being in advance to a considerable extent of that of the corresponding season of 1869. Stocks however are still ample, the supply of staple goods, both domestic and imported, being if anything in excess of what is necessary at this time of the year. Collections have been good as a rule, and we may, taking it all together, regard this important branch of trade as being in a very satisfactory condition.

GROCERIES.—A fair business has been done in a few of the leading articles, but trade generally has been somewhat inactive. *Coffee.*—The demand has been very trifling, but stocks are light, and prices are quite unchanged. *Fish* continues inactive to a degree, and quotations, in the absence of transactions, may be looked upon as almost entirely nominal. *Fruit.*—Scarcely anything doing in Raisins of any kind. Some very desirable samples of new Currants have been received, and are offered at 6½c. to 6¾c. No transactions reported. *Molasses* continues very inactive, and prices are nominally without change. Syrups meet a steady demand, for which stocks are ample, and prices are unaltered. *Rice.*—Stocks of old, on which duty had been paid previously to the passing of the recent tariff, have gradually been declining, and new arrivals feeling the pressure of the increased duties, prices are improving. We quote desirable samples of Arracan at $4 to $4.30, and of Rangoon $3.80 to $4.00. *Spices* are without demand, and quotations are quite unchanged. *Sugars.*—Raws have been again dealt in to a considerable extent. Havana Box Sugars have been arriving freely, and have been placed, almost as rapidly as received, at satisfactory prices, the range being about the same as last week. The New York market continues firm for both Raw and Refined. Some advance having been obtained on the latter. The following figures shew the imports at New York, from Jan. 1st to May 26th, 1870, and for the corresponding period of 1869:—

	Bxs.	Hhds.	Bags.
To May 26, 1870....	122,558	176,621	213,056
" " 1867....	235,715	179,024	166,951

And the following were the stocks in first hands on May 26 1870 and two preceding years:—

	Bxs.	Hhds.	Bags.
Stock—May 26, 1870...	104,156	88,548	347,534
" " 1868...	134,403	88,113	106,789
" " 1868...	42,560	52,215	8,098

Latest advices from Havana report an active demand and prices firm, some advance even being occasionally obtained for choice sugars. The sales for week ended May 20 footed up 20,000 boxes of all kinds, as against 35,000 boxes the week previous. *Teas*—The fine and medium grades of Greens have been in demand, as have also the better grades of uncolored Japan, while the lower grades of all kinds have been almost entirely neglected. Prices of Japans have stiffened in sympathy with the New York market, where an advance of about 5c. a pound has recently been secured. Quotations here, however, are nominally unchanged, although holders have become very firm. *Tobacco* has met a good demand, and prices continue to harden. Quotations generally are unchanged, the only alteration being in McDonald's No. 2 Prince of Wales, which have been marked down in order to work off an accumulation of that particular sort. Scales' tobaccos are in good demand, and considerable sales are reported. *Wines and Liquors* are inactive and unchanged.

HARDWARE.—Goods are beginning to arrive, but only slowly as yet, and stocks are still incomplete. A moderate amount of business however, has been done, and generally speaking of a satisfactory nature. Prices are for the most part without change.

HATS AND CAPS.—A good spring trade has been done, but the season is now over, and the principal houses are engaged in taking stock.

HIDES AND SKINS.—*Hides*—are very dull, Stocks have completely run out, and receipts are very light, but on the other hand, the demand is of the most limited character, and we have no change in prices to note. *Calf Skins*—are also quiet, and prices in sympathy with the reported decline in the U. S. markets, are tending downwards. *Sheepskins*—nothing doing.

LEATHER.—Business has been very dull, the absence of desirable stock greatly restricting transactions. Prime stock of all sorts is in demand, and could sell readily at full prices.

LUMBER.—The lumber trade is (as was anticipated in some of our former and earlier reports), unusually brisk. Thus early in the season, a large shipping trade being done on the lakes, in addition to the home or "local" trade, although prices remain unaltered. Sales are readily made at our last week's quotations. Large quantities are being shipped from Toronto, last week's shipments being considerably in excess of those of any preceding week of this season. At Port Dover, also, shipping has commenced, some cargoes having left for the Buffalo market. Several vessels have also left the Georgian Bay laden with fine lumber of this season's manufacture, bound for Chicago, Cleveland and Buffalo. Prices as quoted last week, viz: clear $22.00, common $9.00, culls $6.00, lath $2.50, Shingles, No. 1, $2.60, No. 2, $2.25.

PAINTS AND OILS.—Have had a steady demand with few changes in prices. *Linseed*—both raw and boiled is quoted at an advance of 2½ to 5c., partly in consequence of low stocks, and partly of an advance in the English markets. *Spirits Turpentine*—on the contrary, is selling to arrive at a reduction on previous quotations, and may be quoted 55 to 60.

PETROLEUM.—Has been exceedingly inactive, no transactions whatever being reported except in a retail way for city consumption. Prices are altogether without change.

PRODUCE.—Business has again been of rather a limited character, although the tone of the market has generally speaking been firm throughout the week. *Flour*—Receipts for the week, from June 1, have been only 3209 bbls., and with an advancing market in England, prices here have ruled strong, sellers being, however, for the most part, quite above the views of buyers. Sales reported comprise 300 bbls. Super at $4.30 in store; 500 bbls. Extra at $5 f.o.b.; 100 bbls. Super at $4.26½ f.o.c.; 300 bbls. strong Bakers at $4.40 f.o.b.; 100 bbls. Fancy at Rockwood at $4.50; 100 Coarse here $3.80. Market closes firm. *Oatmeal*—Transactions chiefly limited to retail lots at about quotations. *Wheat*—Receipts for week to June 1 were only 5180 bus. Prices were somewhat unsteady during the week, in consequence of a decline of 3c. in New York, but there was an improved feeling at the close, and both English and U. S. markets were firmer in tone. Sales for the week include 600 bus. mixed Spring and Fall at $1 in store; 10,000 bus. Spring at 98c. f.o.b.; and three cars white Winter on p.t. Prices on the street at the close, $1.02 to $1.15 for Spring to sound white Winter. *Barley*—Transactions have been of a very limited nature, confined to a few car loads, mostly on private terms; 55c. to 56c. is paid for farmers' deliveries. *Peas* have been dealt in more freely at advancing prices. A car load was sold at 66c., 5000 bus. at 70c. f.o.b. at Hamilton, and two car loads at the close at 68c. in elevator and f.o.b. *Oats*—The market has been tolerably steady during the week, closing firm and about 1c. better. There were sales in the course of the week of a few cars at 35c. to 37½c., but quotations now current may be stated at 38c. to 39c. *Rye* is in fair demand at unchanged quotations.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*—Receipts of dairy-packed have been rather more liberal than heretofore, and shippers holding back for the present, prices have given way fully 2c. The demand for local consumption is, however, sufficient to prevent any marked accumulation. So far as reported, the quality of the butter now coming in is unusually good, being uniform in colour and of rich flavour. *Cheese* meets a moderate demand at unchanged rates. *Eggs* are only in moderate supply, present receipts being somewhat unequal to the demand, which continues active. Prices are very firm at quotations, but are without change. *Lard* is quiet and unchanged. *Pork*—The stock of Mess is very limited, and holders are firm, although there is at present a very light demand. *Tallow* quiet and without change.

SALT.—*Goderich* continues to meet a steady demand, though fallen off somewhat, the active season being now over. *Liverpool Coarse* is offeridg more freely at reduced rates, 75c. for sound lots *ex*-wharf being now the asking price. We have not heard of any transactions, however, at this figure.

WOOL.—A few lots of fleece, new clip, have been offered, and taken at 28c., which will probably be the opening price of the season just about to commence.

FREIGHTS.—Grain 2c., greenbacks to Oswego, and 2c. gold to Kingston by sailing vessel; from Kingston to Montreal, by barge 4½c. Steamer rates have declined somewhat, freights offering less abundantly. We quote for flour, 12½c. to Kingston; 15c. to Brockville and Prescott, and 20c. to Montreal, railway rates are without change. Per G. W. Railway:—Flour, from Sarnia and Detroit to Toronto 35c. per brl; grain, 18c. per 100 lbs. From the Suspension Bridge, 25c.; grain, 13c. The Grand Trunk through rates to Liverpool or Glasgow, are: Butter per gross ton 70s: cheese per do. 70s; lard per do. 70s; bacon and hams per do. 65s; beef per tierce, 13s; pork per brl., 9s. 6d, flour per brl., 5s. 6d; grain, 10s. 6d per quarter. Grain taken only in ships' bags. The following are the spring rates of the Grand Trunk Railway: to Halifax 95c. for flour and 48c. for grain; to St. John 90c. flour, 45c. grain. The rates to railway stations are—Flour to Kingston, 25c.; grain, 13c.; flour to Prescott, 30c.; grain, 15c.; flour to Montreal, 35c.; grain, 18c.; flour to St. John, Quebec, 45c.; grain, 23c.; flour to Point Levi, 55c., grain, 28c.; flour to Portland, 75c., grain, 38c.; flour to New York 75c.; grain 38c.; flour to Boston 80c., grain 40c. gold.

Petroleum in the States.

The *Titusville Herald* says there was a moderate increase in the production for the month of April, occasioned by the striking of new wells, as the following table will show:

		Bbls.
Total shipment of crude for April of bbls. of 45 galls. each		425,966
Add to reduce to bbls. of 43 galls. each.		19,812
Total shipments of bbls. of 43 galls. ea		445,778
Stock on hand April 1	385,157	
Stock on hand May 1	328,609	
Deduct decrease on May 1		56,548
Total production during April		389,230
Average per day for thirty days		12,974
Average per day in April, 1869		11,087
Daily increase April, 1870, over April, 1869		1,907

The following were the exports of petroleum from the United States, from January 1 to May 24.

	1870.	1869.
From New York......galls	23,753,286	22,768,309
Boston	597,930	1,064,244
Philadelphia	11,312,157	7,676,796
Baltimore	743,461	473,941
Portland	....	....
New Bedford	....	....
Cleveland	....	....
Total Export from the U.S.	36,406,334	32,013,270
Same time 1868		29,044,785
Same time 1867		21,241,860

An approximate estimate by the *Oil City Times* shows the total production of Petroleum on Oil Creek and its tributaries during April to have been 325,000 barrels, or 29,000 brrrels less than during March.