cattle, 798 hogs, 200 sheep, and 72 horses.

Trade Prospects.

There are four circumstances which point to a relief from this long continued depression in trade. The change may not be entire or sudden; indeed it is to be hoped it will not, else a period of inflation, similar to that from whence so much of the present evils sprung, would again arise with results even more disastrous than those of recent years. First of the indications of returning prosperity is the prospect of another bountiful harvest, which, following so closely on that of last year must, with good markets, add materially to the wealth of the country, increase the power of purchase among the producing population generally, and by causing a demand for goods, which, for economic reasons, have of late been sparingly used, create a movement in commercial circles, that, even if small, will be greatly appreciated after the stagnation of late years. And, with respect to the markets for grain, there seems no reason to doubt that the demand for breadstuffs by European countries must continue to be heavy for some time to come; the prices obtained for the grain will probably not be high, but farmers will derive more advantage from large crops and moderate prices than from a scarcity of grain and high prices; the chief part of the profits on dear breadstuffs generally going into the pockets of a comparatively few speculators, and not to the tillers of the soil. Next, our export trade continues to show a great improvement over that of last year, the statement for the month of May showing a considerable increase in comparison with the corresponding month of 1877; wheat and live stock mainly contributing to the addition, which in Canadian produce amounts to $1,032,304, the totals being for May, 1878, $1,825,157, and May, 1877, $793,853. Thirdly, importers are steadily adhering to the policy of limiting the imports to the current demand, and with the markets kept free from danger of being glutted, a healthier tone must prevail; while with regard to the lessened imports of manufactured articles, a part of the contraction, more particularly as to cottons and woollens, may undoubtedly be set down to the fact that we are manufacturing some lines of goods for ourselves. And lastly, the diminished and diminishing list of commercial failures throughout the country, particulary noticeable in Montreal, denotes financial improvement, and must lead to a restoration of that confidence which is essential to commercial prosperity. Still, caution must be the prevailing characteristic of those who desire to profit by the better times that seem to be dawning, and they will find that "*Festina lente*" is as good a watch-word to-day as in the olden times.—*Montreal Herald.*

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BIRTHS.

WEEDEN—On the 12th June, the wife of Austin Wee