

noted in New York market reports, but as the canal is to be open on the 14th inst. it is hoped that trade will not be specially interrupted. *Teas*.—Low sweet drawing Japans with style in request at fully previous prices. The trade generally is quiet, with little of change in prices or values. *Sugars*.—A reduction of  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ on Refined is to be noted. West India Sugars have been sold in quantity for medium under 74c. *Molasses*.—Barbadoes quiet at 53c to 57c, other kinds dull. Syrups as last reported. *Rice* firmer, \$3.40 for lowest quality in quantity, \$3.60 to \$3.90 for good. *Coffees*.—Moderate business doing at prices about as last noted. *Spices*.—Pepper showed a slight downward tendency, closes firm. Nutmegs also firm. Ginger keeps up for African. *Fruits*.—Currants have maintained advance in Britain. No special change here. Crop reports favorable for Currants and Raisins. *Valencia Raisins* keep up. *Eleme* scarce, held 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 10c. *Figs*, *Sultanas* dull. *Prunes* in very small supply. *Nuts* and *Almonds* as before.

**DAIRY PRODUCTS.**—The *butter* trade in the city has ruled quiet and steady during the week, while in certain country sections business has been somewhat active; buyers in the country are picking up all the good qualities offering, and receipts here are being stored in expectation of a demand from Europe springing up soon. Few quotable transactions have transpired, and quotations remain unchanged. The local *cheese* market has ruled quiet also at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ for finest; a lot of 300 boxes changed hands at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ yesterday, and other sales aggregating 1,400 boxes at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ were reported. Woodstock and Belleville markets were dull yesterday, factory men being unwilling operators at the decline previously quoted; only sales made were at 10c. At Ingersoll on Tuesday eighteen factories offered 4,340 boxes, mostly last part of June make: 1,375 boxes sold at 10c, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ and 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢. 28 factories represented and 11 buyers present. At Little Falls on Monday the sales comprised 10,000; 6,000 at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, 300 at 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢, 20 at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, balance at 10c. Utica, 10th July.—Sales 8,100 boxes at 10c to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; bulk 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; 1,360 consigned. At New York on Tuesday business was only moderate, with no change in the market. The *Bulletin* of yesterday says:—"As yet this week, the markets do not take very decided form. *Butter* is selling at about old rates, with an inclination to strength on the best grades, though buyers resist an advance, and the supply appears full enough to go round. *Cheese* is a little doubtful, with some of the trade hopeful that no further decline will take place. Many of the recent arrivals have been "off" in condition.

**FREIGHTS.**—Firm for grain,—vessel owners asking 3s. 3d. to Liverpool and Glasgow, 4s 6d to London, and 4s. to Bristol. Engagements have been made at these rates, but the demand is inactive.

**DRY GOODS.**—Midsummer dullness prevail as regards house sales, yet the wholesale trade are busy receiving and assorting. Fall stocks coming forward rapidly from the English market and Canadian mills. The travellers are nearly all out on their Fall trips, but there has been scarcely sufficient time elapsed to determine probable results; indications, however, are quite favorable for a good Fall trade, while at the same time there appears to be a widespread feeling among country merchants that it is advisable to defer orders as far as possible until the result of the harvest is seen; this seems a wise policy, in view of the heavy stocks of woollens held over from last year. The city retail trade is good for this time of year. Payments tolerably good. Importers again complain of annoyance in the classification of goods by the customs appraisers; the travellers are selling from samples with the understanding that last year's duties were to

rule, while it is stated that on certain lines a specific duty is demanded in addition to the regular ad valorem rates at which they have been admitted for the past three years under the present tariff. The demand is alleged to be contrary to the meaning of the tariff, which seems capable of different interpretations. This has come to be an annual question, and it is time there was a perfect understanding with regard to those special lines of goods admitted under certain clauses of the tariff.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—Business quiet, and no change to note in prices.—English markets are a little easier in absence of pressing orders. The demand for *Custic Soda* for Russia having fallen off price is lower again. *Gum Arabics* on account of the trouble in Egypt are much firmer, and the cheaper qualities are somewhat higher. Alexandria is the chief market for these goods.

**FLOUR AND GRAIN.**—The wet, showery weather in England during the week has considerably enhanced values for Breadstuffs; a further advance of 1d per cent al for wheats in Liverpool was reported yesterday, and to-day Wheat in all positions is cabled firm. Imports in the United Kingdom for the week show an increase of 70,000 quarters Wheat, 135,000 quarters corn, and 15,000 barrels flour. The Chicago and New York wheat was weak and lower yesterday; to-day's advices note an advance of  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 1c in both markets. This market has continued quiet all week. There has been a fair demand for wheat, and Canada Spring has changed hands in cargo lots at \$1.41, and of Canada Red at \$1.38 to \$1.40; also of White Winter, at \$1.32 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Peas have been in good demand, and sales of lots in store and cargoes are reported at 99 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ and \$1.01, respectively. Oats firm, with the sale of a cargo yesterday, at 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Corn and rye nominal. The demand for flour has improved, owing to the upward turn in values, which, on an average, are about 20c per bbl. higher than a week ago. The uncertainty of the crops in Europe from wet weather, together with the war in Egypt, having caused an advance in English markets, prices have advanced here in sympathy. Several thousand brls., chiefly Extras and Superiors, have changed hands here this week at the advanced quotations.

**FRUITS.**—Business fairly active, the demand for all kinds in season being good. The last shipment of *Valencia Oranges* has arrived, and under light stocks prices rule firm at \$14 to \$15 per case. *Lemons* also firm, though the market is fairly supplied; Naples in cases command \$12, while Palermos are selling at \$11. In boxes Messinas are worth \$8, and Palermos \$7 to \$7.50. *Bananas* in light supply; fair trade doing for the time of the year at \$2.50 to \$3 per bunch. *Cocoanuts* also in light supply; but demand, too, is light at \$6 per sack. No *Pine-apples* in the market. *Strawberries*.—Receipts light this week; Western selling at 15c, and Montreal berries at 15c to 17c. The demand is fair, but prices rather high to induce free purchases for preserving. *Cherries* have been arriving freely this week in good condition from Western Canada; demand reported good, at \$1.50 per basket. The first shipment of Spanish *Onions* arrived, and selling at \$6 per case; Bermuda onions lower, selling in crates at \$2.50 to \$3.

**HARDWARE AND IRON.**—A moderate business continues to be done in the warehouses and through travellers, but as usual no quotable transactions are transpiring at this time of year, and the price list remains unchanged. Remittances generally satisfactory. In *Pig Iron* the movement here is light, sales being confined to small lots at unaltered quotations, but in Glasgow, Coltness and Langloan have advanced from 1s to 3s per ton during the week, under an improved demand. Freighters firm, with not much prospect of a reduction. Liverpool

freights to this port have advanced 1s 6d per ton on certain goods. Market very quiet for *Tin* and *Canada Plates*, which are selling in small lots only at a very small margin. *Ingot Tin* has advanced in London and New York during the week about 4c per lb, and prices here are consequently higher, ranging from 25c to 26c, as to lot. Other metals unchanged.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—City slaughter *Hides* becoming scarce in this market, and it is reported that in some few instances dealers have paid over 8c to the butchers for choice No. 1 during the week. Prices are nominally unchanged, however. American Hides quiet; two carloads Buff sold this week at 9 $\frac{1}{4}$  to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb. for No. 1.

**LUMBER.**—Dullness prevails throughout the trade; very little lumber is being shipped, except deals, which are in demand owing to the scarcity of freights. The Quebec timber market is extremely dull; few sales of this year's timber have been made as yet, extreme high prices causing the stagnation.

**LEATHER.**—Market quiet; one or two firms have experienced a fair business, while others report scarcely any movement at all. The market is still almost bare of heavy plump *Sole*, for which prices are very firm; but of other kinds the supply is abundant, and buyers can generally have their own way. *Splits* leather a little firmer; an improvement is reported in the English market, hence shipments from this side are likely to follow, and as stocks decrease higher prices are expected. *Upper* has been in fair request during the week, and for choice qualities good prices are maintained, one round lot having changed hands at 36c for medium waxed; others report offerings of round lots at 32c to 35c, without finding buyers. The tendency in values for measured leathers is upward.

**OILS.**—Nothing doing. *Spirits of Turpentine* still scarce and very firm; prices advancing, now ranging from 77c to 82c, as to size of lot. This is owing to the sharp advance in the States. *Linseed* dull and unchanged. There has been rather more enquiry for *Steam Refined Seal*, and round lots have been sold at 72 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to arrive and on the spot. In Cod oil round lots have changed hands at 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. A Newfoundland, and one lot of 85 brls. Halifax at 57c Imp. gal.

**PETROLEUM.**—Refiners from the West have been in the city this week offering oil at fifteen cents f. o. b. London. It looks as though this staple article will be considerably in buyers' favor during the next few months, from the way prices are fixed; one refiner offers at a certain figure, and another at a lower one the next moment. When this sort of competition ceases, and the value of Petroleum is established, merchants will probably book their orders; at present there is no confidence in the outlook.

**PROVISIONS.**—Liverpool market quiet and unchanged the last day or two, while the Chicago hog market has been declining; yesterday a decline of 5c to 10c per 100 lbs was reported. Pork remained unchanged, but lard dropped 5c per 100 lbs. The supply of lard and meats in the West is light, and the hog supply, present and prospective, is also light, while the home demand is exceptionally large, and the foreign demand is likely to be fair, as stocks in Europe are light. The local market has ruled quiet but strong during the week, Canada short cut *Mess Pork* selling at \$26 to \$26.50, and American mess at \$25.50 to \$26; demand rather light in consequence of the high prices. *Lard* advanced, in sympathy with Western markets, Fairbanks' now selling at 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 16c; demand fair, but no large transactions to note. *Hams* quiet and steady at 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 15c for uncovered, and 16c for American canvassed. *Boys*.—Market bare of stocks, with demand good at 18c, hence the tendency is upward; sales confined to supplying the local trade.