

Orders are fairly numerous, and money is coming in from the country freely.

CATTLE.—The last shipment of the season, probably, from this market, was made yesterday by G. T. R. to catch the S. S. "Brooklyn" the fastest ship of the Dominion Line, at Quebec for Liverpool. It consisted of 210 beeves, the best obtainable in the present state of this market, though they were anything but fat.

There is a considerable demand for feeding-cattle, which are intended to be placed in Gooderham's byres. For these 3½ and 3¾ has been paid live weight for steers, which is ¼ or ½c. more than has been paid of late. For *beefs* for local use, butchers are paying from 2½ to 3¾c. those offering are not numerous and not choice. *Sheep* are not wanted, prices nominal; *Lambs* in pretty fair request, at from \$3.00 to 4.00 each. *Calves* out of season, bringing all the way from \$5.00 to 10.00.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Still further advances in price continue to be made in a number of articles, and quotations are firm generally where not advanced. We quote *Camphor* 48c; *Caustic Soda*, 3½ to 4c; *Cream Tartar*, 35 to 38c; *Madder*, 1c½ to 11c; *Tartaric Acid* 55 to 58c.

FLOUR.—Stocks in store 8,510 bbls. against 9,100 bbls. last week and 3,850 bbls. on like date last year. There have been sales of frequent 100-bbl. lots, and one or two round lots at our quotations. Some holders, however, will not sell at the figures named, and although prices are lower than last week, the feeling is that they must go up, rather than falling any lower. *Oatmeal.*—There have been sales this week at 4.35 on track, car-lots; *Cornmeal* is higher, we quote now 3.35.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—Fall Stocks in store 156,390 bush. against 160,348 bush. last week, and 46,341 bush. on like date last year. Since our last, wheat has gone up in Britain 2/- and receded again on Tuesday; it advanced in the West, but has now fallen to the figures of a week ago. There have been large sales made here for export of both spring and fall, one firm sold 50,000 bushels, and others sold perhaps 30,000 more, to go *via* Boston and Portland to Britain, the St. Lawrence trade being about closed. Holders are now firm at from \$1.25 to \$1.26 for No. 1.

Wheat.—Spring—Stocks in store 112,673 bush. against 112,479 bush. last week, and 88,678 bush. on like date last year. A fair export demand this week; prices are higher and firm, in the belief that bottom has been reached. We quote \$1.21 to 1.23 for No. 1, and sales have been made at these prices. *Barley.*—Stocks in store 325,005 bush. against 341,473 bush. last week, and 293,095 bush. on like date last year. These figures indicate reduced stock, but when the sales of this week are shipped the quantity held here will be much lessened, the movement to Oswego and other points has been considerable during the week, at prices within our range. As usual at the close of navigation, there has been some rush to get cargoes off. The market is just now steady at rather over last week's prices. *Oats.*—Stocks in store, 340 bush., against 1,240 bush. last week, and 13,340 bush. on like date last year. As usual, this grain is scarce and firm. Car lots were sold on Tuesday at as high as 37½c. *Peas.*—Stocks in store, 15,494 bush., against 20,806 bush. last week and 17,913 bush. on like date last year. A cargo of No. 1 sold last week at 66c. We leave our quotations as before.

GROCERIES.—The market is active for all goods, more especially in fruits and sugars, and payments are very fairly satisfactory. A rise, equal to about eight cents has taken place in Japan teas in Japan; these goods, such as were a drug at 18c per pound in New York six months ago, are now worth 32c firm. *Fish* are meeting with fair sale, *herrings* are still

higher, all the Montreal stock being held by one dealer, and it costs \$6.40 to bring them from Boston; dry cod steady. *Fruit* is moving rapidly, Layers, '79 are worth \$2.35 to 2.50, London unchanged; new Sultanias are held at 9½ to 10½c; old are out of market. *Valentias* are firm at quotations. *Currants* are valuable stock, and there is no large supply of them. *Coffee* quiet, but firmly held. *Spices* are not materially changed, black pepper can be had in round lots at 11½c. The *sugar* market is still firm, but no large transactions to record, supply is not heavy here. We quote Barbadoes 8½ to 9c; Cuba 8½ to 9c; Porto Rico 8½ to 9½c. Some low grades English have sold at 9c. and a moderate stock of better quality is held. The general terms for sugars are now sixty days time. Prices of *teas* are maintained; there is a steady movement to the retail trade, but a lull in the sale of lines. In blacks, Congou has sold at 31c. and 32c for quantities.

HAY AND SEEDS.—The new crop of *lover* seed not having begun to move, there are no quotations obtainable. The bad result of the English crop sent prices up in the Western States rapidly some time ago; but the American crop being found good, that of Canada one of the best ever known, and other sources turning out quantities, the sharp advance has been lost, and it is concluded that the yield on the whole will be an average one. Besides, the English farmers will be less lavish this year than usual in sowing their seed, and can thus effect a marked economy in the quantity used. *Timothy*: there is nothing doing on which to found prices, but we are told that \$3.00 is as little as Western can be laid down here for. For the best *hay* \$10.00 to 11.00 is paid, inferior ranging from \$7.50 to 9.50. *Straw* \$7.00 to 8.00.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The fall in prices of green hides last week of 50c. has been recovered, and 9½c. is being paid, some very decided rivalry being apparent in the market. No less can well be accepted for cured, but it is difficult to get 9½c. from tanners. Not many *sheepskins* offer, \$1.20 is now paid. *Rough Tallow* \$4.00; rendered in active demand at \$6.00 to 6.25.

HARDWARE.—This line of trade continues active; and occasional cable advices of further advance in prices of articles in heavy goods, serves to make holders firm almost all over the list. Indeed, all kinds of hardware are expected to advance in Britain after the Christmas holidays. Money is coming in from country dealers here in a more gratifying manner, and we hear oftener of late of cash payments. *Pig Iron*—Carnbroe \$26 to 27; Summerlee, scarcely any in market, \$27; an advance of 10 per cent. in manufactured iron took place in England last week, prices are firm and unchanged. Galvanized has risen £1 per ton this week, and we advance prices ½c; Canada plates are very stiff, the home price being now £18. *Pig lead* is stiffer, we quote 5½ to 5¾c; shot is also higher, say 6½ to 7c. A drop of 2c. per lb on *tin* took place last week in New York, the cause being the throwing upon that market of 1000 tons by some Cornish company, prices here are maintained. *Window glass* is very firm and looking upward, the Montreal market is bare, a notable thing is the sending of glass by Messrs. McDougall Logie & Co., from that city to Buffalo, the American house paying we believe 35 per cent. duty. The *Iron Age* states that never in the history of the trade in Pittsburg have glass stocks been so low or the demand so great.

LEATHER.—Business is fairly brisk, and advancing prices are the order of the day. We now quote No. 1 Spanish *sole* 27 to 29c; for heavy slaughter, best quality, 30c. is now asked, and no contracts can be made at 28c; no light to be had under 26 to 28c. *Upper* is very stiff, large sales of heavy have been made at 40c. and a higher figure is easily obtained for prime light. *Kips* are steady and in fair supply. French

Calfskins are "booming" in France, the increase in price being equal to 5 to 7½ per cent., we quote as before meantime. Best *Splits* command 33 and 34c. readily, 35c. has been paid for small parcels of large ones. *Oils* are decidedly stiffer and Gambier has advanced now 6 to 6½c.

OILS.—We have some changes to note in price, all of them in an upward direction. *Cod Oil* much stiffer; we now quote 45 to 50c; Straits steady at 40 to 42c; Linseed oils decidedly higher, raw held at 74 to 77c; boiled 78 to 80c; *Seal* 55c. *Petroleum* active, changing hands in car lots at 12½c, prices are up at the wells, and holders here follow suit, asking 13 to 13½c for small parcels.

PROVISIONS.—For the past week, trade has been extremely quiet. The demand from the country for hog products is light, and though the Chicago market shows some advance, it is not reflected here. The weather has been unfavorable for packers to operate, and small receipts of dressed hogs coming in have been taken by city butchers at say \$5.50 to 6.00. We have no changes to make in *pork* or *bacon* quotations. *Cheese* is in fair demand; price unchanged. *Butter* is quite freely called for by the city trade, and from 18 to 20c, as to quality, obtained.

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