

advanced in price all around. Leather is steadily increasing in value. Butter and cheese are quiet, but pork is higher.

The annual sale of buffalo robes by the Hudson's Bay Company took place on the 8th inst. when some 8000 robes were offered and 6000 changed hands. Prices were about 75c per robe higher than last year. The figures obtained were 3.37½ to 3.75 for No. 1 calf; No. 1 summer 4.62 to 4.75; No. 2 prime sewed 5.50; No. 1 prime whole 7.50 to 7.62. The remainder, with some more on the way, will be offered early in November.

ASHES.—Pots.—The receipts of ashes for the past week have been rather light, but there has been a considerable business done in heavy tares. The market has been steady all week. First \$3.85 to \$3.90 lighter tares sold about 10c less. Second \$3.15 to \$3.20; Third \$2.80 to \$2.85. *Pearls* few sales transpiring, the present price for firsts is \$5.12½c. seconds \$4.50 to 4.55½. Stocks at present in store are *Pots* 440 brls. *Pearls*, 102 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Owing to the steady advance in leather we have to raise our quotations at which figures they are now firmly held, collections for the past week still continue good. We now quote *Men's Split brogans*, \$1.00 to \$1.10 ditto *Kip Boots*, \$2.60 to 3.25; ditto *French Calf Boots* \$3.25 to 3.75; ditto *Buff Congress*, \$1.90 to 2.50; ditto *Split boots*, \$1.75 to \$2.20 ditto *Cow hide* *slogas* \$2.40 to \$2.75; *Boys slogas* \$1.60 to \$2; ditto *Buff and pebble congress*, \$1.60 to 1.75; ditto *split brogans*, \$1.00; *Womens buff and pebbled Balmorals*, \$1.25 to \$1.60; ditto *Prunella boots*, 50c. to \$2.00; *Misses Buff and pebbled Balmorals* \$1.00 to \$1.20; ditto *Prunella boots* 70c to 1.20.

CATTLE.—Although there was a good supply of cattle on the market yesterday both for local and shipping purposes, the demand was light and very few sales were reported, for medium to good cattle the range was 3½ to 4½c per lb. *Hogs* were in moderate supply and found buyers at \$4.60 to \$4.80 per 100 lbs. live weight.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business is improving, and chemicals are generally firmer and a greater disposition is shown on the part of holders to advance prices. We note a slightly higher price for most articles on our list this week. *Bi Carb Soda*, \$2.90 to 3.10; *Soda Ash* \$1.40 to 1.75; *Bi Chromate of Potash* \$11 to 12; *Borax* 10c; *Cream Tartar Crystals*, 25 to 26c ditto ground 27 to 28c; *Caustic Soda*, \$2.25 to 2.50; *Sugar of Lead*, 12 to 13c; *Bleaching Powder*, \$1.50 to 2.00; *Alum*, \$1.60 to 1.75; *Copperas*, per 100 lbs., 95c to \$1; *Sulphur*, 2½ to 3c; *Rail Sulphur*, 2½ to 2½c; *Epsom Salts*, per 100 lbs., \$1.50; *Sal Soda*, per 100 lbs., 95c to \$1.00; *Saltpetre* per keg \$8.50 to 9.00; *Sulphate of Copper*, \$5 to 6 *Whiting*, 50 to 55c; *Opium* \$5.75 to 6.00; *Quinine* \$4.10 to 4.20 per oz; *Iodide of Potassium*, \$6.00 to 6.25; *Uromide of Potassium* 43 to 48c; *Morphia* \$2.85 to 3.00; *Castor Oil* 12 to 12½c; *Cod Liver Oil*, 95c to \$1.10.

DRY GOODS.—We have no improvement to notice in this branch of the wholesale trade, business has been entirely confined to filling a few sorting up orders which are coming in. The warm weather has been against this business, but as soon as the cold weather sets in there is expected to be a brisk demand for woollen and heavy goods. Remittances are coming in but slowly, and are the cause of complaints on the part of the wholesale trade.

FISH.—The schooner "Almunda" with the 2nd cargo of Labrador Herrings has arrived, sales are quiet as yet, dealers are waiting to see what the catch actually is before buying freely in hopes of lower prices. We quote *Labrador Herrings* \$5.50; *Dry Cod* \$4.25 to 4.50; *Salmon* \$1.50 to 1.55 and 1.45; for Nos. 1, 2, and 3. *Mackerel*.—Only some No. 2. split in market which is held at \$6. to 6.50.

FURS.—There are none coming in yet, and for a couple of weeks none are expected as trappers are not doing anything just now; quotations would be quite nominal at present.

FREIGHTS.—Rates of ocean tonnage this week show very little change, at the close of the market however, holders were asking an advance on late rates. We hear of engagements to London, Liverpool, and Glasgow by steamers and iron clippers for heavy grain at 6/ to 6/6; and by steamers and sailing vessels for orders at 6/3 to 6/6.

FLOUR.—The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st inst. were 13,958 brls. against 13,746 brls on 15th ult., and 45,681 brls on 1st October 1878. Receipt during the past week were 23,788 brls; Total receipts from 1st January to date 572,872 brls., being a decrease of 97,926 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1878; shipments during the week 35,729 brls. Total shipments from 1st January to date 533,976 brls. being an increase of 37,624 brls. on the shipments for the same period of 1878. The market has been steady all week, but sales did not amount to much, offerings being very small. On Monday the market was very excited and holders advanced prices from 10 to 15c; a few sales being reported with in our range of quotations. *Superior Extra*, \$5.85 to \$5.90; *Extra Superfine*, \$5.77 to 5.80; *Spring Extra* \$5.70 to 5.75; *Superfine*, \$5.40 to \$5.50; *Strong Bakers' Flour* \$5.85 to \$6.00; *Fine*, \$4.75 to \$4.80; other grades are nominal; *Oatmeal*, \$4.50 to 4.60; *Cornmeal*, \$2.50.

GRAIN.—Wheat.—The stock is store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st inst. 151,783 bushels, against 70,238 bush. on the 15th ultimo and 55,783 bush. on the 1st. October 1878. Receipts during the past week 736,764 bushels; total receipts from 1st January to date 8,720,675 bush. being an increase of 3,170,864 bushels on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1878 shipped during the week 538,201 bushels. Total shipment from 1st January to date 7,795,358 bushels, being an increase of 2,639,271 bushels on the shipments for the same period of last year. There was a good deal of business done in fall wheat in the early part of the week at \$1.22 to 1.25; but nothing doing in spring wheat, at the close of the market there was a great deal of excitement and it is impossible to give reliable quotations. *Peas* have been in better demand with sales at 80 to 81c. per 66 lbs. *Maize* 52 to 53c. in Bond. *Oats* to arrive 31 to 32c. *Rye* 63c.

HIDES.—Prices are firm and well maintained for Green Butchers Hides at 9, 8 and \$7.00; *Sheepskins* as usual at the beginning of the month are dearer and are quoted 70 to 75c.

HARDWARE.—The advance in all classes of heavy hardware for the past week has been very decided, and latest cable advices report pig iron, bar iron, and sheets, and all kinds of manufactured iron to have increased very much in value, also tin plates which show a very material rise. The prices we give are as near as possible to what is asked at present but with the existing uncertain and excited state of the market it is hard to say how long they may last. We quote *Pig iron* per ton, Coltness \$26; *Summerlee* \$25; *Langloan* \$26; *Eglington* 24.50; *Calder No. 1* \$25; *Carnbrice* \$25; *Hematite* \$27; *Bars* per 100 lbs. *Scotch* an *Staffordshire* \$1.80; best ditto \$2.20 to 2.45; *Sweden* and *Norway* \$4.50 to 5.00; *Lowmoor* and *Bowling*, \$6.00 to 6.50. *Canada plates*, per box, *Garth & Penn*, \$3.75 to 3.80; *Dominion & Arrow* \$3.75 to 3.80 *Hat'on* \$3.50 to 3.75; *Tin Plates*, per box, *Charcoal I C*, \$6.50 to 7.00; ditto *I X* \$8.50 to 9.00; ditto *D C*, \$5.50 to 6.00; *D X*, \$7.50 to 8.00; *Coke*, *I C*, \$5.50 to 6.00; *Tinned Sheets*, No. 26, charcoal 9 to 12c; ditto coke 11c; *Galvanized Sheets*, 7 to 8c; *Hoops* and *Bands*

per 100 lbs., \$2.35 to 2.45; *Sheets*, best brands, \$2.50 to 2.60; *Boiler Plate* \$2.50 to 3.00 *Russia sheet iron* per lb. 12c; *Lead Pig* per 100 lbs \$4.25 to 4.50; *Sheet* \$4.75 to 5.00 *Shot* \$6.00 to \$7; *Steel cast* per lb 11 to 12½c; spring \$3 to 4.25 ditto *Fire* \$2.50 to 3.00; ditto *sleigh shoe* \$2.25 to 2.76; *I got tin* \$22. to 23.00; *Ingot copper* \$19 to 20.00; *Zinc sheet* per 100 lbs \$6.25 to 6.75; *Spelter* \$5.50 to 6.00; *Horse Shoes* \$3.25 to \$3.50; *Proved Coil Chain*, ¾ in \$4.75 to 5.00; *Anchors* 5½ to 6c; *Iron wire* No 6 \$1.75 to 1.90.

GROCERIES.—Teas.—The activity noted in teas last week has been maintained and transactions have been both large and numerous. The chief demand has been for the lower grades of Japan some of which sold about a month ago at 25c are now selling at 35c. The high grades are neglected. The price of low grades run from 25c to 35c. Higher grades 35c to 60c; young *Hysons* are selling within the same range. Black teas have also met better enquiry, *Congou* 25 to 75c; and *Souchong* 25 to 60c. Holders of teas seem confident of still higher prices. *Coffee.*—There has not been much excitement in the coffee market, but there is no doubt that a stronger feeling exists and closes firm at quotations, *Java*, 28 to 30c; *Maracaibo*, 21 to 23c; *Laguayra*, 18½ to 19c. *Sugar.*—There has been a fair steady demand for refined sugar which keeps the refineries busy to meet them; they are selling granulated 8½ to 9c, and other grades of white in proportion, yellow, 7 to 8c. *Raw Sugars* are quiet, but firm. *Barbadoes*, 6½ to 7c; *Porto Rico*, 6½ to 7½c. *Syrup* of good quality is asked for at 45 to 50c. *Mollasses.*—Market is very firm and advancing. Sales, however, have not been very large, we now quote *Barbadoes*, 31 to 33c; *Porto Rico*, 28 to 30c; *Trinidad*, 25 to 27c. *Rice* is selling in a very fair way at \$4.05 to 4.35, according to quality and size of lots. *Canned Fish.*—*Lobsters*, \$1.25 to 1.50. *salmon*, \$1.50 to 1.75; *mackerel*, \$1.25 to 1.80; *Spices* are, as a rule, firm, but the demand is only for small lots within range of quotations, *Cassia* 14 to 16c; *cloves*, 40 to 45c; *nutmegs*, 70 to 90c; *Jamaica ginger*, 22½ to 23½c; *African ginger*, 6 to 7c; *Pimento*, 15 to 15½c; *black pepper*, 8½ to 9½c; *white pepper*, 15 to 16c; *mace*, 70 to 80c. *Fruit.*—There is little new *Malaga* fruit come to hand yet. New *Valencia* raisins are selling at 6½ to 7½c, a few new currants are offering at 7 to 7½c; *Eleme figs*, 12½ to 14c; no *prunes* in the market. *Tarragona almonds*, 15 to 16c; *loica almonds*, 14 to 15c; *filberts*, 8 to 9c; *walnuts*, (French) 7 to 8c; ditto, *Grenoble* 10 to 11c.

LEATHER.—We have to note another advance in sole leather, which is now held at 25c. for No 1, and 23c. for No. 2 best B, A. sole; this is in sympathy with the New York market which has also advanced, with a very firm feeling and heavy sales. Business has been fairly active and some classes of stock are hard to get. *Splits* are scarce and those coming in are readily taken at full rates. We quote. *Hemlock Spanish Sole*, No. 1, B.A., 24 to 25c; ditto No. 2 B.A., 22 to 23c; No. 1 *Ordinary* 23 to 24c; No. 2 ditto 21 to 22c; *Zanzibar*, ditto No. 1, 19 to 20c; ditto No. 2, 16 to 17c; *Buffalo Sole* No 1, 19 to 20c; ditto No. 2, 17 to 18c; *Hemlock slaughter*, No. 1, 22 to 25c; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 36 to 40c; ditto, heavy, 34 to 36c; *Grained*, 35 to 39c; *Splits*, large, 24 to 30c; ditto, small, 20 to 26c; *Calfskins*, (27 to 36 lbs.) 40 to 60c per lb., ditto (18 to 26 lbs.) 40 to 55c per lb; *Sheepskin linings*, 20 to 30c; *Harness*, 24 to 30c; *Buffed cow*, 12 to 16c; *Enamelled cow*, 15 to 16c; *Patent cow* 15 to 16c; *Pebbled cow* 12 to 15c; *Rough* 24 to 25c.

OILS.—There is no speculative demand for *Petroleum* but the consumption is increasing as the days shorten, prices are steady at 12 to 12½c. for car lots; 12 to 13½c. for small lots; single