

cabled, but the news has not yet affected current prices here. *Wood*.—There is no appreciable change to note since our last report; the tendency in prices is still upward, supplies being very limited. Stocks arrived since the opening of navigation show a decrease of some 8,000 cords compared with the corresponding period last year.

CATTLE.—Market continues firm for beasts for export, prices ranging from 4½c to 5½c, and for butchers cattle 3c to 4c, as much as 4½c being paid in one case for prime beef. 92 car loads horned cattle were received at Point St. Charles last week, some 24 car loads being offered for sale at the markets on Monday last. Sheep were in better demand, and realized \$4.00 to \$5.50 each. Lambs were scarce, and sold readily at \$2.60 to \$3.75, according to size. Calves, \$4.00 to \$5.50 each. At the Guelph cattle fair for August, only 75 heads of rather inferior animals were offered, farmers being busy harvesting; prices averaged 4c per lb. live weight.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—*Butter*.—The local market has been quiet all week, and at time of writing it appears unsettled; so widely different are the views and statements of dealers that it is difficult to furnish a thoroughly reliable report. There is apparently a good enquiry for Townships for shipment at 21c, but holders ask more money, at the least one cent more. Buyers generally report stocks light, and the quality not extra, while some holders state that there is any quantity of fine butter to be had here. Sales were reported as made yesterday of a lot of 500 Townships at 21c, and of a carload of Danville Townships at 17c, for export. A despatch from Liverpool received here yesterday reports the butter market there easier, with no buyers at present. Until holders or dairymen modify their views, there is not likely to be much doing in this market. Our quotations will be found on another page. *Cheese* is rather easier here during the last couple of days in consequence of a reported decline in New York, but it is generally thought that this decline will be only temporary. The market here continues to be largely a speculative one, but the keen edge has been worn off, for prices are too high to warrant ready shipments. It is said that present ruling figures for July make are higher than for many years. It is reported that 1,200 boxes changed hands here yesterday at 11½c, on export account. We understand that several contracts have been made with factories at 12½c, and with one or two at 13c, for the season's make. The nominal quotations, according to holders, are from 11½c to 12c, but there are no buyers at much over 11c. We quote 11c to 11½c.

DRY GOODS.—Stocks of fall goods have been rapidly accumulating during the week, and are now reported quite complete in all departments. There is nothing very special to note in the condition of trade as compared with last week. The majority of the travellers have returned from the first trip of the season after having done a good trade, and all the wholesale houses are busy filling the orders received. So far the demand has been pretty regular for all lines, and it is considered remarkably healthy and legitimate. Stocks in the country have been well sold out, and retailers are now able to buy more extensively than they have done for years. Dealers here look forward to an active fall trade, buyers are apt to visit this market earlier than usual this year, and with a view to accommodating them arrangements for a cheap trip were completed by the trade here yesterday. *Ena fide* dry goods merchants residing at Kingston and all points west of that city will be provided from this date with return tickets per the G.T.R. at single fare, or if they prefer, tickets to come down to Montreal per boat and return by rail at one and one-third fare, good for a reasonable period, on applying to the wholesale merchants of this city. Payments

continue good for the season. We revise our list of prices, especially for cottons, this week, but values have not been disturbed since our last reference.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Trade, though inactive, is reported better than usual at this season of the year. Small sorting up orders for general drugs are coming in freely from the country trade. Prices unchanged. In heavy chemicals it is rather early in the season for much movement. In the English market values are steadily advancing, and a corresponding rise in prices is expected to take place here later in the season. Collections are very good.

FISH.—There is very little demand for pickled fish, stocks of which are low; there is a fair demand for dry fish, stocks of which are low. Salmon is very scarce. Current prices to-day are: Green Codfish, No. 1, \$3.50; Canso Herrings, No. 1, \$4.50; Salmon, No. 1, \$18.50; Do, No. 2, \$17.50. A sale of 10 barrels Canso No. 1, Montreal inspection, is reported at \$4.50, cash; Dry Codfish, \$5 per cwt; Haddock, \$3. Canned fish are firm. Salmon, California, \$1.85; Salmon, Canadian, \$1.80; Lobsters, \$1.20; Mackerel, \$1.50. Stocks of canned goods are low; prices very firm, especially for Salmon. Lobsters are tending upward, owing to large demand for export.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—The English markets are somewhat easier. The imports into Great Britain during the past week were much larger than during the previous week, and the weather in the United Kingdom is reported very favorable for the maturing crops. It is stated that General Keene and his ring are lying in ambush at Chicago, preparing for a grand raid on No. 2 Chicago Spring Wheat; this raid is expected to create an advance in prices, and in anticipation of this, the farmers of the North-west are said to be withholding their stocks, newly-threshed. But, should the imports continue to increase, and the fine weather in England continue, the Keene raid will at least likely have to be postponed. The English wheat markets are reported quiet for spot and future openings, with declining prices. In Chicago the market is steady, and here there is some enquiry for wheat, but transactions are few and far between, and prices are nominal. Corn in this market is firmer, in sympathy with Chicago, now quoted at 50½c to 51c. Peas steady at 92c to 92½ on spot, and 85c is asked with 81c bid for forward delivery. Oats quiet at 33½c to 34c, and Barley nominal at 60c to 70c. *Flour*.—This market is quiet, with holders making concessions. Receipts of Spring extra during the past few days have been large and prices are easier. Recent sales include 100 barrels of Superior Extra at \$5.55; 200 Superfine at \$5.35; 120 do at \$5.40; 120 Strong Bakers' at \$5.90.

FREIGHTS.—Have been easier during the week, and contracts to carry grain to the United Kingdom have been made at as low as 4s. 9d. per 480 lbs. by regular steamers, while transient vessels have been engaged at 5s. 3d. to 5s. 9d. Small vessels of 5,000 qrs. and under have been chartered at 5s. 3d. to 6s. Deal freights by sailing vessels have fallen to 67s. 6d. and 70s. per standard.

FRUITS.—Business has improved: the demand has been more active, especially for apples. The supply is not equal to the demand, and prices are therefore firm, quoted at \$2 to \$2.50 for early Fall fruit. Choice Astrakans have sold at \$2.50 to \$3, and common do at \$2. Extra qualities, the Duchess for instance, bring \$2.75 to \$3. The prospect for the Fall trade in Apples is splendid; there will probably be more shipped to Great Britain this year than ever. A small consignment of "Golden Sweets" was shipped to Liverpool from this port during the past week, but it is feared that they will not keep, and it is doubtful if they will pay

even the freight charges. Some 250 barrels were shipped from New York last week. *Peaches* are coming forward freely from Western Ontario, but so far the quality has been rather inferior; prices range from 70c to \$1 per basket. Cincinnati Black Grapes are arriving, and selling at \$2 per box of about 25 lbs. *Pears*.—Bartlett's from Western New York, in American barrels, are worth \$8 to \$10 per barrel; Californian Bartlett's scarce as yet; \$5 to \$5.50 per box; Bell, \$3 to 56 per barrel; and common Pears about \$3 do. *Plums*.—"Golden Drops," arriving freely from New York, are selling at \$2.50 to \$3 per bushel. *Lemons* are still in fair supply, at \$5 to \$5.50 in boxes, and \$7 to \$8 per case. *Blueberries* are plentiful, at 50c to 80c per box.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—Business is reported fairly active for the present season of the year. During the week sorting up orders for general hardware have been coming forward freely, and there is every indication of a brisk Fall trade being done. The demand for Canada plates continues active, at last week's quotations. Bar iron has been in active request for small lots, which have changed hands quite freely at \$2.00. For pig iron the Glasgow market is very firm, with prices still tending upward, as are freights also, consequently this market is very firm. There is a good enquiry, but stocks are in few hands, and holders are not anxious sellers, and buyers being indisposed to pay the prices asked, business is chiefly of a jobbing character. There have been sales this week of small lots to consumers at \$22 to \$23, according to brand. We quote Coltness and Langloan at \$23, and Summerlee, Cambro and Glengarnock at \$22. Of Eglinton there is little or none in the market. Nails are steady and unchanged. Remittances very satisfactory.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The local market for green hides has been somewhat excited during the past few days, owing, it is alleged, to unprofitable competition on the part of a certain buyer, who is reported to have run up prices last Tuesday to \$11, \$10, and \$9 per cwt. for Nos. 1, 2, and 3, respectively,—an advance of \$1 on last week's quotations. The present state of affairs existed about a year ago. The dealer referred to complains of the custom followed by the trade here for years of paying butchers in advance for hides, and, while making large profits on leather, he sacrifices them in buying fresh stocks of raw material, and apparently undertakes to destroy the trade of Quebec tanners, who usually contract for large supplies in advance. The prices now paid, however, are too high to afford any profit to buyers, and are from 1c. to 3c. higher than the ruling figures in New York and Chicago, therefore the advance is regarded as only temporary. Salted hides here are now worth 12c. We hear of one local dealer having bought in New York during the week 50 hides, of good quality, which cost him when inspected here only 9½c. Though scarce yet, the offerings here during the week have been rather larger than during the week previous. The practice of advancing money to butchers is, we think, on the whole a bad one, and should be discontinued. *Lambskins*.—The offerings have been very fair, and, under a good, steady demand, prices have remained firm, at about 80c. to 85c. each; for some exceptional lots even 90c. has been paid. The recent advance was due mainly to the competition offered by a new buyer in the market, and may prove to be only temporary. In Sept. last lambskins were worth only 60c. in this market, and 80c. is being paid now, a month earlier in the season. *Calfskins* nominally unchanged at 12c., the season being about over and very few offering.

LEATHER.—There has been rather more enquiry for all kinds of leather during the past week, but no special line has been in active request, and sales have not been large, comprising only small lots to the country trade and shoe manufacturers. We have not heard of any