

nine is still unsettled, and English brands are selling here at less than they can be imported for at present. *Opium* is firm for new, but old can occasionally be picked up at a low figure. English advices, under date of 5th January, report a slightly improved tone in the chemical market in the way of a demand, but prices are no higher.

DRY GOODS.—Business is still in a state of transition; importations of Spring goods from the English market continue to arrive, and the staffs in the wholesale houses are chiefly employed in assorting in these goods and preparing for the Spring trade. Judging from appearances stocks, which will be fully assorted in the course of three or four weeks, will be heavy this coming Spring, and, as previously reported, retailers throughout the country are carrying heavier stocks of winter goods than usual at this period, consequently they manifest a disposition to order rather lightly from the Spring samples now being shown by travellers. One or two leading houses, however, report orders quite up to expectations, and, as the season advances, increased activity will no doubt be experienced. The city retailers have commenced stock-taking, preparatory to the Spring business. Values for all classes of goods remain very firm. Remittances generally reported good; one or two exceptions, however, are to be found, but these attribute the falling off to the recent protracted period of unfavorable weather.

GROCERIES.—The appointment of a deputation to Ottawa about Tea and Coffee duties is of significance, showing a grievance, and a pretty united manifestation and effort about it being righted. *Sugars.*—Granulated has lost the advance lately made, and is reduced ½th by Refiners, while Yellows show fair steadiness. Little to report in Raw Sugars for week. *Molasses.*—Large operations in Barbadoes on Refinery account made at figures not definitely stated, but rather under 50c. In ordinary way the market is quiet. *Syrups* steady. *Teas.*—Japan advices report firmness for good Teas. With us changes are slight and business only moderate, pending duty question being settled. *Rice* dull. *Coffees* firm for Mocha at some advance. First arrival of Rio by new line has reached this market and looks well. *Spices.*—Pepper steady at some improvement. *Fruits.*—Valentias higher, little to be had in any quantity under 9c. Lower figures after holidays as commonly looked for have not been reached this season. Malaga fruit quiet. Currants and Sultanias, not much doing.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—The general hardware trade continues inactive, in keeping with the season, but values for all kinds of goods, especially metals, etc., are remarkably firm, while remittances are still reported good; so that while sales are chiefly confined to small sorting up parcels the trade is in a decidedly healthy condition. The volume of business done by one leading firm here for 1881 shows an increase of about 20 per cent. on that for the year previous. Especially is the *Iron* market in a healthy condition, on both sides of the Atlantic; freight rates from Liverpool to Montreal have further advanced 2s 6d per ton, and, owing to the immense quantity of freight to come forward in the Spring, there are no prospects of a decline. Latest advices from Glasgow report heavy sales there of No. 1 Scotch pig-iron at 6s, and "warrants" are quoted by cable at 5s 6d, an advance of 1s within the week. In this market car lots of No. 1 Scotch pig-iron have been sold during the week for delivery in the West at equal to \$25 to \$26 here; also small lots of Eglinton at \$23.50 to \$24. Staffordshire Bar Iron has sold in round lots at \$2.25, and in jobbing lots at \$2.40 to \$2.50. Some large transactions in manufactured iron for Spring delivery are reported to have occurred, but the terms have not transpired. *Tin Plates* rule steady at \$6.25 to \$6.50 for charcoals, and \$5.25 for cokes. Ingot Tin also rules steady at 29c to 30c, and Ingot Copper at 20c to 21c; sales small.

HIDES AND SKINS.—No new feature to note; the market rules steady for native *hides*, at unchanged quotations. Butchers' offerings are about as large as usual at this period, and the demand from tanners continues fair. Several car loads—lots of 400 to 500 each—of Western *Buff hides* have changed hands at 10c to 10½c per lb. for No. 1 *Sheepskins* becoming scarce, and prices rule steady and firm at \$1.10 to \$1.25 each.

LEATHER.—Trade has continued uniformly quiet; manufacturers, although busy as possible on Spring orders, are not buying much, and the market is devoid of life or animation. First class *Slaughter Sole* and *Calf* leather, of which stocks are light, continue in good request, especially the lighter grades of *Slaughter Sole*. Other descriptions are in abundant supply with prices easy; the market is overstocked with *Splits* and *Waxed Upper* leather. There is a fair, steady demand for *Buff* and *Pebble*, and, while no actual change in values can be noted, concessions would be made to desirable purchasers. No large transactions to note.

LUMBER.—Parties offering to contract for next season's cut are asking 15 to 20 per cent. on last year's prices, which will in all probability be maintained, as stocks are very light, and the chances for getting the usual supply are now precarious. Local demand light, but prices firm and advancing.

PETROLEUM.—Our remarks of last week are especially applicable at the present moment regarding refined oil, and there have been cash sales at 18c in store for car lots. Crude is firm at \$1.40, and offers have been made to producers for their year's production at \$1.50 in tank, per barrel of 35 Imp. Gallons; at this price, refined cannot be made to sell at 18c here. Stocks in this market are still heavy.

PROVISIONS.—Chicago hog market opened yesterday at an advance of 5c per 100 lbs., light grades selling at \$6.10 to \$6.40; mixed packers at \$6.10 to \$6.45, and heavy shipping grades at \$6.45 to \$6.90. The exports of hog products at the Atlantic seaboard from Nov. 1st to Jan. 7th, show a decrease as compared with the like period last season, of \$14,260 lbs. pork, 57,234,657 lbs. bacon, and 17,317,331 lbs. lard. The Chicago pork market continued very firm, prices advancing 7½c to 10c per brl. yesterday; lard was also quoted 5c per 100 lbs. higher. Since Monday last the Chicago pork market has been very firm, a decided reaction having occurred; prices to-day show an advance of about 30c per 100 lbs. The tone of the local market is also quite firm, but values have undergone scarcely any change from last week. There have been sales this week of round lots of old *Mess Pork* at \$20, and of new do in lots of 50 brls. and upwards at \$20.50 to \$20.75. Small lots are held 25c to 50c above these prices. *Lard* quiet and firm at 14c to 14½c for Canada, and 14½c to 15c for American; a lot of 200 pails of the former changed hands on Tuesday at 14½c. *Hams* merely nominal. Receipts of *dressed hogs* rather more liberal this week, but they are becoming scarce in Western Ontario, and the trade here believe the supplies have been nearly all secured. Stocks here are pretty much in possession of one firm, and prices rule firm; car lots selling at from \$3.60 to \$3.85, as to quality. The average quotation is \$3.75. *Eggs* dull, and prices easier, at 18c to 20c for limed, and 21c to 22c for fine held stock. Fresh quoted at 22c to 24c. New laid eggs, which have been selling for some time past at 60c per dozen, retail, have been reduced to 50c.

WOOL.—Market remains quiet and steady at last week's quotations, Greasy Cape being held at 20c to 22c, and Australian at 24c to 26c as to quality. Native wools are quiet but steady. A superior being quoted at 32c to 35c, B super at 29c to 31c, and unassorted pulled at 28c to 29c.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

Boston, Jan. 19.—*Flour.*—In this market there is little change since last week; demand moderate, sales confined to immediate wants. We quote Superfine \$4.25 to \$4.75; Extras, including Choice Bakers brands, \$5 to \$7 per bbl. Winter Wheats quiet at \$6.50 to \$7.50. Sales in Spring Patents at \$7.50 to \$8.50; and Winter Patents, \$7 to \$8 per bbl. Cornmeal, fair demand, \$3.25 per bbl. Sales in Rye flour, small, at \$5.50 to \$5.75 per bbl. *Oatmeal* selling at \$6.25 to \$7.25 per bbl. *Grain.*—Corn market quiet, light receipts, prices sustained. Sales of Old No. 2 and high mixed at 73½c to 75c; Steamer 72c to 73½c; and new Corn 70c to 73c per bush. Oats, fair demand, prices firm; sales No. 1 at 53½c to 54½c, No. 2 White 52c, and 51c to 54c for No. 2 mixed. Shorts sold at \$19 to \$20, Fine Feed \$20 to \$21, and Middlings at \$22.50 to \$25 per ton. Barley quiet, no sales of importance. *Hay.*—There is still a dull feeling for Hay, market well supplied; sales of choice \$20 to \$21, medium grades \$14 to \$18 per ton. *Produce.*—Quite a firm market for Butter, light receipts. Sales of choice at 30c to 40c; 20c to 30c fair and good; other grades 18c to 22c per lb. Cheese firm, steady demand; sales of choice 13c to 14c, fair and good 11c to 12½c. There is a decline in Eggs, supplies arriving more freely; we quote Canada 22c to 23c per doz. Beans, good demand, prices higher; sales at \$3.35 to \$3.45 for Pea, \$3.30 to \$3.40 for medium, and \$2.90 to \$3.10 for Yellow Eyes. Peas remain same, steady demand. Potatoes firmer, prices higher; best grades selling at \$1.05 to \$1.15, others bearing a proportionate advance on last prices. Onions remain same; sales at \$2 to \$2.25 per bbl. Poultry in good demand; sales at 13c to 16c for choice turkeys and chickens, 10c to 12c common and good. Geese sell at 7c to 10c; fancy lots higher. Ducks, 10c to 15c.

Chicago, Jan. 19, 1.00 p.m. closing—Wheat, Feb. \$1.29½; March, \$1.30½. Corn, Feb., 60½c; May, 66½c. Oats, Feb., 43½c; May, 45½c. Pork, Feb., \$17.27½; March, \$17.52½. Lard, Feb., \$11.07½; March, \$11.25.

Milwaukee, 1.05 p.m.—Wheat, Jan., \$1.38½; Feb., \$1.30½; March, \$1.33½.

New York, 2 p.m. closing—Wheat, No. 2 Red, \$1.44½ to \$1.44½ cash; \$1.45½ Feb; \$1.48½ March; \$1.49 April; \$1.48½ May. Corn, 69½c to 71c cash; 70½c Feb; 71½c March; 73½c May.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

London, Jan. 19, 1882.

(Beerbohm's advices).—Floating Cargoes.—Wheat, higher prices asked but no advance established. Floating Cargoes.—Corn, ditto. Cargoes on passage.—Wheat, firmly held and higher; Corn, steady. Quotations of Red Winter Wheat 53s to 53s 6d. English Country Wheat markets mostly slow; French Firmer. Liverpool—Wheat on spot firmer; Corn strong. No. 2 Red Wheat, 52s 6d; for prompt shipment, 52s 6d. Liverpool—American Western mixed Cal. Wheat 6s. Amount of Wheat on passage for the U. K. 2,900,000 qrs. Corn, 170,000 qrs.

MARITIME MARKETS.

HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 19, 1882.

From home last week prevented sending market report. Have passed through our coldest snap of the season, therm. ranging as low as 15 degrees below zero. Mild and damp to-day, sufficient snow for good sleighing if weather holds dry and cold. Nothing to report in the way of business, universal quiet seems the chief characteristic. In breadstuffs there is but little doing, and that little at unremunerative prices. Ordinary superior extra jobbing at about \$6.50 from store, and high grades \$6.65 to \$6.80 as to quality. Patents quiet at \$7.25 and light. Oatmeal dull at \$5.50 and Cornmeal quiet at \$3.80. Butter, cheese and oats unchanged. Potatoes in demand for export at fifty-five cents per sixty pounds.