

OATMEAL—Meets more enquiry, and prices have an improving tendency. The offerings are, however, small, and transactions unimportant.

WHEAT.—*Wheat.*—Following the date of our last the demand slackened, and though no sales of moment were reported at a decline, some small lots of U. C. Spring were suffered to go at rather less than previously current rates. Within a day or two, however, the market has rallied under the influence of favourable despatches from Britain, and sales of U. C. Spring in car loads have been made at \$1.67½ and cargoes at \$1.60 for delivery, a fancy sample drawing rather more. Chicago and Milwaukee Wheat has also sold to a considerable extent at \$1.61 for No. 1 and \$1.60 for No. 2. Holders now demand an advance, which buyers will not concede, and the market closes quiet, but firm. British advices for *Pease* have not materially varied, but exporters have lowered their offers, owing to the enormous advance in ocean freight. Latest sales have been at 96c to 97c for car loads from store, few cargo sales being reported; good samples, however, afloat would command rather more if immediately available. Little can be noted in *Oats*. There is an improving demand, and current rates are more freely paid for consumptive use, but few large operations have yet transpired. *Barley.*—Bright samples are wanted for malting, but there is little offering of available quality.

THE LEATHER TRADE.

Ireland, W. H.
Kershaw & Edwards.
Lalliviere & Bourdeau.
Morland, Watson & Co.
Mulholland, & Baker.
Robertson, Jas.
Round, John & Sons.
Waddell & Pearce

Seymour, C. F.
Seymour, M. H.
Shaw F & Bros.
Smyth & Edmison.

HIDES - Although there has been a slight increase in receipts, holders are asking firm prices. Stock in market is not heavy.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

May, Joseph
May, Thomas, & Co
McCulloch, Jack & Co.
McIntyre, Denoon & Co
McLachlin Bros & Co
McMaster & Co., Wm. J.
Moss, S. H., & J
Muir, W., & R
Munderloh & Steenken.
Ogilvy & Co.
Phillips, Aubin & Co.
Robertson, A., & Co.
Roy, Jas., & Co.
Stephen, William, & Co.
Stirling, McCall & Co.
Thomas, Thibaudan & Co.
Walker, Alexander.

rather exceptional, while irregular have continued to
rule for the commoner samples.

The New Haven Building block Company are manufacturing patent brick having a long narrow slit or air chamber, which they claim will keep buildings constructed therewith cooler in summer and warmer in winter than when built with ordinary brick. The bricks are made of a cement and shell lime.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 9, 1897.

At market for the current week:—Cattle, 3,516; Sheep and Lambs, 11,300; Swine, 3,800. Number of Western Cattle, 2,370; Eastern Cattle, 740; Working Oxen and Northern Cattle, 400. Left over from last week.

Prices.—Beef Cattle, extra, \$12.75 to \$13.00; first quality, \$12.00 to \$12.50, second quality, \$10.50 to \$11.75, third quality, at \$7.50 to \$10.00 per 100 lbs. (the

Country Hides at 10c to 10½c per lb, and Brighton Hides at 10½c to 11c per lb.
Country Tallow at 7c to 7½c per lb; Brighton

Tallow at 8½c to 9c per lb.
 Sheep and Lamb skins, 75c to \$1 each.
 Calf skins, 16c to 18c per lb.

REMARKS.
There is a large supply of Cattle at market—more from the West than has been brought in during an

previous week this year. There are but a few lots of nice cattle among them. In the latter part of the week there were several lots of good Cattle at market which were either taken at a commission or sold at on

highest quotations. Most of the Cattle from Maine were Working Oxen and Stores. We have not noticed any sales at more than 13c per lb. There is not a very active demand, and we think there will be a still further

Stores—Yearlings, \$15 to \$25 per head; two-year-olds, \$30 to \$45; three-year-olds, \$45 to \$60. Most of

Working Oxen.—Prices range from \$10 to \$150, also

Milch Cows—Sales of extra at \$90 to \$100; ordinary at \$60 to \$80. Store cows at \$45 to \$75. The market

Sheep and Lambs—The supply is large and trade is dull, particularly for good lots, good lambs

is dull, particularly for good lots. Good Lambs are quickly sold. We quote sales of Lambs at \$2.25 to \$3.50 per head and Sheep at 8c to 6c per lb.

Swine—No store Pigs at market.

Eat Hens—A large and steady market.

Fat Hogs—Are in good supply, and prices are unchanged; 3,600 at market; sales at 7½c to 8½c per lb.