

prices for the week. We quote nominally: — Rats, Spring, 13c to 16c; Rats, Winter, 10c to 13c; Rats, Fall, 6c to 8c; Red Fox, \$1.10 to \$1.20; Cross Fox, \$2.00 to \$4.00; Silver, \$25 to 40; Lynx, \$1.25 to 1.50; Martin, 75c to \$1.00; Otter, \$3.00 to \$5.00; Mink, Dark Prime, 75c to \$1.25; Mink, Pale, 25c to 50c; Beaver, Winter, clean Pelt, per lb., \$1.50 to 1.75; Beaver, Fall, clean Pelt, per lb., \$1.50 to 1.25; Bear, large prime, \$6 to 8; Bear, small, \$4 to 5; Cub, \$2 to 4; Fisher, \$5 to 7; Skunk, 20c to 40c.

FISH.—As will be seen by the report of the inspector, very little fish has arrived at the Port of Montreal so far. In 1876 the first arrival of Labrador herrings took place on the 16th Sept., and in 1877 on the 20th September. News from the coast of Labrador as late as the 12th September reports the herring fishery as a failure, but there was still ample time for a good catch.

Salmon of the Montreal inspection has been almost all bought up for the American market, where the Montreal inspection is a great favorite. The ruling prices for salmon have been \$9.50 and \$10.50 for No. 1 and No. 2.

The demand for herrings has been very slow up to the present, and it is likely the price will open much lower than on former years owing to the low price of provisions and the uncertainty of the quality of the Newfoundland inspection, which, last year, did not give all the satisfaction required.

The quality of mackerel that came to this port this year is very poor and exceedingly small, the quality not being over No. 3, owing to size if not owing to cure.

No green codfish in market.

FLOUR.—Another week of dull markets. A decline of 10c. to 15 per barrel, and still no indications of a reaction. The stock in store has increased 4,000 barrels since 15th ultimo, say, 45,681 barrels on 1st inst. against 41,449 barrels on 15th September. We quote: Spring Extra, \$4.30 to \$4.35; Extra, \$4.40 to \$4.45; Superior, \$4.50 to \$4.60; Strong Bakers, \$4.40 to \$4.60.

GRAIN.—Wheat.—The large shipments from the United States and the Continent, and the considerable quantities offered in England at all the provincial markets have caused a decline that has affected the markets on this side to a large extent. Everywhere prices have receded, and so long as the wheat in poor condition continues to be forced on the English market by the farmers, anxious to realize, no reaction is to be expected. France is also lower for the future, flour being offered at a large difference four months ahead. No. 1 Canada Red Winter is offered at \$1.02, and no buyers. Spring Wheat has had no sale. There is no stock yet in the market, and 95c asked in Toronto finds no answer. No. 2 Toledo Red Winter, \$1.04; White Michigan Extra, \$1.09; No. 1 White, \$1.00; no demand; firm offers made to England at these prices remain unanswered. *Freights* after a little flurry are dull again. 5s asked, no new engagement. Cowses f. o., no demand. *Rye and Oats* neglected. *Pears* are freely offered at 75c per 66 lbs, no buyers above 76c. *Barley* is scarce, firm and excited, from 85c to 95c according to quality. The demand is principally for export to the United States. American maltsters and brewers have been in town anxious to operate.

STOCKS IN STORE.

	Oct. 1, 1878.	Sept. 15, 1878.	Oct. 1, 1877.
Wheat, bush.....	55,783	94,068	223,037
Corn, bush.....	207,880	206,880	278,520
Peas, bush.....	7,773	1,924	11,303
Oats, bush.....	7,958	8,119	59,632
Barley, bush.....	36,382	25,177	4,048
Rye, bush.....	660	960
Flour, bbls.....	45,681	41,449	37,469
Oatmeal bbls.....	360	414	1,461
Corameal, bbls.....	298	755	499

GROCERIES.—Sugars have maintained firmness, rather advancing in British markets. Porto Rico is 7½c to 8½c; Yellows, 7½c to 8½c, and extra, 9c; Granulated is 9½c to 10c. *Teas.*

—Sales of Japans not very large, but market firm for desirable Teas. No change made in prices of all kinds. *Molasses.*—Rather higher, 38½c refused for good Barbadoes; held at 39½c to 42c; Trinidad, 33c to 37c. *Syrups* firm, and a little higher. *Coffee.*—27c to 29c for Java; 20c to 23c for Maracatibo. *Rice.*—Rather higher, \$4.15 to \$4.50. *Chemicals.*—No change; business moderate. *Spices.*—Pepper, rather higher; Pimento, firm; Cloves, also quotable, somewhat advanced. *Fruits.*—Valencia Raisins have been sold under 5 cents in quantity; 4½c to 5½c may be given as about current prices as to quantity and kind. No quantity of New Malaga Fruit yet arrived.

HARDWARE.—There has been more inquiry for Hardware during this week. The presence of many people from the country looking round before purchasing has given a little more time to the market; we have yet no transactions to report. Prices unchanged.

HOPS.—England continues to complain of the new crop as being deficient in color and quality, and values range from 40s. to 120s. per cwt. On the continent good hops are very scarce, and already exportation has commenced from the States. Prices in New York are firm and will advance. New York's new crop, choice to fancy 13c. to 15c. per lb. Easterns, 10c. to 12c. per lb. We have heard of no business in Canadian hops.

LEATHER.—There is not much change to notice in the Leather market. Prices remain about the same, and the market is well supplied with Bull, Pebble, Waxed upper and Splits. No. 1 B A. Sole continues in good demand. The Hide market remains firm.

LIVE STOCK.—The arrivals of live stock have been large, consisting in 38 carloads of cattle for sale and 25 for shipment to Great Britain, 14 double decked and one single decked earload of sheep and 1300 live hogs. The best description of cattle brought to market has been bought for export, and readily brought from 4c. to 4½c. per lb., while inferior cattle do not command above \$3.50 down to \$2.75 per 100 lbs. The consumption this present week is large, and the surplus will soon be exhausted. The demand continues good for sheep at our last quotations.

LUMBER.—The market for lumber remains without any change. In Quebec, owing to the arrival of the last vessels expected to take cargo this year, shipments are active. The preparations for winter continue on a large scale, and the same fears entertained of two large a cut of logs this winter in Canada are repeated in the United States, and the inevitable consequence will be an overstocked and unhealthy market in 1879. During the month of September, many public sales of timber have taken place in London. There was a full attendance at the sales, and prices were an improvement on past sales, and may be taken as some indication of more activity amongst the outside trade. The enquiry for Spruce was good, and all the unserved parcels were secured at firmer prices. In Liverpool, a most important sale was held on the 2nd, at which cargoes of Spruce and Pine, Deal, Birch, Oak, etc., were offered, and a good line of business was done though prices were low. In Glasgow the market is depressed for all descriptions except of first quality Michigan Pine Deals.

Stock, &c., of TIMBER, DEALS, &c., IN LIVERPOOL.

	Import for month ending 1st Sept., 1878.	Stock 1st Sept., 1878.
Quebec Square Pine } ...168,000 ft.		755,000 ft.
" Wancy Board }		333,000 "
St. John Pine.....	17,000 "	33,000 "
Other Ports Pine.....	13,000 "	20,000 "

Pitch Pine, Hewn...	61,000 "	654,000 "
" Sawn...	34,000 "	629,000 "
" Planks...	15,900 "	52,000 "
Red Pine.....	Nil "	8,000 "
Oak, Canadian.....	36,000 "	899,000 "
Elm.....	1,000 "	53,000 "
Ash.....	Nil "	22,000 "
Birch.....	1,500 "	66,000 "
Greenheart.....	12,000 "	100,000 "
Quebec Pine Deals }	1,670 skts	9,637 std
" Spruce }		
N.B. & N.S. Spruce }	15,496 "	{ 18,029 }
Deals.....		{ 2,313 }
" Pine Deals }		

OILS.—A pretty active trade, principally in strictly pale seal oil, took place since opening of navigation, stocks in first hands being now very low, and, unless arrivals during the fall be on a much larger scale than for the last two months, the market will be bare ere long, and the first winter months will see us with smaller stock, and that in the hands of jobbers, than for the last few years past. The low price at which this oil has been sold has induced more than the ordinary number of buyers to keep it in stock which have now gone into consumption, owing to the increased demand for threshing machines. The market closes firm at 48c. to 50c. for large lots, and 52½c. to 55c. for jobbing lots. God oils, 45c. to 47½c. for Montreal inspection, and 42½c. to 44c. for outside inspection. Stock light.

Since the putting in operation of the Inspection laws, oils of inferior quality are now very seldom shipped to the Port of Montreal, and the inspector has observed a very considerable improvement in the qualities of seal and cod oils, none but of a very high standard of each quality having been offered for inspection this year.

PROVISIONS.—Butter.—The Butter market is without much animation, owing probably to the summerlike weather experienced during the week. For choice selected quality there is no accumulation and meets with a ready sale, but other grades are accumulating and difficult to sell, and there is large quantities arriving at present by boat, but the quality does not run regular and so many different sized tubs that it makes this class of Butter very uninviting. There should be some united action taken to impress upon the farmers the necessity of having their Butter packed in uniform tubs of the best make, and a dairy fair similar to the one they intend having in New York next December would be of great benefit to Canadian dairymen, and it is hoped the trade will organize and do something to impress upon the dairy interest the necessity of making some progress in our make of Butter, both as regards quality and style of package, in order that we may successfully compete with the States in supplying the English market. We note sales of choice selected at 16½c.; other grades nominal and unchanged.

CHEESE.—There has been rather an improved demand, but only for really attractive lots of September makes, which have brought 9c to 9½c, while August makes are being freely offered at 8c to 8½c without finding buyers. Early summer-made stock remains in the same unsatisfactory condition, and although holders offer to make liberal concessions, shippers cannot be tempted, as latest cable advices report the stock in Liverpool 170,000 boxes and mostly comprised of June and July makes, while for strictly fancy lots, 45s. to 46s. is being made. Ingersoll, Ont., October 1—Cheese.—Eleven factories offered 6,680 boxes of August make. No sales reported, as buyers and sellers are apart. Cable advanced 3s since last market day; 45s to-day. Woodstock, October 2—Cheese.—Market dull. Buyers and sellers are too far apart in their views to do any business, nine cents being offered for one lot and refused; six factories registered on the Board 2,275 boxes of August make; no sales reported.

WOOL.—The report as given last week remains unchanged. Sales continue of the same retail character at unchanged prices. Advices report a falling off in price in England, chiefly in coarse wools caused by some heavy failures among some woolen manufacturers there.