

ready to pay this figure as soon as the packers have hides ready to deliver. At the last auction sales in Paris this week heavy steers, 90 to 100 pounds, are said to have sold for equal to 15½c. No. 1 butt-branded steers, 60 lbs. and up, are stronger. We reported a sale at 12c. in our last. This price is said to have been refused for more, and 12½c. asked. No. 1 Texas steers, 60 lbs. and up, were sold this week to the amount of about 18,000, including the sales reported in our mid-week issue. Only one packer held out for 13c. All the others sold for 12½c. Light and extreme light hides are counted stronger than the heavies. Some were sold at 12c. and 11c., but other buyers succeeded in buying the three weights at 12½c., 11½c., and 11c. No. 1 Colorado, or side-branded steers, 60 lbs. and up, are in very scant supply. Some holders are asking 11½c. Branded cows are strong, with 11½c. quoted by some packers. Native cows, 55 lbs. and up, are steady at 11c. Skins remain unchanged. Lambskins are quoted at 30c. and pelts at 20c., the price arranged at the beginning of the month. Tallow is dull and lifeless, and stearine is lower in price.

**PROVISIONS.**—Trade in provisions does not display any unwonted activity. The butter trade, both from a local standpoint and by way of export, has taken a turn for the better. This improvement is confined only to choice qualities, while medium qualities and culls are neglected, finding no buyers. Cheese is quiet and steady. Prices of hog products are generally unchanged. Hams are firm at 11 to 11½c. The Cincinnati Price Current of July 4th says:—"The week's movement of hogs discloses a further reduction, Western packers having handled a total of 220,000, compared with 260,000 for the preceding week, and 255,000 for corresponding time last year. From March 1 total is 4,855,000, against 4,770,000 a year ago, indicating an increase this season of 85,000. There are further evidences of deterioration in average quality of current marketings. A feature of the trade is an enlarging eastern movement in hogs." Receipts of eggs are quite large, but much of the stock is inferior, and complaints of heavy losses in candling are numerous; prices range from 10 to 11c. per dozen. There is nothing doing in either dried or evaporated apples. Beans are in scarce supply, and prices continue very firm.

**WOOL.**—There is practically no change in the wool situation. Some of the excitement that has marked the season's operations has subsided, and the fleece may now be considered pretty well in dealers' hands. Sales have been made by way of export this week in Toronto, Hamilton, London and Chatham. The Territorial clip and Manitoba wools are now coming into the market. The representative of a Toronto firm which last year purchased 500,000 lbs. of this wool has gone to the North-West. There is more competition this year in bidding for Territorial wools, and in consequence prices are ranging higher than last year.

#### BRITISH MARKETS.

The monthly report of S. W. Royse & Co., dated Manchester, June 29th, 1895, says with respect to—

**CHEMICALS.**—"Steady but rather quiet" will about describe the present position of the chemical trade. Some articles are moving well for export, but in general the trade is not brisk: values are, however, well maintained, and as we are at the end of the half-year the position may be considered satisfactory. There has been a good demand for alkalies. Bleaching powder and caustic soda are steady at unchanged rates, and for ammonia soda, higher figures are now asked. Chlorate of potash under strong export demand has advanced ½d. per lb. during the last month, and chlorate of soda is sympathetically dearer. Soda crystals are quiet, but bicarbonate of soda is selling freely. The exports of bleaching materials and alkali are heavier and of greater value in last month than in May, 1894; and in the five months ended May 31st last, as compared with the corresponding period of last year, there is in bleaching materials an increase in weight of 3,543 tons, and in value of £7,967, and in alkali an increase in weight of 13,125 tons, but a decrease in value of £34,319. Tar products are dull. Pitch is still firm in price, but consumers do not come forward to purchase at the high figures now ruling. Solvent naphtha is weak and little business doing, and benzoles also are quiet. Creosote is weak and neglected.

Crude carbolic is nominally unchanged in value, but is not selling, and crystals are now more easily obtainable at lower prices. Sulphate of ammonia is steady, and has a firmer tone for forward delivery. Other ammonia salts are unchanged, muriate being rather quiet and carbonate in moderate demand. Acetates of lime are steady on spot, and are stronger for forward delivery. Acetate of soda is quite firm. Brown sugar of lead has advanced, and litharge is rather dearer, in sympathy with lead, but white sugar of lead and nitrate of lead are unchanged. Sulphate of copper has a slightly easier tone. Green copperas is stronger, supplies being rather short on account of difficulties in the tin plate trade. Carbonate and caustic potash are firm, but rather quiet at present. Prussiate of potash appears to be recovering a little. Arsenic is in short supply. Borax is still depressed. Oxalic acid is at convention rates. Tartaric acid and cream of tartar are firm.

**MINERALS.**—The iron ore market is at present quiet; f.o.b. prices are, however, firm, but rates of freight are somewhat easier. The imports were heavier in last month than in May, 1894, but there is a decrease in weight of 179,357 tons, and in value of £165,916 during the five months ended May 31st last, as compared with the corresponding period of last year. Chrome ore continues in good supply and moves off well at steady prices. Manganese ore, of high quality, is not too plentiful and fully maintains its value. There is nothing fresh to report about sulphur; the imports during the five completed months of this year are 12,427 tons, value £45,627 (average £3 13s. 5d. per ton), against 11,173 tons, value £49,414 (average £4 8s. 7d. per ton), during the first five months of 1894. China clay is moving well, especially on foreign account, and as the production has been curtailed by the long and severe frost of last winter, and by the recent spell of dry weather, there is a strong tone in the market. Sulphur of barytes has a fair demand. Carbonate of barytes is only quiet. Phosphates of lime are rather easier, but do not attract buyers.

#### LIVERPOOL PRICES.

|                           | Liverpool, July 8, 12.30 p.m. |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                           | s. d.                         |
| Wheat, Spring .....       | 5 9                           |
| Red, Winter .....         | 5 3½                          |
| No. 1 Cal .....           | 5 2½                          |
| Corn .....                | 4 2½                          |
| Peas .....                | 5 2½                          |
| Lard .....                | 32 9                          |
| Pork .....                | 57 6                          |
| Bacon, heavy .....        | 39 6                          |
| Bacon, light .....        | 33 0                          |
| Tallow .....              | 24 6                          |
| Cheese, new white .....   | 38 6                          |
| Cheese, new colored ..... | 38 6                          |

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