

11c; Paris lumps 12c; Coffees still range 15 to 18c for Rios; Javas 22 to 27c; teas have about the former range, Japan 20 to 45c, Moyuno gunpowders 30 to 75c; Young Hyson 25 to 70c; new season's Congous 24 to 65c; last season's do 18c to 35c.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

In light hardware there has been a little increase in the demand during the week, but in heavy, and metals there has been no change, while in the latter the same unsatisfactory state of prices exists still. Quotations of staple goods are as follows: Tin plate 14x20, \$7.50 to 7.75; 20x28, \$14.25 to 14.75; sheet iron \$3.50 to \$7.00; iron piping, 25 per cent. off price list; ingot tin, 32c to 33c; pig lead, 6½c to 7c; galvanized iron, No. 28, 8c to 9c according to quality.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

There has been a decided improvement in business in this line during the week, and the spring demand may be said to have fairly set in. Prices are as follows: Spanish sole 33c to 35c; slaughter sole 35c French calf, first choice, \$1.40 to 1.50; domestic 85c; B Z calf \$1.00 to 1.10; French kip \$1.00 to 1.25; B Z kip 85c to 90c; slaughter kip 65c to 75c; No. 1 wax upper 55c; grain upper 55c; harness leather 34c to 36c for plump stock; English oak sole 65c.

LUMBER.

Quotations in this line are not yet reliable, and the business of spring has not fairly opened up. Contractors are looking around them, but are not sufficiently hurried with work to compel heavy purchases as yet. With the opening of April reliable quotations will probably be obtainable.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

Business in this branch is reported in a very satisfactory state. Both city and country demands have livened up considerably, and the different houses reports collections good. Two or three months of continued activity is now confidently looked for.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

At last the approach of spring is beginning to create life in this branch. As yet no real activity has set in, but travellers are now out, and in our next report we shall be able to give quotations and the results of the opening season orders.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

There is quite a satisfactory feeling in this trade, and reports state that sales are liberal and collections quite encouraging. Quotations have not changed, and are as follows: Hennessy's one star, \$13 to \$14; in wood, \$4.50 to 5.00 per gallon; Martell, in cases, one star, \$13 to \$14; Renault, 1-star, \$12, \$16 and \$20; Louis 1 reres, in cases, qt, \$9; flasks, two dozen in a case, \$11; M. Dubois, in wood, \$3.50 per gallon; cases, quarts, \$6; flasks, \$9. Gin, Holland, in wood, \$3 per gallon; red cases, \$10.50 to 11.50; green cases, \$5.50 to \$6.50; Old Tom gin, Bernard's, in wood, \$3.25 per gallon; Booth's, in wood, \$3.25; Booth's, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; Scotch whisky, Ramsay's in wood, \$3.50 to \$4.00; Caol-Ila Islay, in wood, \$3.50; Stewart's, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; flasks, \$10.50. Irish whisky,

John Jameson & Sons, in wood, \$3.50 to \$4; Bernard's, in cases, quarts, \$8; flasks, \$9.50. Jamaica rum, \$3.75 to \$1.00 per gallon. Champagne—Pomeroy, quarts, \$34; pints \$35 per case; Bollinger, quarts, \$33; pints \$34; Moët & Chandon, quarts, \$27; pints \$29; G. H. Mumm, quarts, \$28; pints \$30; Piper Heidsieck, quarts, \$27; pints \$29; Carte Blanche, quarts, \$20; pints \$22. Sherry from \$2.50 to 8.00 per gallon, according to quality and brand; ports \$2.50 to 7.00, according to quality and brand; claret in cases \$5.00 to 7 00; Bass's ale in quarts \$3.50 per doz; pints \$2.25; Guinness' porter in quarts \$1 00; pints \$2.50. Domestic whiskies, Gooderham & Wort's, in wood, \$1.65 to 2.25 per gallon; 63 o. p. rectified, in wood, \$3.50; W. F. L. five-year old, \$2.50 per gallon cases, quarts, \$7.50; flasks \$8.50.

THE MARKETS.

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GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

This week the receipts of wheat have been light, but the mills are well supplied and continue to increase the quantity of flour on hand in anticipation of the opening up of lake navigation, as they cannot stand an all rail route at present prices of flour east. Oats are in good demand at better prices, the contractors on the C.P.R. taking all they can get at from 15c to 23c, according to quality. In provisions there is a good demand, with prices tending upwards. Meats are firmly held, and the quantity of business done, to say the least, is very encouraging after such a long period of deadness.

WHEAT.

The receipts by rail this week have been light, and street offerings amounted to very little; considerable quantities are being stored at outside points which will be brought in when urgency demands. The mills have a supply on hand sufficient to keep them running steadily for some time. Prices are unchanged from last week. Low grades are worth from 50c to 70c, according to quality; No. 1 hard, none offered, but may be quoted at about 85c.

OATS.

Receipts are increasing, but all offerings are readily taken at better prices, for the reason given above, the C.P.R. contractors' stocks east reported light; street lots are selling at from 17c to 23c, according to quality.

BARLEY.

There is no business in this cereal, hence it is almost impossible to quote prices only for feeding purposes, when it is worth from 25c to 35c, according to the needs of the purchaser.

FLOUR.

Mills are running full time, with a good local and country demand. Stocks are increasing and will continue to do so until the opening of lake navigation. No change in values to report. Quotations are: Patents, \$2.80; strong bakers', \$2.50; superfine, \$2.

BRAN AND SHORTS.

Millers report an improved demand as spring advances; they have a plentiful stock on hand to supply all wants. There has been no change in values during the week. Quotations are: bran \$8, and shorts \$10 per ton on track.

POTATOES.

The supply from the street during the week have increased, the fine weather inducing farmers to open their pits; with the continuance of

present prices and good roads receipts will be heavy for the next thirty days. Prices remain unchanged: small lots 60c, and car lots about 65c.

EGGS.

The supply is increasing as the spring advances. Prices, in comparison with last week, are a trifle lower; good fresh are now quoted at 33c.

BUTTER.

Stocks of choice grades are in light supply. All offerings of prime readily taken at good prices, while inferior grades are almost unsaleable with stocks very large. No change in values from last week. Good dairy is worth 24c to 26c, and choice creamery sells readily at 28c.

CHEESE.

Prices have undergone no change during the past week. Demand is reported fair, small lots of prime selling at 16c.

HAMS.

are in good demand, with holders asking higher prices. Quotations are: 17c to 18.

BACON.

The demand for this product during the week has been active, wholesalers reporting an excellent trade, and the outlook for the future very promising. Prices are firm. Dry salt is quoted from 13½c to 14c; smoked from 14½c to 15c; spiced rolls, 15½c to 16c; and English breakfast, 16½c to 17c.

MESS PORK.

There has been an active demand for this article during the week, with a prospect of higher prices in the near future. Chicago alone reporting a shortage in this season's packing equal to 500,000 hogs, as a consequence, causing hog products to be held firmly in all trade centres. No change in prices from last week. Quotable at \$24.

MESS BEEF.

There has been very little demand for this product during the week. Prices remain unchanged. Quotable at \$18.

SEEDS.

Timothy seed per bushel, 48 lbs, \$4.30; clover, large red, \$8 per bushel of 60 lbs; Alsike, \$18; white Dutch, \$13; Lucerne, \$14.50 per bushel of 28 lbs, and flax seed, \$2.50.

MINNEAPOLIS.

While the demand for hard wheat has been quite active for some time, the past week has witnessed a decline of over a cent in No. 1 hard, with few orders at the close. Other grades did not lose as much. Receipts were very good and shipments heavier than for some time past. Local bulls are pretty thoroughly disgusted with the course of the market and their number is sensibly diminished. It is beginning to dawn on their minds that the millers have all the wheat they can use between now and the arrival of the new crop, with the prospect that there may be a surplus Sept. 1.

The coarse grains were quiet and steady during the week, No. 2 corn closed at 58c; No. 2 oats at 32c and 33c; rye at 50 to 52c, and barley at 35 to 52c.

The following were the highest and lowest prices by grade on change during last week, with Wednesday's closing prices:—

Wheat.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
No. 1 hard.....	\$1.01½	..	\$1.00 .. \$1.00½
" 2 "	98	..	97 .. 97½
" 1 northern ..	93	..	92½ .. 93
" 2 "	88	..	86 .. 86½