

CATTLE, ETC.—A rivals at Point St. Charles market Sunday and Monday last comprised 630 head cattle, 215 hogs, and 16 horses, to which add 2,699 head cattle, 687 sheep, 184 hogs, and 26 horses, the receipts for last week. A fair demand was experienced for shipping cattle, at from 4½c to 5½c per lb., as to quality, at which range some 70 head were sold. An extra choice lot, bought in the country last week, cost 6½c, delivered in Montreal, less \$20 on the lot. Distillery cattle are being shipped to the English markets. Hogs sold at this market at 7½c per lb. At Viger market the offerings were light, except of sheep, of which there were fully 600 in the stalls. There was a larger demand than usual for butchers' cattle, presumably on account of the church holiday this week, and prices paid for best grades ranged from 4½c to 5½c per lb., and for medium rough cattle at 4c to 4½c. The quality of the sheep, as a rule, was inferior; sheep sold at \$3.50 to \$6 each, and lambs at \$2 to \$4 each. Good calves were wanted at \$4.50 to \$6 each, but the bulk of offerings brought only \$2.50 to \$3.50. The average range of prices paid for horses during the week was from \$100 to \$150; shipments to the States falling off. Shipments of live stock from this Port during the present week, as reported by Mr. C. H. Chandler, shipping and insurance agent:—SS. "Southborne" for Bristol, Price & Delorme, 50 head; R. Craig & Co., 249 do; "Eastbourne," for Bristol, J. McShane, jr., 50 do; C. M. Acer & Co., 274 do. "Lake Nipigon," for Liverpool, H. Walker & Co., 282 do. "Averill," for London, Elliott, Williamson & Co., 261 do.

DRY GOODS.—Business with the great majority of wholesale houses is naturally very quiet, at this time of year; house-sales are confined to supplying the sorting-up requirements of the city retail merchants, who continue quite busy. Travellers out with samples of Fall tweeds, woollen underwear, cottons, and other staple lines are reported to be doing well in some sections, while others, more especially those offering Canadian tweeds in the Lower Provinces, are not meeting with as much success as could be desired. On the whole though, prospects are quite favorable for a good Fall trade. Remittances generally reported good, and in all cases fairly satisfactory.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The past week has been dull and uneventful, and prices are without particular change. For Soda Bicarb and Sal Soda there has been a little improvement in England, and values here are a shade firmer in consequence; quotations, however, are nominally unchanged although there is less disposition to sell. The warm weather in England will no doubt lessen the output of manufactures, and this will have a stiffening effect upon the markets there. In fine chemicals there is not much doing. Quinine is weaker. Potass Iodid slightly firmer, and Opium unchanged.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Beyond supplying the local trade scarcely any business in Butter has been done here during the week. Unfavorable advices from England checked shipments in the early part of the week, but, notwithstanding the light demand, there has been no accumulation of stocks; receipts have been quite light, as farmers are encouraged to hold out for 20c for their dairy butter, instead of bringing it forward and selling either to buyers in the country or city at market prices. Shippers have been paying figures which, as the markets rule at present, will net them a loss of 2c to 3c per lb. on small lots, for the sake of controlling the purchases of the bulk of the heavy make, and it is needless to add that this completely blocks the market; dealers cannot afford to handle it at the high figures asked, and in some instances paid. In the country 20c has been paid for good dairy, and yesterday the sale was reported of 100 packages of selected Eastern Townships at 18c; also of 100 packages creamery at 20½c. In this market 21c to 22c is asked for creamery, but 21c is about the highest figure obtainable. Dairy quoted at 16c to 18c for good to choice, and from 14c to 16c for other

kinds. The Cheese market has recovered the weakness which developed last week under unfavorable English advices, and values have advanced both here and in England; another rise of 1s 6d occurred in Liverpool yesterday, 53s being the current rate now, an advance of 4s per cwt. for the week. The feeling is rather excited at the moment, and over 15,000 boxes have changed hands here during the week at 8½c to 9c. A lot of 55 boxes colored cheese sold yesterday at the outside figure, another lot of 200 boxes at 9c, and a lot of five at 9½c. It is stated prominent Montreal firms have ordered their buyers in the country to buy all they can lay hold of, and that 8½c to 9c was paid at the factories yesterday. Shipments from Montreal this week will be the heaviest of any week thus far this season, one firm alone having shipped about 7,000 boxes.

GROCERIES.—Teas.—Operations in Japan during the week have been quite heavy, to the extent of 5,000 to 7,000 packages, chiefly in good ordinary to good qualities. The market is now quiet, but the advance has been fairly maintained. New York market is reported stronger. The grades that cannot be imported at prices lately current are those mostly offered both there and here. Some New Japans have attracted attention and found buyers in New York at 43c to 60c. In China Green and Black Teas there is no special change. **Sugars.**—After the considerable advance that has taken place the market is scarcely so firm, although refiners hold at just about same figures as last week. Foreign advices are from almost all quarters in the way of firmness at full prices. Some variations have occurred in New York, closing at late advices, about steady for Refined, with firmness for Raw Sugars. **Molasses.**—No change. Barbados firm, but not much business doing. Syrups firm, and in fair request. **Coffees.**—Prices are about as last quoted, with a moderate business doing. **Rice** continues quiet. **Spices.**—Pepper has further advanced in New York—about ½ cent and firm. With us the supply is not large. Other Spices unchanged. **Fruits.**—Prospects of growing crops in Spain are very good, so that Raisins at least may be expected at moderate prices, should the present appearances be realized. In Greece the Currant crop is also very promising, but the demand from France is likely to be considerable as a substitute for the Grape. Prices here continue about as last reported.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—Trade quiet, but satisfactory for the season, while remittances continue fair. Travellers are starting out on their midsummer sorting-up trip; meanwhile small orders received by mail are liberal for the time of year, and sufficient to keep the leading houses fairly well employed. Prices remain unchanged. **Bar Iron** continues steady, with sales of small lots at quotations. **Tin and Canada Plates** still inactive, and nominally unchanged here, but the English market for tin plates, it would appear, is a shade firmer; some lots offered here within the past fortnight at current rates have been withdrawn. An advance in England of £1 per ton for chains within the week has not affected this market. **Nails** quiet, and steady, at unaltered quotations; nearly all the manufacturers acceded to the demands of the workmen for higher wages, hence the strike on Friday last, foreshadowed in our last report, was of short duration. The result of the next monthly meeting in July of the manufacturers will be awaited with interest by all concerned in the price list. **Pig Iron.**—The Market remains quiet; an advance of 2s on freight from Glasgow has caused an upward tendency in prices here, though there has been no actual advance. Receipts for the week have been exceedingly small. The demand has been fair, but buyers and sellers are still apart in their views, and sales of round lots are next to impossible. Holders are looking for higher prices; transactions have been confined to small lots at about last week's quotations.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The market for native Hides has advanced another ½ per lb this week, at least some of the dealers report that they are

paying 10½c to butchers and charging tanners 11c for No. 1, while others state that 10c is the highest figure they have yet paid to butchers. The prime mover in the advance to butchers is said to be a dealer who is known to be a large holder of German hides, and is therefore interested in keeping this market high; still, the competition among buyers is always keen, and the demand is considerably in excess of the supply. Native hides are generally preferred by local tanners to Western, which latter are reported scarce both in Canada and the States. Sales of mixed lots of from 100 to 200 each have been made here during the week at 9½c. No. 1 quoted steady at 10½c. The supply of *Lambskins* is reported about equal to the demand, and prices remain unchanged, at 35c to 40c each; clips worth 25c. *Calfskins* still firm, at 12c per lb.

FISH.—Receipts of fresh salmon have been limited. It is rather early yet to judge of the prospects for the season, but some are inclined to predict a short catch. The fish this year appear to be of extra large size, running from 25 lbs to 40 lbs each. Offerings are being freely taken at 15c. More liberal arrivals are looked for early next week, consequently lower prices are probable.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—The grain markets have been somewhat excited this week, caused by the buoyancy in the English Breadstuffs markets and advance for wheat in the West. On Tuesday, under an improved demand, Chicago and Milwaukee Spring Wheat off coast advanced in England to 47s 6d, and Red Winter off coast was 1s. per qr. higher, quoted at 48s. 6d. In Chicago the same day No. 2 Spring wheat advanced 2c per bushel; this caused a firmer feeling here and enabled some large holders to unload stocks on hand at a profit, even if they did not get the highest market value. Reported sales of wheat on spot include cargoes of No. 1 Canada Spring at \$1.27½c, of No. 2 do at \$1.25, and later at \$1.27, of No. 2 Milwaukee at \$1.22, and of No. 2 Toledo Red Winter at \$1.27 to \$1.27½. The liberal receipts in the West during the past couple of days has been followed by weakness in Chicago and Milwaukee, and has caused buyers here to be somewhat distrustful, consequently the local market to-day was less active. No transactions in wheat were reported, but there were sales of corn in cargo lots at 50½c, with holders now asking 57c. Peas quiet, and quoted at 89½c to 89½c; export demand light. Oats firm, with sales of cargoes reported at 40½c to 41c. The local Flour market has been fairly active and firmer, prices having advanced fully 5c per barrel within the week. A good deal has changed hands for shipment to Lower Ports and for the local trade, but the export demand is as yet light. On Change to-day there were sales of some 600 sacks Superior Extra at \$5.55, equal to about \$5.62½ in barrels; also retail lots of the same grade at \$5.60. Extras changed hands at \$5.40 to \$5.45, a lot of 500 barrels having sold at the outside figure. Spring Extra sold in car lots at \$5.35 to \$5.40.

FREIGHTS.—Quiet, holders asking 2s. 6d for grain to Liverpool, and 3s 6d to Glasgow or London. Several contracts have been made during the week at these rates. Ocean cattle freights from this city to direct ports in Great Britain are quoted at £2 10s. to £3 per head, and sheep at 7s to 8s each. Insurance rates for cattle range from 2 to 3 per cent, as to class of steamer, and sheep 1 to 1½ per cent. extra.

FRUITS.—Trade reported good, the demand being chiefly for Oranges and Lemons. Oranges are arriving in rather poor condition, and prices for good sound fruit, repacked, have advanced from \$7.50 and \$8 per case last week to \$11 and \$12 this week. Damaged stock of course command lower figures. Lemons in fair supply, and selling in boxes at \$4 to \$5, and at \$6 per case for choice stock. Receipts of Western Ontario Strawberries have increased daily since last Saturday, and have been arriving in soft, damaged condition; yesterday they were sold at as low as 10c per quart, while good to choice fruit brought 16c to 18c. Owing to the high