# FINANCE & COMMERCE.

TRUE WITNESS OFFICE, .
Tuesday, April 27.

Financial. The Ontario Bank has declared a dividend

ef 3 per cent. The local money market continues duli. with rates of interest and discount easy but

unchanged. There was a light business done here today in Sterling Exchange at rathe. firmer rates, in sympathy with the New York market\_\$1.09 to \$1.09} for round amounts between banks, \$1.09\{\} to \$1.09\{\} over the counter. Gold drafts on New York, \{\} prem. In New York the rates for Sterling Exchange advanced ic. to-day, now quoted at \$4.851 for long, and \$4.881 for short-dated bills.

—A company has been formed with a capital of \$50,000 having its headquarters in this city for the purpose of manufacturing all kinds of silks, and an act of incorporation has been applied for. The shareholders are Messrs. A. M. Foster, Char. Baillie and Wm. Minto of Montreal, and W. B. Fester of Toronto.

1890.	1879.
Passengers, mails and Express	\$62,48. 108,54
Total\$196,418	\$171,024
Increase in 1880 The Riviere du Loup receipts a	re included in

1879, not in 1880; addin them (\$4,200), the week increase would be \$29.594. The aggregate in crease for sixteen weeks is \$462,291. BANK STATEMENT FOR MARCH.

The monthly statement of banks doing business in Canada, issued on Saturday last, shows the subscribed capital of the chartered banks to be \$63,454,633; paid-up capital, \$60,553,287; and circulation, \$18,529,352.

The total of liabilities for March was \$96,501,025, against \$95,692,521, for February: the total assets for March, \$162,723,898, against \$160,869,639 for February.

against \$55,692,521. for February. Scts. for March, \$162,723,338, against \$160.889,639 for February.

The directors' liabilities for March amount to \$5,133,720, against \$4,785,992, for February. The chief features in the return are the increase in the circulation and the increase in current discounts, both of which are indicative of a larger trade movement, while the increase in deposits shows that the available capital is in excess of the demand for it.

This plethora of capital is expected to remain with the banks until the Fall trade movement causes an increased domand for accommodation. The reduction of \$180,000 in overdue notes is also shown in the return.

Our banks have now \$25,500,000 employed in New York and Chicago, where the demand for money at good paying rates continues active. During the last six months, the leading banks in Canada have derived their profits largely from their American business.

MECHANICS' BANK.

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As previously announced, the assignee, Mr. James Court, gives notice that a first dividend of 2) per cent will be paid after May 4th. A resputible tion of the dividend sheet shows:—

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Preferential claims	• • • • •	\$ 3,857.04
Ordinary creditors, claims proved Do. claims not fully proved.	\$243,027.85 6,824.29	\$48,605,45 1,884,84
Do. reserved for claims not	10,341.70	2,068.36
Circulation not filed for Outstanding cheques	100,922.00 428.35	20,184.00 85.68
Total	\$361,544.19	\$78,165,81
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#### WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE CITY WHOLESALE TRADE.

#### TUESDAY, April 27.

The great annual event which is looked torward to with so much anxiety at this period of the year by all our business men-the opening of navigation at this portto have taken gaid Several boats and propellers passed out through the Lachine Canal yesterday. and several are now being loaded with freight here. The first mail boat on the Richelieu line left Kingston to-day for Hamilton, and we learn by despatches that the Welland Canal will be opened throughout for traffic by Friday next. From present appearances an unusually brisk season will follow the opening of navigation this year; it is said that a large quantity of wheat and corn is already on passage from Chicago and other lake towns in the States for this port for final transhipment, and the only thing that remains to be done to ensure the realization of the bright prospects is for the Dominion Government to assume sufficient of the liabilities of the Harbor Trust of this city to enable the Board to lessen, or remove entirely, the port charges of Montreal, so as to enable her the better to compete with other ports on the Atlantic seaboard for the carrying trade of the West. It certainly appears only reasonable that the Government should assume the debt contracted for the deepening of Lake St. Peter, which is a national undertaking, and thus remove a heavy burden upon the shipping coming to this port.

The local breadstuffs market continues

quiet, with buyers and sellers apart in their views. It is impracticable, therefore, to give correct or reliable quotations.

ASHES.—Receipts are only moderate, but sufficient for the demand, which rules quiet. First poss sell as they arrive at \$3.75, an Seconds and thirds scarce; they would bring \$3.25 to \$2.80, respectively. Pearls purely nominal; nothing doing in them.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—There is scarcely any new feature to note in connection with this branch of trade. Wholesale manufac-turers here continue to be kept busy filling back orders for goods to be shipped about the first week in May, and they report orders by letter during the past week comparatively few. The cause is attributed to the fact of stocks in the country not having been much broken or reduced, as yet. As soon as the western boats commence their regular trips on Wire, # bdl. of 63 lbs Nos 0 to 6. 2 40 the St. Lawrence an improvement in the demand from country dealers is expected. Prices unchanged. Remittances have somewhat improved. The volume of business done this season has been satisfactory, but as yet it is not known whether the outcome of profits has been proportionately good. The trade here are now in somewhat of a quandary as to the immediate future; several of the leading houses, we understand, have been holding off from making purchases of leather because of the high prices ruling, knowing that prices for boots and shoes must either be advanced or profits given away. Active competition renders the one step almost hopeless, and, on the other hand, there seems to be no immediate prospect of skins now are quoted at \$2 to \$3.25 each; reduced prices for leather; in fact, the hide lambskins at 30c to 35c each, and calfskins and leather market appears to be growing at 14c per lb. Rough tallow, 5c. stronger every week.

DRY GOODS.—The spring-like weather of the past few days has had a stimulating influence on our city retail trade. Our wholesale dealers report that business during the on their sorting up trips, more cheerful accounts are expected next week. Remittances until about the 6th of May next. Steam re-

might be better, but they are fully up to general expectations.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—In general drugs there has been a good business done in small parcels; orders from the country during the week have been coming forward lively, but generally speaking they are lighter than in former years, more care teing exercised in buying, consequently goot shave to be sold at close figures and bana trofits to secure orders. In heavy chemicals the movement is very light as jet; brokers have been feeling the market, as it were, but buyers are holding off until the vessels arrive and the latest news can be learned, as prices in England have been considerably depressed lately. Prices here are unchanged. Remittances still rather slow. The latest information from New York is that the combination in opium is neither buying nor offering their stock, and business has been chiefly confined to jobbing lots. A cable from Smyrns says that speculators are purchasing prime in the interior at 240 plastres. In New York sales of new opium have been made recently at S6.

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GROCERIES,-Teas-Dulness prevails, although at the reduced prices current there has been more doing than previously. Low grade Japan teas are quoted at 26c to 30c; good fair to fine, 33c to 42c; and choice, 45c to 55c. In choice green and black teas there is not much doing, and prices are a steady for the week; granulated is quoted at 8 c. Molasses is quoted at 36 c to 40c for Barbadoes; Trinidad, 30c to 34c; Porto Rico, 33c to 38c. Syrups are dull Coffees-Jamaica, of importation via Halifax, by the new line of steamers, has been sold in this market at about 18c for heavy lots; held at 18c to 20c, as to quantity; Java, 25c to 30c; Mocha, 29c to 34c; Maracaibo, 214c to 234c. Rice dull at \$4.10 to 4.40. Spices-Pepper, 10 c to 11 c; other spices are not active, and prices show little change. Fruits-Valencia raisins steady at 81 to 81c; layers, 12.20 to 2.45; loose Muscatels, \$2.40 to 2.60; currants dull and nominal; filberts, 8½c to 10c; walnuts, 8c to 10%c; Tarragona almonds, 17%c to 191. Oils-Ordinary pale seal, 45c to 55c; steam refined, 62c to 67c. Salt, 65c to 75c for coarse; factory filled is scarce, and held at

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HIDES AND SKINS .- There are not many hides being offered by butchers, since they are not killing many cattle just now, but the demand continues steady, at the high prices previously quoted, under the keen struggle for the control of the market which we have before referred to. We understand that the hide dealers held a private meeting last week to discuss the sore and vexed question of the unprofitably high prices, but it seems they did not decide on any definite course of action, for hides are still bought at \$10.50, \$9.50 and \$8.50 respectively for Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Some even quote outside prices at 50c in advance of these figures, and no signs of a downfall are apparent. Sheep-

OILS -The market shows very little if any change for fish oils. Although the seal fisheries by the vessels have been reported a failure this year, more recent advices state that a large number of seal have been caught past week has been very limited, but as on the shores of Newfoundland, and that vestravellers for most of the houses are now out sels are now out and will remain out in the

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ingrind detroit.	fined on the spot is quoted at 632c to about 65c; vat at 472c to 50c; Newfound.	asked by farmers. During the week ending to-day, according to the official report of entries made at the official report of entries made at the office of the American Vice-Consul here, there were 200 horses, costing \$18.582.30, or an average of \$25 cach, shipped from this city to the States of Mass., New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, against 285 horses, valued at \$27.805.58, shipped during last week. About vine carloads were bought at the American House yards this week, and over 60 horses were in the stables to day, ready for sh.pment, while some 18 or 18 huger, were regist red at the botel.  In Quebo, also, Lere is a good demand for horses; there are two American buyers in that city now in search of 100 carriage and working animals. In Chicago there has been an improved demand for horses, there are two American buyers in that city now in search of 100 carriage and working animals. In Chicago there has been an improved demand for horses this week, and in Albany the market is reported active, at somewhat easier prices, sales having been made at \$155 to \$175 cach.  At the Corporation horse market on College street a fair business was done during the week. The reported sales there were:—One san bay horses, 8 years old, and 15 hands 3 inches high for \$350; I bay pony, 8 years old, at \$65; I da, 8 years old, at \$40; I uid carriage horse at \$33, and 1 black mare at \$35.  Foliowing is the list of shipments from this city to the U. S. during the week endidg to-day: —April 20, 22 horses, \$1,575; 20 da, \$1,255 5; 21 da, \$125, 50; 21 da, \$127; 15 da, \$1,181; 50; 1 do, \$78; 20 do, \$1,557; 15 da, \$1,17; 10 do, \$255; 3 do, \$185; 11 do, \$265; 61; 11 do, \$265; 60, 41; 16 do, \$1,551; 10 do, \$1,551; 11 do, \$255; 6 do, 41; 16 do, \$1,551; 10 do, \$1,47; 26.	THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY O			
8	PROVISIONS—	A quiet, steady business continues to be done	81			

KOATSTONS The general wholesale market here remains about steady, except, perhaps, for butter, the increased receipts of new butter having a tendency to still further weaken prices. The demand is still chiefly confined to the local trade, but we notice a few buyers in the market enquiring for goods for shipment to to the lower ports. One or two lots of fine butter, aggregating about 50 tube each, are being forwarded from this city to lower ports to-day. Fine Townships have been selling week at 20c to 21c, but one firm state that they are asking only 19c to 20c to-day. Brockville and Morrisburg generally bring 18c to 20c, and roll butter sells at 18c to 19c. Cheese is quiet at 13c for new, and 14c to 15c for old. Eggs quiet at 10c to 10c. Maple syrup, 80c to 85c per gal in kegs; 90c to 95c in tins. Maple sugar, 9c to 11c per pound. Pork, Canada mess, \$14,75 to \$15.25 per bbl. Hams, 10c to 11c. Canada lard, in pails and tubs, 10c to 121c. Bacon, 9c to 10c. Shoulders, 71c to 8c.

SEEDS.-The market for clover has become more active since our last reference; little easier. Sugars have continued fairly several carlots in Ontario have changed hands at \$3.60 to \$3.65 per bush, and holders here ask \$4. Dealers sell it in small lots 93c to 104c; yellow refined at 74c to 94c; ers here ask \$4. Dealers sell it in small lots Porto Rico at 75c to 54c; and Cuba at 74c to at 63c to 7c per lb., and Timothy, in small lots, sells at \$3.50 per bush of 45 lbs.

#### THE FARMERS' MARKETS. Bensecours and St. Ann's-Prices at Far-

mers' Waggons, etc. Tusspay, April 27.

Since the market boats commenced to ply on the river, and the country roads have begun to improve, farmers have been coming to market in large numbers, and this forenoon a tolerably fair business was done at Bonsecours market, and on Jacques Cartier square. Oats were abundant, at 75c to 80c per bag, and buckwheat, peas, potatoes, etc., were selling at unchanged prices. A limited supply of barley was offering at 65c per bushel. A few live fowls sold at about 550 per pair, and dressed chickens were offering at 75c do; dressed turkeys changed hands at 80c each. Misple syrup, 90c to 81 per gallon, and sugar held at 81c to 10c per lb. Fresh print butter worth 20c to 25c, and new-laid eggs, in baskets, generally brought 15c per dozen, while at the waggons eggs in barrels were selling at 11c to 12c, and occasionally 13c was paid. Vegetables steady and unchanged.

The fruit market remains oulet, and the only Tuesday, April 27.

25c to 30c per doz; cranberries, \$10 per barrel, or 40c per gallon; grapes, Malaga, \$10 per keg of 50 lbs.

Grain, etc.—Cais, 75c to 80c per bag; buckwheat, 45c to 55c per bushel; peas, 85c to 80c per bushel; soup peas, \$1 to \$1.05 per bushel; barley, 60c to 65c per bushel; corn, 80c to \$1 per bushel; white beans, \$1.00 to \$1.50 per bushel; bran, 90c per cwt; corn-meal, \$1.40 to 1.50 per cwt; moulle, \$1.00 to 1.10 per cwt; buck wheat flour, \$1.50 to \$1.60 per cwt; to atime \$1.50 to \$1.60 per cwt; contineal, \$2.45 to 2.50 per bag.

Farm Produce—Butter—Prints, 20c to 25c per lb.; lump, 19c to 20c per lb: Eastern Townships, tub, 19c to 21c. New-laid eggs, 14c to 15c per dozen; packed do., 11c to 13c. Fine cheese, 60c to 60c per lb; ordinary, 60c to 60c. Maple sugar, 8ic to 10c per lb. Lard, 10c to 11c. Maple sugar, 8ic to 10c per lb. Lard, 10c to 11c. Maple sugar, 8ic to 10c per lb. Lard, 10c to 11c. Maple sugar, 8ic to 10c per lb. Lard, 10c to 11c. Maple sugar, 8ic to 10c per dozen, or 20c to 25c per galr; ducks, tame, 60c to 60c per brace; pigeons, \$1.00 to 1.50 per dozen, or 20c to 25c per pair; ducks, tame, 60c to 60c per pair; qualls, \$3 per dozen; prairie hens, 60c to 50.00 per pair; salpe, \$2.50 per dozen; plovers, \$2.00 per dozen; partridges, 75c to 90c per pair; black ducks, 60c to 75c per dozen; plovers, \$2.00 per dozen; partridges, 75c to 90c per pair; black ducks, 60c to 75c per brace; inloin steaks, 12c to 15c; corn beef, 10c; mutton, 11c to 12jc; veal, 8c to 12jc; pork, 8c to 10c; ham, 12jc to 00c; bacon, 12c to 13c; fresh sausages, 10c to 60c; Bologna sausages, 14c to 15c; spring lamb, \$1 to 2 per qr; dressed hogs, \$8.00 to 8.25 per cwt.

FISH.—Haddock, 7c; codfish, 7c; mackerel, 24c; bass and dorey, 40c to 50c per bunch; olivet, 24c per lb; lobsters, 10c do; perch, 10c to 30c per bunch; rock bass, 15c per bunch; smoked eels, 25c to 40c per couple; fresh salmon, 25c.

## THE CATTLE MARKETS.

MONDAY, April 28.

At St. Gabriel market this morning the supply of cattle was fairly large, but the demand was only fair. The offering comprised 11 carloads cattle and a couple loads hogs, as follows:

—R J Hopper, Ottawa; W walters, P Thompson, Port Hope; W Roberts, Lennoxville; J Robinson, Teronto; W J McClelland, Toronto; T O Robson, St Mary's; W Kinnear, Guelph; D Wheeler, Port Hope, one carload cattle each; James Eakins, Port Hope, 2 loads cattle; J. Robinson sold 15 cattle for \$855; 7 for \$365; 4 at 56c live weight at 4 to 45c. T. Richings sold 9 at 44c to 44c. Ald. J. McShane bought 19 cattle for \$763, 3 for \$145, and 12 at \$81 each. Wm. Kinnear sold his load at \$88 each. W. J. McClelland sold 4 buils at \$3c. 4 common cattle at \$50 each, and 2 steers at 5c. The average range of prices was from 34c to 5c live weight.

Live hogs are now coming forward in large numbers. During the week Messrs W Morgan, W Head and R Bickerdike received a carload each from Chicago for their own use. To-day Sam Price bought 21 hogs from Mr Walters, of Whitby, 72 from Mr Laing and 19 from Mr Wheeler, at an average of 6c per 1b live weight. Mr Robinson also sold 9 at \$8 per cwt. The range of prices for live hogs is from \$8 to 6.25 for good to choice.

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RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS. RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

The receipts of live stock at Point St. Charles during the past week were:—Pogs, 20 cars; cattle, 7 cars, and 6 cars of horses. The shipments by this week's Halifax stamer promise to be large. Messrs Thompson & Co, of Toronto, ship about 130 head, and E B Morgan, of Oshawa, 150 head. It is reported that Mr Ald McShane is holding what cattle he has here for shipment for Montreal. Mr James Prendergast has about 100 head of cattle in the yards here, which he will also ship along with other purchasers this spring.

## MONTREAL HORSE MARKET.

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SATURDAY, April 24.

There have been a good many American horse buyers in the city during this week, and the demand for good carriage and working animals, of good size, continues fairly active at firm prices. Although the farmers are commencing to bring forward their stock a little more freely since the boats on the river commenced running, still the supply of first-class horses is not, apparently, sufficient for the demand as yet, and shippers compisin that too high prices are being supply of first-class horses are being compisin that too high prices are being supply of first-class horses are being compisin that too high prices are being supply of first-class horses is not, apparently, sufficient for the demand as yet, and shippers the position of sellers compels them to seek orders. Apart from the depression in the cotton of the content of the content of the demand is negligible.

## MONTREAL FUEL MARKET.

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FRIDAY, April 23.

A quiet, steady business continues to be done here in anthractic coal, but while a few dealers report that the volume of trade so far this spring is in excess of that for the like period of last year, the high prices current for hard coal cause many consumers to delay need-d purchasse, hoping that, as the season advances, the market will become more favorable. Importers, however, agree in their opinion that values will rule comparatively high throughout the coming summer. Old stocks here are quite low, and will not likely prove more than sufficient for requirements until the opening of navigation; rates of freight have been fixed at a high figure, 33, from all shipping points in New York State to this city, and this together with the additional duty of 500 per ton on all coal imported this year, will make the cost, when laid down here, pretty high. Further, we are informed that several of the large American companies have advanced prices another lie per ton during the past week, so that, altogether, present prospects for any material reduction in values here next month are not bright. As stated in our last report, however, the future course of prices depends chiefly upon the progress of the iron industry in the States. Notwithstanding that the production of anthracite coal was stopped all last month, and is being discontinued during the last half of this month, the amount on hand is about equal to that of last year at the corresponding date.

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The demand for soft coals, which was expected to have been tolerably active before this time, is reported only moderate at unchanged prices. The arrivals of Scotch steam this year are expected to be small especially during the early part of the season, owing to the great supply of freight and increased duty imposed; the deficiency will have to be made up by supplies from the lower ports. We hear of a good deal of coal coming into this market from the Spring Hill mine, at Picton, and meeting with a ready sale at \$4.50.

The demand for firewood from householders has improved during the week and stocks in the city yards are being steadily reduced. The market is expected to become quite active about the first week in May. Prices remain unchanged.

COAL—Retail prices per ton, delivered, for cash: Stove, \$7.00 to \$7.50; chestont, \$6.50 to \$6.75; egg, \$6.75 to \$7.25; furnace, \$6.75 to \$7.00; Scotch grate (soft), \$5.50; Scotch steam, \$5.00 to \$5.25; Bydney steam, \$4.50; Picton do, \$4.50; coke per chaldron, \$3 to 3.50; charcoal, 15c to 25c per bush.

WOOD—Retail prices per cord, delivered from the yard: Long maple, 3; feet, \$5; long tambarac, \$1.50; short maple, 3 feet, \$5.50; short hirch, 3 feet, \$5; short beech, 3; feet, \$5.50; short tamarac, 2; feet to 3 feet, \$3.50; short hemlock, 2; to feet, \$3.

## MONTREAL HAY MARKET.

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## HARDWARE.—Trade has been absolutely dull during the past week; actual sales now are quite small, and though wholesale dealers are loth to admit it, prices are decidedly weak, with a probability of a reduction before the end of the week, at any rate as soon as English advices, as to prospects for the future, are received. Concessions are being already made, but with evident reluctance. The wholesale houses here are tolerably well employed at the moment in filling standing orders, for goods to be shipped about the lat May, which relieves the inactivity which would otherwise be felt from the present dearth of new business. The translates are secondary by the strength of the work are received. Concessions are being already made, but with evident reluctance. The wholesale houses here are tolerably well employed at the moment in filling standing orders, for goods to be shipped about the lat May, which relieves the inactivity which would otherwise be felt from the present dearth of new business. The translates are constant and though wholesale houses here are tolerably well employed at the moment in filling standing orders, for goods to be shipped about the lat May, which relieves the inactivity which would otherwise be felt from the present dearth of new business. The translates have been fairly well maintained, hay being quoted to-day at \$8 to 9 per 100 bundles for consists. Straw continues cheap, being quoted at \$2 to 3 per 100 bundles, with an occasional consists. Straw continues cheap, being quoted to 500 per bushel; turnips, 300 to 400 per bag or 200 to 300 per barse and the only per bushel; turnips, 300 to 400 per bag or 200 to 300 per barse and the only per bushel; turnips, 300 to 400 per bag or 200 to 300 per barse and the only per bushel; turnips, 300 to 400 per bag or 200 to 300 per barse and the only per bushel; turnips, 300 to 400 per bag or 200 to 300 per barse and the constant and the only per bushel; turnips, 300 to 400 per bag or 200 to 300 per barse and the only per bushel; turn 9; pressed straw unchanged, at \$5 to 6 per ton

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Wednesday. April 21.—Trade in live stock generally on this forencon wasin a more active condition than was reported on last Monday. Horned cattle advanced 50c per cwt. Sheep and lambs about ic per lb, and veals and calves nearly ic per lb. At Sixtieth Street yards horned cattle sold at 8ic to 10i per lb, weights 5i cwt, scant. to 9i cwt. scant. At Harsimus Cove Yards prices were 8ic to 10ic per lb, weights 6i to 0i cwt, general sales on 56 lb net: range of allowance 55 to 57 lb net; quality as above reported poor to good, in the aggregate fair. Milch cows held on sale. Buttermilk-fed calves sold at \$3.55 to \$i per cwt. lean veals at 4ic to 5c per lb; fair quality weals, 6ic to 7c per lb. Shorn sheep sold at 4c to 5ic per lb.; woolly sheep, 7c to 7ic per lb.; mixed flocks, woolly, \$7.30 per cwt. Shorn lambs, 6ic per lb.; woolly sheep, 7c to 7ic per lb.; mixed flocks, woolly, \$7.30 per cwt. Shorn lambs, 6ic per lb.; woolly sambs, 8ic to 8ic per lb.; spring lambs, 8c to 9c per lb., also at \$5 per head; the flocks as above reported ranged from poor to choice. There were no sales of hogs reported on live weight; yesterday afternoon 176 Missouri hogs were sold at 4ic per lb, live weight, 131 lb. per head; city dressed opened dull and weak at 5i to 6c per lb.

## LONDON GROCERY MARKET.

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LONDON, April 23.—In Mincing Lane during the past week the markets continued dull and the demand unimproved. Notwithstanding importers showed a disposition to make concessions, sugar was difficult to sell even at a further reduction of 6d to 1s per cwt. Some parcels of low East Indian and foreign on the spot and some cargoes off coast sold at the above decline. West Indian also sold at the reduction. There was more inquiry towards the close of the week, and the downward tendency seems to be checked. Sales of coffee have gone steadily for good and fine sorts. Other descriptions have been irregular, rates occasionally favoring buyers. The deliveries to the home trade have increased, but the stocks still exceed those of last year; rice is lower. Saltpetre is easier. Business in tea is chiefly confined to the large suctions now in progress, and prices are irregular, and for fair to medium black leaf rather cheaper. Black pepper has declined a farthing, and white a farthing to a halfpenny per pound.

## LIVERPOOL PROVISION MARKET.

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CHEESE.—The demand has much improved this week, and as the present demand would exhaust our stock here in a few weeks unless the imports increased in quantity—it is not unlikely that we are on the eve of an advance in price, and that our market will be entirely cleared of stock before the arrival of any considerable quantities of new make. At present holders are selling finest qualities at 71s to 73s, and fine at 67s to 70s, there being no lower grade offering.

BUTTER.—A decline in the value of Continental has caused less enquiry for finest American and Canadian, which, however, is still scarce, and wanted at 125s to 140s. The stock of next quality below (selling at 100s to 110s) has now been considerably reduced, and its place is at present being filled with supplies of fine fresh butterine, which is at present saleable at 100s to 107s.—

Hodgson Bros.' eircular of April 10.

## Finance. Commmerce and Trade.

—In Australia the question of the export of frozen meats is seriously occupying public attention, the 6,600,000 sheep, 8,000,000 cattle in Queensland, admitting of the weekly exportation of 2,000 tons of meat. Refrigerator works are to be immediately erected. Thousands of sheep have been recently boiled down for tallow, while cattle are almost unsalable.

—At a meeting of the Directors of the Dairy-men's Association for eastern Ontario on Fri-day it was resolved to hold their annual exhibi-tion in connection with the Provincial Show at Hamilton and their next convention in Brock-ville at an early date to be named hereafter. A competent instructor to visit the factories in the district and give instructions is to be employed, \$250 having been appropriated for that pur-pose.

market, business here is infinenced by a lack of support from the large distributing centres. Well informed authorities believe that dealers are still as fully supplied that some time must elaces before the demand is likely to resume its ordinary course. " The Manubester market for yarns and fabrics is dull, and tending downward.

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A leading Liverpool grain droular says:
"During the past faw days the provin-fal wheat
markets report an improved tone, with a partial recovery from the recent depression. The
comparatively low prices of cargaes off coast
have tempted buyers, and there has been a large
business, with is to it. of the recent depression
recovered. At Liverpool since Tuesday there
has been a moderate business in wheat at id
over Tuesday's prices. This morning there was
only a small attendance. Millers, influenced
by the fine weather, purchased sparingly, but
the business done was generally at an improvement of id to id. on Tossday's full prices. Flour
was in moderate demand, and slightly dearer.
Corn was very duil at a decline of about id.

#### LOCAL REWS.

FIRST MAIL BOAT .- The Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company will commence running to-day, the Algerian leaving Kingston for Hamilton.

FRIGHTPULLY BURKED.—Last evening James Kennedy, employed at Clendinneng's foundry accidentally stepped into a cauldron of mol-ten iron. His foot was completely charred and he was conveyed to the hospital suffering great agony.

Nor Taux.-A report published in our contemporaries to the effect that the steamer Ottawa had sunk in the new Canal basin at Point St. Charles turns out to be untrue. The report evidently originated in the fact that the small steamer Gipsey is lying in the position ascribed to the Ottawa, but the former vessel has been under water during the entire winter.

ALDERHANIC ASSISTANCE.—The following mounts have already been contributed to the Hull relief fund :- His Worship the Mayor, \$25; H A Wilson, 25; J Grenier, 20; G K Greene, 25; Thomas Wilson, 20; J C Wilson, 25; J H Mooney, 10; P Kennedy, 5; C D Proctor, 5; H Gauthler, 4; M Laurent, 4; John C Watson, 10; F E Gilman, 10; Emery Lavigne, 10; A Dubuc, 5; C Glackmeyer, 20; H Jeannotte, 5.

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