

of it, to realize better than usual profits upon many kinds of goods. Notwithstanding the temptation to speculate, we do not hear of heavy purchases of goods by retailers; indeed holders have been too firm in their views to part with round lots unless at a round profit.

**CATTLE.**—There are plenty of half-fed cattle offering, but they are taken very slowly. There are so many inferior and so few good *beeves* that it is almost impossible to give quotations. For the most part they are selling at \$3 to 3.25 live weight, and yet the sixty or seventy butchers of Toronto would give \$4 if they could get the class of animals they want. This however, they cannot do. *Sheep* are bringing \$4 to \$5; *lamb* \$2 to \$2.50, and nice ones \$3; *calves* are nominal, being out of season.

**DRY GOODS.**—The stocks held by our principal warehousemen, although much diminished in volume, are well assorted. Sorting up orders are coming to hand daily from travellers, the demand being chiefly for fancy goods. A fair number of buyers have been in the market during the past week, and some good house-sales have been effected. The recent advance in quotations for American cottons have made the market firmer and will doubtless be followed by higher quotations here, in a few weeks, or after the usual semi-annual stock-taking. At present more activity of a speculative character, in all kinds of cotton goods is expected.—Remittances are notably improving from all sections. The outlook is good. Merchants are hopeful. The first ripples of the next wave of general prosperity has reached us, and are giving tone to our dry goods trade.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—The market for *flour* has continued to rise during the week, daily, but transactions have not been large, although considerable has arrived, holders not offering. Indeed, the sales have barely sufficed to supply local wants, no movement from this point to the eastward having taken place. The stocks in store on 20th inst. were only 500 bbls. against 4,200 bbls. last week and 4,250 bbls. on like date last year. We quote Superior extra \$6.00 to 6.05; Extra, \$5.90 to 5.95; Fancy \$5.70 to 5.80; Spring wheat extra \$5.90 to 5.95; Superfine \$5.60 to 5.65. The last named grade is not produced in any large quantities now-a-days, and spring extra brings relatively a better price than superior grades. *Oatmeal* meets with some enquiry but not a great deal is moving; it is firmer, in sympathy with flour, \$4.35 has been paid for car lots, and small lots now bring \$4.60 to 5.00 according to brand.

**GRAIN.**—The market has been active, prices rising all week, though no such excitement has been shown since as was manifested on Thursday and Friday the 16th and 17th. *Wheat*, has moved freely in cars and cargoes, \$1.32 was paid on Tuesday for a cargo of No. 2 fall, while No. 2 is held to day at \$1.33 to 1.35, No. 3 being worth \$1.25 to 1.27. Stocks in store 107,921 bush. against 110,560 bush. last week and 87,102 bush. on like date last year. *Spring*, a cargo of No. 1 changed hands yesterday at \$1.30 and that price would probably be paid to-day. There is more of the second grade of spring than of fall offering, the latter being a better crop, and a large yield, and spring relatively scarce here thus far. Stocks in store are 88,487 bush. against 93,346 bush. last week and 57,107 bush. on like date last year. The stocks of *Oats* in store are 700 bush. against 900 bush. last week and 15,240 bush. on like date last year. The market is somewhat firmer, there have been car lots sold at our quotations. There has been a good demand for *barley* during the week, the market has been generally firm, closing quiet and steady at 75c. for No. 1 down to 56c. for No. 3; large sales of cargo lots and car lots were made at our quotations. Stocks in store 276,096 bush. against 181,682 bush. last

week and 254,175 bush on like date last year. *Peas.*—Stocks in store 11,862 bush. against 8,065 bush. last week and 8,554 bush. on like date last year. Market steady and price unchanged. *Rye.*—Stocks in store 11,693 bush. against 9,597 bush. last week and — bush. at corresponding period last year. There is nothing doing here in this grain, but the demand is better and the price firmer. *Corn.*—Occasional car loads have been bought on the track here at 55 and 56c.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—On Tuesday last the price paid for butchers' *hides* was advanced to 9½c for No. 1 and 8½ for No. 2, a remarkably high price, occasioned by a scarcity which arises from the unusual heat of the weather, the supply not coming forward as usual at this season. It is not easy to quote cured and inspected, but though sold on Tuesday at 9½c, they are not likely to be sold at under 10c. Tanners should not be eager to buy at such a price, the figures obtainable for leather certainly do not justify it. *Calfskins* are unchanged. Few *Sheepskins* are offering, 90c is still paid, *Tallow* meets with rather better enquiry; 5½c is now the prevalent quotation.

**GROCERIES.**—Prices continue their upward movement so persistently that to-day's quotations are no guide for to-morrow's prices. Teas, sugars, syrups, fruits, fish, are all advancing, and we have repeatedly had to alter our prices current for these articles. *Teas* are still going up, the New York market is excited and prices everywhere are tending upward. *Coffees* are firm and not changed. *Fruit.*—Old fruits are cleared out of first hands in this market; one house sold 700 boxes yesterday. Old layers have changed hands at \$1.35 by the round lot, but cannot be had to-day at under \$1.50 or perhaps 1.70; *Londons* we advance to \$1.75 to 2.00. *Sultanas* are ¼c. higher, and new, which will arrive next week, will probably open at 9 to 10c. No old *Valencias* in market, new we quote 7½ to 8½c. Loose muscatels, old, are held at \$1.75 to 2.00. *Currants* have advanced 2/- in Greece, with a firm market, and we now quote old 5 to 6c; and new as high as 6½ to 8c. as to quality. *Rice* is 9d higher in Liverpool. and is held here at 4½c firm. *Pepper* has advanced abroad equal to 1½c per lb for round lots, being held at 4d where 2½d used to be the price. The *Sugar* market shows a decided rise, Cuba and Porto Rico are now held at 7½ to 7½c with no disposition to sell. English and Scotch refined 7½ to 9c; standard granulated 10 to 10½c with a prospect of ½ or ¾c more any day. *Red-paths' loaf* 10½ to 10½c. Advices from Scotland state that a rise equal to 1½c is declared, and no lots can be bought here even at the advances we quote.

**Hardware.**—We note continued activity in this line, and still advancing prices. All shelf goods have risen materially in the American markets, in some cases as much as 100 per cent. and houses in the trade here are busy marking up their prices. Heavy goods market continue strong. *Bar iron* we quote \$2.00 to 2.15; pigs are held firm, in spite of some temporary decline last week, and it is difficult to give exact quotations. A further advance of £1 per ton on galvanized is notified per cable of 18th inst, which causes firmness here. Hoops and bands are variously quoted at \$2.75 to 3.00. *Pig lead* 5 to 5½c; *shot* firm meantime at former prices; almost any price can be got for Canadian *plates* there are but few in market, \$4.25 is probably as low as they can be had. *Ingot copper* has advanced in England from £65 to £78 within a month. *Block tin* we quote 28c and grain 29c, the price in England is up £4 per ton and just now there are no foreign quotations to be had. *Coke plates* are quoted 25/- and charcoal 30/-, prices here are respectively 6.00 to 6.25 and 7.25 to 7.50. *Cut nails* are now established at 2.75 up to 4.25

for American pattern as per list. Canadian pattern we quote 4 dy to 7 dy, \$3.25 per keg of 100 lbs., 3 dy. Canadian pattern \$3.75. *Window glass* is firm in the extreme both in England and Belgium, where the discounts have been lessened. *Coil chain*, 3½ to 5½c according to size; *steel*, sleigh-shoe last week 2.40 to 2.50; cast, 12 to 15c; spring, 3.25 to 3.50; caulking, 3.50 to 3.60, *Babbit Metal.*—Hoyt's prices are advanced one-third, owing to the rise in American market of metals as follows: pig tin, from 14 up to 25½c per lb, antimony, from 11½ to 25c, copper, from 15 to 22½c, pig lead, from 3½ to 5½c, and still advancing.

**LEATHER.**—The market is firm with active enquiry; we do not change our prices for *sole*. The feeling in *upper* is strong, and 37c. has been refused for a round lot of light weight. There is no overstock of *buff*, qualities which sold at 13c. last month now bring 15c. An offer of 28½ cash for a round lot of good heavy *splits* was refused this week, and 28 to 30c. is readily got; small are firm at say 20 to 23c. *Russets* we quote 30 to 35, *Degras* 6c.

**PROVISIONS.**—This trade is active in almost all directions, and the feeling an upward one, the Chicago market having advanced and the continued hot weather retarding all domestic packing operations. Our market is consequently very bare and a further advance in prices has been secured. We quote long clear *bacon* 8½ to 8½c; *Cumberland* nominal from scarcity. *Mess pork* 13.75 to 14.25 according to qualities. *Butter*, choice for local trade, is in good demand, with only small receipts, ordinary is not sought after eagerly, we refer elsewhere to this article of dairy produce. *Cheese* market is also active, with continued advance in prices, round lots of August make have been sold in the city at 11½ to 12c., holders now decline to take less than 12½c. At the factories large sales have been made at 12½ to 15c. while one factory had the good fortune to make a sale of 400 box. at 14. The cable quotation has continued to advance through the week and is now 62/- with strong upward tendency. Stocks at all important points being unusually light.

**Wool.**—Since we last wrote, there have been some sales of *fleece* made by dealers here to American buyers. These included one lot of 50,000 lbs. and one of 20,000 lbs. at 24c. and a lot of 30,000 lbs. selected Western Ontario at 24½c. No higher price than 23c has been paid by our wool merchants for *fleece* however, so far as we hear. Low grades are in demand and some importations have been made of these from England. Stocks of *pulls* are limited the tendency is upward; we hear of sales at 24 and 25c. As high as 30 cents is reported as got for a small lot *extra* by one dealer but 28 to 29c. is the average price.

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