

Rough browns and dress browns are in fair request, drills quiet. Bleached linens, damasks and handkerchiefs are moving off more freely among home buyers, and stocks in the warehouses are getting lower. The American branch of trade is looking better." At Nottingham, prospects were at last mail dates, regarded encouraging, reports from the continent being favorable. The demand is mostly for the same descriptions of goods as have been in request of late. Cotton trimmings, edgings and laces, as well as ties, are inquired for yet, and the new Coraline point appear likely to increase in popularity. The amount of business doing in plain cotton nets is limited. In the hosiery trade orders are being placed for goods for the spring, and the demand continues to be mainly for fancy articles. In New York, this week, plain and colored cotton goods were in moderate but steady demand. Brown sheetings and low grade bleached goods, advanced slightly in some cases, sympathizing with print cloths. Cambrics, jaconets and cotton flannels are held steadily. Cotton yarns and carpet warps firm at late advance. While ordinary shirtings staple and fancy prints are quiet, specialties in plaid styles, border prints, robes &c., are moving in small but frequent lots. "South bridge gingham" is an attractive plaid print.

FLOUR.—Stocks in store 1,905 bbls against 1,230 bbls last week and 5,900 bbls on like date last year. A weaker tone is observable in the market, buyers are scarce even at a slight decline. Strong bakers' fall below \$5, and fine to below \$4, with very few and unimportant transactions. *Oatmeal* is quiet and unchanged.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—Fall.—Stocks in store 26,870 bush against 18,897 bush last week and 134,813 bush on like date last year. The supply of fall wheat is small, compared with last year, and the demand for it appears languid. Prices are nominally unchanged, but are weak at quotations. Spring.—Stocks in store 11,026 bush against 17,483 bush last week and 86,891 bush on like date last year. Some what more enquiry is manifested for spring, but prices are still in buyers' favor. *Oats.*—Stocks in store 2,931 bush against 3,131 bush last week and 1,000 bush on like date last year. No change in prices. *Barley.*—Stocks in store 346,802 bush against 360,999 bush last week and 331,292 bush on like date last year. The market has slowly advanced, and prices are now several cents higher than last week. The movement is considerable and stocks have but little chance to accumulate. *Peas.*—Stocks in store, 18,375 bush against 25,551 bush last week and 14,565 bush on like date last year. This grain is in demand at about 2c. above our last week's quotation.

GROCERIES.—Business is moderate, and remittances unusually good. Prices of sugar, which advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ c., declined an $\frac{1}{2}$ c., and are now steady. *Teas* are maintained in price. *Fruit* likewise.

HARDWARE & METALS.—A good demand exists for tin and tin plates, which are unchanged in price. Gasfitters' and tinsmiths' goods are moving actively. Iron is steady, and the metals market in Britain generally maintained. Cut nails, while they meantime sell for next to no profit, are likely to be advanced in price shortly.

LEATHER.—No change in quotations. Country demand for small orders is pretty active, manufacturers are not buying with much freedom.

PROVISIONS.—We have no change in prices to note. There is fair demand for hog products and a quick sale for *lard*, which is scarce and wanted. *Butter* is dull compared with last week, and *cheese* quiet, factories asking 13 to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ with only 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c offered on Monday. *Cable* being then 66/6. *Dried apples* are nominal. *Hops* continue to offer slowly; advices by last mail, state that the European hop market is now settled, and prices warrant brewers making their arrangements to lay in their stocks. Choice

Spalts are quoted at from 85/- to 90 shillings per cwt. choice Bavarians 75 to 80 shillings. These prices are f.o.b. in Liverpool, and are from 20 to 30 shillings lower than last year's quotations.

WOOL AND WOOLLENS.—The situation here in wool is but little changed, dealers not caring to offer over 27c for fleeces, and holders asking 28 and 29c. Rather more enquiry is made for super, which has been moving at 30c. Extra is wanted and readily brings 35 to 36c. The Boston market for wool on Monday last was firm and fairly active, mediums being, however, neglected, and fine fleeces in demand. Stocks in the hands of millers are understood to be only moderate; receipts last week were smaller than at last year. The British wool market at latest dates was quiet. As to woollen goods the feeling in this market is one of firmness, there are no very heavy stocks held, unless it be of Canadian tweeds, with respect to which it remains to be proved whether the resolve at one time made to get a decent profit, be carried out. In New York last Monday, there was, says the *Bulletin*, "more disposition on the part of buyers to secure assortments of heavy clothing woollens at the present low prices, and desirable makes of heavy fancy suitings cassimeres, trouserings and fancy overcoatings are severally in fair request by clothiers and cloth jobbers. Spring clothing woollens were less active to-day, but there are so many large buyers in the market that there is an improved business in sight. For flannels and blankets there continues to be a steady demand, and prices remain firm on all leading makes."

The Boston market for woollen goods at same date was active and firmer, with "indications that prices had touched bottom. Manufacturers' stocks were small. The clothing trade are giving more attention to samples of light-weight spring fabrics, although but moderate orders have as yet been placed. These have opened at rather low prices, from which no concession will probably be made. "But there is a conspicuous absence," says the *Advertiser*, "of the speculative feeling which prevailed last fall, and which induced buyers to anticipate their wants to an extent which led finally to a disgraceful repudiation of contracts and countermanding of orders."

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