

1st. inst., with the comparative figures for the same date of 1876.

**ASHES.**—There has been very little demand for ashes this week, caused no doubt by the number of Holidays and the adjournment of the Exchange from Thursday last till this morning. In the early part of the week our closing quotations of last Tuesday were obtainable, since then the market has been rather weaker and to-day the market closes at \$4.10 to 4.12½ for firsts. Seconds bring about \$3.50, and Thirds are nominal. **Pearls.**—Since our last report there has been nothing done in Pearls, the nominal quotation for firsts \$5.50. The stocks at present in store are Pots 334½ brls.; Pearls 605 brls.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—Manufacturers are now busy making up Fall goods, and in the meantime any orders coming to hand are small. Country dealers are still acting with great caution. There is very little doing now in the way of sorting up orders. Prices are still without quotable change.

**CATTLE.**—There was a fair supply of grass fed stock on the market yesterday, but the demand was not quite so active as on the previous Monday, and prices were the same. **Hogs** were in good supply, Canadian fed bringing \$5.75, and Chicago fed hogs \$6.25 per 100 lbs. live weight.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—The market all week has been quiet but firm, and the advance in prices noted last week has been fully maintained, although the high price of some articles such as soda has kept back business. We quote *Bi Carb* \$3.30 to \$3.50; *Sal Soda* \$1.15 to 1.20; *Soda Ash* \$1.75 to 2.00; *Caustic Soda* \$3.25 to 3.75; *Alum*, 2.00 to 2.12½; *Copperas* 1 to 1½c; *Blue Vitriol* 6 to 7c; *Epsom Salts* \$1.75 to 2.00; *Sulphur* \$3.25 to 3.50; *Brimstone* \$2.50 to 2.75; *Bleaching Powder* 1½ to 2c; *Madder*, 9 to 12c; *Borax*, 14 to 16c; *Cream Tartar Ground* 30 to 32c; *do Crystals* 26 to 27c; *Saltpetre* \$9.00 to 10.00.

**DRY GOODS.**—Two church Holy days and Dominion happening during the week has interfered very much with business of all descriptions, and the dry goods trade has been no exception. Travellers have not yet gone out with their fall samples, but will do so in the course of another week. A fair business has been done in Canadian Tweeds, as far as the number of orders is concerned, but the quantities as a rule have been small, very little idea can be formed as how the trade is going to be, as its prosperity depends so much on the harvest, that until the prospects have been better ascertained, little life is looked for.

**FURS.**—There is nothing doing just now, no furs coming in. Travellers with fur samples will leave about the 15th inst. Our quotations are unchanged. *Beaver* \$1.40 to 1.75; *Black Bear* \$3.00 to \$8.00 according to size; *Fisher* \$5.00 to 7.50; *Silver Fox* \$20.00 to 35.00. *Cross Fox* \$2.00 to 3.00. *Red Fox* \$1.00 to 1.25; *Lynx* \$1.25 to 1.75; *Dark Labrador Martin* \$2.00 to 3.00. *Pale Martin* \$1.00 to 0.00; *Prime Dark Mink* \$1.25 to 2.00 ditto second 50 to 75c. *Muskrat*, winter, 10 to 12½c; *Muskrat spring* 15 to 20c; *Raccoon* 20 to 50; *Skins* 15 to 40c.

**FISH.**—There is a little dry cod selling at our quotations but with this exception business is almost at a stand still. We continue to quote *Dry Cod* \$4.25 to 4.50, *Labrador Herrings* \$5.00. *Salmon* \$13, 12, 11 for Nos. 1, 2 & 3 respectively.

**FREIGHTS.**—The demand for tonnage continues very small, engagements by steamers and iron clippers to Liverpool and Glasgow for heavy grain have been made at 3/3 to 4/- To Cork for orders 5/ to 5/6. Pot ashes 22/6. Pearls 27/6. Butter and cheese 45/-.

**FLOUR.**—The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st inst., were 65,987 bls., against 94,681 bls., on the 15th ult., and 68,033 brls on the 1st July 1876. Receipts during the past week 9529 brls. Total receipts from 1st January to date 294,781

brls being a decrease of 71,331 brls on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1876. Shipments during the week 22080 brls; Total shipments from 1st January to date 164,862 brls. The corn exchange adjourned since last Thursday till this morning consequently there has been very little done in flour, although the market has exhibited more firmness and a slight advance was obtained on the closing quotations of last Tuesday. To-day the market was firm and a large quantity of flour changed hands at quotations.—*Superior extra* \$7.80 to 8.10; *Extra superfine* \$7.40 to 7.50; *Fancy* \$7.20 to 7.25; *Strong baker's flour* \$7.15 to 7.30; *Spring extra* \$6.90 to 7.00; *Superfine* \$6.65 to 6.75; *Fine* \$6.05 to 6.25; *Middlings* \$5.75 to 5.90; *Pollards* \$5.50 to 5.60; *Oatmeal* \$6.10 to 6.35; *Commeal* \$2.90 to 3.10.

**GRAIN.**—*Wheat.*—Stocks in store and in the millers hands on the morning of 1st. inst., were 82,477 bushels against 87,269 bushels on the 15th ult., and 440,067 bushels on the 1st. of July 1876. Receipts during the past week 110,669 bushels; Total receipts from 1st. January to date 583,140 bushels, being a decrease of 2,216,192 bushels; shipments during the week 73,000 bushels. Total shipments from 1st. January to date 320,652 bushels being a decrease of 1,743,600 bushels on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1876. There has been nothing done in grain of any kind during the week and quotations are without much change. We quote Canada spring nominal at \$1.54 to 1.57; *Maize* 56c; *Peas* 85 to 87½c; *Oats* 38 to 40c; *Barley* 60 to 65c.

**GROCERIES.**—*Teas.*—Japans, the new seasons crop will soon be in the market and buyers are evidently waiting its arrival as there is nothing doing at present in old crop teas, prices of which rule very low in this market say from 20 to 50c as to grade; Black and Green teas are not much asked for but prices are steady. The following is the state of the Japan market as by Messrs. Thorel & Co., under date.

Yokohama, 5th June, 1877.

"Our market remained in the same quiet state for a few days after departure of last steamer, owing to paucity of stocks.

"Later, supplies came in freely, and prices declined rapidly to former rates, or \$25 per picul for Good Medium to Fine, for which fully \$30 dollars was paid a few days before departure of last mail. Settlements have been free and very general, and a large quantity of New Leaf will be speedily put on the American market.

Advices by the "Alaska" seemed to have a quieting effect on our market; prices just prior to her arrival had touched \$23 for say Good Medium to Fine, at which rate they now stand; but during last few days Teamen have not been showing goods so freely, and it is probable that Stock are again rather short.

Quality of the crops appears, without doubt, to be better than former season, but that the great run there is on the lower grades will not cause careless preparation, is doubtful.

We quote; Medium, \$18 to 20; Good Medium, \$21 to 23; Fine, \$24 to 26; Finest, \$28 to 32; Choice \$34 to 36; Choicest, \$38 to 40 per picul, with quiet market at the moment, but probably Teamen will push business freely with full arrivals, and our lowest quotations will no doubt meet the market in that case.

Owing to so many of the coasting Steamers being still taken up by the Government, many Teas are coming in by native sailing craft, so that our market, will perhaps, be fully supplied with goods at irregular and unexpected moments, which should be beneficial to buyers.

Owing to scarcity of Steamer tonnage, the British Barque "Bothwell Castle" has been put on for San Francisco, with a cargo for Boston and New York only; 2½ cents per lb. Steamer "Tiviot" loading via Suez, at £4 per ton.

Shipments this season to date—per Steamer to San Francisco, lbs. 45,028  
Eastern States, " 865,300—lbs. 910,328  
And this mail takes in all 16,004 packages from this port.

Exchange—6 mos. sight on London 4/1½ for Documentary Bills.

**Coffee.**—The market is rather firmer in sympathy with New York but transactions have been few and small within our range of quotations, Java 28 to 30c; Maracaibo 23 to 25c; Jamaica 24 to 25; Rio 21 to 24. **Sugar.**—Although there has been nothing of any consequence doing, in this department of the trade there is a decidedly better feeling than at the close of last weeks market, and prices are a shade higher than at the date of our last report; the stock of Scotch yellows has been increased by late arrivals by steamships. We quote this description of sugar 10½ to 10½. Raw sugar is dull and stocks are light, small sales at 9½ to 10½c. **Molasses.**—Owing to scarcity holders are firm in their demands but there is very little enquiry at present. Barbadoes 5½c; Trinidad 50c. Syrups are unchanged. **Rice.**—In wholesale parcels is obtainable at \$4.10, but the demand is chiefly of a jobbing nature, and sales run from \$4.20 to 4.30. **Spices.**—Market is in active. Cloves 40 to 45c; Black pepper is cheaper and in large supply at 9½ to 10c; Nutmegs 60 to 85c as to quality; Jamaica ginger, unbleached 19 to 20; ditto bleached 21 to 22½c; Mace 75 to 90c; Cassia 15 to 17c. **Fruit.**—The market is weak with no prospect of an advance in prices. Transactions are very limited at quotations. Layer Raisins \$1.25 to 1.30; Valencias 4½ to 5c; Sultanias 7½ to 8½; Currants 6½ to 6½c; Figs 6 to 9c; Prunes 6c. Filberts 8c. Walnuts 7 to 9½c for Bordeaux.

**HIDES AND PELTS.**—Nothing doing in hides just now, but late quotations are still maintained. We note an advance in Lambskins, quotations are No. 1 Hides \$9.00; No. 2 ditto \$8.00; No. 3 ditto \$7.00; Calfskins 12c; Lambskins 45 to 50c.

**HARDWARE.**—There is no change to note. Business has been very quiet, and is likely to continue so all the month. A slight drop has taken place in the sterling price of some brands of Pig Iron but it will not likely affect this market much, as the reduction has been pretty well discounted before the actual confirmation of the fact. Our quotations are the same as last week. *Pig Iron* Gartscherrie \$20.00 to 20.50; Summerlee, \$19.00 to 19.50; Eglington, and Clyde \$18.50 to 19.00; Langloan \$19.25 to 19.75; Coltness \$20.25 to 21.00; Hematite \$23 to 24. American \$20.00 to 21.00. **Bars.**—Scotch and Staffordshire, \$1.90 to 1.95; best do, \$2.20 to 2.25; Swedes and Norway, \$4.50 to 5.00; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.25 to 6.50. **Canada Plates.**—Penn and Garth, \$3.50 to 3.75; Halton \$3.40 to 3.50; Arrow \$3.90 to 4.00. **Tin Plates.**—Charcoal IC, \$6.50 to 7.25; ditto, IX, \$8.50 to 9.25; ditto DC, \$5.50 to 6.25; Coke IC, \$5.60 to 5.75. **Tinned sheets** No. 26 \$12.50 to \$13.00; **Boiler Plates**, ordinary brands \$2.75 to 3.00; do best brands, \$3.00 to 3.50. Lowmoor and Bowling, \$7.50 to 8.00; *Galvanized Iron.*—Best brands No. 28, \$8.50 to 9.50; *Hoops and Bands*, \$2.60 to 2.75; sheets, best brands, \$2.90 to 3.10; **Pressed Nails**, \$7.00 *Cut Nails*, 12d to 7in., \$3.00; ditto, 5 d to 10d, \$3.30; do., 2½d to 4d, \$3.80; 100 keg lots 5 per cent. discount and a further reduction of 5c for 1,000 keg lots. **Pressed Spikes**, \$4.00 to 4.75; **Steel cast**, 11½ to 13c; Spring steel, \$3.70 to 4.00; best ditto warranted \$6. to 6.50; Tire ditto, \$3.50 to 3.75; *Ingot Tin* \$18.00 to 18.25 for English *Ingot Copper*, \$19.00 to 19.50; *Harve Shoes* \$4.00 to 4.50; *Proved coil Chain* ½ inch, \$5.25 to 5.50; *Anchors*, \$7.00 to 8.00; *Arxils*, \$11 to 12; *Lead Pig*, \$5.50 to 6.00; Sheet do., \$6.00 to 6.50; bar do., \$6.25 to 6.75. **Window Glass** per 50 feet ordinary 4th quality, to 25 added in-