FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY, May 21.

NEW STYLE OF BUTTER PACKING.

The Montreal *Gazette* says that one of the Montreal exporting firms received late last week a shipment of very choice Canadian print butter neatly packed in the drawers of a compact refrigerator case about 3½ feet in length, 2½ feet in width, and 18 inches deep. The drawers which contained the prints were constructed so as to slide in and out, over the ice, thereby protecting them against the injurious effects of the hottest weather. The shipper in the country and the party receiving it have each a key to lock and unlock the case. It is thought this style of shipping butter will come into general use during the hot weather. The quality of the prints was really superb, and the shipment was quickly distributed among the lovers of the rosy product of the churn.

ENGLISH GRAIN MARKETS.

A telegram to the New York press quotes from a Liverpool grain circular of Friday as follows:—"The grain markets, under the influence of unfavourable weather, have been fairly active this week with an upward tendency. Wheat, in many cases, has advanced 1s per central. Cargoes on the coast are very firmly held. Wheat has been in fair demand here and at the neighbouring markets since Tuesday, at full currencies. Corn sold freely and was unaltered in price. The weather being fine, the market to-day was very quiet, and buyers purchased wheat sparingly, but Tuesday's rates were generally supported. Flour was steady. Corn was in moderate demand; American was unchanged; Galatz, owing to a scarcity, advanced 3d."

GRAIN IN TRANSIT.

Beerbohm's London *Corn Trade List* makes the amount of grain on passage for the United Kingdom, exclusive of shipments from America, and the sail and steamer shipments from the ports of the Baltic, and those of North-Western Europe, as follows:—

Date.	Wheat. qrs.	Flour. sq'l qrs.	Maize. qrs.	Bley. qrs.	Beans. qrs.
May 1, '79..	1,366,000	96,000	583,000	111,000	11,000
May 2, '78..	956,000	58,000	484,000	212,000	3,000
April 24, '79.	1,350,000	96,000	707,000	132,000	11,000
April 17, '79..	1,452,000	63,000	628,000	144,000	3,000

Dornbesch makes the amount of grain on passage for the United Kingdom, as follows:—

Date.	Wheat. qrs.	Flour. sq'l qrs.	Maize. qrs.	Bley. qrs.	Beans. qrs.
May 1, '79..	1,507,547	104,849	603,204	91,086	9,030
May 2, '78..	967,478	77,481	504,136	197,943	2,400
April 24, '79.	1,503,338	128,374	690,518	91,511	7,944
April 17, '79..	1,589,512	72,153	652,739	130,994	5,962

The approximate quantity of grain on passage for the United Kingdom for orders, and expected to arrive during the four weeks from May 1 to May 31, is:—269,000 qrs of Wheat; 45,000 qrs of corn, and 15,000 qrs of barley.

MOVEMENT OF SUGARS.

The receipts of sugar at New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore in the week ending on the 15th inst. were 11,088 tons, and those since the 1st of January, 228,306 tons. The distribution in the same week was 16,288 tons, and since the 1st of January 234,679 tons. The stocks at the four ports on the 15th inst. were 93,208 tons, showing an increase in stock compared with last year of 41,080 tons. Changes of the week, compared with previous week, are:—Stocks increased 235 tons. Receipts, 3,103 tons less. Distribution, 2,597 tons more. Changes of the year, compared with previous year are:—Stocks increased, 41,409 tons; receipts, 68,708 tons more; distribution, 29,842 tons more. Stock in New York Custom House May 14th, was 65,568 tons. New York brokers' stock, May 14th, was 59,398 tons. Stocks in the United Kingdom on the 26th ult. were estimated at 145,000 tons, against 162,200 tons last year, and 139,000 tons in 1877. The movement of sugars, from Jan. 1 to May 8th, at the Havana and Matanzas warehouses compares as follows:—

	1879.	1878.	1877.	1876.
Received..tons..	260,582	155,848	186,898	256,191
Delivered	162,477	107,369	109,543	165,301
Stocks.....	106,331	62,236	81,991	99,871

The following is the official report of the Toronto Stock Exchange, May 21, 1879.

Banks.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Trans.
Montreal	135	133	.....
Toronto	.....	166½	.....
Ontario	61½	50¾	.....
Merchants'	78	.....	.....
Commerce	105	104	225 at 104½
Consolidated	—	—	— —
Dominion	110	108	— —
Hamilton	.....	98	— —
Standard	73½	—	.....
Federal	—	—	.....
Imperial	—	—	20 at 97
Molson's	—	—	.....
Loan and Savings Cos.			
Canada Permanent	174½	.....	.....
Freehold	.....	.....	.....
Western Canada	145¾	144½	3 at 144½
Union	135	.....	[4 at 145
Canada Landed Credit	130	128	— —
Building and Loan	.....	140	— —
Imperial	.....	.....	.....
Farmers'	107	.....	.....
London & C. L. & A. Co.	120	118	.....
Huron and Erie	.....	133	.....
Dominion Savings and Investment Society	121½	.....	.....
Ont. Sav. and Inv. Society	123	—	— —
Canada Savings and L.	118½	—	— —
London Loan Company	.....	—	— —
Hamilton Prov. and L.	114	—	— —
National Inv. Co. of Canada	102½	102½	.....
Anglo-Can. Mortgage Co.	106½	—	— —
Insurance, &c.			
British America	112	110½	.....
Western	154	151	.....
Isolated Risk	.....	.....	.....
Canada Life	.....	201½	.....
Confederation Life	.....	139½	— —
Consumers' Gas	126	122½	.....
Dominion Telegraph	120	.....	.....
Globe Printing Co.	137½	135	.....
Railways.			
Toronto, G. & R. Stock	—	—	— —
" 6 p.c. 5 yrs stg. Bonds	—	—	— —
" 6 N. S p.c. 5 yrs. Bonds	—	—	— —
Debentures, &c.			
Dom. Gov. Stock, 6 p.c.	.....	.....	— —
Dom. Gov. Stock, 5 p.c.	99	.....	— —
County (Ont.) 20 yr. 6 p.c.	101½	100¾	.....
do do (int.) 20 yr. 6 p.c.	.....	97½	.....
City Toronto 20 yr. 6 p.c.	.....	100	.....

English Markets.

WEDNESDAY, May 21.

London—Floating cargoes—Wheat, at opening, nasty; corn, quiet; cargoes on passage and for shipment—wheat, weaker; corn, do. Mark Lane—Wheat, quiet; corn, firm; quotations of good cargoes red winter wheat, off the coast, per 480 lbs., sea damage for sellers' account, less usual 2½ per cent. commission, 45s to 45s 6d. London—Quotations of average Chicago or Milwaukee wheat, for shipment during the present and following month, per sailing vessel to Queenstown, for orders, per 480 lbs., American terms, 39s. Arrivals off the coast for orders—Wheat, small; maize, do. English country markets—Wheat, quieter; French, do. Imports into the United Kingdom during the past week—Wheat, 100,000 to 108,000 qrs.; corn, 195,000 to 200,000 qrs.; flour, 145,000 to 150,000 bls. Liverpool—Wheat, on the spot, at opening, dull; corn, do.; fair average and white Michigan, per central, 3s 2d to 3s 4d; red American spring shipping club, No. 3 to No. 2, per central, 7s 7d to 8s 7d. The weather in England shows signs of improving.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

WEDNESDAY, May 21.

PRODUCE.

The market has been less active since our last than it was in the preceding week. This has been partly due to a weakness in prices outside, and partly to there being less offering on this market. Prices have been steady on flour, but grain seems generally to have been rather easier. Crop reports so far cannot be said to have been very favourable; the rain already fallen has done good but there seems to be still more wanted. Stocks have not varied very much during the week; they stood on Monday morning as follows:—Flour, 12,400 bbls; fall wheat, 25,189 bushels; spring wheat, 150,435 bushels; oats, 14,305 bushels; barley, 25,240 bushels; peas, 55,621 bushels; rye, nil; corn, 1,075 bushels, against corresponding date last year:—Flour, 33,112 bbls; fall wheat, 128,523 bushels; spring wheat, 316,873 bushels; oats, 10,406 bushels; barley, 68,115 bushels; peas, 15,033 bushels; rye, nil; corn, 3,714 bushels. Outside advices show an unsettled feeling in English markets; they were fairly active and tending upwards last week, but sincethen they have become dull and weak; peas have declined 3d and the inside prices of corn and red winter white and club wheat, have gone down a penny. Receipts have continued large and as yet show no signs of decreasing. The total supply of wheat and flour in the week ending on the 10th inst. was equal to 504,462 to 531,875 quarters v. 411,000 to 420,624 quarters weekly consumption, indicating a surplus over consumption of 82,462 to 111,196 quarters. The supply of maize for the week was 1,560,000 to 1,601,000 bush, v. an average weekly consumption in 1877 of 1,281,124 bush, v. 1,290,774 bush in 1876, and 773,853 bush in 1875. The quantity of wheat and flour afloat on the 15th inst. showed a slight decrease and amounted to 1,375,000 quarters, against 1,461,000 on the 1st inst. and 1,014,000 on last year. The approximate quantity of grain on passage for the United Kingdom for orders, expected to arrive during the four weeks from May 1st to May 31st is:—Wheat, 269,000 quarters, comprising 39,000 quarters from the Danube and Black Sea; 43,000 quarters from Atlantic ports; and 187,000 quarters from California; maize, 45,000 quarters, comprising nil quarters from the Danube, and 45,000 quarters from the Atlantic ports; also, 16,000 quarters of barley, all from the Black and Azov Seas. Cable advices last week report the weather in England still unseasonable which it had also been in the week ending on the 12th inst. There seems to be very little doubt that the long-continued wet and cold must seriously damage the crops at home; there is no doubt that the harvest will be very late. Mail advices to the 5th inst. report cold and rainy weather still continued in France and agricultural affairs in a very backward and unpromising state in consequence. Farmers were offering grain less freely than before and prices had advanced in 21 out of 90 markets whence reports had been received. Trade was active at Marseilles for spot wheat, but sellers for future delivery held off; receipts for the week ending on the 26th ult. were 45,500 quarters and stocks were down to 174,000 quarters. In Germany weather was less unfavourable than elsewhere in Europe; but previous frosts have done so much damage that autumn-sown crops will have to be replughed. Prices at Berlin declined considerably for forward delivery. Hamburg was unchanged and Danzig inactive. Some enquiry was heard at Galatz for wheat and shipments were made at 29s per quarter f.o.b.; but Odessa was exceedingly quiet and expected to continue so, unless outside advices should improve. There seems to be no doubt that the weather in Europe generally, so far as has been reported has been unfavourable for the cereal crop, especially in the United Kingdom, France, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Germany and Hungary, and the harvest will be from two to four weeks later than usual. Stocks throughout France and Germany are small; and receipts at the Black sea ports from the interior of Russia have been small and seem likely to continue so. On this continent the excitement of the preceding week has, to a great extent, disappeared; but we are warned that in western markets the speculative influence still remains the ruling power and that wheat has been entirely ruled by it: prices close higher than on this day week. Heavy rains all over the North-western States have relieved the apprehensions previously entertained of damage to the crops; and prospects of the yield are now generally regarded as favourable. The crop year commences in California on the 1st of July, and in Oregon about August 15th. The quantity of grain coming forward on this side of the continent still keeps up. Export clearances from seaboard ports in the week ending on the 10th inst. were 1,629,719 bush, against 1,409,013 bush the previous week, and for the last eight weeks, 13,064,863 bush, against 10,042,940 bush the corresponding eight weeks in 1878. The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports and the rail shipments from Western lake and river ports:—

	1879. May 10.	1879. May 3.	1878. May 11.	1877. May 12.
Wheat, bu	15,108,416	15,965,290	8,045,649	5,206,622
Corn.....	10,626,000	11,844,496	9,088,562	9,886,307
Oats	1,760,133	3,035,612	2,687,164	1,905,656
Barley	1,176,664	1,365,212	1,394,488	1,045,431
Rye	877,174	952,300	600,453	686,406
Total bu...	29,548,387	32,160,910	21,816,316	18,229,422

The following table shows the top prices of the different kinds of produce in the Liverpool markets for each market day during the past week:—

	May 15, 5 p.m.	May 16, 5 p.m.	May 17, 5 p.m.	May 19, 5 p.m.	May 20, 5 p.m.	May 21, 5 p.m.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Flour.....	10 0	10 0	10 0	10 0	10 0	10 0
S. Wheat..	8 6	8 6	8 6	8 6	8 6	8 6
S. Winter.	9 5	9 5	9 5	9 5	9 5	9 5
White....	9 2	9 2	9 2	9 2	9 2	9 2
Club.....	9 5	9 5	9 5	9 5	9 5	9 5
Corn.....	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4
Oats.....	5 6	5 6	5 6	5 6	5 6	5 6
Barley....	5 3	5 3	5 3	5 3	5 3	5 3
Peas.....	6 5	6 5	6 5	6 5	6 2	6 2
Pork.....	47 6	47 6	47 6	47 6	47 6	47 6
Lard.....	33 0	33 0	32 9	32 6	32 6	32 6
Beef.....	74 6	74 6	74 6	74 6	74 6	74 6
Bacon....	36 0	36 0	35 6	35 6	35 6	35 6
Tallow....	35 6	35 6	34 6	34 6	34 6	34 6
Cheese....	42 0	42 0	42 0	42 0	42 0	42 0

FLOUR—There has been a steady demand heard at firm prices all week, but no further advance can be noted. Superior extra has been inquired and active; sales were made at equal to $4.40 on Thursday; at $4.40 f.o.c. on Saturday, and at $4.45 f.o.c on Tuesday. Extra has been active and firm, with sales last week at equal to $4.25 here. Fancy and strong bakers' have been quiet; but spring extra sold in the latter part of last week at equal to $4 and $4.05 here. The market to-day was quiet with buyers seeking lots on the spot instead of lots outside; the only sale reported was that of a lot of spring extra at $4.05 f.o.c., but other grades were steady at quotations.

OATMEAL—Has been quiet but firm; one lot changed hands at $5.25 f.o.c, and none could be had lower; small lots firm $5.25 to $5.50.

BRAN—Nothing reported, but seems easier at $11 to $11.50 for cars.

WHEAT—The demand has decreased and prices have declined, a part of the previous advance being lost, still some business has been done. No. 2 fall brought $1.02 to $1.05 in the latter part of last week. Spring has been less sought; but No. 2 sold at 99½ and 99½c last week; one cargo changed hands at 98c f.o.c., and another, part of it very choice, at 97½ f.o.c. on Tuesday, when No. 1 fall brought $1.08. No. 3 spring has been inactive, but worth 90c. The market to-day was inactive, with 98c the best bid for No. 2 spring, while holders wanted $1. On the street fall sold at 98c to $1.01, and spring at 90 to 98c.

OATS—Offerings have been rather small with all readily taken at firm prices. Western sold at 33½c and 33¾c on track last week and cars to arrive at 33c on Monday; and eastern brought 37½c on track on Saturday and Monday, and 38c for bagged f.o.c. on Tuesday. The market seemed easy to-day when two cars of western sold at 33c on track. Street receipts very small and prices from 38 to 40c.

BARLEY—Has been quiet and easy still there have been some small sales during the week at 60c for No. 2, at 52c for extra No. 3 and at 40c for No. 3 inspected, all f.o.c.; it is not certain, however, that these prices would be repeated. Street receipts have been very small and values may be taken as ranging from 40 to 65c or thereabouts.

PEAS—The market has remained inactive and buyers have appeared inclined to hold off in sympathy with the decline at home. The best bid made for No. 2 during the week has been 67c. Street receipts small and prices from 64 to 66c.

RYE—Seems firmer and worth from 53 to 55c.

HAY—Pressed has been inactive; nothing doing in cars, which seems worth about $12. The market has been well supplied but all wanted, and prices firm at $9 to $15.50, with the general run from $12 to $13.

STRAW—Has been abundant and prices have been rather weak; the range to-day was from $6 to $7.50 for cut and rye in sheaves.

POTATOES—Offerings have increased and prices have declined; cars of early rose on track sold last week at $1.05 and $1.08, but there have since been considerable offerings of inferior qualities, and cars were offered to-day at $1 without finding a sale.

APPLES—Offerings have been very small and prices firmer at $3 to $3.50 for really sound qualities, with all offering wanted.

POULTRY—Receipts have been small but sufficient, with prices easier, at 50c to 60c for fowl and 90c to $1.25 for turkeys.

FLOUR, f.o.c.		
Superior Extra, per 196 lbs	$4 40	$4 50
Extra	4 20	4 25
Fancy and Strong Bakers	4 10	4 15
Spring Wheat, extra	4 00	4 05
Superfine		none.
Oatmeal, per 196 lbs	3 95	4 00
Cornmeal, small lots	3 00	0 00
BAG FLOUR, by car load f.o.c.		
Extra	$4 00	$4 10
Spring Wheat, extra	3 90	4 00
GRAIN, f.o.b.		
Fall Wheat, No. 1, per 60 lbs	$1 07	$1 08
" No. 2, "	1 03	1 05
" No. 3, "	0 97	0 98
Red Winter		none.
Spring Wheat, No. 1	1 03	1 04
" No. 2	0 98	1 00
" No. 3	0 93	0 94
Oats (Canadian) per 34 lbs	0 37½	0 38
Barley, No. 1, per 48 lbs	0 70	0 75
" No. 2, "	0 60	0 62
" Extra No. 3	0 52	0 53
" No. 3	0 40	0 42
Peas, No. 1, per 60 lbs		none.
" No. 2, and No. 3	0 65	0 67
Rye	0 55	0 56
PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGGONS.		
Wheat, fall, new, per bush	$0 90	$1 02
Wheat, spring, do	0 90	0 98
Barley, do	0 40	0 65
Oats, do	0 33	0 40
Peas, do	0 64	0 67
Rye, do	0 50	0 00
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs	6 00	6 25
Beef, hind qrs., per 100 lbs	6 00	6 50
Mutton, by carcase, per 100 lbs	7 50	9 00
Chickens, by pair	0 50	0 65
Ducks, per brace		none
Geese, each		none
Turkeys	0 90	1 50
Butter, lb. rolls	0 12	0 15
" large rolls	0 11	0 12
" tub dairy	0 11	0 13
Eggs, fresh, doz	0 9	0 10
Potatoes, per bag	1 10	1 20
Apples, per bbl	1 75	2 50
Onions, per bag	1 50	0 00
Tomatoes, per bush	0 60	0 65
Turnips, per bag	0 30	0 35
Carrots, per bag	0 50	0 60
Beets, per bag	0 55	0 60
Parsnips, per bag	0 60	0 65
Hay, per ton	8 00	14 00
Straw, per ton	6 00	8 50
Wool, per lb	0 20	0 00

FREIGHTS

LAKE FREIGHTS—There have been a few charters made at 1½c to Kingston and Oswego, which may be regarded as the rate for the present.

RATES BY STEAMER—The proprietors has begun to run to Montreal. Rates to Montreal have been reduced to 15c for flour, and 4½c for grain; and to Kingston and Prescott at 10c for flour and 1½c for grain.

GRAND TRUNK RATES—The rates of this company have remained unchanged, and from Toronto to the undermentioned points they now stand as follows:—Flour to Kingston, 20c per bbl; Gananoque to Prescott, 30c; Edwardsburg to Montreal, 25c; St. Lambert to St. Johns, 35c; to St. Hyacinthe, 40c; St. Liboire to Lennoxville, 45c; Waterville to Coaticook, 50c; Danville to Chandlers, 45c; Doucett's Landing to Point Levis, 45c; Cacouna to Metapediac, 65c; to St. John, 60c; to Halifax 65c; to Miramichi (for Newcastle), 65c; Point du Chene and Fiction, 65c; Dannville and McAdam Junction, 65c; to Carlton, 60c. Rates on grain one-half of the above per central.

THROUGH RATES TO ENGLAND.—Through rates via Dominion and Beaver lines *via* Montreal stand this week as follows:—Flour, 7½c per barrel, and wheat—per central to Liverpool. Beef and pork in barrels, 44c; boxed meats, tallow, and lard, 44c to Liverpool, per central; butter and cheese, in lots not under 15,000 lbs, 55c to Liverpool. Oil-cake, 45c to Liverpool, and — to Glasgow. Oatmeal in bags 34c, and flour in bags 34c to Liverpool. Eggs per barrel in lots of not less than 100 barrels, $1.30.

PROVISIONS.

TRADE—Remains generally quiet, as buyers seem to be well stocked.

BUTTER—Inactivity has continued to be the rule in this market. Some few tubs of the new season's make have been offered and have sold at 10 to 11c, and some lot of inferior old-make have changed hands at 3¾ to 4½c, but beyond this there has been nothing of any consequence doing; low prices are generally expected to rule during the coming season. Receipts of box-lots have not been so large as in the preceding week and prices have been rather firmer at 10 to 11c for really good qualities, but inferior have gone off lower. Street receipts have been sufficient, and prices have shown but little change at 12 to 15c for pound rolls, and 11c to 12c for tubs and crocks of new dairy; no large rolls have been offered, but they were worth about the same as dairy. English advices report markets firm for the very best, with rather more doing in medium and inferior; good to fine is quoted at 56s to 65s, and ordinary at 40s to 45s.

CHEESE—Small lots have been selling slowly at 5 to 7½c, or occasionally at 8c for the best offering; but inferior can be had still lower. There is nothing doing in lots, but at Woodstock last week new-make sold at 6½c.

EGGS—Have continued to come in freely and sell low; the price of lots to-day was 8 to 8½c. Street receipts sufficient, and prices easy at 9 to 10c.

PORK—Seems rather easier; but small lots on the spot have sold at $12 and lots outside at $12.50 to $12.75; cars at London are offered at $12, but we hear of no sales.

BACON—Has been selling quietly, but at steady prices. There is no movement reported in round lots, but for 100 sides of Cumberland 6½c has been bid and refused; tons and under have sold at 6¾ to 7c; long-clear and short-rib middles have sold at 7 to 7½c; smoked rolls and bellies can be had to a small extent at 9½c and canvassed bellies at 10c.

HAMS—Have been in fair demand and seem unchanged, with sales of smoked in lots of 100 and 50 at from 9½ to 10c; and in small lots at 10½ to 11c and canvassed at 11 to 11½c; pickled have been inactive at 8 to 9½c.

LARD—Seems quiet at rather unsettled prices; tierces range from 8 to 8½c; tinnets from 8¼ to 9c, and pails from 8¾ to 9½c in small lots, and round lots might, perhaps, be had below our inside quotations. Inferior is offering as low as 7½c for tinnets.

HOGS—Have been easy at $6.50 to $6, with offerings fully sufficient for the wants of buyers.

SALT—Dairy seems easier, and has been selling at $1.50 to $1.65, the latter for small lots. Liverpool has been quiet at $1 to $1.05.

DRIED APPLES—Small parcels have been going off slowly at 4½ to 4¾c, the latter for choice; country-lots could be had at 3½c, but not wanted.

GROCERIES.

TRADE—Remains very quiet, which fact seems to be due to dealers having over-stocked themselves in anticipation of the new tariff.

TEA—A steady demand has been maintained at firm prices, and sales have continued to be made on English account. There has been little doing in lines on the spot, but three lines of coarse Young Hyson changed hands at 22c, and some lines of Congou sold at 27c for coarse, and 35c for medium. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers' lots: Young Hyson, common to fair, 23 to 26c; Young Hyson, medium to good seconds, 30 to 37½c; Young Hyson, ordinary to choice extra firsts, 45 to 65c; Twankays, 20 to 25c; Gunpowder and Imperials, common to good, 35 to 40c; Fine to Extra Choice, 55 to 60c. Blacks—Congous, 25 to 65c; Souchong, 35 to 60c; Scented Pekoes, 45 to 55c.

COFFEE—No movement in jobbing, and not much with retailers. Quotations are as follows, the outside being for retailers' lots: Government Java, 27 to 31c; Singapore, 21 to 23c; Rio, 17 to 18½c; Jamaica, 25c.

SUGAR—The market has continued to be quiet, and prices have shown but little change since our last. The chief jobbing movement has been in raws; sales of dark Cuba have been made at 6¼c; of bright at 6¾c, and of bright Porto Rico at 7c. Scotch refined has been scarce and steady at former prices, as has also Canadian—the supply of the latter being decidedly insufficient. Granulated has sold in lots of 50 and 100 barrels at 8¾ and 8¾c for standard, and 8¾c for off standard. Extra C. has been inactive and unchanged. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers' lots—Porto Rico, 6¼ to lb., 6¾ to 7c; Cuba, 6¼ to 7c; Barbadoes, none; English and Scotch refined to bright choice, 8 to 8½c; medium, 7¾ to 7¾c; do., low grades, 6¾ to 7¼c; Canadian refined, 7¾ to 8c; Extra C, 8 to 8½c; Dry Crushed, 9¾ to 10c; Granulated Standard, 8¾ to 9c; Off-Standard, 8¼ to 8¾c; Cut Loaf, 10 to 10½c.

SYRUPS—Prices remain firm for all sorts but there is no movement in round lots reported. Quotations are as follows:—Common, 45 to 47c; Amber, 50 to 55c; Amber choice, to 65c.

FRUITS—Have been quiet but steady, at least for box-fruits. Valencias have sold in lots of 100 boxes at 6½c and loose Muscatelles in lots of the same size at $1.50. Sultanas have been inactive; but lots could probably be bought at 8c and small parcels have sell at 8½c. Layers have been inactive. Currants seem rather easy; medium, but still sound, qualities sold in lots of 25 barrels at 4c. Prices remain unchanged with sales of lots of 50 kegs at 4½c. Almonds and Brazil nuts are quoted a shade lower. Prices are as follows, the outside being for retailers' lots:—Raisins, layers, $1.50 to $1.60; Valencias, 6¼ to 6½c; new seedlees, none; Sultanas, 8 to 8½c; loose Muscatelles, new, $1.50 to $1.65; Currants, 4c; ordinary to fine in barrels, 4¼ to 5½c; choice, in cases, 6 to 6½c; old, 2 to 3c; Filberts, 8 to 8½c; Walnuts, 7½ to 8c; Almonds, 14 to 18c; Prunes 4½ to 5c; Brazil nuts, 6½ to 7c; Lemons peel, 22 to 23c; Orange do, 20 to 22c; Citron do, 20 to 27c.

RICE—Has continued to be weak with a few sales of lots of 25 bags of Standard at $4.20; the market is now well stocked all over. Small lots $4.40 to $4.50.

FISH—The market has shown no change from its former lifeless condition, with no lake-fish offering, no buyers for any sort and values nominal. Quotations stand as follows, the outside prices being for retailers' lots:—Herrings, Labrador, bbls, $6 to $6.50; Salmon, salt water, $15.50 to $16; Codfish, new, per 112 lbs, $4.75 to $5.00; boneless, per lb, 6 to 6½c; Trout, $6.50 to $6.75; Mackerel, bbls, $10; half-bbls, none; Sardines, 4½ to 9½ to 10c; do. ¼s, 17 to 20c.

TOBACCO—Has been inactive, with no movement reported in job lots, though we understand that some sorts of solace have been offered at a cent lower in lots. Quotations are as follows:—Manufactured 10's, 32 to 37c; do. 5's, 35c; and 8's, 37½ to 40c; Navy, 8's, nominal; 48 to 54c; Navy black, 37 to 40c; Solace, 35 to 45c; Extra bright none; Virginia, 80 to 90c.

LIQUOR—Have been quiet but at firm prices with no movement reported in the jobbing line. Quotations are as follows:—Pure Jamaica Rum, 16 o.p., $2.30 to $2.50; Demerara, $2.20 to $2.30; Gin—green cases, $4.32 to $4.50; red, $3 to $3.50; Wines—Port, $1.15 to $1.25; fine, $2 to $4.50; Sherry, $3.75; Champagne, per case, $16 to $22; Brandy, in wood, $3 to $3.50; in case, Sazerac, $6.00 to $8.50; do. Otard's, $8 to $8.50; Central Society, $6 to $8.50; do. Hennessy's, $10.50 to $15.75; do. Martell's, $10.25 to $10.50; do., Jules Robins, $8.50 to $8.75; do., Vine-growers Co., $9.00 to $9.50; do., Jules Bellerie, $7.50 to $8. Whiskey—the following are Messrs. Gooderham & Worts' prices on which merchants charge an advance of 5 per cent.:—Alcohol, per Imperial gallon, $3.33; pure spirits, 65 o.p., $2.83; do., 50 o.p., $2.12; do., 22 u.p., $1.58; family proof whiskey, $1.15; old Bourbon, $1.19; old rye, toddy, or malt, $1.11; domestic whiskey, 22 u.p., 96c; rye whiskey, 4 years old, $1.46; do., 5 years old, $1.56; do., 6 years old, $1.64; do., 7 years old, $1.74.

CATTLE.

TRADE—Has been quiet but steady.

BEEVES—Receipts of all sorts have decreased, and the supply has been all wanted, though not all taken, as holders have been seeking an advance in prices, which buyers have not felt inclined to pay, and the results has been to check business. Choice steers, for export, averaging not under 1,300 lbs., have been wanted, but held higher, and any changing hands have usually brought $5; light steers and heifers, and heavy oxen and bulls have advanced 12½ to 25c, and have brought from $4.25 to $4.62. Second-class cattle for the local market have advanced to $3.75 to $4.12, with all offering wanted. Third-class have been neither offered nor wanted.

SHEEP—There have been very few offering, and all of them have been readily taken at firm but unchanged prices. First-class have been steady, and bringing from $6 to $7, or perhaps $7.50 for very choice. Second-class have not been much wanted, but have remained worth at $4.50 to $5. Yearlings have been wanted at firm prices, and usually worth $4.50 to $5.25 for good qualities.

LAMBS—The supply has fallen off, and has been insufficient; all offering have been readily taken at firm prices, as would have been the case with more had they been offered. First-class, weighing from 35 lbs upwards, have been the sort most in demand, and have sold at $3.50 to $4, or perhaps picked might bring $4 25. Second-class have been steady, with all taken that could be had, at $2.50 to $3.25. Third-class not wanted.

CALVES—Have been less abundant than in the preceding week, and seem rather firmer. First-class, dressing from 120 lbs upwards, have been wanted and worth from $7.50 to $9. Second-class, dressing from 75 to 110 lbs, have been selling from $4 to $6 each. Third-class have not been wanted, and there is no use in offering them.

HIDES, SKINS AND WOOL.

TRADE—Seems generally to have been fairly steady.

HIDES—Green have been offering slowly and selling as before. Cured have been in steady demand and firm with sales at 6¾ and 6¾c.

CALFSKINS—Green have been abundant and selling as before. Cured have been in active demand with sales at 12½ and 13c per lb for fine qualities and of deacons and lighft veals at 42 to 75c each.

SHEEPSKINS—Very few have been offered and these few have sold as before at from $1 to $1.75, the latter for very choice only.

LAMBSKINS—Remain unchanged at last week's advance to 30c with a good many offering.

WOOL—The market seems to have been quiet but firm. The only movement reported is some sales of supers to factories at 22c; dealers are bidding 20 to 21c but offerings have been small; combing would bring 26c. The first parcel of new fleece sold to-day at 18c; low prices are expected.

TALLOW—Remains steady and unchanged at 5¾c for rendered and 3½c for rough, with fair offerings.

Quotations stand as follows:—No. 1 inspected, choice, $6.25; No. 2 inspected, $5.25; No. 3 inspected, $4.25; Calfskins, green, 10 to 11c; Calfskins, cured, 12 to 13½c; calfskins, dry, none; Sheepskins, $1 to $1.50; Wool, fleece, 20c; Wool, pulled, super, 20 to 21c; extra super, none; Wool, pickings, 6 to 7c; Tallow, rough, 3½c; rendered, 5½ to 5¾c.

HARDWARE.

Business has been rather less active of late, and the only movement is in sorting-up lots. The chief movement in this line has been in shelf-goods and builders' materials. Prices are steady but unchanged all over. Imports have begun to come in, but they are light, and prices are expected to be rather higher on some lines, as imports made prior to the new tariff are worked off.

TIN—Block, per lb., 19 to 20c; Grain, 22 to 23c.

COPPER—Pig, 15 to 19c; Sheet, 28 to 30c; Bar, 32 to 35c; Brass Sheets, 30 to 32c; Lead, pig, per lb., 4½ to 5c; Lead, bar, per lb., 5½ to 6c; Lead, sheet, per lb., 4½ to 5c.

CUT NAILS—12 dy. to 7 inch, per keg of 100 lbs., $0.00 to $2.85; 8 dy. to 10 dy., per keg of 100 lbs., $0.00 to $3.15; 5 dy. to 6 dy., per keg of 100 lbs., $3.40 to $0.00; 2½ dy. to 4 dy., $0.00 to $3.50; 2 dy., per keg of 100 lbs., $0.00 to $4.25.

HOOPS—Coopers', ($2.37½ to $2.50; Band, $2.37½ to $2.50.

FOWDER—Blasting, Canada, $3.75 to $4; FF, Canada, $5 to $5.25; FFF, Canada, $5.25 to $5.50; Blasting (Curtis & Harvey's), —— to ——; FF, Loose, $4.50; FFF, $4.75 to $5.

BORAX—Per lb., 11½ to 12½c.

GLUE—Per lb., 10 to 22c.

TIN PLATES—IC Coke, 10x14, $5.25 to $5.50; IC Charcoal, 10x14, $6.00 to $6.25; IX Charcoal, 10x14, $8.00 to $8.25; IXX Charcoal, 10x14, $10.00; IXXX Charcoal, 14x20, $11.75; DC Charcoal, 12x17, $6.00; DX Charcoal, 12x17, $7.00.

IRON WIRE—(4 months)—No. 6, per bundle, $2.00 to ——; No. 9, per bundle, $2.30 to ——; No. 12, per bundle, $2.60 to ——; No. 16, per bundle, $3.00 to ——.

TIN SHEET IRON—No. 24, per lb., 10c.

GALVANIZED IRON—Best No. 24, 7 to 7½c; best No. 26, 7½ to 7¾c; best No. 28, 7¾ to 8c.

AMERICAN PIG IRON—No. 1 Stove Plate, $22; No. 2 Foundry, none; Patent Hammered, assorted sizes, none.

SHEET IRON—Russia, none; Boiler Plate, $4.

CANADA PLATES—Arrow, none; Batton, none Garth, $0.00 to $0.00; Maple Leaf, none; Dere, $3.50 to $3.75; M. L. S. Crown, $0.00 to $0.00; Thistle, $0.00 to $0.00; Antimony, per lb., 14½ to 15c; Sad Iron, $2.25 to $3.50; Zinc, sheet, 6 to 6½; Zinc, block, 5 to 6½c.

GLASS—Up to 25 inches, $1.55 to $1.60; from 26 to 40 inches, $1.70 to $1.80; from 41 to 50 inches, $2.15 to $2.20; from 51 to 60 inches, $2.25 to $2.35.

LEAD—Pig, 4½ to 5c; do. bar, 6 to 6½c; do sheet, 5 to 5½c; do pipe, 5½ to 6c.

BRASS-SHEETS—32 to 35c; kettles, 35 to 37½c; hoops and bands $2.50 to $2.75.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Montreal Markets.

MONTREAL, May 21.

FLOUR—Market quiet but firm; receipts, 1,120 bbls; sales, 100 bbls strong bakers' at $4.60; 100 bbls superfine at $