

No. 3 has sold at \$1.20. A sale of No. 2 has been made at \$1.25. No. 1 is held at \$1.30. The feeling is steady. Liverpool market is somewhat improved in wheat, corn and peas; Chicago and Milwaukee are not quotably changed. Spring Stocks in store 14,264 bush., against 15,528 bush. last week and 149,476 on like date last year. A sale was made this week of a car lot of No. 1 at \$1.25. **Barley.**—Stocks in store 14,378 bushels, against 14,648 last week and 15,621 same date last year. Nothing doing except with farmers' loads on street, which are selling at 55 to 64c per bushel according to quality. **Peas.**—Stocks in store 15,476 bush. against 15,426 bush. last week and 600 bush. last year. The market is firmer, but there is no quotable change. The week's advance in Liverpool during the week is 1/3d. **Oats.**—The stocks now on hand are 10,280 bush., while last week they were 10,880, and 6,600 last year same date. No transactions to report, but 32 to 34c probably represents the market.

GROCERIES.—There has been a marked improvement in this line of business within the week; activity is now the rule in the city; buyers are present in good numbers and travellers' orders come in better. Coffees are steady and unchanged. **Fruit.**—Lager raisins are dull and inanimate. A decline to \$1.25 to 1.60 is admitted; the first lot of new crop raisins reached New York last week. Currants have still further advanced, and we now quote from 6 1/2c to as high as 7c for really choice. The damage to the crop in Greece has been very great. **Molasses,** quiet and steady. **Rice** still tends upward and firm at our quotations. In **Spices,** we quote Cassia and black pepper higher. **Sugars** are a little higher this week, the decision having been reached on Friday last to lessen the drawbacks by forty cents per hundred, to take effect from 1st October. A New York circular, of 10th, states: "Our refiners are not disposed to sell any of their manufactures, as they will likely export all the surplus sugar they can make before the 1st prox., to enable them to benefit by the present rates of drawbacks. It is also a question whether the new law will take effect upon sugars in transit, but not actually across the frontier, before Oct. 1st, or not." This change in drawback means to us an increased cost in the States, and an increased duty here, making fully a half cent difference, which must be added to our price unless sugars drop by that much. The effect thus far has been to add 1/2 to 3/4c to our last weeks prices. The market in **Teas** has been quiet, and there are no large transactions to report. The feeling is that no material change is to be expected. **Tobaccos** are steady.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Says the *Shoe and Leather Reporter* upon the subject of hides in its last issue:—"The receipts of hides into the port of New York from January 1st to Sept. 1st, 1877, are 2,134,963; Sept. 1st, 1876, were 1,472,085; excess this year, 662,878. The prices, taking the outside quotations in both years, were, on the 1st of September:

	1877.	1876.
Buenos Ayres and Montevideo.....	23 1/2	18
California.....	22 1/2	17 1/2
Rio Grande.....	21 1/2	16 1/2
Central American.....	20	15 1/2
Texas.....	19	16
City slaughter.....	10 1/2	8 1/2

Increase in quantity, forty-five per cent. Increase in price, thirty per cent., or, reckoning the difference in the gold premium then and now, twenty-five per cent. To buy hides to sell again, in the face of these returns, requires sublime courage; to buy and pay for them and expend six or eight months' hard labor on them, on the chance that the leather made from them will foot the bill, requires more faith than there is any example of in the annals of mankind since the creation of the world."

Green hides, in this market, are somewhat scarce, and cured and inspected are worth 8 1/2 to 8 3/4c which is an advance on last weeks prices; and when we ask dealers whether they won't be lower, the reply is, "not till butchers kill and market more than they are doing." Tanners want small lots, and apparently must have them to keep going, but groan and wince at paying such prices, when the leather market is so flat. **Lamb and Sheepskins** are worth 65c.

LEATHER.—It is to early, as yet, for fall demand in leather, and at present there is a decided lull in transactions. The conviction among country shoemakers is that they owe about a half more than they should do, and the majority of them appear to be acting with the view of reducing this indebtedness. Therefore until say New Years day, which is a time of squaring up with them. The fall benefit of the good crop will not be fully realized or partaken by this trade. Payments are very backward, as is to be expected; those of 1st and 4th inst., are stated by an experienced leather dealer to have been the worst for many years at the trade. A month or to latter will pretty certainly see a greater flow of money, when freer payments will encourage further sales, and freer buying will tend to stiffen prices, which at present are rather drooping. **Sole leather** is steady in both slaughter and spanish, the market is very lightly stocked in almost all lines. **Upper** is without quotable change, the same may be said of **splits**. There is but languid demand for **buff** and **pebble**. The demand for **harness** still continues at 27 to 30c; and rather scarce in good makes.

PROVISIONS.—The market is, upon the whole, firmer; but there is no great amount of transactions to record, the ordinary consumptive demand of the season goes on. **Mss Pork** is firm and, if appearances may be trusted, will likely go higher. Cut meats of all kinds are firmer, although there is no quotable change. **Bacon** stand about as stated last week. **Canvassed Hams** are steady. **Lard** has advanced a half cent., the stock at this point is very light. We quote **Butter** at 12 to 15c. for ordinary, and 15 to 17c. for choice, but nominal, because a large quantity is offering, but no buyers for lots can be found at last week's prices. **Cheese.**—This article has taken a marked advance since the beginning of the week, when cable advices showed a rise to 60/ in Liverpool, which has put this market far beyond that advance. From 11 1/2 to 13c. is being paid here. At Ingersoll, on the 11th inst., 12 to 12 1/2c. were offered for August, and 13c. for the balance of the season, which two factories accepted; others foolishly, as we think, refused 13 1/2c. 1000 boxes were contracted for at 14c. for September and remainder of year, a price which is certainly high, if not, we opine elsewhere, excessively so.

SHOE FINDINGS.—Dealers tell us that a general improvement has taken place of late in the tone of the trade, and also to some degree in prices. Profits hitherto had been cut to nothing almost, but are looking upward. **Prunillas** hold their own, and there is no change to note, it being out of season. Prices of **elastics** are somewhat stiffer, and a greater disposition is shown to buy the better class of goods as being cheaper in the end, as well as more in demand among country consumers, for style's sake. Cotton and linen **drills** are still low, but with a better feeling and a rise in some lines. In leather goods an upward tendency is observable. Colored sheepskin **linings**, both home made and foreign, are stiffer in price, the French especially so. In **boot webs** the preference appears now to be given to American as more adapted to the tastes of the people, and more readily sorted up. There is a decline in some sorts of flax, the result, it is said, of using cheaper fibre. The failure in the silk crop sent

hard ash up with a bound some two dollars per pound, and has had the effect of inducing adulteration in its manufacture. A like cause occasioned an advance in pure sewing silk.

SALT.—There is a fair stock held here, and no one appears disposed to buy more than will suffice for his present wants. Liverpool coarse we quote at 63 to 75c. Canadian 95 to \$1.00. St. Ube's, unchanged. Ashtons dairy, stoved, is in good supply at \$2.00 per bag, which includes the fine linen bags worth 50c each. We observe in the transactions of the American Dairy Association, a tribute paid to the excellence of this salt for dairy purposes, and to its purity. Some doubts that were expressed then as to the quality being as good now as it used to be, appeared to have been set at rest. Williams dairy, \$2.00 per bag.

WOODENWARE.—Business is tolerably active this week, and an improvement on last. Prices remained unchanged as under, since our quotations of July: 2 hoop pails are now \$1.55 per doz.; 3 hoop pails \$1.75; 3 hoop pails varnished, \$2.00; Butter tubs (in nests of 3), 90 c per nest; nests 3 tubs, \$1.65; nests 4 tubs \$2.20; nests 8 tubs, \$2.70; nests 9 tubs \$3.60; No. 1, tubs, \$8.00; No. 2, tubs, \$9.25; Zinc washboards, \$1.30 per doz; No 1 matches, \$4.00 per case; Prices of brooms No. 1, gem, \$3.35; No. 2 x, gem, \$3.00; No. 2, gem, \$2.65; No. 3, gem, \$2.20; No. 4, gem, \$1.85. Other styles from \$1.60 to 2.60 per doz. Whisks from \$1.25 to 1.90 per doz. No. 2, matches, \$3.90 per case, parlor matches no sulphur, \$5.00 per case.

WOOL.—The market is at present tranquil there are no large transactions to report. We quote *fulled* super 27c, and extra 30 to 31c, the outside figure being for very choice lots only. *Fleece* is nominally 30c, some dealers say they would pay 31 if the quality suited them.

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By order of the Board.
HUGH SCOTT, Secy.
Toronto, Sept. 5, 1877.