

CATTLE, ETC.—The offerings at the local markets last Monday comprised 830 head cattle, 754 sheep, and 595 hogs. The demand was good, and sales were made at from 6½ to 7½c per lb. live weight. Several lots were sold to dealers at from 6c to 6½c to be resold to the local trade. The quality of the cattle, on the whole, was only medium. There was considerable enquiry for butchers cattle, and transactions were made at from 6c to 7c per lb. for pretty good stock. *Calves* were scarce, and sold at from \$8 to \$10 each. *Sheep* were reported worth from 5½c to 6½c for good to choice export qualities. *Lambs* sold at from \$3 to \$6 each, as to quality. *Live Hogs* quoted at from \$8 to \$8.25 per 100 lbs. Shipments of live stock from Canada to Great Britain for week ending June 24th inst., as reported by C. H. Chandler, insurance and shipping agent, 449 cattle and 314 sheep as follows:—SS. "Lake Manitoba" to Liverpool, F. R. Lingham, 386 cattle. "Manitoban" to Glasgow, N. Kennedy, 63 cattle; C. M. Acer & Co., 113 sheep; D. McIntosh, 201 sheep. Total shipments for week, 449 cattle, 314 sheep. Total previous week, 3,193 cattle, 989 sheep.

DAIRY GOODS.—In consequence of the excitement over the elections, there has been little business done during the week, travellers having found it impossible to secure the attention of country merchants; but now that these are over, and the tariff remains unchanged, some improvement in the Fall trade is expected. But country merchants are also waiting to see the progress of the crops, and, as stocks carried over from the last two seasons are very heavy all over the country, they are wisely ordering very cautiously, so that it is probable that sales at wholesale for the coming season will be much lighter or smaller in volume than last year. Again, in view of the large quantity of damaged goods by the Victoria Square fire last week, offering in this market, importers will probably do well to limit purchases in the foreign markets below what was originally intended. In no branch of trade perhaps should the word of warning against the danger of over-trading, now being sounded by leading bankers and other authorities in the country, be more carefully heeded than in this, in both retail and wholesale departments. Payments generally reported very fair.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—The supply of new *butter* is still quite limited, and all offerings are quickly absorbed by the local and shipping demand. It is believed, however, that the production of creamery butter this year will be much larger than in 1881; a local dealer has already supplied certain factories with 6,000 tubs, and has received orders for 2,000 more. The market for creamery rules quiet but steady, at 23c to 24c; sales have been made yesterday at 23½c at point of shipment. Other recent transactions include Eastern Townships at 21c to 22c, Morrisburg at 20c to 21½c, and Brockville at 19c to 21c. Western also has been dealt in at 17½c to 19c on Quebec and Newfoundland account, and more is wanted at within that range. There has been a fair enquiry for *cheese* this week from shippers as well as the local trade, but stocks in this market are as yet very light, and prices are steadily maintained, at 10½c to 10¾c. A round lot of July make at the factory was sold here yesterday at 10½c. At Woodstock yesterday 1880 boxes were offered, the principal portion of which was the second week of June make. Sales were made of 1,340 boxes at 1½c and 100 boxes at 10c; the latter lot consisted of partly May make. At Ingersoll market this week, nine factories offered 1,631 boxes cheese; 571 boxes sold at 10½c; it being election day accounts for the small offerings and little interest. At Little Falls, 19th June, 8,000 boxes offered and sold: 4,000 at 10½c, 1,500 at 10½c, and 400 at 11c. Market active and firm at prices. At Utica, 19th June, sales included 2,100 boxes at 1½c; 540 at 10½c; 1,050 consigned. New York

cheese market was firmer yesterday, at an advance of ½c, choice colored and white stock selling at 1½c. The *Bulletin* yesterday says: "Very little change has taken place in the general characteristic of the market this week. Goods are fairly held, especially the finer and more attractive qualities; but this is the main basis of strength, as buyers still move with caution, and there is a determined opposition to doing business except upon a basis of positive necessity or actual orders in hand. The slight changes in cost have been toward a lower level. The labor strikes have proven a disturbing element, and it is yet difficult to determine how greatly and exactly in what form the influence will be felt upon the market."

FRUITS.—Trade continues fair; market is rather bare of *Oranges*, and prices still advancing under a good demand. Present stocks selling at \$12 per case, and a steamer with fresh supplies is expected to arrive to-morrow, when dealers expect to establish another advance. *Lemons* also firm, but at a decline on last weeks prices, *Palemons* now quoted at \$6 to \$7 in cases, and \$5 to \$6 in boxes; *Naples*, in cases, bring 10 for the best. *Bananas* very scarce; market almost bare, owing to the strike of employees on the railroads in New York. A few bunches arrived per express on Wednesday, and were sold at \$4 each. No *Pineapples* in the market. *Apples*.—Last year's fruit selling slowly at \$6 to \$3 per brl. About sixty crates *Strawberries* from Jersey arrived in the market yesterday, and were sold at 18c to 20c per quart or 13c for pint cups. A crate of Canadian berries from Jordon, Ont., arrived in a poor sandy condition, sold at a low rate.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—The British wheat markets have generally ruled steady this week for both spot and future offerings. Imports in the United Kingdom for the week show a decrease of 135,000 qrs. wheat, 10,000 qrs. corn, and 95,000 brls. flour, as compared with the week previous. The late upward movement in prices for wheat and corn in Chicago have frightened a good many extensive operators into covering their short lines, and a reaction occurred yesterday, No. 2 Spring wheat closing at a decline of ½c to 1c per bush. Corn in sympathy was weak and ½c lower. The New York market was also easier and lower yesterday. The local grain market has ruled dull with prices easier; the quantity of grain coming forward is considerably larger than was expected, and the prospects of the new crop being so favorable the tendency in values is downward. There have been sales of cargo lots of Canada White wheat at \$1.32½, and of red winter in store at \$1.35. New wheat is expected on the Toledo market soon, and with a further decline of 5c per bush. Toledo winter wheat could be handled by shippers here. Cargoes of peas have changed hands at 9½c, and of lots in store at 9½c. Of corn 11,000 bush. were sold yesterday at 78½c. Oats quiet at 43c to 44c, and rye dull at 75c to 77c. In flour little doing all week; exporters want prices 20c per brl lower ere they can operate. Enquiries have been limited to the consumptive demand here and at points East. Values are nominal but easier if anything.

FREIGHTS.—Grain freights steady, at 1s 6d to Liverpool and Glasgow. A small sailing vessel was chartered with grain this week at 4s 3d for orders, and two London steamers have taken cargoes at 3s 3d.

GROCERIES.—*Sugars.*—An advance of ½c is established on Granulated and Refined Sugars generally, with a steady market. In West India grocery Sugars there is slight rise to note with sales. *Teas.*—Cables from Japan shew some reduction, but not, it is probable, much beyond the usual drop in values as the season advances, and leaf offering is of lower quality. Demand with us is light, and the range of prices show but slight variation for all kinds. *Molasses* is lower to some extent in Barbadoes.

With us 55c for quantities is still looked for up to 57c to 59c for small lots. Trinidad, 48c to 50c; Antigua, 49c to 52c; choice Porto Rico, 56c to 59c. *Syrups* steady. *Rice.*—Cable to-day quotes Rice about as last noted and steady at the advance. With us the figures are from \$3.30 to \$3.85. *Coffees.*—A slight drop in Mocha and Java; other kinds steady. *Spices.*—Pepper firm at the extreme figures for some time current. *Nutmegs* firm. *Fruits.*—Valencias still high, New York figures duty paid are 12c to 12½c. Our prices are about as before, but there is little doing and to do with. Malaga fruit remains without change worth notice. Prunes are scarce, nominally 1½c to 8c, but a quantity would not command likely over, say, 7c to 7½c. Sultanias, Figs, Carraways, Nuts and Almonds quiet.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—The interval since our last report has been exceedingly quiet in this branch, the elections having about shut off orders altogether, besides this is a dull time of year in hardware, and little activity is expected for a month to come. Payments continue very fair, and no important changes can be noted in the price-list. *Bar Iron* in fair demand at unchanged quotations, but the market remains very quiet for *Pig Iron*; there is a steady enquiry for the leading brands, but now that vessels are available there is little or no tonnage for them; iron is becoming very scarce here, and little is expected to arrive next month. Buyers seem to be anticipating lower freights still, but any decline seems highly improbable until after harvest; the withdrawal of several vessels for this port has caused a firmer market in Glasgow, and dealers state that they should not be surprised to see the rate to this port advanced to 22s 6d, while almost all the freight-room to New York for the next five weeks has been engaged at 15s from Glasgow. Sales here during the week have been nearly altogether of a jobbing character at \$22 for ten ton lots of Summerlee and other brands; a few round lot transactions, however, are reported at \$21.50 to \$21.75 for Summerlee and \$20.75 for Carnbroe. The late advance for *Tin Plates* in Liverpool is maintained, and prices here have stiffened somewhat in sympathy. *Cokes* formerly sold at \$4.15 are now held at \$4.25 for round lots, and charcoal quoted at \$5 to \$5.25. *Ingot Tin* selling in jobbing lots at 24c, and *Copper* at 18½c. The demand for cut *Nails* fair, at unaltered prices. The best London brands of Portland cement selling at \$3.50 per brl, and Roman do. at \$2.75.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The demand from tanners seems to have improved, and although city slaughter *Hides* are reported scarce, values remain unchanged at the figures quoted for many weeks. Reported sales include a couple carloads of native inspected hides at 9½c for No. 1, and 8½c for No. 2; also of seven or eight carloads Western States hides at 9½c to 9¾c for No. 1 Buff, and 8½c to 8¾c for No. 2 do. Receipts of *Lambskins* rather liberal, and all are wanted at 35c to 40c each; *Clips* bring 30c and upwards. *Sheepskins* worth \$1.25 to \$1.50 each, but very few offering. The season for *Calfskins* is about over; still quoted at 14c to 15c per lb.

LEATHER.—Trade more than usually quiet at this time of year during the week. Of course it is as yet between seasons with manufacturers, and the only description in quotable demand is prime plump *Sole* leather, which is sold as rapidly as it can be produced, at firm figures. Black leathers continue dull, and, in the absence of quotable transactions in any kind, there is no change to note in the price-list.

LUMBER.—Trade very dull this week, owing to the elections; no variation as to prices which are up to the top notch. Buyers are holding off on account of the high prices. On the other hand manufacturers maintain that in view of the extra cost of logs and manufacturing, and the steady decrease in the available supply, present quotations are fully justified.