

steady rate, and last week showed no change from that preceeding it. Sales have held up to a fair average, and had the city shown returns in proportion to the country the week would have been a lively one. But the city trade still holds quiet. Collections are reported fair but a little slow. Prices of goods are not changed any, quotations being as follows: Sugars, yellows 6½ to 7½, granulated 8½c, Paris lumps 10½c; coffees, Rios 14 to 16c, Javas 23 to 27c, Mochas 31 to 34c; teas, season 1894-5; Mo-yune gunpowder 30 to 75c, pan-fired Japans 26 to 50c, basket-fired 27 to 40c, Congous 23 to 80c.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

The transactions of the week have been rather slow in shelf goods and building supplies, while in metals the movement was small, altogether the business is reported to be very quiet. Col-are still slow; prices unchanged, are as follows: Tin plates, I. C., 14x20, 5.50 to \$6; 20x58, 11.50 to \$12; Canada-plates, 3.80 to \$4; sheet-iron, 28G, 4.72 to \$5.25 per 100lb.; iron-pipe, 40 to 50 per cent. off list prices; ingot-tin, 25 to 30c per lb.; galvanized iron, 26-gauge, 7 to 7½c per lb., according to quality; bar-iron, 2.50 to \$3 per 100 lb.; cut nails, 3.40 to \$3.60 per keg.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

This business during the week has been moving along moderately but no real activity was shown, while the demand is scattered and for small lots only. Collections have been fair and prices remain unchanged, quotations being: Spanish sole, 33 to 35c; slaughter sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.40 to 1.50; domestic, 85c; B Z calf, \$1 to 1.25; French kip, \$1 to 1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter kip, 65 to 75c; No. 1 wax upper, 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33 to 36c for plumb stock; English oak sole, 65c.

LUMBER.

There is no word as yet of the mills starting this season. Business is still very quiet and the season's trade is not likely to amount to anything, while dealers seem to be satisfied to look upon this summer as somewhat of a blank. No outrageous cutting is reported but cash buyers can make good purchases, altogether this trade is not in a satisfactory state at present.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

The business in this trade, has improved very much since the opening of the month of June. The city trade still keeps rather quiet, but there are heavy demands from the country, and the cash returns from there are very fair. Altogether collections are stated to be fairly free and prices have not changed any, quotations are the same as in our last issue, and as follows: Linseed oil, raw 68c per gal., boiled 71c; seal oil, steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 15c per lb; lard, No. 1 \$1.25 per gal.; olive, \$1.50 to \$2, according to quality; machine oils, black 25c; oleine 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, headlight, 27c; water white, 33c. Calcined plaster, \$4 per bbl.; Portland cement, \$6; white lead, genuine, \$7.75; No. 1 \$6.75; No. 2, \$6.25.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

The reports from this trade are still good.

Business during the past week has been moderately active with prospects of keeping steady. Collections are also reported to continue satisfactory.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

The business in this trade has been considerably quieter, during the past ten days the sales made, not being nearly so good as for some time previous, and collections have been rather slow.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

The city trade continues to be rather quiet, licensing affairs having apparently demoralized matters a little. Collections are slow. Prices of domestic spirits have not changed any, quotations being the same as last week, viz: Gooderham & Wort's, in wood, \$1.55 to 2.25 per gallon; 65o.p. rectified, in wood, \$2.50; W.F.L. five-year old, \$2.50 per gallon; cases, quarts \$7.50, flasks \$4.50.

THE MARKETS.

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GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

During the past week the movement in wheat has continued in a very dull and depressed state. The supply brought into the market has been very light there being little or no demand heard of, and very low sales have been made. The general dullness prevailing at the present time is shown by the fact that all the mills just now are only working at about half time. Shipments of flour to the east continue very light, only a few lots having been forwarded and these rather small. There is not much demand from that quarter the business apparently being done at a sacrifice and from the surplus stocks now lying in store, whilst it is reported that owing to the feeling of disquietude in commercial circles caused by the recent passing of the exemption act by the Local Legislature, there is not much pushing of sales at present at any point. In oats the feeling continues unsettled, prices having made a still further downward move. The supply is quite fair but there is no demand whatever no sales being heard of; business in this market for the present appears to be exceedingly dull and flat. There is still nothing doing in barley. In provisions an average fair state of activity is shown, while prices have held quite steady all round. The demand for meats has been very good during the week and quite a fair trading has been done. Butter, although rather unsettled, some good sales of the higher grades were made at a good figure, but prices are likely to make a drop as the supply is increasing and the demand is not so very good, whilst of inferior grades there is but little wanted although a few small orders have been filled. Altogether the provision trade has kept up pretty well, supplies are good and values have remained firm.

WHEAT.

The business of the week has been very quiet and dull. Few sales were made and the millers and dealers quotations show prices to be the same as in our last issue, these being as follows: No. 1 hard, 80c.; No. 2, 75c.; No. 1 regular, 70c.; No. 2, 65c.; No. 3, 57c., and rejected 41 to 49c.

OATS.

In this market the feeling is still unsettled, while prices have made a further decline which are reported to be from 47½ to 52c. Receipts are fair, but there is no demand. Some sales of car lots on track were made at 52c, these being the only transactions heard of.

FLOUR.

There is no improvement to report. The western trade is very flat with the town trade also dull. A few small shipments were made to the east, but there is very little demand from these parts and dealers just now do not appear to be pushing sales very hard. Prices have made a further slight decline, quotations being patents, \$2.70; strong bakers, \$2.40; XXXX, \$1.80, and superfine, \$1.40.

BRAN AND SHORTS.

The demand has continued very fair though perhaps not so good as last week, and prices are easier and have made a downward move. Quotations being for bran \$9.25 per ton at the mills, and for shorts \$11.25 per ton.

POTATOES.

Business during the week has been very good the market being well supplied and the demand quite lively with prices easier and lower. Car lots of good quality are quoted at from 33 to 35c.

EGGS.

The supply for the week has been very good and is increasing while the demand is also fair. Some good sales are reported, prices keeping quite firm at 13c.

CHEESE.

The supply is still rather limited and transactions were not of any very great extent, though some fair sales of old at 12 to 13c are reported. Next week a good supply of new Manitoba is expected in the market and a good business will no doubt be heard of.

BUTTER.

A very good business continues to be done in the better grades and prices have declined some, sales of which are reported at 20c, and the demand appears good. The supply is increasing and prices are likely to make a further drop. There is not much of the inferior grades asked for although a few small sales were heard of. Quotations are, gilt-edge from 18 to 20c; prime 15 to 18c, and medium 10 to 15c; old from 8 to 12½c.

BACON.

The business of the week has continued good and the demand quite active, while prices are about the same as last week, quotations being dry salt 9 to 9½c, and rolls from 13 to 14c.

HAMS.

The past week's business has been very good and some fair sales are reported at 13 to 14c. There are no green in the market and we hear of no demand.

MESS FORK.

There is no change to report, business continues very quiet and few sales are heard of while prices remain at the same figures as in our last issue, viz: \$16 per barrel.

MESS BEEF.

No improvement to report in this market, business being very quiet and but few sales are reported. Prices are unchanged at \$17.

LARD.

The demand has continued very fair and a few good sales were heard of. Prices have not changed any and are the same as last week, quotations for pails of 20 lbs are from \$2.40 to \$2.50.

DRESSED HOGS.

In this market there is very little business doing, no receipts are heard of and no sales reported. Quotations are about \$5.