

7½c; walnuts, 8c to 10c; Turkey figs, 10c to 16c. *Coffee*.—Market is firm and a good demand has been experienced for Rio, Java and Laguayra at the following prices: Rio, 15½c to 16c; Java, 18½c to 25c; Laguayra, 17c to 18c; other kinds are quiet and nominal. *Spices* are unchanged in value, market rather dull; stocks well assorted, owing to arrivals from the Mediterranean Sea.

HARDWARE.—Heavy hardware is in good demand, and large quantities of bars are taken up for the use of railways now in the course of building. There is not much pig iron left on hand, the importations having been taken up for home consumption, and on American account, prices are very firm, and higher prices are now obtainable than last week. Cut nails are still in short supply, and the factories are still obliged to refuse orders. The current prices of the principal articles are, Gartsherrie pig iron, \$22.50 to 24; calder ditto, \$22 to 22.50; other brands of pig, \$20 to 22; Staffordshire bars, \$48 to 50; refined ditto, \$55 to 60; Scotch, \$48 to 50; Swedish ditto, \$83 to 100; Cooper's hoops, \$2.80 to 3.10; boiler plates, \$3.20 to 3.50; cutnails, \$3.05 to 3.25; pressed nails, \$4.50 to 7.50; pig lead \$6 to 7; sheet lead, \$6.50 to 7; cast steel, 14c. to 16c.; spring steel, \$4.50 to 5 per cwt.; tin plates, charcoal, I. C., \$8.25 to 8.50; ditto I. X., \$10.25 to 10.50; ditto D. C., \$7.25 to 7.50; ditto D. X., \$9.25 to 9.50; ditto coke, I. C., \$7.25 to 7.50; window glass, \$1.70 to 1.90; sheet zinc, \$6.25 to 7.

HIDES.—Butchers green hides have been in moderate request at 8c. to 9c. per lb. *Pelts*.—Firm and steady at \$1.50 to 2. Lambskins are worth about 25c. each.

LEATHER.—There has been very little animation in this department during the week, and the supply has been more than equal to the demand. current prices are, sole leather, No. 1 B. A., 25c. to 26c.; ditto, No. 2, 23c. to 25c.; Buffalo sole, No. 1, 21c.; ditto, No. 2, 19c. to 20c.; oak sole, English, 40c. to 44c.; light waxed upper, 43c. to 45c.; heavy ditto, 40c. to 43c.; grained upper, 40c. to 43c.; large splits, 25c. to 36c.; small ditto, 26c. to 30c.; russetts, 26c. to 30c.; light calfskins, 60c. to 70c.; heavy ditto, 75c. to 80c.; harness, 31c. to 34c.; pebble grain, 16c. to 17c.; buff, 16c. to 17c.; pink linings, \$4.70 to 5.50; red roans, \$6.50 to 8; patent cow, 19c. to 19½c.

LIQUORS.—*Brandy*.—There has been rather more activity noticed in this trade, but no change is noted in prices, which keep steady. *Gin*.—Business has not been so brisk this week, and any sales of Hollands reported were at \$1.30 to 1.45; Schiedam, \$3.60 to 3.80; red gin, \$6.50 to 7. *Rum*.—Quiet, Jamaica is quoted, \$2 to 2.05; high wines, U. C. brands fair demand at \$1.47 to 1.50; Montreal brands, \$1.52½ to 1.55. Rye whiskey unchanged at 81c. to 85c.

NAVAL STORES.—There is still an active demand for spirits of turpentine, but the supply is rather under the requirements of the trade; prices are steady at 67½c. Very little doing in rosins, but prices are firm and strained and pale being quoted higher. The market prices are for strained, \$3 to 3.25; No. 2, \$3.50; No. 1, \$4; pale, \$5 to 8; pitch and tar, \$3.50 to 3.75.

OILS.—Market has been generally quiet, cod in small parcels sold at 54c. to 54½c.; pale seal, 52½c. to 55c.; steam refined ditto, 55c. to 59c.; straw, 46c. to 50c.; linseed is somewhat easier, raw, 72½c. to 74c.; and boiled, 75c. to 70c.; olive, \$1.15 to 1.20, nominal.

PETROLEUM.—Market steady with a better demand at 21½c. to 22½c.; best grades bringing 24c. to 27c.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*.—Receipts, 506 kegs; shipments, 1,033 kegs. There is very little shipping demand; some few lots of old have been disposed of, but all new coming to market are taken up for local wants, common to medium, 12 to 14c.; fair to good, 15 to 17c.; good to choice, 18 to 19c.; choice to extra, 20 to 21c.; market closes quiet, but supply is still much in excess of the demand. *Cheese*.—There is very little enquiry

at present, and prices are nominal at 12 to 13½c.; very little coming in, but quite sufficiently for local consumption.

PORK.—Business has been entirely confined to the retail trade, large lots with difficulty moved. Mess Pork, \$18.50 to 19; Thin Mess, \$17 to 17.50; Prime Pork, \$14.50 to 15; Extra Prime, \$13 to 14; Smoked Hams, 12c to 13½c. *Lard*.—dull and quiet at 10c to 11c.

RICE.—Market steady and unchanged. Arracan \$4.50 to 4.75; Rangoon, \$4.10 to 4.50.

SALT.—The business done has been limited to small lots, and coarse has declined in price, sales at 62½c to 65c. Fine has shown some activity at 72½c to 75c.

TORONTO MARKET.

Trade, in most branches of wholesale business, has been very dull during the past week, and in produce and provisions there have also been unusually little doing, and that little not of a generally satisfactory character. The weather has continued very dry, and for some days of a heat not ordinarily experienced in the month of May.

BOOTS & SHOES.—Trade is now quiet, with the ordinary amount of summer orders coming in, and no change to note in prices, which are steady at quotations.

DRY GOODS.—Business continues small, limited to sorting up orders, collections are only moderate, and in some instances it is reported heavy renewals have had to be made. The heavy imports of last year, followed by the still larger imports of this spring, have had probably the effect which might have been anticipated. Importers finding themselves with large stocks, were inclined to press goods on their customers, and they, expecting a continuance of the large trade they had been doing, did not listen with altogether unwilling ears. The goods were sold all over the country, but the crops turned out below an average; prices were by no means correspondingly high; trade fell off, and many country merchants found themselves hampered with large quantities of unsold goods, while they were unable to meet their maturing liabilities. Fortunately, money is abundant in the hands of the banks, and there has been no panicky feeling; and it is likely that a good seasons trade, with the prospect of a liberal harvest may yet avert the threatened danger of wide spread collapse, which at another time when the money market might be stringent could not easily be avoided. It is greatly to be hoped that the leading houses in the trade may be induced to curtail their imports, give their customers fewer goods, and endeavour to bring about a more healthy state of affairs.

DRUGS.—Trade has been very active during the past week, travellers, although reporting trade very dull, sending in liberal orders, and a good many customers have also visited the city. Prices of a few articles have become rather easier. *Caustic Soda*.—may now be bought as low as 3½c. *Gum Arabic*.—is quoted down to 28c. *Bilart Potash*.—is firmer, and held at 27c. to 28c.

FREIGHTS.—Lake freights for grain are dull at 2½c U. S. currency to Oswego, and 2c. gold to Kingston. Lumber 1.37½ U. S. currency to Oswego. Steamer freights for flour are to Kingston, 12½c; to Brockville or Prescott 15c; to Montreal 20c. Grain in bags taken at 10c. to Kingston, 12½c. to Brockville or Prescott, and 15c. to Montreal. By Grand Trunk, the rates now in force are as follows: to Halifax, 85c. for flour, and 43c. for grain; to St. John, 80c. for flour, and 40c. for grain; to Kingston, 25c. and 13c. for flour and grain; to Prescott, 30c. and 15c.; to Montreal, 35c. and 18c.; to Point Levis, 55c. and 28; to Portland or New York, 75c. and 38c.; and to Boston 80c. and 40c.

GROCERIES.—Business during the week has been done to a fair extent, some houses reporting trade very dull, while others state that a considerable improvement has taken place, and that there

is a fair demand for goods. *Coffee*.—is quiet and firm, with no change to note in prices. *Fruit*.—raisins are in small request, and without change as to quotations. Currants are still scarce and in good demand, at late rates. *Rice*.—is in good stock, and desirable samples of both American and Rangoon are obtainable within the range of quotations. *Spices*.—are quiet, and only meet a moderate enquiry, prices remaining without change. *SUGARS*.—Raws have been enquired for rather more freely, but buyers are still unwilling to concede the real advance which has taken place in values, and holders generally being firm, only small parcels have changed hands. Refined is firm, but quiet. A few lots, however, found buyers at about inside quotations. *Teas*.—have had only limited enquiry, although some lines have been placed at fully previous prices, chiefly of Young Hyson's and Gunpowders. Japans are neglected. Blacks are quiet, but firm.

TOBACCO.—Has sold to only a small extent, although there is a good deal of competition among makers to effect sales.

HARDWARE.—There has been a good deal of activity in this branch of business during the past week, there having been a good demand for nearly all kinds of goods, especially for harvesting tools, which have sold to a considerable extent. Prices are generally firm but without change to note.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The supply of *Hides* continues fair, with a steady demand which about absorbs all the receipts. Prices are firm and without changes. *Calfskins* are in good supply, and demand at unchanged prices. *Sheepskins*.—The few coming in are accepted at prices varying according to quality.

LEATHER.—The market has been quiet and quotations unchanged for all descriptions of stock.

LUMBER.—A good average week's shipping has been done. Vessels are still plentiful and freights low. A large quantity of lumber has been shipped to Sarnia, per schooner, across Lake Huron, which promises to be a good market yet for lumber. Although lumber commands a good price, we expect it will rise towards fall. Dry inch boards are very scarce just now, and will be more so later in the season, as there is no large quantity of them in the country. Clear, \$24; common, \$9 to 11; culls, \$6 to 8; flooring, 1½ inch, \$10 to 12; shingles, No. 1, 18 inch, \$3; shingles, No. 2, 16 inch, \$2 to 2 25; lath, \$1 75.

PAINTS AND OILS.—Trade has been tolerably active, prices mostly without change. *Spirits Turpentine*, however, are again easier, and now quoted down to 67c.

PETROLEUM.—Trade continues very quiet, and any enquiries for round lots do not seem to result in transactions. The attempted combination amongst the refineries has entirely failed, but the crude oil-men are still endeavoring to come to some arrangement for their mutual benefit and the better regulation of the trade.

PRODUCE.—The market has been quiet during the week, with values of most articles tending downwards. Receipts have been very light, and stocks have not been accumulating, prices here are, however, still high as compared with other markets, and transactions are therefore limited to local requirements and necessarily small.

Flour.—Superfine has offered freely during the week at \$5.60 f. o. b. at Hamilton with buyers at \$5 50; but no sales of round lots are reported as having been made. Recently \$5 50 was accepted for one 200 brl. lot here, but holders are not inclined to sell under \$5 50 to 5 60, and at these prices buyers are indifferent. Spring extra has sold to the extent of probably 1,000 brls., \$5 90 having been obtained in the forepart of the week, but closing at about \$5 75. Extra nominal at \$6 to 6 10; fancy, \$5 70 to 5 75. *Wheat*.—There has been scarcely any enquiry, and sales have been limited as far as reported to one car Golden Drop at \$1 35, and half a car of white at \$1 38, with free sellers of spring at \$1 35, but no buyers. *Barley*.—Not