

Buyers, however, show no anxiety to operate at these prices,—result no further sales reported. Several factories are still holding their August make in that section.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—The breadstuffs markets, both foreign and local, are quiet and easy this week. Business here has been very limited, and as will be seen by our "prices current," at somewhat lower quotation.

CATTLE, ETC.—The offerings at the local markets on Monday last were light, and business was rather quiet, prices for choice cattle ranging from 5c to 5½c per lb., live weight. For thorough shipments to Great Britain some 16 car loads were received. The supply of butchers' cattle was also small, and sales of good to choice were made at from 4½c to 5c per lb., live weight, medium to fair qualities at from 4c to 4½c, and inferior grades at from 3c to 3½c. Sheep sold at from \$5.25 to \$7.50 each, and lambs at from \$2.50 to \$4. Several lots of Hogs changed hands at from \$7.50 to \$7.00 per 100 lbs. Shipments of Live Stock from Canada to Great Britain for week ending October 21st, 1882, as reported by Mr. C. H. Chandler, Insurance and Shipping agent, are as follows:—SS. "Lake Winnipeg" to Liverpool, 457 cattle, 771 sheep; SS. "Buenos Ayrenu" to Glasgow, 275 cattle; SS. "Toronto" to Liverpool, 263 cattle, 1056 sheep. Total this week, 995 cattle, 1827 sheep. Total last week, 1007 cattle, 1690 sheep. Total to date, 39,906 cattle, 69,342 sheep. Total same date last year 40,087 cattle, 58,031 sheep.

DRY GOODS.—The exceedingly mild weather of the past week has been anything but favorable to retail trade; business, therefore, has continued uniformly quiet in the wholesale houses, and there is little of interest to note. The travellers are nearly all out on their sorting-up trip, and some are forwarding fair-sized orders; a goodly number of country merchants are reported to be purchasing in anticipation of a severe change in the weather and a good Fall trade. With anything like an early winter business must prove good. The city retailers are realizing more or less severely the absence of colder, seasonable weather. Stocks at wholesale are generally well-assorted, and prices of all kinds of goods well maintained. Remittances are steadily improving, as the season advances. The buyers for the Montreal houses are leaving on their usual Fall trip to the English market, some having already gone.

FISH.—In consequence of the large demand from Western States buyers the supply of Labrador Herrings in this market is rather limited, hence prices are maintained at \$6.25 to \$6.50, for round lots. Market also strong for codfish, dry cod selling at \$6 to \$6.25 per quintal, and green cod in barrels at \$5.75 for No. 1, and \$6.25 to \$6.50 for large No. 1. Cape Breton Herrings in limited supply, but demand is only moderate, at \$5.75 to \$6.25 for No. 1, as to quality, and Newfoundland Salmon still held at \$21, \$20 and \$19, respectively, for Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

FRUITS.—Apples and Grapes still command the chief attention. A good demand is experienced for apples, and prices for Fall fruit are somewhat lower, ranging from \$1.75 to \$2.25 per brl. for fair to good, while inferior lots with poor-keeping qualities have been sold as low as \$1 up to \$1.40. Receipts of Winter apples are fairly large, and under a good export demand values are firm, quoted at \$3.50 to \$4.50 per brl., as to kind and quality. Shipments to Europe for the week are reported rather heavy. Almeria Grapes continue in brisk demand, owing to the good quality and low prices this year, now ranging at from 5c to 6½c per lb., as to weight and quality; recent sales include 100 kegs of about 50 lbs. each at \$5.00, and ten to twenty keg lots at \$5.50. Large shipments of this fruit from Liverpool are expected here shortly. Concord grapes selling at 6c, Delawares at 6c, and Rogers at 8c to 10c per lb. Lemons dull and cheap, at \$3. to \$4

per box. A fair enquiry exist for golden Dates, which are selling in skins at 7c per lb. Missouri Kansas and Illinois have good crops of apples this year. In Michigan the yield will be very light, as it will also be in the Eastern States, on account of the dry weather. Apples for winter use will bring good prices.

GROCERIES.—Trade moderately active. The "Lizzie English," with cargo mostly of Palermo Raisins, is in port. Sugars.—Steady for all kinds, and no real change to reports as to value, with fair demand. Molasses.—Barbados as before. Other kinds quiet. Teas.—Japanese advices report good teas holding their value. With us there is a moderate business doing on about basis of previous week. China Greens dull for low qualities. Choice teas firm. Black Teas not active. Coffee.—Business of ordinary character at previous prices. Rice steady. Spices.—Pepper keeps up as quoted. Nutmegs also firm. E. I. and African Ginger firm at some advance. Cassia also rather stronger. Fruits.—Valentines in large lots rather easier. In ordinary quantities 8½c to 9½c. Malaga fruit—not much of new crop at hand. Currants, 6½c to 7½c. Figs firm.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—Market continues steady and unchanged for general hardware. A good demand is being experienced from the retail trade for all kinds of staple goods, at generally firm prices, and payments continue good. Bar Iron is still moving out briskly, at \$2 per ton, which is said to be the lowest figure now accepted. This is a dull period of the year for Tin Plates and the Canada Plate trade also is nearly over for the season. For Pig Iron prices in Glasgow are still advancing, and are said to be higher for future delivery than for present. The freight rate from Glasgow to this port is now 25s.; but although there are scarcely any stocks here, importers say they cannot afford to bring the iron out at present offers from buyers, besides it is stated that all the vessel room from Glasgow has been engaged up till the close of navigation. Very few sales have occurred here during the week, and we advance our quotations 50c to \$1 per ton all round. A lot of 100 tons Calder was sold here yesterday for delivery in Nov. at full prices. The leading event in the iron trade this week has been the failure of Messrs. A. & C. J. Hope & Co., referred to elsewhere in this issue. The failure was not unexpected to the wholesale trade here, and therefore will have no ill effects upon the trade; on the contrary, it is expected to benefit the market for some lines of goods which, it is contended, the firm had been selling all summer at too low prices to afford legitimate profits.

HIDES AND SKINS.—As predicted in our last report, a decline of ½c per lb. has been established in prices paid to butchers for native Hides, the rates now being 9½c, 8½c and 7½c respectively for Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Offerings continue fairly large, and about equal to the wants of dealers. The demand for foreign (Western) hides continues good, several sales of car lots being reported, at 10½c to 10½c for No. 1 Buff, and 8½c to 8½c for No. 2 do. Sheepskins in fair supply, and prices steady and unaltered, at 85c to 90c each, as to size and quality.

LEATHER.—On the whole the market has continued quiet; though there is more business reported in some quarters than in others. The demand, as for months past, is chiefly for Sole leather, which, owing to scarcity, remains firm for best qualities. Sales are reported of 1,000 sides No. 1 Spanish Sole at 26c, of 600 sides choice Kip Upper at 37c, another lot of No. 2 do at 33c, and a lot of very fair Upper at 35c. A fair enquiry exists for good to choice Buff at 16c, while ordinary qualities command 13c to 14c. Pebble has sold in small lots at 12c to 15c, as to quality, only very choice bringing the outside figure. Split leather quiet; dealers, finding they can realize better prices in the English market, are shipping considerable quantities of this description this week. The demand

for black leathers continues light, with prices reported easier, if anything; but against this statement is the report of several tanners in Ontario and elsewhere that, owing to the unusually short supply of bark this season, they expect a scarcity of some kinds of black leather before the time for peeling again arrives, in July next. The supply may, therefore, become insufficient for the wants of the trade, in which case an advance in prices would naturally follow.

LUMBER.—Stock on hand rather large, principally of the common grades. Prices, although firm will, be lower next Spring, if the present rate of production continues. Mill owners have had almost all their own way this season, charged very high prices, and made the grades poorer in quality; and, as the lumber was largely contracted for in the Spring, manufacturers have reaped a rich harvest. Manufacturers are cutting over the limits closer than in former years, taking all that is worth anything when manufactured, instead of selecting only the choicest timber and logs, as when it was more plentiful and prices lower, consequently the grade of lumber is much inferior to former years. Laths (which are manufactured out of the slabs and refuse) are very high this season; they have heretofore been sold at or near the price of manufacture, but wages being high this year and labor scarce they have been neglected, and the price has accordingly advanced 40 or 50 per cent. Notwithstanding the keen competition between rail and water rates, the boatmen on the Ottawa this season seem to experience no difficulty in getting all the lumber they can carry, and at good rates. Boats are said to be scarce compared to the carrying required to be done, and high rates rule in consequence.

OILS.—Stocks of fish oils are being rapidly reduced, and a very firm market is reported for all kinds. A good demand has been experienced for Seal oil during the week, and sales of round lots of Steam Refined have occurred at 75c per Imp. gal., but it is now held at 77½c. Pale Seal brings 70c, and straw do is firm at 6½c to 68c. A steady enquiry prevails for Cod oils, at 65c for Hulfax A., and 67½c for Newfoundland. Owing to the active demand from Great Britain it is thought that prices for Cod are more likely to advance than decline. Spirits of Turpentine have risen in value 8c per gal. during the past week, and a still greater advance is expected.

PETROLEUM.—The demand continues heavy for Canadian, there not being anything like the usual quantity of American oil imported this year, it having been found unprofitable, when leakage and other expenses are considered. We quote car lots at 17½c at Petrolia, equal to 20½c in store here. Holders of Canada are slowly becoming resigned to \$1.55 f.o.b., upon finding that present price of refined will not enable refiners to pay any more.

PROVISIONS.—Stocks of Pork and Lard in this market have seldom been as low as at present, and buyers here refuse to pay the extreme high prices ruling in the West. There has been an active enquiry here lately from the Ottawa lumbering districts, but dealers have been unable to supply it, most of them having barely sufficient goods for their regular local trade. In sympathy with Chicago market prices for Mess Pork here are steadily advancing. Western now being quoted at \$27 to \$27.50, with few sales, however. No Canada Short Cut in the market, and it is expected by some in the trade to be worth \$30 per brl. this coming winter. Cash pork cannot now be had in Chicago at under \$24.50, equal to about \$27.75 here. It appears that Armour & Co., of Chicago, hold the key to the present strong position of the pork market, as they control the bulk of the stocks in the West, and from statements made by their representative now in this city, there is little hope for much lower prices for some time; on the contrary, prospects favor a further ad-