

100 do at 90; 25 Richelieu at 60. Afternoon Board—125 Montreal at 178½; 15 do at 178½; 210 do at 178½; 6 do at 178½; 125 do at 179; 75 do at 179½; 12 Ontario at 100; 14 do at 99½; 285 Commerce at 139½; 50 Montreal Telegraph at 128; 75 do at 127½; 50 Richelieu at 50; 10 do at 59½; 200 City Gas at 155.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Orders for Spring goods are coming forward freely; some leading houses report a larger number of orders on hand than at any corresponding period. This, however, may be partially attributed to the fact that travellers started out earlier than usual this year; still, there will undoubtedly be a much larger trade done this season than last Spring, for there are already many more new customers. The tendency of the demand continues to be for more leather and less prunella goods. Prices unchanged, but generally maintained at quotations. Remittances continue favorable, but more bills mature in February than during this month.

CATTLE.—Prices for the week have remained firm. Choice cattle selling at from 4½c to 5c per lb., good butchers, from 4c to 4½c and inferior from 3½c to 4c. Live hogs sell at from \$5.75 to \$6 per 100 lbs. A comparative statement showing the number and value of cattle and sheep exported to England from Canada during each month of the fiscal years ending 30th June, 1879, and 30th June, 1880, was submitted to Parliament last Tuesday. The exports of horned cattle in 1879 numbered 23,273, value \$1,767,801; in 1880 number 32,680, value \$2,292,161; sheep, 1879, number 54,721, value \$335,099; in 1880 number 110,143, value \$629,054.

COAL AND WOOD.—The demand for anthracite coal in this market continues fair for the season, and one or two dealers report heavier orders and more of them than at corresponding periods heretofore. Prices remain steady, at the late advance: \$8 per ton for store, and \$7.50 for egg, chestnut and grate; of course some concessions might possibly be made for round lots, but the great majority of large consumers laid in fair supplies before the close of navigation. Soft coal is also reported in good demand, at \$6 to \$6.25 for Scotch, and \$5.50 to \$5.75 for Lower Ports. **Wood.**—Large quantities of hardwood are now arriving here by rail, being shipped per the Q. M. O. & O. road, but the demand is not brisk, and prices remain unchanged: \$8 for the best Maple, \$7.50 to \$8 for Birch, and \$7 to \$7.50 per cord for Beech.

DRY GOODS.—Trade in this line is never active during January; importations are arriving freely, and wholesale houses are busy assorting Spring goods and preparing samples for travellers. A goodly number of these middle-men have already gone out, and those heard from report prospects of a more than usually good Spring trade. A fair number of orders have been received. By the 1st February stocks in wholesale houses will likely be pretty full. Business among country merchants continued brisk up till the close of the year, but is now falling off, as usual, and the majority of the country retailers have commenced stock taking. Payments continue satisfactory.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Under an improved enquiry from one or two shippers, who are taking hold of fine grades of Eastern Townships and Morrisburgs, the local *Butter* market rules firm this week. A few small parcels of these goods have changed hands at 21c to 21½c, and the market is left almost bare of the grades wanted by shippers. Any good butter arriving meets with a ready sale at about outside quotations; enquiries are being made by cable, but without leading to new business. There is plenty of butter here, but it is chiefly of medium and poor qualities, which are neglected. The market may be reported healthier than it was prior to the holidays; during the past week, the shipments are estimated at about 4,000 tubs, and the aggregate shipments of butter from this

port for the past year include 256,973 packages, against 259,901 pkgs. for 1879. There is some demand from the local trade for fancy Fall pkgs. at outside quotations. In New York the demand is generally reported moderate, and without tendency to handle large parcels on home account. Special grades to suit exporters are held at high figures; 22c is said to have been paid for State firkins, and for fine Western 20c has been paid in that market. Holders are asking still higher rates. The *Cheese* markets, here and abroad, continue to strengthen, with the tendency in values upward. In New York business is on the increase, but holders here refuse to sell, in the face of rising foreign markets. The shipments of cheese from Montreal for 1880 were 584,964 boxes, against 571,704 do for 1879. The sales at Little Falls, N.Y., on Monday were 100 boxes at 12c; 4,000 boxes stand. The shipments of butter last year from New York were 7,000,000 lbs. less, and those of cheese 3,400,000 lbs. less than during the preceding year.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Advices by steamer report more hopeful feeling in chemicals, but no change in prices. A Liverpool manufacturer of bi-carb soda submits a special offer of 1.9 for round lots, present shipment, and £9 2s 6d for small parcels. Soda crystals are reported in short supply in Liverpool and Newcastle. Other goods unchanged. No change of prices in this market.

OILS.—Remain quiet and steady, at nominally unchanged quotations for most kinds. Sales for the week include a few small lots of *Cod* and *Steam Refined Seal*, for immediate requirements. *Lined* quiet, steady, and unchanged. Stocks of Newfoundland *Cod* oil reported light. *Naval Stores.*—Spirits of Turpentine have further advanced in value, being now quoted at 80c to 82c per Imp. gal; concessions are made, however, for round lots, a sale of 50 brls having been reported at 82½c, and of other similar-sized lots at 82½ to 65c wine gal. Prices as previously reported. *Petroleum* rules steady at 21½c f. o. b. at London per Imp. gal. Car lots in store here 25c. Small lots, 25½c to 27c. Crude at Petroleum \$1.70 f. o. b. in bulk. If a thaw does not come shortly operations will be at a standstill, as lack of water is generally complained of.

GROCERIES.—Not much business done since 1st inst., but indications now are of a fairly active trade for remainder of Winter. We are favored with snow pretty generally. *Sugars.*—Yellows are ½c to ¼c higher, while Refined Whites are unchanged. In West India *Sugars* not much doing.

Sugars firm at nearly all points. *Teas.*—Stock full, prices keep low and consumption should be stimulated largely in consequence. Market not active, and the week's changes are not much. *Molasses.*—For choice Barbados there is little alteration. *Coffee, Rice,* light trade. *Spices,* Pepper firm, also Pimento, Nutmegs and Ginger. *Fruits.*—Valencia Raisins scarce and rather higher, say 7½c to 8½c. Malaga Fruit dull. Currants firm, and reported again as rather higher in Greece.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—The English markets continue very quiet, without any change in values. On the continent there is nevertheless a steady demand for wheat and corn, which is partly supplied from American wheat and to every body's surprise from Southern Russia. During the last week of November 52 wheat laden vessels passed the Dardanelles, including 28 vessels from Russia and 24 from Turkish and Danubian ports; they were destined for various ports of Southern Europe. It is to be believed that the needs of Europe will receive sufficient supplies from that source to keep speculation within reasonable figures on this side of the Atlantic. On this continent, there is a firmer feeling in the Chicago and New York markets, but any

advance is quickly followed by a reaction, in consequence of the accumulation of stocks out West. The quantities in sight on the 1st of January were: Wheat, 28,514,000; Corn, 16,399,000; Oats, 3,754,000; Rye, 927,000; Barley, 3,193,000. In this market, there is hardly any thing doing, and the values are entirely nominal. The only transaction we know of is a purchase of 26,000 bushels of No. 2 Toledo Winter Wheat for shipment to Liverpool via Boston, calculated at about 9s 6d, cost, freight, insurance and commission. The other grains entirely neglected. The Flour market is inactive, and, in the absence of business, we do not change our quotations.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—A fair Winter business is being done in hardware, at unchanged prices; small sorting-up orders continue to be received, but there are no quotable sales to report. Some houses are not yet quite through stock-taking. Travellers will start out on their Spring trip towards the close of this month. Remittances continue satisfactory. *Bar Iron* is reported a shade firmer in England, but there are no parcels of consequence moving out of this market, and we have no changes to note in quotations. *Tin and Canada Plates,* etc., quiet, steady, and unchanged. *Canada Plates* in Liverpool are quoted at £11 for Penn brand, and are held firmly here at \$3.25 per box for round lots. Cable advices report Ingot Copper firm at £68, and Ingot Tin has advanced from £88 to £95, with an upward tendency; quoted in this market at 25c to 26c. In *Pig Iron*, there has been no movement of consequence here since our last report; the present is always a quiet period, but large consumers seem to have made up their minds to wait for lower prices, or see the end of the struggle, even if it should be at their own cost, and are buying only for present wants; sales for the week are confined to small lots, at nominally unchanged quotations; an exceptional sale of 10 tons Gartsherrie at \$22 is reported, but this is no criterion of values. A cable from Glasgow, received yesterday, quotes warrants at 53s 6d, an advance of 3d to 6d on last week's rate. English makers are reported to have advanced *Bar Iron* from 2s 6d to 7s 6d per ton, and *Steel Rails* to 10s per ton. New York advices concerning Scotch pig iron are discouraging.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The local market is reported steady and unchanged. There are fewer city *hides* offering than before the holidays, yet the supply is about equal to the demand, and there appear to be no exceptions to the established prices, which have been quoted for several weeks. See Prices Current on another page. There have not been many *Sheepskins* offering, and prices rule steady, at \$1.15 to \$1.25; occasionally, \$1.30 is paid for extra choice qualities. *Calfskins* are beginning to come forward rather more freely, but the offerings are not large; quoted at 12c per lb.

LEATHER.—The demand from manufacturers has opened up, and there has been more movement in all descriptions of leather than during the two preceding weeks. Prices are generally firm at our quotations. Sales this week include several lots of 1,000 sides of No. 2 B. A. Sole at an average of 22½c, while smaller lots have changed hands at 23c to 24c; and No. 1 is worth 25c to 26c. *Light Uppers* are in fair request, but sales are small. *Harness* has sold, in small lots, at last week's quotations, and *Buff*, which is scarce, continues to move off rather freely, both for shipping and local account. *Splits* are in light demand, and no quotable sales have been reported. Stocks of nearly all kinds of leather are pretty full, and expected to prove ample for all requirements.

FISH.—There has been rather more enquiry during the week than for a fortnight previous, but it has not resulted in much business, nor is it expected that much activity will be experienced this month. Prices for all kinds remain nominally unchanged. Labrador *Herrings* are offered in large lots at \$5.25 per brl., while small jobbing parcels, to which sales are