

The prospect for vessels is, upon the whole, considered fair.

Trade has somewhat improved during the week; there are a number of country buyers in town, but business for the season is only just commencing.

**GROCERIES.**—*Sugars*—The New York market is from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  c. lower on raw sugars, and  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. on refined than it was a week ago. *Teas*—A steady trade is doing; some common kinds are rather dearer without much quotable change. In other articles there is little to report.

**HIDES.**—The market is dull, and there is very little demand for trimmed and inspected; our quotations show a reduction on the figures of last week.

**LEATHER.**—A fair business was done with the city trade at quotations.

**GRAIN.**—*Wheat*—Receipts 2,342 bush., and 7,140 last week. There has been some demand for spring during the week, and sales of 10,000 bush. at 90c. at Kincardine, and some cars at 97 to 98c. are reported; and there are also reports of sales amounting to 20,000 bush. at \$1 in ships' bags free on cars; the market closes dull and unsettled, with no buyers at these figures, and holders seemingly anxious to sell. Fall is dull at quotations; no demand and no sales; midge proof is nominal. The stock of Wheat in Toronto on March 31st was—Spring, 105,100 bus.; Fall, 124,400 bus. *Barley*—Receipts light; the market is weak, in sympathy with New York, where there were large receipts from Germany, and sales at \$2.10 to \$2.12; in our market small lots are selling at \$1.15 to \$1.20; stock on 31st March 30,500 bush. *Peas*—Receipts trifling; they are held at 80c. for good samples in car loads, and are worth about 75c., but there is little demand; stock 31st March, 35,100 bush. *Oats*—Receipts 1,800 bush. and 1,200 bush. last week. The market is firm and higher at 53c., and 55c. has been paid for carloads on the Northern Railway; stock 31st March, 21,900 bush. *Rye*—Nominal at 60c. *Corn*—Is worth from 60 to 62c. in car loads. *Seeds*—Timothy seed is offering freely, and some sales of No. 1 were made at \$2.60 to \$2.65; we quote the market at \$2.25 to \$2.60. Clover is dull and held at \$6.25 to \$6.50, but no buyers at the outside quotation. Flax seed \$2.

**FLOUR.**—Receipts 2,342 bbls. and 1,300 bbls. last week. There is some demand for small lots at \$4.05 to \$4.10, holders asking higher prices; sales 100 bbls. at \$4.05 in store; 500 bbls at \$4.05 at Rockwood; 100 bbls. at \$4.10 free in cars, and 200 bbls at \$4 in store. Extra is held at \$4.50. Other grades not quotable. Bag flour may be quoted at \$3.80 to \$3.90. The stock of flour in Toronto 31st March was 25,800 bbls. *Oatmeal*—Offering at \$5.50 to \$5.60; the demand is very limited.

**PROVISIONS.**—*Butter*—Prime is scarce, and would bring 24 to 26c.; anything under this quality is not wanted. *Mess Pork*—Car loads are held firmly at \$26, and a sale occurred at that price. *Lard*—Is dull; a lot of 60 pkgs. sold at 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. *Eggs*—Are rapidly declining; offering at 16 to 17c. and buyers at 15c.; they will soon be down to 10 to 11c. *Bacon*—Cumberland scarce and held at 12c., ordinary at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. *Dressed Hogs*—None selling.

**PETROLEUM.**—The price for car loads of white is reduced to 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., which is the only quality now selling in lots; there is a quiet demand.

**FREIGHTS.**—Rates by Grand Trunk Railway:—Flour to all stations from Belleville to Lynn, inclusive, 35c., grain per 100 lbs. 18c.; flour to Brockville and Cornwall, inclusive, 43c. grain 22c. flour to Montreal 50c. grain 25c.; flour to all stations between Island Pond and Portland, inclusive, 85c. grain 43c.; flour to Boston 90c., gold, grain 45c.; flour to Halifax 98c., grain —c.; flour to St. John 98c. Boxed Meats to Liverpool per gross ton 82s. 6d.; lard or butter in tinnets 87s. 6d.; Pork 11s. per tierce; flour 5s. 6d. per barrel; grain 12s. per 480 pounds. Rates by Great Western Railway—Flour, Toronto to Sus-

pension Bridge 25c. gold; thence to New York, 92c. U. S. currency per bbl.; to Boston \$1.02. Grain to Bridge 13c., gold; thence to New York 46c. U. S. currency; to Boston 51c. Grain, Toronto to Detroit, 18c. per 100 lbs; flour 35c per bbl.

**Halifax Market.**

**BREADSTUFFS.**—We note no quotable change in flours during the past week. Supers continue in request, while other grades are entirely neglected. Oatmeal is still without buyers, with stocks increasing from local supply. Cornmeal is without change at former quotations. White wheat extra, fall, \$6.50 to \$6.60; fancy, \$6.10 to \$6.25; bakers' strong, \$5.75 to \$5.90; supers, \$5.60 to \$5.65; No. 2, \$4.50 to \$4.75; middlings, \$4.25 to \$4.50. Rye, \$4.75. Cornmeal K. D., \$4 to \$4.10; F. G. \$3.80 to \$3.90. Oatmeal, \$7. White beans, \$2.80 to \$3.

**PROVISIONS.**—Pork continues without change at former quotations. Beef dull and unchanged. Pork, \$18. Beef, mess, \$10 to \$12. Lard, 16c. Cheese, 15c.

**WEST INDIA PRODUCE.**—The demand for sugars and molasses has somewhat abated, sellers being supplied to a certain extent, are now waiting the opening of the spring trade before making any further transactions. Our receipts of both the above are considerably short, as compared with those of the same period last year. Holders are willing to take the risk of the markets, while buyers act cautiously in expectation of lower figures. Sugar V. P., 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 11c.; Porto Rico, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Barbadoes, 9c. Molasses—Cienfuegos, 44 to 45c.; Trinidad, 41 to 42c. Rum, in bond, Demerara, 58 to 60c. Coffee, Jamaica, 13 to 15c.; St. Domingo, 11 to 13c.

**FISH AND OIL.**—Our markets for fish exhibit no change. Stock continues light, with small receipts. Cod oil has somewhat improved; we notice a sale at 59 net, best, for a small lot. Other descriptions unchanged.

**EXCHANGE.**—Bank drafts, London, 60 days, at 13 per cent.; Montreal sight, 4 per cent.; New York sight, gold, 4 per cent.; Currency, 20 per cent. discount; St. John, N.B., 3 per cent. prem. —R. C. Hamilton & Co.'s Circular.

**Havana Sugar Market.**

HAVANA, March 24, 1869.—The *Weekly Report* says: The increase of shipments observable from this port to all ports from 1st January to date, as compared with the corresponding period in former years, is large. The cause of this increase we need not state as any one may easily trace it to the actual lamentable condition of the island, which induces planters to hurry up to market as fast as it can be manufactured, and buyers excited by the high prices paid abroad, to send out of the island all they can produce as fast it can be shipped. This explains the heavy receipts from the interior this year, which in quiet times would have led to the belief that an unprecedented large crop was being produced. The contrary, as is already known will prove to be the case, and the extent of the decrease at this date would not be exaggerated if placed at 30 per cent. comparing with last year's production. Receipts, exports and stock of boxes at Havana and Matanzas have been as follows:

Year.	Rec'd this		Total export		Stocks, boxes.
	week.	Week.	Since Jan. 1.	boxes.	
1869.....	60,930	57,846	404,537	207,869	
1868.....	82,451	50,902	359,928	266,684	
1867.....	77,650	37,464	308,424	321,542	

**New Line of Steamships.**

A Montreal paper says that the British Colonial Company have determined to cease running their line between London and Montreal, and that a new line will probably be put on that route. Messrs Temperly, Carter and Darke who were formerly the agents for the British Colonial Company, will despatch the Dacia on the 22nd inst. for this port, and will follow during the season. Mr. David Shaw will, we believe, represent the new line here.

**The Next Cotton Crop.**

The *Financial Chronicle* estimates the next crop as follows:

New Orleans.....	850,000
Mobile.....	366,000
Charleston.....	250,000
Savannah.....	500,000
Texas.....	175,000
North Carolina.....	38,000
Virginia.....	164,000
Tennessee, &c.....	450,000
Consumed in the South.....	95,000

Making the total crop below..... 2,890,000

Unusually favorable circumstances would add something to the above; but these figures show that all who are looking for a yield the coming season of about 4,000,000 bales and upwards (and there are many such) are doomed to a very severe disappointment; while on the other hand, those who say that the freedmen cannot pick over 2,250,000 bales, are equally in error. The above statement is given simply as furnishing an indication of the present capabilities of the country.

**Breadstuffs.**

The receipts of flour and grain at Chicago, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit and Cleveland from January 1 to March 27 were:

	1869.	1868.	1867.	1866.
Flour, bbls.....	1,321,309	684,931	747,492	570,602
Wheat, bush.....	4,993,277	2,198,873	2,123,585	5,513,232
Corn, bush.....	6,562,050	6,305,275	2,776,714	1,688,026
Oats, bush.....	2,094,024	1,439,594	1,095,894	1,287,735
Barley, bush.....	318,725	316,854	350,568	168,234
Rye, bush.....	374,932	134,480	214,150	175,912
Total grain, bush.....	14,433,014	10,395,076	6,360,911	5,813,149

The stocks of wheat in store at Chicago and Milwaukee in 1867, 1868 and 1869, were near upon the following figures at a late date:

	1867.	1868.	1869.
Chicago, bush.....	541,300	1,055,500	1,553,990
Milwaukee, bush.....	656,400	1,114,000	1,673,000
Total.....	1,197,700	2,169,500	3,231,990

**New Lake Tonnage.**

The following additions to the existing lake tonnage will be made this season:

	No.	Tons.
Steamers.....	5	1,300
Propellers.....	8	5,380
Barques.....	5	3,400
Schooners.....	25	5,315
Scows.....	5	385
Barges, including steam.....	9	3,775
Tugs.....	18	1,100
	75	20,655
Vessels lost last season.....	105	20,441
	20	5,786

**NEW INSOLVENTS.**—The following names of new insolvents appear in the last *Canada Gazette*: John Irving and W. W. Hogg, Toronto; Joseph Duhamel, Montreal; W. J. Biggar, Napanee; J. C. and W. Bond, Owen Sound; R. W. Rossiter, do; Arthur Haines, St Catharines; Stephen S. Skinner, Stamford; James Russell, Nottawasaga; Francis Keble, London; Thomas G. Harrold, Oakville; Robert Gamble, Barrie; James Dayllyn, Hamilton; Reuben Lawrence, Ottawa; Thomas McWilliams, Pembroke; S. Gunsalus, Belleville; Peter Patterson, Hamilton; G. L. Perry, Montreal; Thomas Tuer, Toronto; Henry Gauntley, Berlin; A. Souter and W. Trent, Toronto; A. McDougall, London; J. Brock, do. A writ of attachment has been issued against H. Stewart and Alexander T. Watson, by the Sheriff of the County of Perth.

—Messrs. B. & W. Rosamond, of Almonte, have their new large mill ready for operations; from 140 to 150 hands will be employed.

—Work is about to be resumed on the St. Clair Flats Canal with five dredges and the accompanying scows and other apparatus.