

DRY GOODS.—Business in this branch has slightly improved. Orders from the country have been coming in more rapidly, and with more buyers in the market, a better feeling has been established. Last week the receipts of a leading wholesale house here showed an increase of about \$5,000 over the amount for the corresponding week of last year. Remittances are reported to be unsatisfactory, and complaints are made of accommodation being still asked for by country merchants, in the shape of renewals, etc.; but no improvement in this respect need be looked for until after the harvest is garnered.

CATTLE ETC.—About 2,500 head of cattle have changed hands here during the past week; and as usual, fully two-thirds of this number was shipped to Great Britain and the Maritime Provinces. The demand still exceeds the supply of first class export grades, and on account of the offerings at this season of the year being principally grass-fed, values have declined, from 25 to 50c per cwt. live weight, both here and in England. Prices paid, were \$4.50 to 4.75 for first-class; \$3.75 to 4.00 for second, and \$2.50 to \$3.50 for third. *Sheep* have continued in good demand, chiefly for export; about four thousand sheep and lambs have been purchased, and about 2,200 head were shipped. Prices paid for export grades were \$6 to \$8.00 each; for second-class, \$4.00 to 5.00; and for thirds, \$2.50 to 3.50. *Lambs* have been in good supply with an active demand, while values have been very firm, from \$3.50 to \$4.00 having been paid for first class; \$2.75 to \$3.25 for second. *Calves* are still worth \$12.00 to 14.00 each, for really good qualities; second-class bring \$6.00 to 8.00, and third from \$2.00 to 4.00. About 400 live *Hogs*, worth \$4.00 to 4.25 per cwt., were also shipped from this market to Great Britain, during the week.

FLOUR.—Stocks in store 1,230 bls., against 2,075 bls. last week. There has been no quotable demand all week until within the last two days, when numerous enquiries have been heard for Spring wheat extra. Some lots of extra changed hands at \$4.67½ f.o.c., and some fancy at equal to \$4.55; also of Spring extra at \$4.60 f.o.c. Round lots, we understand, changed hands to-day at 4.70 to 4.72½c for extra, and \$4.60 for Spring extra. For Superior extra holders now ask \$4.85 to 5.00 f.o.c., and for fancy \$4.60 to 4.65, but there is very little demand for these grades.

GRAIN.—*Wheat, Fall.*—Stock in store 17,833 bush. against 18,037 bush. last week. The second grade of Fall wheat has been under offer all week at \$1.08 to 1.10, but there is no demand for it, and no business has been reported. *Wheat.*—Spring, stocks in store 24,027 bushels, against 23,956 bushels last week. As we remarked last week, the demand for Spring grades just now is nearly altogether to supply the milling trade, but there has been scarcely any offering all week. Buyers would readily pay \$1.06 to 1.07 f.o.c. for good No. 1, and \$1.03 f.o.c. for the second grade, but holders refuse to offer their stocks, apparently with the hope of a still further advance in values. We have no recent sales to report. *Oats.*—Stocks in store 15,510 bush., against 17,510 bush. last week. There has been scarcely any demand for this grain. One car of Canadian, on track, sold on Tuesday at 32c., and to-day a holder reported a bid of 33c. It is said that American can be laid down for less money. *Barley.*—Stocks in store 54,346 bush., against 48,013 bush. last week. But few attempts were made to do business in this grain during the week, as prices are unsettled, and the difference in quality is very great. On Tuesday 5,000 bush. No. 2 grade, and another lot of 2,000 bush., same grade, were each offered at \$1 without eliciting any bids. Another lot of 5,000 bush., No. 2, was offered at 88c., and would have been taken at 80c. The market

was firmer to-day, and six cars of old No. 1 were placed at \$1 f.o.c. *Peas.*—Stocks in store 275 bush., against 227 bush. last week. The only lot on the market, namely, one car, was offered at the Call Board meeting yesterday at 70c., without receiving any bids.

GROCERIES.—As expected, trade has continued quiet, business being limited pretty much to the retail demands. *Coffees.*—In New York the value for Javas has advanced 2c, and it is expected to follow here, but no actual changes in quotations are reported yet. *Rios* have been most enquired for, and have been sold to retailers principally, at from 19 to 21c. *Fruit.*—There are scarcely any Valencia raisins now in the market, and prices have been very firm, ranging from 6½ to 7c. It would now cost about \$7.30 according to latest cable advices, to lay them down here. Sales during the week have been few, and for only immediate wants. *Sultanas*, in frails of about eighty pounds each, have been offering very cheap, at 5½c to 6c for lots. Some old currants have offered at 3½ to 4c per pound, but round lots of last year's fruit have been sold at 5 to 6c. *Rice* has advanced 6d. in Liverpool since our last report, and values here now range from 4½ to 4¾c. There continues a fair demand, and several lines have been sold to jobbers at 4½ & 4¾c. *Syrups* have ruled dull and unchanged, but for *Spices* there has been an improved demand, for pickling, etc. A fair trade with retailers has been done at previously quoted values. *Sugars.* in some quarters, have been more active during the past week, with no quotable alteration in prices, however, which remain firm. *Porto Ricos* and medium Scotch have been in good demand, and *Whites* have also been in fair request. *Teas.*—A better enquiry for Japans has been experienced, and lines of this description have been moving off at from 28 to 37c. for mediums. A couple of lines of low grade Japans were sold yesterday at 30 and 32c; A fair demand prevails for blacks also, but no lots of any magnitude have been sold. Young Hysons, have been rather neglected during the week, prices show no important changes. *Tobaccos* have been rather dull during the week and there is little or no change to note; dark kinds are quoted at from 34 to 36½c in boxes and butts, and 3's to 6's are worth 38 to 40c.

HIDES AND SKINS.—*Hides* have been coming in slowly, and all offering are readily taken up by local tanners. Prices are unchanged. *Sheepskins* and *Lambskins* are to be raised in value to 50c to-morrow, but the rise is due alone to a local disturbance and rivalry among dealers, as the price of wool does not warrant such an advance; 5c at a time would be quite sufficient during the present season. *Calfskins* have not been so plentiful during the past week. *Veal skins* are in good demand, but light stock is dull. No sales have been reported and prices rule nominal. *Tallow* continues exceedingly dull, 6c being the highest bid for it.

LEATHER.—The market for domestic stock has been rather flat, and it is likely to continue so for a short time, owing to several tanners—creditors of Messrs. Thorne Parsons & Co., having to make sales to meet the notes of that firm. *Sole* and *harness* leather have been in good demand, and on the whole trade is fair. No change in prices. *Spanish hides* are very firm, and it is thought by some that the recent further advance of 1c per lb. in New York and Boston markets, making them worth 2 to 3c more than they were six weeks ago, may cause an advance for *sole* leather here, though others think the price cannot go higher.

LUMBER.—The local market continues very dull, the only demand now experienced being for bill stuff, etc., required for the new exhibition buildings. One cargo of Basswood was shipped from this port to Oswego during the week, at good prices. A Toronto firm has been shipping

several cargoes from the Georgian Bay to Chicago, which is a new trade only commenced this season. Advices received by the same firm from Winnipeg, Manitoba, state that more lumber will be wanted there this coming fall. Prices remain unaltered.

OILS.—As is usual at this season of the year there is scarcely anything doing in petroleum oils in this market. It has been rumored that efforts are still being made in Western Ontario to organize a combination for the refined oil trade, but from present prospects, it will not succeed.

PROVISIONS.—The market seems unsettled for some articles, but on the whole, trade has slightly improved; there is a better feeling in the West and hog products are still firm and advancing. *Butt r* has been still more neglected during the week, and prospects to holders are discouraging. Country store keepers, seeing the exact position of affairs, are not now paying more than 9 to 10c. There is no shipping demand, and doubtless selections could now be had at about 10½c. For fresh pound rolls at farmers' waggons, from 17 to 20c is paid, and crocks are worth 14 to 18c. *Bacon* has been more active. One car lot of long clear was sold yesterday at 7c., and round lots have changed hands at 7½ to 7¾c, which is considerably under the price at which it can be imported from Chicago. Round lots of C. C. have been sold at 6½ to 6¾c. *Cheese* dealers think bottom has been touched. Reported sales are very small, to meet local wants only. Prices range from 8½ to 10c. *Dried Apples* continue to move off in small lots at unchanged quotations. *Eggs* have continued dull, worth only 9c to 10c. On the street as high as 13c has been paid for fresh lots. *Hams* have ruled active, at still firmer prices, round lots of canvassed having been sold at 12½ to 13c. *Lard* has met with improved demand, but with the present price of butter it is impossible for quotations to become much higher. Refined lots have advanced to 10½c, and in pails it is quoted at 9½c, with sales at both figures. For *Mess Pork* the demand from jobbers has improved and is now reported to be "good." Prices have also improved, sales of small lots having been made at \$13.50 to \$14.00.

WOOL.—The local market is less firm than last week, as all large lots have been purchased and dealers offer lower prices for what comes in now. About 24c is the highest quotation, a lot of 2,000 lbs. having been bought at that figure yesterday. For wools for domestic use there is a little better enquiry.

Recent American advices state that transactions have fallen off, and the markets are comparatively quiet, especially for clothing fleeces. Manufacturers find it difficult, even with the present low prices of wool, to place goods at a profit, and accordingly many are awaiting the result of fall sales of woollen goods, in order to ascertain if they can manufacture them without loss. Meanwhile fleeces wool will be dull, but it is stated that all offerings of *combing* and *delaine* fleeces are readily taken up, as they will be wanted.

MORTGAGE SALE OF SAW-MILL

with 100 acres, well timbered, principally pine, mill in good working order; driven by water; south half of lot 16, in 6th concession of Township of Wyndham, Co. of Norfolk. Also, about 100,000 feet pine lumber, all sorts and lengths; about 4,000 good cedar posts, and about 100 butt pine logs. Sale, Town Hall, Woodstock, Ontario,

Thursday, Aug. 22, 1878, at 11 a.m.

TERMS: Ten per cent. day of sale, balance to remain from one to five years, with interest at 8 per cent. on furnishing good security; or purchaser may pay such further sum as he may wish, and balance as above.

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