

there continues to be a very satisfactory trade, but groceries are inactive on small stocks and bad roads. Provisions are quiet and firm at the close. Breadstuffs are in improved demand and higher. The money market continues firm; there has been a fair demand for call loans at 6 per cent., and in some instances as high as 6½ has been paid. Time loans nominal. Sterling exchange is steady at 109½ for 60-day bills between banks and 109½ across the counter; demand bills 110½ to 110½. Gold drafts on New York are ½ premium. The stock market during the week has been moderately active and higher in some instances for banks. The past day or so there has been some irregularity. Among sales of banks the past few days were the following:—Montreal at 212 and 212½, Toronto at 175½, 176 and 175, Commerce at 145 and 145½, Imperial at 138½ and 138, Standard at 119, 119½ and 119, Ontario at 62 and 62½, Merchants at 133, Federal at 167, 166½ and 167, Dominion at 196½ and 196½. Loan and Miscellaneous shares have been quiet and somewhat irregular with the following sales:—Canada Permanent at 222½ and 223, Western Canada at 186, Building and Loan at 106½ and 107, London and Canadian at 143½ and 144 ex-dividend, Western Assurance at 184, Consumers Gas at 155, and Montreal Telegraph at 125½. The market closed today quiet, with sales of Ontario at 63, Commerce at 145½, Federal at 166½, and Western Assurance at 183½.

Following are closing bids to-day as compared with those of last Thursday:

Banks.	Bid Mch. 16.	Bid Mch. 9.	Loan Cos.	Bid Mch. 16.	Bid Mch. 9.
Montreal..	213	210½	Can. Permanent	222½	222½
Toronto ..	174½	174	Freshold..	180	180
Ontario ..	62½	62	Western Can.	185	186
Merchants	132½	132	Bldg. & Loan..	106½	106½
Commerce	146½	144½	Imp. Savings..	112	112
Dominion	196½	195	Farmers' Loan.	125	125
Hamilton	118½	118	Land. & Can'dn	143½	142
Standard..	119½	118½	Huron & Erie..	158	160
Federal ..	166½	163½	Dom. Savings..	120½	120½
Imperial ..	138	135	Ontario Loan..	133	133
Molson's ..	138	135	Hamilton Prov..	133	133

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Business continues fairly active, and prices are not quotably changed. The deliveries of Spring goods are large, and manufacturers appear to have about as much as they can do.

COAL AND WOOD.—The coal trade has been rather quiet since our last, but prices as yet show no reduction. Stocks are fair. Egg, stove, grate and chesnut, as well as the best soft, sell at \$6.50 a ton delivered, and second quality of soft \$6. Wood unchanged at \$5.50 for hard and \$4 for pine.

COAL OIL.—Owing to the lengthened days the demand for burning oils has somewhat lessened. Values, however, are unchanged at 18½c per Imperial gallon for barrel lots, and 18c for five to ten barrel lots. American prime sells at 26c and water white at 30c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.—Apples.—There is very little demand, and prices are unchanged at \$3 to \$3.25 per barrel. Beans are dull with light stocks; prices unchanged at \$2.50 to \$2.60 per bushel. Eggs are in fair receipt, but with a good demand prices rule steady at 14c to 15c per dozen for case lots. Hogs are in small receipt, and prices easier at \$8.12½ to \$8.25. Hops are in little demand and prices unchanged at 22c to 24c for small lots of choice and 18c to 20c for medium. Onions are dull with little movement; we quote \$2 to \$2.25 per barrel. Potatoes are easier in absence of demand and an increased supply; buyers are paying \$1 a bag on track. Poultry are very scarce and prices nominal. Tallow is unchanged; the demand is fair, with sales of small lots at 8c and rough at 4c.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There has been a fair trade during the past week, and remittances are

fairly satisfactory. Oil Lemon is unchanged, at \$4.25 to \$4.50 per lb. Golden Seal Root firm at 60c per lb., and Cuttle fish bone at 55c to 60c. Opium is firm at \$5 to \$5.25. Quinine is steady at \$2.75 to \$3.00 per oz. Tartaric Acid is unchanged at 58c to 60c. Cream of Tartar unchanged at 35c. Turpentine easier at 90c to 95c. Linseed Oil easier at 76c for boiled and 72c for raw. Glycerine firm at 45c to 47c. Potass Iodide easier at \$2.75 per lb. Potass Bromide, 45c to 50c per lb. Alcohol continues firm at \$2.75 per gallon. Morphia firm at \$2.80 to \$3 an ounce. Cube Berries easier at 65c per lb. Chemicals are steady at unchanged prices.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—There has been a fair demand for flour during the past week, but on account of the higher prices asked actual business has been light. Sales of old standard Superior Extra were made the latter part of last week at \$5.40 and new at \$5.50 and \$5.52½. The market closes firm at the latter price. Extra, new standard, sold on Monday at \$5.40, and it closes firm at \$5.40 to \$5.45. The stock in store is 7,718 barrels, as compared with 7,648 barrels last week and 10,138 barrels the corresponding week of last year. Bran continues very scarce and firm at \$16.50 to \$17. Oatmeal quiet and steady, at \$4.55 to \$4.65 for car lots. Cornmeal dull, with business confined to small lots at \$3.80 to \$3.90.

WHEAT.—There has been but a moderate demand during the week, and prices show little advance although outside advices have been more favorable to holders than for several weeks. The enquiry for No. 2 Fall has been fair at \$1.23 to \$1.25, but holders are asking more. The grade, for May delivery, offers at \$1.28, with \$1.27 bid. No. 2 Spring sold on Monday at \$1.25, and No. 3 Spring at \$1.22, but a cent more would have been paid yesterday. Holders ask \$1.29 for No. 1 and \$1.27 for No. 2. The stock in store is 352,985 bushels against 343,727 bushels last week and 215,609 bushels the corresponding week of last year. Some enquiry to-day at close, but no business reported.

COARSE GRAINS.—Barley.—The demand for barley has been fair this week, especially for the lower grades. The stocks of these grades are now small, and prices are higher. As soon as navigation opens shipments will be made to the United States. During the latter part of last week sales of No. 2 choice were made on p.t., and of No. 3 Extra at 77c and 77½c. On Monday the latter grade sold at 77½c, and on Tuesday at 78c. Yesterday the market was steady, at 80c for No. 1, 80c to 81c for No. 2, and 73c for No. 3. The barley market closes quiet but firm at quotations. The stock in store is 230,486 bushels against 254,448 bushels last week and 305,605 bushels the corresponding week of 1881. Oats quiet and steady, with sales of Western almost daily at 41c on track and of Eastern at 39½c and 40c. The stock in store is 6,223 bushels, the same as last week, against none the corresponding week of 1881. Peas are nominally firmer at 80c to 81c for No. 1, and 78 to 79c for No. 2. The stock in store is 22,441 bushels against 18,708 bushels last week and \$5,047 bushels the corresponding week of last year. Rye easy, with sales at 80c on track. The stock in store is 15,774 bushels against 16,877 bushels last week and 12,633 bushels the corresponding week of 1881. Corn higher in sympathy with Chicago at 78c to 80c.

FREIGHTS.—Rates are unchanged this week at 40c per barrel of flour to Montreal, and 35c per cental to Liverpool.

GROCERIES.—Trade is generally reported as quiet. In teas the movement is fair and prices steady. Sugars are unchanged, and syrups are scarce and firmer. Stocks of fish are very small. Valencia raisins are firmer at 10c, but stocks are so small that holders show no disposition to sell at this figure.

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