

medium grade goods are more anxious to sell than ever. New butter sells freely at 21 to 22c.; creamery 19 to 21c.; choice Townships, 15 to 17c.; Morrisburg 13 to 16c.; Western 10 to 14c. Cheese dull at 11 to 11½c. for finest. Eggs in good demand at 20 to 21c. for fresh. Pork dull, though there is a good demand for hams; Western Mess, \$16.75 to \$16.00; Canada S. C. \$16.00 to \$16.25; lard 10c.; hams 12 to 12½c.

SALT.—The usual amount of business is doing at 6½ to 55c. for elevens ex car, ex store 57½ to 60c., factory filled \$1.20 to \$1.35. Eureka, \$2.40.

SHOES AND LEATHER.—Boot and shoe manufacturers are not buying at all freely, and seem disposed to complain of the slackness of trade. One large manufacturer of coarser goods is reported in embarrassed circumstances and likely to ask an extension. Stocks of leather are all moderately full, but receipts from tanners are not large, and prices are fairly maintained. Light splits is about the only line in active demand, though there is fair enquiry for light slaughter sole. The English market remains dull, and presents no inducements for shipments from this market just now. We quote Spanish sole B. A. No. 1, 24 to 27c.; ditto, No. 2 B. A. 21 to 24c.; No. 1, Ordinary Spanish, 24 to 25c.; No. 2 ditto, 22 to 23c.; No. 1 China, 23c.; No. 2 ditto, Buffalo Sole, No. 1, 21 to 22c.; ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 25 to 27c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 38c.; ditto heavy, 32 to 35c.; Grained, 34 to 38c.; Splits, large, 23 to 29c.; ditto small, 16 to 24c.; Calf-splits 28 to 31c.; Calf-skins (35 to 46 lbs.) 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Calfskins, 80 to 85c.; Russel Sheepskin Linings, 30 to 50c.; Harness, 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 12½ to 16c.; Pebbled Cow, 11½ to 15½c.; Rough, 23 to 28c.; Russel & Bridle, 45 to 55c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, April 9, 1885.

The rest during the Easter holidays somewhat restored confidence in the stock market, and when wheat advanced buoyantly as the prospects of foreign complications pointed to war, there was a decided upward turn from the decline of last week. Bank shares chiefly felt the influence. Montreal sold at 192 but rose to 193 bid at the close. Toronto at one time was offered at 178½ but closed at 179½ bid and 181 asked. Commerce rose from 118½ to 120½ bid now. Buyers advance 1 per cent. to 111½ for Merchants. Ontario sold at 108. Insurance stocks are easier, Western selling at 83, a decline of ½. Canada North-West Land was dealt in from 34½ to 34¾; which were the quotations at the close. Among Loan Societies shares, where sales were effected, the prices were, as a rule, lower, but transactions were light.

The insurrection in the Saskatchewan valley country affected the share market last week. Hudson's Bay Co. and North West Land Co. shares especially were depressed.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Quotations of flour are about five cents higher than a week ago but we have not heard of any sales at the advance. Superior extra is now quoted at \$3.75 to \$3.80; extra \$3.60 to \$3.65; strong bakers \$4.00 to \$4.75; spring wheat extra \$3.50 to \$3.55; superfine \$3.20 to \$3.25. Bran \$16 to \$16.50.

GRAIN.—A firmer feeling in wheat has manifested itself in this market since our last report, and prices are in some instances a cent higher, with no sales reported. No. 1 fall now quotes 85 to 86c.; No. 2, 83 to 84c.; No. 3, 81 to 82c. The different grades of spring are practically without change, as are also barleys, which are dull and nominal. Oats are held higher, say 37 to 38c. Peas are steady at last week's figures. Corn compared with a week ago is stiffer and about 2c. higher say 59 to 60c. Rye has also advanced and is now worth 61 to 62c. The following are the stocks in store:

GROCERIES.—It is the experience of those houses that are letting matters take their own course, without undue forcing, that trade in this department is quite satisfactory. Indeed with one of the principal staples—sugar—at least 2c. per pound cheaper than a year ago, we hear from some quarters that sales so far this season reach a larger aggregate than a twelve month previous. Reports as to remittances vary: "Surprisingly good," said one firm; "Only middling" said another. The lenten term just

closed has been remarkable for its extreme dullness in fish. It is seldom that the demand has been so light. There still continues an active enquiry for all desirable teas, but the views of buyers and sellers are rather far apart to admit of much business. Low priced grades are very scarce, black and green being almost out of the market. The movement in sugars is very sluggish with prices as previously quoted. Coffee are very quiet.

Messrs. J. Lewenz & Cos. tea circular, dated London, 27th March, last: Since our last letter very little business has been passing privately, most of our dealers who bought largely during the late spurt being reluctant to further add to their stocks, the duty payment on which now are heavy. The tone of the market in consequence has become rather dull, and recent values have only been maintained for really desirable and better class teas. Most sorts of black and red leaf Congous which sold this week up to 8½d. show a drop of ½ to ¾d. per lb for the fortnight. Green teas also were somewhat weaker all round, there having been fewer export orders to support the market. Scented teas and Oolongs have remained unchanged, but Indian teas at this week's auctions have mostly lost part of the late advance.

Hardware.—This market has not undergone any marked change so far as prices are concerned. Neither has there been any special demand for any one particular line except perhaps in tin plates and galvanized sheet iron, which are moderately active with prices in buyers' favour. Cut nails are changing hands freely at our quotations and the general impression prevails that there will be no further decline to chronicle this spring. In leads of all descriptions the feeling is, if anything, easier. There is no perceptible improvement here in Copper, although cable advices from London indicate a firmer tone in that market. Pig iron is much stronger, due to sympathy with foreign trade, but transactions have been very light. Iron presents no change, still there is room for much improvement in condition of the market. The unsettled state of political affairs in European countries proves a most complete check to operations in the metal line both at home and abroad. Payments are only fair.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Business in this department is moderately good and quotations remain firm as quoted. We hear of a car load of cow hides changing hands at 8 to 8½c. Smaller quantities would command ½ more.

Provisions.—We have no change to report in the condition of the butter market. Common qualities are freely offered but find no buyers. Sales of rolls have been made at 11 to 13c. and single packages of choice dairy have changed hands at 15c. Cheese is steady and unchanged at 11 to 12c. There is very little business being done in hog products. Long clear quotes at 8 to 8½c. and hams at 11½ to 12c. Eggs have been in active request and have sold at 18c. On account of the almost impassable condition of country roads the supply of dressed hogs has been very light. City butchers are the only purchasers at 5½c.

PETROLEUM.—Sales of Canadian refined are still being made at 17c. in lots and a half cent. more for single barrels. For carbon safety oil 19c. would have to be paid and American prime white commands 23 to 23½c. American water white brings 26 to 27c.

Wool.—A very fair business is being done at previous figures. Moderate sized lots are being purchased by mill-men and the general feeling is one of firmness.

BRITISH MARKETS.

LONDON, 8th April.

Beerbohm says:—Floating cargoes—Wheat, firmer, held higher; maize, nil. Cargoes on passage—Wheat, firmer, held higher; maize, steady. Mark Lane—Wheat, upward tendency; maize firmer. Liverpool—Spot wheat and maize, steady; No. 1 California, 7s. 2½d.; No. 2, 6s. 11d.; American red winter, 7s. 3½d.; w. m., 7s. 2d.; spring, 7s. 2d.; all 1d. dearer; maize, 4s. 6½d.; ½d. dearer. Paris—Wheat and flour, quiet.

LIVERPOOL, noon, April 8.

The following are the quotations for bread-stuff and provisions:—Flour, 10s. to 11s. 6d., spring wheat, 6s. 11d. to 7s. 1d.; red winter, 6s. 10d. to 7s. 8d.; No. 1 California, 7s. 1d. to 7s. 4d.; No. 2 do., 6s. 9d. to 7s. 1d.; corn, 4s. 6½d.; barley, 5s. 6d.; oats, 5s. 5d.; peas, 5s. 10d.; pork, 61s.; lard, 35s. 3d.; bacon, long clear, 31s. 0d.; short clear, 32s.; tallow, 52s. 8d.; cheese,

58s. Wheat is firm and in good demand; supply good. Corn steady and in good demand. Cotton quiet and unchanged.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

CHICAGO, April 8th, 1884.

Business is still languid, the belief that the long winter is really over not being yet quite fixed in the minds of the mercantile community. In grain, the feeling is not bullish, rather the other way. Demand for shipment of wheat to interior mills is fair, and there is a decline of 400,000 to 500,000 bushels in the supply. Of corn, on the other hand, the visible supply is larger. Afternoon prices are:—Wheat—Active and higher; closing 1½c. higher than Monday; April closed at 78½ to 78¾c.; June, 85c.; No. 2 spring, 78½ to 81c. Corn—Firm and higher; cash, 38½ to 41½c.; April, 88½c.; May, 42½c. Barley—Nominal. Pork—Fair demand; cash \$11.75 to \$11.80; May, \$11.87½ to \$11.90. Lard—Very limited, and prices unchanged. Boxed meats—Firm: shoulders, \$4.50 to \$4.60; short ribs, \$5.90 to \$5.92½c.; short clear, \$6.40 to \$6.45.

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