FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY, May 22.

EXPORTS OF BREADSTUFFS.

The quantity of flour and grain exported from this continent to the United Kingdom from September 11th, 1877, to May 11th, at New York, Boston, Montreal and other eastern seaboard ports, and at San Francisco to the 2nd inst., was as follows:—Flour, 1,427,564 barrels; meal, 8,623 barrels; wheat, 44,516,823 bushels; corn, 45,312,437 bushels, and rye, 297,234 bushels. Exports to the European continent in the same time comprised 40,261 barrels of flour; 7,606,323 bushels of wheat; 7,074,057 bushels of corn, and 2,540,010 bushels of rye.

ENGLISH GRAIN MARKETS.

A telegram to the New York press dated London, May 14th, quotes from the weekly review of the *Mark Lane Express* of Monday as follows:—"The recent heavy rainfalls and damp atmosphere excite some apprehension for growing cereals, but if warm weather continues, no injury will probably result. Hitherto the weather has been exceptionally favourable. The crops are very forward. Numerous reports from various parts of the country are very hopeful of an abundant cereal crop. The pastures are luxuriant. The favourable state of the crops, in connection with more pacific political news, depressed the grain trade, which remains in a state of suspense pending a definite settlement of the Eastern question. English wheat sold slowly, both at Mark Lane and the provincial markets, and last week's prices were with difficulty maintained, even for choicest parcels. The week's imports of foreign wheat into London have been fair, but not excessive. America and Southern Russia have been the chief sources of supply. According to the latest advice from Calcutta, the quantity of Indian wheat afloat on the 7th of May was only 5,365 quarters, against 246,634 quarters at the corresponding time in 1877. Holders of foreign wheat, whilst manifesting little desire to force sales, nevertheless have been obliged to accept a reduction of 1s. per quarter on American, where clearances ex-ship have been necessary to avoid landing charges, but the concession has not attracted buyers, who still hold off in hopes of lower prices should peace be assured. Trade, therefore, has moved within the narrowest limits, and, had it not been for the wants of needy buyers, almost absolute stagnation must have ensued. The prevailing activity also affected feeding stuffs. Maize, barley and oats have been difficult to move, except on easier terms. The sales of English wheat last week were 42,464 quarters at 52s. 1d., against 32,775 quarters at 50s. 6d. the previous year. Imports into the Kingdom for the week ending May 4 were 1,012,786 cwt. of wheat and 107,360 cwt. of flour.

WAR AND RUSSIAN GRAIN EXPORTS.

The St. Petersburg *Wedomosti* devotes an article to the consideration of the capacity of the Russian railways for the export of corn in the event of a blockade of the Baltic ports. The corn exports of Russia during last year, notwithstanding the closing of the southern ports, amounted to 188,625,000 bushels, or about 42,567,000 bushels more than in 1876. The increase fell exclusively upon the Customs offices of the frontier and Baltic ports, while the exports by way of the Black Sea and the Sea of Azof experienced a considerable decline. The following are the details:—

	1877. Bushels.	1876. Bushels.
Exported—		
Over land-frontier	61,349,000	30,940,000
From White Sea	3,800,000	3,076,000
From Baltic	94,387,000	57,724,000
From Black Sea and Sea of Azof	29,089,000	54,318,000
Total	188,625,000	146,058,000

We have here the fact that although the blockade of the southern maritime outlets last year caused a decrease of 25,229 000 bushels in the exports from that quarter the increase in other quarters was close on 175 per cent. over the decrease in the Black Sea and the Sea of Azof. Of this increase the largest gross amount was from the Baltic ports. Should the Baltic also be blockaded the land-frontier would alone remain open; and the question of the quantity of grain which could be exported by that route alone would become of interest. To provide for such a contingency, the Imperial Commissioners recommend an alliance between the Prussian lines and those Russian roads which terminate on the Prussian frontier, and partial arrangements to that effect have been already consummated. The Eastern Company (Prussian), which now receives from the Russian lines 350 cars daily, has promised to accommodate 900 cars after July 1st; and, if all the arrangements proposed by the Commission can be carried out, they estimate that 1,650 car-loads per day can be sent over the frontier. The Russian connecting lines would need to have 60,000 cars and 2,127 engines for this service. They are reported to have 4,100 locomotives; but nothing is said about the supply of cars; from which it is to be inferred that large additions would need to be made to the rolling stock. With these preparations, Russia would still be able to supply, in the emergency contemplated, a large portion of her usual exports of grain. The bearings of these facts upon our own grain trade are too obvious to need comment.

ENGLISH GRAIN TRADE LAST WEEK.

A Liverpool cable despatch of Friday to the New York press quotes a leading grain circular of that day as follows:—"Under the influence of continued fine weather and liberal arrivals of foreign wheat, the grain trade has been dull and drooping. Most of the provincial markets quote a further decline of 1s per qr. On the spot, business has also moved slowly. Sales of wheat could only be effected in retail at Tuesday's prices. Maize has met with a steady demand at fully previous rates. At to-day's market there was only a moderate business in wheat, the best descriptions of white and red nearly supporting Tuesday's quotations. Inferior qualities were generally 1d per cental lower. Flour was slow of sale and quotably unchanged. Maize in moderate request, closing with prices slightly in favour of buyers."

The following is the official report of the Toronto Stock Exchange, May 22nd, 1878:—

Banks.	Sellers	Buyers	Trans.
Montreal	163½		
Toronto	136	135	
Ontario	84	83½	
Merchants'	..	91	
Commerce	118½	118½	
Consolidated	76½	75	
Dominion	119	116	
Hamilton	..	96	
Standard	82	80	
Federal	....	100½	
Imperial	105½	105	5 at 105½
Molson's	....	....	
Loan and Savings Co's.			
Canada Permanent	185	181½	
Freehold	....	144	
Western Canada	....	149	
Union	140	137	
Canada Landed Credit	136	135½	
Building and Loan	....	120	
Imperial	....	113½	
Farmers'	112	111	
London & C. L. & A. Co.	145	142	
Huron and Erie	....	138	
Dominion Savings and Investment Society	....	125	
Ont. Sav. and Inv. Society	....	132	
Hamilton Prov. and L.	....	114	
National Inv. Co. of Canada	....	104½	
Anglo-Can. Mortgage Co.	....	104	
Insurance, &c.			
British America	114	113	
Western	149	148	
Isolated Risk	30	....	
Canada Life	....	136	
Consumers' Gas	....	140	
Dominion Telegraph	85	83	
Globe Printing Co.	....	130	
Railways.			
Toronto, G. & B. Stock	....	....	
6 p.c. 5 yrs. stg. Bonds	....	....	
T. & N. 8 p.c. 5 yrs. Bonds	....	....	
Debentures, &c.			
Dom. Gov. stock, 5 p.c.	102½	101½	
Dom. Gov. stock, 5 p.c.	....	....	
County (Ont.) 2 yr. 6 p.c.	101½	....	
Tn'p (Ont.) 20 yr. 6 p.c.	98½	....	
City Toronto 20 yr. 6 p.c.	99	98½	

English Markets.

WEDNESDAY, May 22.

Mark Lane—wheat irregular; corn, rather easier. London—Floating cargoes—wheat, 1s per qr cheaper; corn, ditto; cargoes on passage—wheat, 1s per qr cheaper; corn, unaltered; quotations of good cargoes No. 2 spring wheat, off the coast, per 480 lbs., sea damage for sellers' account, less usual 2½ per cent. commission, 47s 6d; quotations of fair average quality No. 2 Chicago spring wheat, for shipment during the present month and following one, per sail to Queenstown, for orders, per 480 lbs., American terms, 45s; quotations of good cargoes mixed American corn, off the coast, per 480 lbs., tale quale, less usual 2½ per cent. commission, 26s; quotations of good shipping Californian wheat, to Queenstown, for orders, per 500 lbs, just shipped, 57s; nearly due, 54s. Imports into the United Kingdom during the past week—wheat, 225,000 to 230,000 qrs; corn, 125,000 to 130,000 qrs; flour, sacks to be converted into bbls, 80,000 to 85,000 bbls. Liverpool—wheat, on the spot, at opening, dull corn, ditto; red American spring wheat, range of No. 2 to No. 1, per cental, 9s 8d to 10s 6d.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

WEDNESDAY, May 22.

PRODUCE.

The past week has been a very dull period in this market, and one marked by a heavy fall in prices. Holders seem to have abandoned their hopes of obtaining war prices, and have generally been anxious to sell, while receipts have been on the increase; and these facts, combined with a strong downward movement in all outside markets, have led to a break in prices. For grain there has been a steady demand maintained at the fall; but flour has been almost unsaleable, and holders seem almost to have ceased to offer it in despair of finding any buyers. Stocks have decreased during the week, and on Monday morning were as follows:—Flour, 32,112 bbls; fall wheat, 128,563 bush; spring wheat, 316,873 bush; oats, 10,400 bush; barley, 68,115 bush; peas, 15,983 bush; rye, *nil* bush; corn, 300 bush. Outside markets have all been very dull. English quotations show a fall of 1s on flour; of 2d on white, of 1d on club, wheat; and 6d on corn; while cargoes of No. 2 spring, off the coast, are quoted to-day 2s per quarter lower than on Friday. Imports last week showed a slight decrease. The total supply of flour and wheat in the week ending on the 11th inst., was equal to 464,375 to 492,500 qrs, vs. 403,000 to 411,000 qrs consumption, indicating a supply in excess of consumption of 61,375 to 81,500 qrs. The supply of Maize for the week was equal to 1,320,000 to 1,350,000 bush., against an average weekly consumption in 1876 of 1,320,000 bushels, against 771,078 bushels in 1875. The cable of the 16th inst. reports the amount of wheat and flour on passage for the United Kingdom at that date as being equal to 1,025,000 qrs, against 1,276,000 at the corresponding date last year, and 1,014,000 qrs on the 1st inst. The quantity to arrive in the United Kingdom for orders for the four weeks to end on the 29th of May was 245,000 quarters of wheat and 125,000 quarters of corn, also 79,000 quarters of barley. Of the wheat there were 55,000 qrs from Azov and the Black Sea, 76,000 qrs from American Atlantic ports, 84,000 qrs from California and Oregon, and 20,000 qrs from Chili and Australia. Further cable advices report the crops to be very forward which fact, along with pacific political advices kept price weak, though the condition of the market could be most correctly described as that of a state of suspense. English wheat was selling slowly and American had declined a shilling per quarter; trade was very quiet, and would have been in a state of stagnation but for the wants of buyers, whose stocks had run low. Continental advices by mail speak favourably of the appearance of the young wheat plant in France, but in certain districts rye had been seriously damaged by the attacks of insects, so much so that in the North it was found necessary to plough up some fields and replace the crop with beet. Offerings of wheat continued light though somewhat on the increase; but the demand was inactive, and a decline was quoted in about one-third of the markets from whence reports had been received, Paris being included in those on the decline. Marseilles, also, was on the decline in consequence of numerous arrivals, but a steady trade was being done at the fall. The arrivals of wheat during the week ended April 27, 1878, were 74,000 qrs, and the stock in docks at same date was 4,500 qrs. The weather in Germany is said to have been mild, and an abundance of warm rain had fallen. The growing crops left very little to be desired, and vegetation generally was rapidly advancing. At Berlin a marked depletion in stocks of wheat was going on, and it was thought likely that some importation would have to be made to supply the deficiency. The position of the market was strong, as a good many foreign orders had come to hand. At Hamburg a quiet tone prevailed in the grain trade, and inferior wheat was the turn lower. In regard to the growing crops on this continent, the next ten days, it is agreed on all hands, will be of vital importance. So far as can be seen, the damage said to have been done to cereals by the late frosts would appear to have been exaggerated; the latest advices from the Western States say that fall wheat may still amount to an average crop, but damage from rust and fly is generally reported. Trade has been very quiet during the week. At New York the demand for wheat has been very moderate, and notwithstanding the light receipts prices have favoured the buyer. Shippers' purchases have been unusually light, and only to fill engagements, while in some cases shippers have been sellers, both of lots on the spot and delivery ahead. At Chicago June quotations have declined about six cents. In the Western States wheat seems to have been coming forward rather less freely. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending on the 11th inst., were 1,643,767 bush, vs. 1,579,503 bush the previous week and 373,835 bush the corresponding week in 1877; and the shipments from thence for the week were 1,476,224 bush, vs. 1,765,118 bush the previous week, and 5,694,968 bush the last four weeks, vs. 3,008,251 bush the corresponding four weeks in 1877. The deliveries at seaboard ports for the week were 2,436,487 bush vs. 1,780,519 bush the previous week, and 96,100 bush the corresponding week in 1877. The export clearances for Europe for the week were 1,795,884 bush, vs. 1,484,258 bush the previous week; and for the last eight weeks, 10,042,940 bush, vs. 1,573,491 bush the corresponding eight weeks in 1877. The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports, the rail and lake shipments from Western Lake ports, and the amount on the New York canals at the undermentioned dates was as follows:—

	1878. May 11.	1878. May 4	1877. May 12.	1876. May 13.
Wheat, bu.	8,045,640	8,394,833	5,208,022	9,482,437
Corn	9,088,562	9,533,192	9,336,307	4,990,528
Oats	2,957,164	2,063,303	1,905,659	2,038,141
Barley	1,394,487	1,462,506	1,042,431	428,487
Rye	600,453	559,969	686,406	217,810
Total, bu.	21,216,316	22,013,853	18,229,422	17,677,390

The following table shows the top prices of the different kinds of produce in the Liverpool markets for each market day during the past week:—

	May 16, p.m.	May 17, p.m.	May 18, p.m.	May 20, p.m.	May 21, p.m.	May 22, 1.30 p.m.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Flour	26 6	26 6	26 6	26 6	25 6	25 6
R. Wheat	10 4	10 4	10 4	10 4	10 1	10 1
R. Winter	11 4	11 4	11 4	11 4	11 4	11 4
White	11 5	11 4	11 4	11 4	11 3	11 3
Club	11 9	11 10	11 10	11 10	11 9	11 9
Corn, new	25 6	25 6	25 6	25 3	25 0	25 0
Barley	3 8	3 8	3 8	3 8	3 8	3 8
Oats	3 2	3 2	3 2	3 2	3 2	3 2
Peas	35 6	35 6	35 6	35 6	35 6	35 6
Pork	45 0	45 0	45 0	45 0	45 0	44 0
Lard	36 0	35 9	35 6	35 6	35 6	35 0
Beef	78 0	78 0	78 0	78 0	78 0	78 0
Bacon	25 9	25 6	25 6	25 0	25 0	25 0
Tallow	38 0	38 0	38 0	38 0	37 9	37 6
Cheese	62 0	61 0	60 0	60 0	59 0	57 6

FLOUR—The late chronic dulness and inactivity have remained unabated since our last, though prices have shown a tendency to break in all cases, and in some grades a heavy fall has been established. Superior extra sold in lots of 100 barrels at equal to $5.55 here on Friday, and at $5.50 f.o.c. on Monday. Extra has been unsalable, though offered as low as $5.05. Fancy has been purely nominal. Spring extra and strong bakers' sold at equal to $4.45 here on Friday, which price was again paid for 100 barrels of strong bakers' to-day. With this exception there was no movement to-day, and the market closed almost without buyers, and prices purely nominal as well as can be judged at quotations.

BRAN—Has been unchanged, and has sold at $10.50 on track.

OATMEAL—There has been little alteration since our last; one lot sold at $4.10 f.o.c., which may be taken as about the value of average brands. Small lots are unchanged at $4.40 to $4.70.

WHEAT—The market has been quiet at declining prices, closing at a fall of five to six cents since our last. Fall has remained purely nominal. No. 1 spring sold last week at $1.12 f.o.c., and No. 2 spring at $1.08 f.o.c. On Monday sales were again made at $1.10 for No. 1 and $1.07 for No. 2. To-day there was a further fall established. Round lots sold at $1.08 for No. 1 spring and $1.06 for No. 2 spring f.o.c., but at the close holders offered to sell at these prices, and buyers bid a cent less. For No. 2 fall $1.13 f.o.c was bid. On the street fall sold at $1.13 to $1.15 and spring at $1 to $1.06

OATS—Have been weak in price. American sold on Saturday and Monday at 33½c, and light Canadian at 33c on track, last week. To-day there were sales of one car of Canadian at 32c; of another at 32½c, and of a third at 33c on track according to quality. On street from 33 to 35c was paid.

BARLEY—The market has shown rather more activity and firmness. No. 2 has been in demand, and several sales have been made at 40c f.o.c., which would probably be repeated. No. 1 has not been wanted, and prices have been purely nominal. Street receipts small, and prices firm at 45 to 55c.

PEAS—Prices have been weak and declining, but scarcely any lots have been offered, and no sales have been reported. It is not probable that anything over 71c would be paid for No. 1, or over 68 to 69c for No. 2 inspected f.o.c. Street prices have declined to 65 to 67c.

RYE—is purely nominal.

HAY—Pressed has been quiet and weak; a couple of cars sold at $14 on track, but this must be regarded as an exceptionally high price for small bales. On the market there has been enough in and prices have been easy at $11 to $16, the general run being from $14 to $15.

STRAW—All offering has sold fairly well at from $11 to $13.50 but the latter price must be regarded as exceptionally high, little going over $12.50.

POTATOES—Cars were abundant last week and towards the end of it sales were made at 30 and 35c on track; since then the supply has fallen off and 40c would probably be paid for early rose and 45c for chills. Street receipts have been fair and prices steady at 45 to 55c per bag.

APPLES—Scarcely any can be had but $4.50 to $5 would readily be paid for sound.

BUTTER—All offering has been wanted and readily taken usually at $8 to $8.50 per cental with occasionally $9 for choice yearling lamb.

POULTRY—There has been nothing offering beyond a few fowl which sell readily at 60 to 75c per pair.

FLOUR, f.o.c

Superior Extra, per 196 lbs	$5 40 to $5 50
Extra	4 90 5 00
Fancy and Strong Bakers'	4 45 4 70
Spring Wheat, extra	4 30 4 40
Superfine	3 80 3 90
Oatmeal, per 196 lbs	4 00 4 10
Cornmeal, small lots	2 65 2 65

BAG FLOUR, by car lot f.o.c.

Extra	$4 70 to $4 80
Spring Wheat, extra	4 10 4 20

GRAIN, f.o.b.

Fall Wheat, No. 1, per 60 lbs	$1 12 to $1 20
" No. 2, "	1 11 1 15
" No. 3, "	1 08 1 10
Red Winter	none.
Spring Wheat, No. 1	1 07 1 08
" No. 2	1 05 1 06
" No. 3	1 00 1 02
Oats (Canadian), per 34 lbs	0 32 0 33
Barley, No. 1, per 48 lbs	0 57 0 58
" No. 2, "	0 48 0 50
" No. 3, "	none.
Peas, No. 1, per 60 lbs	0 70 0 71
" No. 2, "	0 68 0 69
Rye	0 60 0 00

PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGGONS.

Wheat, fall, per bush	$1 13 $1 15
Wheat, spring, do	1 00 1 06
Barley, do	0 45 0 55
Oats, do	0 32 0 35
Peas, do	0 65 0 67
Rye, do	0 60 0 00
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs	5 50 6 00
Beef, hind qrs., per 100 lbs	none.
Mutton, by carcass, per 100 lbs	8 00 9 00
Chickens, per pair	0 60 0 75
Ducks, per brace	none.
Geese, each	none.
Turkeys	1 25 1 75
Butter, lb. rolls	0 14 0 16
" large rolls	0 12 0 13
" tub dairy	0 13 0 15
Eggs, fresh, per doz	0 09 0 00
" packed	none.
Apples, per bbl	4 00 4 50
Potatoes, per bag	0 45 0 55
Onions, per bush	0 85 0 90
Tomatoes, per bush	none.
Turnips, per bag	0 20 0 30
Carrots, per bag	0 35 0 40
Beets, per bag	0 45 0 50
Parsnips, per bag	0 45 0 50
Hay, per ton	11 00 17 00
Wool, per lb	0 23 0 25

PROVISIONS.

TRADE—Has been rather quiet, and prices have been generally weak.

BUTTER—Old has sustained a further fall in value; sales were made in the latter part of last week as high as 6c, but this week a car changed hands at 5c, which may be regarded as the best price now offering for shipping lots; the fall has been a consequence of English cable advices. New has been coming forward slowly, and prices have been rather unsettled; pails and crocks have sold to a small extent at 13 to 15c, and box lots at 15c for round rolls; and 12½ to 13c for large. On the street receipts have increased, and pound rolls have been selling at 14 to 16c. The market closes very much unsettled all over, and we must caution our readers against supposing—as they sometimes seem to do—that present prices must rule in the future. English mail advices report little or no enquiry, and prices nominal.

CHEESE—New is much easier, and selling fairly well at 10½ to 11½c in small lots. At Ingersoll on Tuesday two cars sold at 8½c. English cable advices show a fall of 5s 6d on the week.

EGGS—Receipts have come in with a rush, and prices have come down another cent; round lots have been going off at 8 to 8½c, with too many offering. On the street the usual price has been 9c.

PORK—Prices have been weak and declining; sales of small lots have been made at $12.70 and $12, and cars have been offered at $12, but not taken.

BACON—The weakness outside has checked any little enquiry previously heard for round lots, and prices of them are purely nominal. Small lots also are easier. Cumberland has sold in ton-lots at 6½c for heavy-weights, but the usual run is 6¾ to 7c; smoked has been quiet at 7½ to 8c; long-clear is easier at 7 to 7½c. Rolls [and bellies are inactive at 9 to 9½c; shoulders are offering at 5½c, but not selling.

HAMS—Canvassed have been in active demand, with sales of lots of 100 at 9c and 9½c, with small lots up to 9¾ to 9¾c. Smoked seem to have been quiet at 8¾ to 9c, and picked easier at 7¾ to 8c.

LARD—Has been quiet and weak, the low price of butter checking sales. Tierces have sold at 8¼c; tinnets at 8¾ to 9c, and pails at 9½ to 9¾c.

HOGS—Receipts have been small, but sufficient, and prices rather easier at $5.50 to $6; the latter for choice only.

SALT—Liverpool to arrive is offering in round lots at 70c, without finding buyers. Nothing doing in small lots. Dairy has declined, and sold in small lots at $1.25 to $1.50. Goderich is quiet and unchanged.

DRIED APPLES—Seem rather easier; some are selling as low as 6c, but they cannot be called fine; fairly good, or average, qualities usually sell about 6¼ to 6½c, while choice sometimes bring more.

WHITE BEANS—Remain quiet and unchanged: dealers are usually selling small parcels at from $1.40 to $1.50 per bushel in barrels.

HOPS—Remain as dull and inactive as ever; holders are offering lots at from 6 to 7c without being able to find buyers.

GROCERIES.

TRADE—Has been quiet, though showing some slight improvement.

TEA—There has been some demand heard for lines, and prices have been generally steady. Low-grade Young Hysons have sold at 22 to 25c, and some seconds have gone off at 29 to 32c. Blacks have been quiet but steady; one line of fair Congou sold at 33c, and another of choice at 43c. Japans have been wanted, and sales of lines have been made at 28c; at 31c and at 41c, the former price being for common, and the latter for good. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers' lots:—Young Hyson, common to fair, 25 to 30c; Young Hyson, medium to good seconds, 30 to 37½c; Young Hyson, ordinary to choice extra firsts, 45 to 65c; Twankays, 30 to 35c; Gunpowder and Imperials, common to good, 25 to 40c; Fine to Extra Choice, 55 to 65c. Blacks—Congous, 25 to 70c; Souchong, 35 to 65c; Scented Pekoes, 45 to 55c.

COFFEE—There has been no movement reported in job-lots, but they are held very firmly; small parcels is hereabouts selling fairly well at firm prices. Quotations stand as follows:—Java, 27 to 30c; Singapore, 23 to 25c; Jamaica, 24 to 27c; Laguayra, 24 to 27c; Rio 19 to 22c; Mocha, 34 to 36c.

SUGAR—There has been a fair business doing in Scotch, but nearly all other sorts have been quiet. Prices have been firm. Dark Scotch is scarce, and wanted in job-lots at 7½c, but the lowest sale reported is at 7¼c; the general run for lots has been from 7¾ to 8¼c; but some extra-bright samples have sold at 8¾c; at 8¾c, and in one case at 8½c. Raws have been slow of sale, but Porto Rico has gone off to a small extent at 7½c; at 7¾c and 7¾c. New York yellows have been inactive, and prices nominal. Granulated has been unchanged with sales at 9¾c for job lots. Cut-loaf and dry crushed have been quiet. Prices are quoted as follows, the outside quotations being for retailers' lots:—Porto Rico, per lb., 7½ to 7¾; Cuba, 7½c to 7¾c; Barbadoes, ; English and Scotch refined bright, 8½ to 8¾c; do., low grades, 7½ to 7¾c; New York yellows, ; Extra C, 8¼ to 9¼c; Dry crushed, 10½ to 10¾c; Granulated, 9½ to 10c; Cut loaf, 10¾ to 11c.

SYRUPS—Sales have been on the increase and prices firm, but the only movement has been in small lots. Quotations are as follows:—Demerara, 45 to 47c; golden, 50 to 52½c; amber, 55 to 57½c; amber choice 60 to 62½c.

FRUITS—Stocks of box-fruits at this market are now running rather low and will be held very firmly, but sales have been small. Valencias are still tending upwards; a round lot sold on Monday at 6½c, but there are no more to be had at this price, and small lots go up to 6¾c. Layers and Sultanas have been quiet but firm at former prices. Currents have been wanted and sales of lots have been made at 4½c for ordinary; at 6½c for prime and at 5c for old. Prices are as follows, the outside being for retailers' lots:—Raisins, Layers, new, $1.70 to $1.80; Valencias, 6¼ to 6¾c; new seedless, 7 to 7½c; Sultanas, 7¾ to 8¼c loose Muscatelles, new, $1.65 to $1.75c; Currants, new, 1877, 6¼ to 7½c; Filberts, 7¾ to 8c; Walnuts, 8 to 10c; Almonds, 18 to 15c; Prunes, 7 to 8c; do do (old), none; Brazil nuts, 7 to 7½c; Lemon peel, 20 to 22c; Orange do, 20 to 22c; Citron do, 26 to 28c.

RICE—Is now very scarce and in active demand; round lots are wanted at $4.50, which bid is refused and small parcels have been selling at $4.75.

FISH—There has been scarcely any movement in any sort and prices must be regarded as purely nominal. Quotations stand as follows, the outside prices being for small lots:—Herrings, Labrador, bbls., $3.50 to $4.00; Salmon, salt water, $15.50 to $16; Codfish, new, per 112 lbs., $5 to $5.25; boneless, per lb., 6 to 6½c; Whitefish, hf-bbls., $1 to $1.50; Trout, 75c to $1; Mackerel, bbls, $10; hf-bbls, none; Sardines, ¼'s, 11 to 11½c; do, ⅛'s, 18½ to 19½c.

TOBACCO—Has been quiet at unchanged prices with no movement reported in round lots. Quotations are as follows:—Manufactured 10's, 32 to 37½c; do 1's, 6's, and 8's, 37½ to 45c; Navy, 5's, bright, 43 to 54c; Navy black, 37 to 40c; Solaces, 25 to 42c: Extra bright none; Virginia, 70 to 90c.

LIQUORS—There was one round lot of brandy sold on p.t.; but with this exception there is nothing new to note in the situation. Prices are as follows:—Pure Jamaica Rum, 16 o. p., $2.25 to $2.50; Demerara, $2.20 to $2.30; Gin—green cases, $4 to $4.50; red, $7.75 to $8.50; Wines—Port, $3.50; Sherry, $3.75; Champagne, per case, $10 to $22; Brandy, in wood, $2.75 to $3.50; in case, Saurez, $8 to $8.50; do Otard's, $8.75 to $9.25; do Hennessy's, $10.25 to $10.50; do Martell's, $9.75 to $10; do Jules Robins, $7.50 to $8; do Vine-gr'd Co, $9 to $9.50; do Jules Bellerie, $7 to $7.50; Whiskey, Common, imp, 32 u. p., 93 to 95c; Old Rye, $1.07 to $1.10; Malt, $1.07 to $1.10; Toddy, $1.07 to $1.10; Spirits, $1.05 to $1.07; Native Wine, per gal, 75c to $2; do do per case, $3.30 to $6; Native Brandy, per gal, $1.40 to $2.50; do do per case $5.05 to $8.50.

CATTLE.

TRADE—Has been rather quiet since our last.

BEEVES—Receipts on the whole have been well maintained, but they have generally been of poorer quality; drovers seem to have been striving to sell coarser cattle for shipment at former prices, and have failed to do so, nor is there any chance of this policy succeeding. First-class, of really good quality, and averaging not under 1,300 lbs., have been scarce, wanted, and firm at $5, but some coarse lots of this weight have gone of at about $4.50. Second-class have been abundant, but selling fairly well at $4 to $4.25. Third-class have been in fair supply but no overplus, and rather firmer at $3.37 to $3.62. There have been sales of a car of steers, averaging 1,200 lbs., at $4.50 per cental; a lot of nine steers, averaging 1,300 lbs., at $54; a car of mixed, averaging 1,050 lbs., at $42.50. There were 260 head shipped for England by Messrs. Reeves & Frankland on Saturday.

SHEEP—The supply has continued to decrease; has been very small and altogether insufficient, as is usual at this season. All offering have been wanted and have found ready buyers at firm prices, though no actual advance can be reported. First-class, weighing from 125 to 160 lbs, have been bringing $6.50 to $6. or 5c per lb. Second-class have been less firm than first, but may be quoted at from $5 to $6, the latter price being for choice yearlings only. Third-class are unsalable.

LAMBS—Receipts have shown an increase, but a steady enquiry has been maintained for good qualities at firmer prices. First-class, dressing from 25 to 35 lbs, have continued in active demand, with all offering wanted at $3.50 to $4.50. Second-class have come forward in increased numbers, with rather too many in, the demand slack, and prices weak at $2 to $2.50.

CALVES—The market has been rather flat with large numbers offering, but not of the right sort. First-class, dressing not under 120 lbs, have been steady, with all offering taken at $8 to $10. Second-class, dressing from 80 to 110 lbs, have been more plentiful, and ranging from $5 to $7.50. Third-class have been abundant and very slow of sale, with too many offering, and prices weak at $2 to $4.50.

HIDES, SKINS, AND WOOL.

TRADE—Has generally remained rather quiet.

HIDES—There has been no alteration in green; receipts have been sufficient, as the demand for cured has been rather slack; still a car has been sold at 7½c for choice No. 1, and 6½c for No. 2, but these must be regarded as high prices.

CALFSKINS—Green have been coming forward freely, and selling as before, but as cured are slow of sale a fall in green is possible.

SHEEPSKINS—Offerings have been very small, and prices weak; the runeral figure for green is about $1.50, but the range is considerably wider.

LAMBSKINS—Have been abundant, and selling at an advance; the price of green is up to 20c.

WOOL—Some few small lots of new fleece have been offered on the street and sold at 23 to 25c, but prices cannot be regarded as yet established. Pulled wools of all sorts have been inactive, and prices purely nominal.

TALLOW—Has been abundant and unchanged at last week's prices.

Quotations stand as follows:—No. 1 inspected, choice, $6.50; No. 2 inspected, cut, and grubby hides, $5.50; No. 3 inspected, $4.50; Calfskins, green, 8 to 10c; Calfskins, cured, 11 to 11½c; calfskins, dry, none; Sheepskins, 60c to $1.50; Wool, fleece, 23 to 25c; Wool, pulled, super, 22 to 23c; Wool, pickings, 10 to 11c; Tallow, rough, 4c; rendered, 6½ to 6¾c.

LEATHER.

Business continues fair, with a somewhat better feeling throughout. Prices remain unchanged, and in order to effect large sales, concessions would have to be made. Prime heavy harness, light slaughter sole, and prime light upper still continue in good demand. Oil is somewhat easier, and we note a decline of 5c per gallon in N. F. cod; quotations below will show relative prices:—

Prices are quoted as follows:—Spanish Sole, No. 1, all weights, 24 to 28c; Spanish Sole, No. 2, 21 to 23c; Slaughter Sole, heavy, 25 to 27c; Slaughter Sole, light, 26 to 28c; Buffalo Sole, 20 to 22c; Hemlock Harness Leather, 27 to 30c; Oak Harness Leather, 35c; Oak Belting Leather, 30 to 34c: Oak Harness Backs, 40 to 50c; Upper, heavy, 35 to 36c; Upper, light, 36 to 40c; Kip Skins, French, 85c to $1.10; Kip Skins, English, 70 to 90c; Chicago Slaughter Kip, 65 to 75c; Native Slaughter, 50 to 70c; Splits, large, 28 to 32c; Splits, small, 25 to 27c; Russetts, 30 to 40c; Hemlock Calf (20 to 35 lbs. per dozen), 65 to 90c; Hemlock, light, 45 to 55c; French Calf, $1.20 to $1.40; Cod Oil, 60c; Straits' Oil, 50c; Gambier, 7c; Sumach, per ton, $125 to $135; Degras, 3c; Buff, 13 to 16c; Pebble, 13 to 16c; Enamelled cow, 17 to 19c; patent cow, 17 to 19c.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

The sorting-up trade has been active during the last week, but there has been nothing doing in round lots. Prices remain unchanged but steady, it being very difficult for them to go any lower. Travellers have come home this week, after having been fairly successful. Factories seem generally to be on full time. Quotations are as follows:—Men's Thick Boots, $1.65 to $2.35; Men's Kip Boots, $1.90 to $3.15; Men's Calf Boots, $3 to $4; Men's Pegged Con. Gaiters, $1.50 to $2.25; Men's Hand-sewed Gaiter's $4.25 to $5; Men's Machine-sewed Gaiters, $1.00 to $1.50; Men's Cobourgs, $1 to $1.30; Men's Bunkums, $1.25 to $1.80; Men's Buff Prince Albert's, $2.25 to $2.75; Men's Pru. Cong., $1.15 to $2.00; Boys' Work—Boys' Congress, $1.35 to $2; Boys' Cobourgs, 95c to $1.35; Boys' Pegged Balmorals, $1.40 to $1.70; Boys' Bunkums, $1.05 to $1.30; Boys' Stogas, $1.45 to $2; Youths' Stogas, $1.25 to $1.65. Women's Work—Women's Prunella Bal., 70c to $2.00; Women's Prunella Cong., 50c to $2.00; Women's Pebbled and Buff Pegged, $1 to $1.60; Women's Pebbled and Buff Sewed, $1.25 to $2.50; Women's R. Kid Bals., $2.50 to $2.75; Women's Kid Bals., $1.75 to $2.50; Women's Cong., $1.60 to $2.30; Women's Batts., 90c to $1.30; Women's Calf Bals., $1.45 to $1.75. Misses' Work—Batts., 80c to $1.10; Peb. and Buff Balmorals, 85c to $1.30; Misses' Calf Balmorals, $1.25. Children's Work—C. T. Cacks, 4 to 8, 55 to 90c; Balmorals, C. T., 6 to 10, 75c to $1; En. Cacks, 5½ to 60c; Batts, 55 to 75c.

COAL AND WOOD.

There has been no change in prices of coal, but maple is rather easier, since our last. Trade has been fairly quiet, as is usual at this season. Some contracts have begun to be taken, we cannot say at what figures, but probabilities seem to be in favour of higher prices than those of last season. Prices stand as follows:—Large egg, $5.50; small egg, $5.50; stove, $5.50; nut, $5.50; Briar Hill, $5.50; Willowbank, $5.25; Lehigh, $6.00; Glossburgh, $5.50; Maple, delivered from the yard, $5.50; pine, $4.50.

PETROLEUM.

A combination has been effected in the west; and as a result of it an advance in prices is expected. As yet the influence on this market has been insignificant, though a slight rise on cars is quoted this week. Stocks are rather low. Sales have been small, and trade generally rather quiet. Prices are as follows. Refined, per Imperial gal., 20.00; white, by car load, 17½c: lots of five to ten bbls., 18c: single bbls., 19c.

Live Stock Markets.

MONTREAL, May 20.

At market to-day there were 500 cattle offered for sale. All the choice beas