

vances is in muslin, and a remarkable advance is that in Victoria lawn, which is equal to about 30 per cent.

FLOUR.—There have been some sales of flour during the week. We hear of one car, on the 18th, of winter patent changing hands at \$3.38, and one of straight roller at \$3.18, Toronto freights. Bran is somewhat easier, some holders will accept \$15 per ton, others hold for \$16. Shorts we quote at \$16 to \$18, as to quality.

GRAIN.—The wheat market is quiet and easy, probably owing to weakness in the English market. Winter wheat is offering here at 65 cents, and not much movement; indeed, we cannot hear definitely of any transactions. There is nothing doing in oats, which are quoted as before, but there is some enquiry for peas for export. Corn is easier, if anything.

GROCERIES.—A change in price of sugars, which should have been entered in our Prices Current last week, but which we heard of too late for the press, consisted in an advance of all yellows 10c. per hundred pounds, and the equalizing of all granulated at \$5 to \$5.10 for Paris lumps, and \$4.50 for extra granulated. It will be observed that Acadia make has advanced 10 cents, and is now on a parity with Redpath's and St. Lawrence; there is a fair demand for all kinds. The tea market is steady with prices unaltered. Valencia raisins are very scarce; the price has advanced to 8 cents for ordinary selects, and 8¾ cents for well-known brands; there are no fine offstalk in the market. Figs have advanced, stocks of Comadrie being in small compass; we quote them now at 3¾ to 4 cents. There is but little if any change in canned goods, pineapple being the only item in which we alter quotations; prices are firm in all lines, and fruits are moving firmly. Raspberries and strawberries are just about done; the heavy shipments now being made to the North-West will clean them up.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There are no considerable transactions in hides to record, but the demand is improving, without, however, any change in price so far. The sheepskin season is pretty well over. There is a little more activity in calfskins. Tallow continues scarce and finds ready sale.

PROVISIONS.—There is only a moderate movement in the trade, which, as a rule, is destitute of features. In hog products the demand is generally firm at unchanged quotations. The market for butter is decidedly easier with but a slow demand. Cheese is quiet and easy at 12c for new and 12½c. for fall make. Eggs are weak and easy at 11 to 11½c. The market for Easter was a great disappointment to country shippers, who had sent large quantities to the market, and as the demand was not equal to them, clearances could only be made at 11c. Evaporated apples are jobbing slowly at 7 and 7¼c. Dried are sent only to the German market and to Manitoba, and are very slow at 5 cents to 5½ cents.

Cash quotations for provisions closed on Wednesday, 18th inst., at Chicago: Mess pork, \$12.20 to \$13.05; lard, \$7.20 to \$7.35; short ribs, sides, \$7.15 to \$7.40. Another despatch says: Pork has advanced 17½ to 22½c., closing \$13, April; \$13 May; \$13.15, July. The Liverpool provision market on Wednesday was strong for bacon, and prices advanced 6d. Pork closed 67s. 6d.; prime Western lard, 35s. 6d.; American refined lard, 37s. 6d.; long cut light bacon, 42s. 6d.; short cut, heavy, 39s. 6d.

A significant fact is made known in a cable despatch to the Toronto Globe, dated London, 18th April: "A new order has been issued, under which Argentine cattle must be slaughtered within 36 hours

of landing, and North Americans within five days. The regulation in the meantime applies only to Deptford."

SEEDS.—There is an active demand for flax seed, and fair enquiry in other directions. We quote clover, red, \$5 to \$5.75; alsike, \$6.25 to \$6.75; alsike, medium, \$5.50 to \$6; timothy, \$1.50 to \$2, per bushel. A Chicago despatch of Wednesday says timothy seed closed unchanged at \$2.40, nominal for April, and clover steady at \$7.75, nominal for April, all per 100 lbs. In Toledo, old prime clover closed 10c. lower, at \$4.85, and April steady at \$5.15 per bushel.

WOOL.—The market is quiet, and transactions in domestic not important. Pulled wools are slow of movement, and prices none too firm. Foreign markets show firmness in fine wools, but not so much in medium or cheap grades.

CANADIAN WOODS IN BRITAIN.

The Liverpool trade circular of Farnworth & Jardine, dated 2nd April, says: "The arrivals from British North America during the past month have been 6,180 tons register, against 5,200 tons register during the corresponding month last year, and the aggregate tonnage to this date from all places during the years 1898, 1899, and 1900, has been 55,521, 50,896 and 55,847 tons, respectively.

"Business during the past month has been quiet. The arrivals have been fairly moderate, but the deliveries have been rather disappointing; however, stocks generally are light, and prices continue steady.

"Canadian Woods.—Pine Timber.—Of wane the deliveries have been fairly satisfactory, and the stock is now very light; prices are firm. Square is only in limited request, and the stock is sufficient. Red Pine.—There has been little enquiry, and the stock is almost exhausted. Oak.—There has been a little more enquiry for next season's shipments, and prices are firm; the consumption, however, has been small, and although the stock of first-class wood is not large, it is sufficient for present requirements. Elm.—There has been fair enquiry and prices rule high; the stock is almost bare. Ash.—Large wood has been in fair request and prices are firm. Pine Deals.—The deliveries have been fairly satisfactory; the stock is now reduced to a more moderate compass, and a considerable advance in value has been established. Red pine deals continue in good demand, and prices are firm.

"New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Spruce and Pine Deals.—The arrivals slightly exceed those of the corresponding month last year, viz., 2,769 standards, against 2,650 standards; the deliveries have been satisfactory, and the stock is fairly moderate; there is little change in value to report, and steady progress is being made in contracting for next season's delivery. Pine Deals.—There has been more enquiry and stocks are reduced.

"Birch.—Of logs, chiefly from St. John, there has been a moderate import; the deliveries have been fair, and the stock is not too large; values are unchanged. Planks have been imported freely, and are going largely into consumption direct from the quay; stocks are light and prices continue steady.

"United States Oak.—Of square timber there has been no import; the demand continues dull, and the deliveries have been disappointing; prices rule low, and the stock is sufficient. Oak planks continue to arrive freely, there is a steady demand, but little improvement in value to report; stocks are ample. The total stock now amounts to 337,000 cubic feet. Hickory continues in fair request.

"Pitch Pine.—The arrivals have been

three vessels, 2,676 tons, against four vessels, 3,134 tons, during a like period last year; both the import and consumption have been on a moderate scale, leaving us with small stocks; prices are steady, and the market is in a healthy condition. Of hewn there has been no import, and with a good consumption going on, stocks have become moderate. Of sawn the consumption has been only moderate, but as the import has been small, stocks are light and values remain unchanged. Of deals and boards the stock is very little more than one month's consumption and the lowest for a long time past; prices have advanced, and prime deals and boards are wanted.

"Oregon and British Columbian Pine.—The stock is now bare, and fresh imports should come to a good market.

—Rosenheim—Ach! Dot's a slick baby of mine! I shust give him a cendt, undt vere do you t'ink he put it? Cohenstein —Right in hees leedle pank! Rosenheim —No! He put it right in hees mouth undt shwallowed it! He von't trust a pank so quivck!—The Smart Set.

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