

Calves which were worth \$8.00 last month bring but \$4.50 to \$5.00 now, the place of veal has been taken by Lamb, and *lamb*s are plentiful at \$2.50 to 3.00 in droves, and they wholesale at 7 to 7½c per lb. *Mutton* sells at 6 to 6½c per lb. wholesale. *Sheep* in droves prices run from \$3.50 to 4.00, and the market is full of them with fair demand. *Fresh Pork* is worth say \$7.00 per hundred pounds.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—*Flour*.—Stocks in store on 16th. inst., were 9,976 barrels against 9,446 barrels last week and 6,687 barrels on like date last year. The market all week has been quiet and steady. Prices are mainly unchanged from those of last week. There has been a moderate business doing in spring extra at our quotations. Extra has been held from \$7.50 to as high as \$7.75, sales at former figure. Superior extra cannot be had, we are told, under \$8.00; Fancy has been sold at \$7.25.

GRAIN.—*Wheat*.—Stocks in store; Fall 14,161 bushels against 21,106 bush last week and 156,490 bushels on like date last year. The reduction has been caused by shipments to Oswego at equal to \$1.65 here for No. 2. Spring. Stocks in store 66,484 bushels against 87,967 bushels last week and 285,529 bushels on corresponding date last year. There have been sales during the week at various prices and quite a brisk movement at \$1.58 to 1.60 for No. 1 closing firm at latter figure, No. 2. two cents less. *Barley*.—Stock in store 12,888 bush., against 13,463 bushels last week and 10,962 bush same date last year. There is next to nothing doing. Some enquiry exists for No. 3 but at a low figure. *Oats*.—Stock on hand 15,706 bush. against 16,949 bushels last week and 15,371 bushels last year. This grain is steady at quotations, sales have been very small, and for local use only. *Peas* 26,912 bushels on hand, against 35,802 bushels last week, and 29,123 bushels same date last year. Firm and a trifle higher at 81 to 83c. can be had for them.

GROCERIES.—There continues to be a fair volume of country trade in this branch, payments are slack it is true, but the houses are as a rule hopeful. *Coffees* in the English market are steady though occasionally irregular. In *fruits* we note that no currants are held at over 6½c; 6½ will command a round lot. *Sugars* are a little easier, say ½c decline from last weeks prices in English and Scotch refined, ½c to ¾c in dry crushed, and ¾c to 1 in ground; no one is holding heavy stocks. Raw sugars, says the N. Y. *Bulletin*, remain in a more or less uncertain condition and the market is a most unsatisfactory one to report at present. Importers, refiners and brokers all vary in their opinion of values, especially as the majority are dependent upon rumour alone as to the amount and form of business; but weakness is a predominant feature. Refined is moderately active demand, mainly on the ordinary trade orders and without specially new features to advise. In *Spices* there is no feature requiring notice. *Rice* is steady though a trifle easier abroad; *molasses* unaltered. In *Teas* the situation is an anomalous one; it is evident that the supply is in excess of the demand, more especially in the cheap grades which the Chinese over produce, and which America over imports. The English market is depressed, and in Robt. Crooks & Co's. circular of 23rd ult. greens are spoken of as being "excessively weak." The fact is not generally known that India now produces at the rate of 26 million pounds of teas per year; probably five sixths of this is a strong pungent, black tea called Assam, of Assam greens but few are made.

HARDWARE.—A fair demand exists for staples and such goods as Canada plates, tin plates galvanized iron &c., are moving in moderate quantity. Prices of almost all heavy goods are weak, and in buyers favor, *Pig iron* is not held in any quantity here, there is some American

in Hamilton, but almost none in this city, *Shelf goods* are quiet.

LEATHER.—The market is generally quiet, and prices in the main are steady, no retailer is buying a large parcel, but purchase almost entirely for immediate needs. In *Sole* the feeling is that this article will hold its own at least, there has been little or no fluctuation in either Spanish or slaughter for a number of weeks, the supply of these is adequate. *Harness* has been in active demand for the past fortnight, and a good many orders have been filled at 24 to 29c., the latter figure being commanded by a good article. In *Upper* the enquiry is limited and sales made are generally within our range. There is but little domestic *calf* asked for: French is keeping up, and ideas of makers shows no disposition towards lower prices, but rather the contrary.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There is a tolerably fair movement going on. *Lambskins* continue to come in freely at 50c each, while *Pelts* bring 30c. The customary quantity of *Calfskins* come in, and are taken at our figures. The price of *hides* continues steady; tanners still say that hides are too high for the prices of leather, and that they can make no money, most of them continue to buy, nevertheless, but their purchases are light.

PROVISIONS.—"Quiet, dull, dead;" is the response of a merchant to-day to the enquiry "how's trade." In the face of this we have some difficulty in saying anything about special lines; but the feeling is that there cannot be much improvement before fall in *hog products*, demand is lacking. Our quotations represent the market at present, but the movement is almost nil. *Butter* is, according to the views of some of our merchants, altogether too high, same of our shippers have gone to New York, and are shipping thence instead of from here, finding that market more favourable. In *Cheese*, there is an advance of a ½ crown per 112 lbs., or ½c. per lb., in which has created more than a corresponding advance here, say one cent a pound. *Eggs* are easier, and quoted 12 to 14c.

Wool.—The market is anything but buoyant dealers feel by no means satisfied that the prices they are reluctantly paying are not excessive. *Fleece* is bringing 30 to 31c and for Super 27 to 30c. We hear of one sale of some eleven thousand pounds at the former figure.

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