

been received since our last issue, and Firsts have been sold at \$5.62½; a sale of 50 brls. Secondis is reported on private terms. The market is very heavy. The receipts for the year have been 5830 brls. Pots and 400 brls. Pearls. The deliveries, 3372 brls. Pots and 357 brls Pearls, and the stock in store this evening was 4539 brls. Pots and 1048 brls. Pearls.

HOOPS AND SNOWS.—Trade in this line is slowly and steadily improving, and remittances are fair for the times. Workmen are better employed and wages slightly advanced. There is a scarcity of some fine lines for Summer wear. Most of the Travellers are out soliciting orders for full delivery, and the best yet received are from the Maritime Provinces, orders from the West being small and Summer goods are included as the Spring purchases were light. Confidence in this branch of business is being somewhat restored, and manufacturers anticipate a good full trade. See *Prices Current*.

CATTLE.—At the St. Gabriel market, on Monday, there were 18 carloads of Cattle offered for sale besides some small lots held over from last week. Prices fell considerably since last week, distillery fed cattle being disposed of at from \$5.25 to \$5.37½ per 100 lbs. Pivers for farm fed were the same as that of the previous week. All the cattle on the market were of good quality and sold more readily than the Monday previous. The supplies this week were principally from Toronto, Windsor, Brampton, and Prescott. One dealer sold 8 head averaging 1,125 each for \$5.25 per 100 lbs. Another dealer sold 17 head at \$5.12½ per 100 lbs. A number of hogs were sold for \$9 per 100 lbs. dressed weight. There were no sheep or lambs on the market.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business to a fair amount continues to be transacted without any material change to note as regards prices, which remain as last reported. There is a general absence of speculation and a more healthy tone exists among buyers who refuse to be tempted with low prices and will only buy for the actual requirements of their business. We quote, nominally:—Soda Ash, 1.90 to \$2.25; Sal Soda, \$1.40 to \$1.60, according to quantity; Soda Bicarb, \$3.75 to 4; Caustic Soda, 3½c. to 3½c.; Alum, 2c. to 2½c. Extract Logwood is easier and is quoted 11c. to 11½c. for bulk, and for packages in proportion. Bleaching Powder, 1½c. to 2c.

Oils.—The Seal Oil reported in our last as at hand has since been received but sellers and buyers being so widely apart in their ideas about price the importers were forced to store the shipment. Last year's stock in this market is almost entirely exhausted but dealers are indifferent about buying unless the price recedes. The market is almost completely bare of Cod Oil and any little lots held are very firm at 75c. Other Oils without change. Points in fair demand at prices as quoted in another column.

Naval Stores.—Turpentine is a little weaker with fair demand, and other Naval Stores also are in good demand at former prices.

Dry Goods.—We regret to hear that this week's experience has not confirmed the improvement, noted a week ago in reference to cash receipts. The orders received through travellers are said to be small, and but few buyers have been in the market. This is no doubt to be accounted for by the absence at this season of our large trade sales in teas and other staples as a few years ago. The quietness of our business streets is also noticeable. The City retail trade appears to keep well up both here and Toronto.

FISH.—Other than a retail demand, no business doing. Prices remain firm with exception to Salmon which in lower grades is weak and hard to sell—demand for dry cod is fair, with extremely light stocks. Codfish No. 2, \$1.50 to 4.75. Dry cod cwt., \$5.25 to \$5.50; Mackerel, No. 1, \$9.50; Salmon steady, No. 1, \$15; No. 2, \$14; No. 3, \$13. No. 1 Split Herrings \$4.50 to \$5.00.

FURS AND SKINS.—No skins coming forward. Quotations remain unchanged as follows: Beaver, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Prime Black Bear, \$6 to \$12, according to size; Fisher \$6.00 to \$9.00; Silver Fox, \$25 to \$60; Cross Fox, \$2.00 to \$5.00; Red Fox, \$1.00 to \$1.25;

Lynx, \$1.50 to \$2.25; dark Labrador Martin, \$7 to \$9; pale Martin, \$1.50 to \$2.00; prime fresh dark Mink, \$2.00 to \$2.50; fine dark Otter, \$7 to \$9; Fall Muskrat, 12c. to 14c.; Winter do, 15c. to 18c.; Spring do, 22c.; Raccoon, 25c. to 60c.; Skunk, 20c. to 50c.

GROCERY MARKET WHOLESALE.—Teas.—All kinds quiet and without disposition on the part of dealers to buy beyond current wants. Mail advices from Japan, confirm the fact of higher prices having been paid at opening of season than last year, but subsequent Cable news has shown a decline from such figures. Market fairly steady at the decline here.—*Sugars*—7c. to 8½c. for low to choice. Yellow Refined, 6½ to 7½c. for Raw. Barbados advices to 11th May, are received. Market rather more tone in it. No doubt that good Raw Sugars are to be preferred to a great deal of Yellow Refined offering being sweeter and wholesomer. Granulated unchanged.—*Molasses*—Barbados, 40c. to 44c.; Sugar House, 23c. to 27c.—*Coffee*—A little firmer, English advices report an advance, here, however the change is slight and previous figures may be repeated.

LEATHER.—No demand for Upper Leather. Splits are asked for but at very low prices. Bull and Pebble of first-class quality are in fair demand. Spanish, Slaughter and Buffalo are being used rather more freely. Very little doing in French Calfs and Kips. There is a better feeling generally in the Leather line. Prices remain unchanged. See *Prices Current*.

LUMBER.—The long continued inactivity in the lumber business still remains, and there appears little prospect for any immediate revival. The Ottawa mills will lose at least 6 weeks saving on account of high water, and this will mutually diminish supply for the season; but even at this reduced quantity there is little doubt that it will be fully equal to the demand. Prices are almost nominal and purchasers buy only in small lots. J. Bell Forsyth & Co.'s circular of 2nd June, states that since the opening of Navigation the market has been dull, and the demand for timber very limited. A few sales have been made but with little if any improvement as yet, and it is difficult to give quotations. The arrivals from sea are in excess of last year, but so far very little progress has been made in the loading of ships. Owing to the late Spring, we learn that the entire quantity of white pine manufactured during the past winter has been hauled out of the woods, but with the high waters at present on the Ottawa River and its tributaries, it is impossible to calculate on the quantity likely to reach market. Many of the dams and slides have been more or less injured, the extent of which can only be known when the waters abate. It is generally admitted that the timber will be at least a month later in reaching Quebec than usual. The demand at present is chiefly for choice wood which is scarce. A couple of good rafts have been placed at 24½ to 25 cents. Common and ordinary is very difficult of sale unless of good size and girth, for which there is some enquiry. As shippers are, generally speaking, well supplied, the demand for Red Pine is exceedingly limited particularly for small average, which is more plentiful than large wood. Some enquiry and sales of Oak have been effected lately at 34 to 36. Choice Ohio of about seventy-five feet was placed some days ago at 45 cents. There is rather a better demand for Elm, and lots have changed hands at 27 to 30 cents for 47 to 55 feet. Small is not enquired for, and there are no sales to record. For 14 inches and up in S. O. Ash 25 to 27 cents is asked, and nothing required under that size. From the lateness of the season as well as the high waters on the Ottawa, the sawing term will be curtailed which must materially lessen the manufacture of deals this year. Pine Deals have been sold at £2 10 to £25 for 1sts, 2nds for seconds, and 3rd for thirds, according to specification, time of delivery, &c., &c. The transactions in Spruce Deals have been at our quotations. Freight from Quebec to Liverpool 20s to 30s, according to proportion of hardwood, and 30s Deals. London, 80s Deals, and to the Clyde 27s 6d to 29s, according to cargo. Prices at Montreal unchanged.

SEEDS.—Since our last report Timothy has become very scarce and stocks are nearly if not quite exhausted. It may be quoted at \$5.25 to \$3.50 per bushel. The demand for red clover is now over, but there are still a few small lots held in the city; price nominal at 13c. per lb.

WOOL.—The wool season for fleece was opened in the Western portion of Canada, and we hear of purchases being made from farmers at prices varying from 25c. to 28c. Eastern Canada being a little behind the West in shearing. We can make no reports as to prices but expect 25c will be the ruling figure. We quote:—Pulled Wool, Sup, 30c. to 35c.; Pulled Medium 28c. to 32c.; Pulled No. 20c to 28c.; Black, 23c. to 26c.

PRODUCE & PROVISIONS.

During the past week, the general trade in Produce has been quiet, owing in a great measure to the uncertainty which prevails; holders of grain and other produce do not seem at present inclined to sell, waiting in expectation of European war which they expect will greatly enhance the value of all provisions. In the course of the last day or two a few small lots of grain have changed hands but simply on speculation of war and we may here say that we think holders are in the right to hold grain as in any case it cannot recede more than 4c. and if an European war takes place we believe it will advance very considerably so that a shrewd banker said, it is betting 4 to 50 on an even chance, and as holders know this they feel disinclined to let others have the chance they at present enjoy.

BULK MEATS.—Beef is in slightly improved demand owing to the increase in the quantity of vessels in port, and a more general demand for freights. The prices are, however, little altered from last week. We quote: India Mess Tierces, \$27; Prime Mess do., \$28; India Mess Brls., \$17; Prime do., \$15. Pork is still in the scale of depression. The shipping has not yet improved, but there is no reason to believe that there will be an advance to chronicle before very long. We quote: Mess Pork, \$21.00 to \$21.50. Thin do., \$20. Hams and Bacon. Prices continue firm. Dry Salt, 9c. to 10c.; Fresh Smoked, 13c. to 13½c.; Canned, 14c. to 15c.; Bacon 13c. to 14c. Lard very quiet. Pails, 12c. to 12½c.; Tubs, 11½c. to 12½c.; Tierces, 10½c. to 11c.

PRESERVED MEAT.—We are pleased to know that within the past week there has been more inquiry and quite a general disposition to foster this new branch of Canadian trade. There is no doubt that with proper appliances, and with well directed business tact and enterprise the local sale and exportation of preserved meat will take the largest development in Canada. In point of quality we have no competition to fear in any of the markets of the world. All that is required is the proper preserving of the Meats.

BUTTER.—During the past week, contrary to the expectation of many merchants, the market has somewhat revived, and to-day the local demand may at least be said to be fair if not good, and orders of all kinds are coming in quite freely. The stocks in the Lower Provinces are pretty well reduced, and shipments are made there at fairly remunerative rates. At the same time shipments to England are at present ticklish and speculative, though good sound yellow Butter will pay for the trouble and pay handsomely. The range for general description of Pale and Streaky is from 15c. to 17c., with holders willing to accept any reasonable bid rather than keep this class of goods in stock, as they have no keeping qualities and must soon turn to grease. On this point we may be permitted to say we certainly think there must be a better chance for our farmers if they will give up feeding their cattle entirely on turnips and roots, and give them more hay, this will cause the butter to have better keeping qualities. Good Yellow Butter is to-day, worth almost any reasonable price, and saleable at from 18½c. to 20½c. for shipment.

CHEESE.—The demand during the past week has been only very moderate and there has been but little enquiry for shipment to Europe.