FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY, May 8.

NEW CANADIAN COMPANY.

It appears that a new Anglo-Canadian Company, under the title of "The British Empire Horse Supply Association," has been formed in England. The capital is to be £200,000 in £5 shares, of which 10,000 are to be first issued. It is proposed to import horses in the Company's own steamers from Canada and the United States, and it is estimated that a profitable business may be transacted.

A CALL BOARD.

Our readers will have seen elsewhere in *The Mail's* columns an announcement of the fact that Montreal Corn Exchange has resolved to establish a "Call Board" in our commercial capital. It is undoubtedly much-to-be-desired that Toronto should follow the example thus set, and we are strongly inclined to think that it will be forced shortly to do so. With a Call Board, anybody who wants to buy or sell comes forward and states the terms on which he wishes to do either. All is plain and above board, and no underhand manœuvring can enable operators to get hold of the markets and carry on trade on a systematic system of secrecy whereby they alone can profit, and outsiders are kept in ignorance of the real value of goods. There are now few produce merchants in Toronto who will consent to furnish any information as to the condition of the market. So keenly has this disinclination been manifested that for some years past not even so much as an official report of the market has been published. All seem to think that their interests will be most seriously damaged by letting actual transactions become known. We have always understood that one of the chief ends to be served by the establishment of exchanges was enabling people to discover at what figures values actually stood; but have never seen it set forth by anybody that a publication of past sales would fix future values, as seems to be the prevalent opinion on Toronto Corn Exchange. There is no doubt in the world that not one-tenth of the transactions effected here are reported; and there can be very little doubt that the omission seriously damages our produce trade, or that the establishment of the "Call Board" at Montreal will tend to make sellers turn their attention to that market in preference to Toronto. We see that the annual meeting of the Association is to be held on the 7th inst., and hope that this subject will be brought up for consideration at it. Should it be desired to exclude the Press, we have no objection, provided that all papers are dealt with on the same terms, and furnished with an official report similar to that issued by the Stock Exchange. Some change from the present system of leaving the Press to furnish reports and refusing to furnish information for quotations is becoming a necessity; and we see no better remedy than the establishment of a "Call Board."

ENGLISH GRAIN MARKETS.

A telegram to the New York press dated London, April 16th, quotes from the weekly review of the *Mark Lane Express* of Monday as follows:—

"The general tenor of the agricultural reports is distinctly satisfactory as regards wheat and spring corn crops, and it is very seldom that advices from the rural districts as to weather, work and crops record so few complaints as at present. Business has been necessarily restricted in Mark lane, owing to the Easter holidays. Supplies of English wheat have been light and prices have undergone little or no change either in London or the provinces, and a quiet but fairly steady tone prevails. With political affairs unsettled holders of foreign wheat have been content to satisfy the retail demand. The exports for the past week amounted to only 2,500 qrs, against 9,000 and 15,500 respectively in the two preceding weeks, from which it may be seen that the requirements of the Continent are for the present supplied. This important element of demand being wanting holders only had the ordinary consumptive wants of the country to fall back upon, which do not appear to be large, although there has been sufficient business to prevent prices receding to any quotable extent. Millers, generally speaking, hold fair stocks. America has furnished the bulk of imports of wheat into London, which, however, have been quite moderate. With fair arrivals at ports of call, the floating cargo trade for wheat ruled firm. Prices advanced fully a shilling, apparently owing to the continued political uncertainty, but business was restricted, owing to the holidays. Maize advanced sixpence. Barley is steady."

TRADE IN THE STATES.

The N. Y. *Shipping List* of Wednesday reviews the commercial and financial situation in the States as follows:—

The home trade moves along quietly, with no unusual fluctuation in prices. Business generally is not so much that the volume of trade is comparatively light, as because of the absence of adequate profits. In other words, prices, as a rule, are said to be too low to afford a fair margin of profit. Consequently. The exports are still large, and with increasing supplies of produce via the water routes, together with the impoverished condition of other countries for our food staples, a continued favourable condition of the foreign exchanges is calculated upon for some time to come. Though the industrial and commercial affairs of the country cannot be said to be in a satisfactory condition, there is a more hopeful feeling regarding the future. The assurance of specie resumption, the check that has been put upon fraudulent failures, the conviction that Congress has done its worst in regard to fiscal measures, and the magnificent crop prospects, serve to strengthen confidence and revive hopes of the dawn of better times. Among the less encouraging features of the time are to be reckoned the excessive competition in trade, arising from the over-crowded ranks of those who stand between producers and consumers. Business affairs are in a transition state, and there must necessarily be a reduction in the number of people engaged in buying and selling, and a corresponding increase of producers, to insure a restoration of prosperity. There is nothing else to do for those who have been unsuccessful in business but to take their places among the surplus population who are to be transferred to occupations in which there is abundant room for all here comes. Such a course will prove beneficial to all concerned. It may for a time be resisted, but to this complexion it must come at last. There is no change in the money market. There has been a further accession to the supply of loanable funds, through the return of currency from the interior, where the annual settlements have been completed, and the demand for both trade and speculative purposes is comparatively light, rates favour borrowers. The indications point to a prolonged period of easy money, the banks now being in a stronger position than for a long time past. The payment of the quarterly interest on the new fives, due 1st of May, amounting to $6,335,909, has had a depressing effect on the market for gold. We annex the range:—

	Highest.	Noon.	Lowest.	Closing.
April 27...100⅞	100⅞	100⅞	100⅞	100⅞
April 29...100⅞	100⅞	100⅞	100⅞	100⅞
April 30...100⅞	100⅞	100⅞	100⅞	100⅞

ENGLISH IMPORTS OF BREADSTUFFS.

The following return, compiled from official returns, shows the extent of imports of wheat and flour into the United Kingdom since harvest, viz., from September 1 to March 31 inclusive, compared with the corresponding period in the two preceding seasons:—

WHEAT.	1877-8. Cwt.	1876-7. Cwt.	1875-6. Cwt.
Russia	4,698,853	4,983,750	6,942,859
United States	17,101,655	8,976,131	12,110,419
British N. America	2,679,662	991,682	2,093,213
Germany	4,044,809	1,029,768	2,963,766
France	61,092	350,561	953,434
Chili	132,596	164,047	606,883
Turkey, Moldavia, and Wallachia	175,809	343,691	1,204,229
Egypt	476,285	1,156,216	2,104,534
British India	3,561,316	2,223,287	1,539,259
Other countries	778,380	817,237	2,332,677
Total	33,758,457	21,041,420	32,851,294
FLOUR.			
Germany	1,002,083	636,245	608,745
France	667,544	778,801	881,311
United States	1,906,132	1,119,409	1,472,410
British N. America	245,215	146,890	188,733
Other countries	1,534,898	911,515	755,050
Total	5,355,872	3,592,860	3,906,249

Annexed is a return, showing the estimated value of imports of cereal produce into the United Kingdom in the same period, compared with the corresponding period in the two preceding seasons:—

	1877-8. £	1876-7. £	1875-6. £
Wheat	20,851,219	11,443,890	17,684,777
Barley	4,033,071	3,333,357	2,427,028
Oats	2,338,726	2,534,391	2,500,595
Peas	440,131	338,256	429,841
Beans	834,650	1,051,063	956,085
Indian corn	5,367,833	5,737,867	4,744,199
Flour	4,925,937	2,981,456	3,144,978
Total	£39,292,577	£27,410,280	£31,888,703

The increased value of imports of cereals from Sep. tember to March, inclusive, compared with last season is nearly £12,000,000, the increase being due almost entirely to augmented imports of wheat and flour, which have amounted to £25,778,156, against £14,425,346 in 1876-7.

GRAIN IN TRANSIT.

Beerbohm's *Corn Trade List* makes the amount of grain on passage for the United Kingdom, exclusive of steamer shipments from America, and the sail and steamer shipments from the ports of the Baltic, and those of North-Western Europe:—

Date.	Wheat. qrs.	Flour. eq'l qrs.	Maize. qrs.	F'lay. qrs.	Beans. qrs.
April 17, '78	1,108,000	59,000	525,000	165,000	6,000
April 18, '77	1,478,000	75,000	574,000	207,000	18,000
April 10, '76	1,095,000	64,000	481,000	173,000	6,000
April 3, '75	1,013,000	62,000	499,000	164,000	9,000

The expected imports from April 13th to April 20th, from the foregoing amount on passage for the week, were 199,000 qrs of wheat, 190,000 qrs of maize, 76,000 qrs of barley.

APRIL PRICES IN CHICAGO.

The following table shows the opening, highest, lowest, and closing prices of grain and provisions in the Chicago market during the month of April, 1878:—

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat	$1 09½	$1 14	$1 05½	$1 12½
Corn	0 42	0 42½	0 37	0 41
Oats	0 23½	0 27	0 22½	0 26½
Rye	0 58½	0 60	0 55½	0 60
Barley	0 45½	0 49	0 41	0 46½
Mess Pork	9 37½	9 40	8 25	8 25
Lard	7 20	7 22½	6 75	6 75

The outside price for wheat was paid on the 27th, and this cereal sold at the lowest price given in the above table on the 10th. Corn sold at the outside price on the 2nd, and at the inside price on the 10th. Oats sold highest on the 29th, and lowest on the 13th. Rye closed at the outside price for the month; sales at the inside figures were made on the 12th. Barley sold highest on the 17th and 18th, and lowest on the 8th. The opening prices for mess pork, viz., $9.37½ to $9.40, were the highest prices at which transactions took place, and the inside price was reached on the last of the month. Lard sold highest on the 1st, and lowest on the 30th, closing at the lowest figure reached.

ENGLISH GRAIN TRADE LAST WEEK.

A Liverpool cable despatch of Friday to the New York press quotes a leading grain circular of that day as follows:—"The grain trade during the past two days has been quieter. The late advance in wheat was, however, fairly maintained upon a moderate extent of business. Here, and in the neighbouring markets, since Tuesday, business has moved slowly. The tendency of prices regarding wheat and maize has been slightly in favour of buyers. At this market to-day there was a limited demand for wheat. All descriptions declined 1 to 2d. per cental. Flour was slow without quotable alterations."

LONDON GROCERY TRADE.

A cable despatch of Saturday to the New York press reports the London grocery market during last week as follows:—The leading markets in Mincing Lane are still inanimate, as buyers are unwilling to extend operations while affairs, political and commercial, remain unsatisfactory. Coffee is an exception, the demand this week showing a marked improvement, which includes ordinary descriptions, so long depressed. Prices are generally 1s to 2s per cwt. higher than on Friday of last week. The favourable result of the Dutch sale partly contributed to this reaction. Yesterday (Friday) fine Mysore by auction brought very high rates. Deliveries of tea have been large, but the market is still quiet, in the absence of speculation. Sugar is rather dull. Rice is steady. A few cargoes of Burmah sold at firmer prices. The prices of saltpetre have not altered. White pepper sold at higher rates; black is firm at the late prices.

The following is the official report of the Toronto Stock Exchange, May 8th, 1878:—

Banks.	Sellers	Buyers	Trans.
Montreal	169	168	.....
Toronto	137	136	4 at 136
Ontario	....	85	.....
Merchants'	99	98	.....
Commerce	118½	118½	.....
Consolidated	81	79	.....
Dominion	120	116	.....
Hamilton	....	99	.....
Standard	....	79	.....
Federal	104½	104½	3 at 104½
Imperial	....	106	.....
Molson's	....	....	.....
Loan and Savings Co's.			
Canada Permanent	....	180	.....
Freehold	....	148½	.....
Western Canada	....	148½	.....
Union	138	137	14 at 138
Canada Landed Credit	136½	135	.....
Building and Loan	....	120	.....
Imperial	....	113	.....
Farmers'	111	109½	.....
London & C. L. & A. Co.	146	144	150 at 144
Huron and Erie	....	139	200 at 139
Dominion Savings and Investment Society	....	124	.....
Ont. Sav. and Inv. Soc.	....	130	.....
Hamilton Prov. and L.	....	114½	.....
National Inv. Co. of Canada	....	104	.....
Anglo-Can. Mortgage Co.	....	104	.....
Insurance, &c.			
British America	114	112½	.....
Western	149½	147½	.....
Isolated Risk	25	....	.....
Canada Life	....	185½	.....
Consumers' Gas	....	152½	.....
Dominion Telegraph	84½	84	.....
Globe Printing Co.	....	130	.....
Railways.			
Toronto G. & B. Stock	....	....	.....
6 p. c. 5 yrs. stg. Bonds	50	44	.....
T. & N. S p. c. 5 yrs. Bonds	....	....	.....
Debentures, &c.			
Dom. Gov. stock, 6 p. c.	....	101½	.....
Dom. Gov. stock, 5 p. c.	....	....	.....
County (Ont.) 20 yr. 6 p. c.	101½	....	.....
Tp'p (Ont.) 20 yr. 6 p. c.	98½	....	.....
City Toronto 20 y. 6 p. c.	....	98½	.....

English Markets.

WEDNESDAY, May 8.

London—Floating cargoes—Wheat, at opening, rather easier; corn, rather easier; cargoes on passage and for shipment—wheat, at opening, rather easier; corn, rather easier. Mark Lane—Wheat, weaker; corn, weaker. London—Quotations of good cargoes No. 2 spring wheat, off the coast, per 480 lbs., sea damage for sellers' account, less usual 2½ per cent. commission, 49s 6d to 50s; quotations of good cargoes California wheat, off the coast, per qr. of 500 lbs., 55s 6d; quotations of good shipping California wheat, to Queenstown, for orders, per 500 lbs., just shipped, 53s; nearly dns, 55s; quotations of good cargoes mixed American corn, off the coast, per 480 lbs. tale quale, less usual 2½ per cent. commission, 37s 9d; quotations of fair average quality mixed American corn, for prompt shipment, per sailing vessel to Queenstown, for orders, per 480 lbs., American terms, 26s. Number of cargoes on passage to United Kingdom—wheat, largely increased; corn, largely decreased. Imports into the United Kingdom during past week—corn, 235,000 to 340,000 qrs.; wheat, 215,000 to 220,000 qrs.; flour (sacks to be converted into barrels), 60,000 to 65,000 bbls. Liverpool—Wheat, on the spot, at opening, quiet; corn, quiet; Californian white wheat, range of fair shipping to choice shipping Californian, per cental, 11s 3d to 11s 6d; red American spring wheat, range of No. 2 to No. 1, per cental, 10s 9d to 11s 6d. London—American extra State flour, per barrel of 196 lbs., 27s to 28s. Liverpool—American extra State flour, per barrel of 196 lbs., 27s to 28s; American western mixed corn, per quarter of 480 lbs., 26s; Canadian peas, per quarter of 504 lbs., 36s 6d.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

WEDNESDAY, May 8.

PRODUCE.

The market was fairly active in grain, with large sales of wheat, in the latter part of the week, at which time prices were firm and tending upwards. Since then, however, a change has set in; the market has become inactive, and prices have been weak generally, while wheat has recoded considerably. Crop reports from all quarters leave little doubt that the condition of affairs in Canada is as favourable as it is outside, and that we may fairly expect a very early harvest. Receipts of grain during the week have been of fair amount, and stocks generally show a slight increase. Those in store on Monday morning were as follows:—Flour, 33,940 bbls; fall wheat, 130,102 bush; spring wheat, 349,213 bush; oats, 8,438 bush; barley, 102,653 bush; peas, 32,666 bush; rye, *nil* bush; corn, *nil* bush. Outside markets have been quiet and generally easier during the week. English quotations to-day show a fall of 4d on red; of 2d on red winter, white and club, wheat, and is on corn. English markets were quiet in the latter part of last week, and have since become quieter, and cargoes of No. 2 spring off the coast are quoted to-day 1s to 1s 6d lower than on this day week; the decline is probably due to increased chances of peace, and an increase in the quantity in transit. The total supply of wheat and flour in the week ending on the 27th ult. was equal to 426,875 to 455,000 qrs against 403,000 to 411,000 qrs consumption, indicating a supply in excess of consumption of 23,875 to 44,000 qrs. The supply of maize for the week was equal to 1,720,000 to 1,760,000 bush., against an average weekly consumption in 1876 of 1,320,000 bush., against 771,078 bush. in 1875. The cable of the 2nd inst. reports the amount of wheat and flour on passage for the United Kingdom at that date as being equal to 1,014,000 qrs, against 1,232,000 at the corresponding date last year, and 1,167,000 qrs on the 18th ult. The quantity to arrive in the United Kingdom for orders for the four weeks to end on the 9th of May was 330,500 qrs. Further cable advices to the 30th ult. state that crop reports were most favourable, but supplies small and trade quiet; the continental demand had fallen off, which fact kept prices rather weak, though the decline since established had not then set in. Mail advices contain but little matter of interest. The supply for the eight weeks ending on the 13th ult. seemed to show a surplus of 173,000 qrs. over the average consumption, and was 671,000 qrs. in excess of the supply in the corresponding eight weeks in 1877; and in the next two weeks there was a further surplus of about 40,000 qrs. But, notwithstanding this apparent excess of supply Beerbohm's cable of the 2nd inst. says the stocks of grain and flour in the principal ports of the United Kingdom were about the same on the 1st of May as they were on the 1st of April last, while they should show a considerable increase if the reports of receipts and estimates of consumption be correct. Continental advices state that reports of the French crops remained favourable; the wheat trade quiet and prices rather weak owing to freer offers. In Germany the weather was warm and favourable for the crops. At Berlin the "term" market was rather improving for wheat, but rye was slightly lower. At Hambug wheat on spot was very quiet, with little demand for either export or home consumption; the stock of wheat small and held firmly, with no expectations of fresh supplies from the South, Vienna advices to the 18th ult. report wheat dull and prices rather lower. The weather was very favourable, being sufficiently warm for vegetation, which was making rapid strides. At Pesth fine wheats were in demand and prices for such were maintained; secondary sorts, however, were neglected and lower to sell. The flour trade was almost at a standstill, purchases both for export and home consumption being next to *nil*. Reports from Odessa state that the grain movement in Southern Russia had become large since the opening of navigation. In less than six weeks from the 1st of March, 140 grain-laden ships sailed from the ports of Odessa, Nicolaieff, Kertch and Sebastopol. Of this number, 86 were originally destined for the United Kingdom, but many of these have been directed to Mediterranean ports. On this continent trade seems to have been rather quiet since our last. At New York in the latter part of last week free receipts of wheat *via* the Erie canal, a continued moderate shipping demand for spring and winter, and European war clouds gradually lifting, rendered the market unsettled, and prices of all sorts declined three to five cents per bushel, without inducing any considerable business in either spring or winter red. A moderate trade, however, was done in white wheat for export, both on the spot and to arrive, though at lower prices. Western markets, also, have been dull, and Chicago quotations for June delivery have fallen about 8c on the week. Crop reports from all quarters in the States are unusually favourable; should things continue as thriving as they are in the subsequent growth, there can be no doubt that the yield will be above the average in all quarters, including California. The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports, at the undermentioned dates, were as follows:—

	1878. April 27.	1878. April 30	1877. April 28.	1876. April 29.
Wheat, bu.	7,921,483	7,721,565	6,786,507	11,544,711
Corn	9,768,366	10,184,922	8,879,144	5,139,972
Oats	1,769,920	1,990,198	1,919,956	2,890,113
Barley	1,675,855	1,873,134	1,300,536	577,694
Rye	569,852	585,315	603,427	267,744
Total, bu.	21,705,476	22,357,194	19,549,570	20,420,233

The following table shows the top prices of the different kinds of produce in the Liverpool markets for each market day during the past week:—

	May 2, 5 p.m.		May 3, 5 p.m.		May 4, 5 p.m.		May 6, 5 p.m.		May 7, 5 p.m.		May 8, 5 p.m.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Flour	27	0	27	0	27	0	27	0	27	0	27	0
R. Wheat	10	10	10	8	10	8	10	8	10	6	10	6
R. Winter	11	6	11	6	11	6	11	6	11	4	11	4
White	11	9	11	8	11	8	11	8	11	7	11	7
Club	12	4	12	3	12	3	12	3	12	2	12	2
Corn, new	27	0	26	9	26	0	26	0	26	0	26	0
Barley	3	8	3	8	3	8	3	8	3	8	3	8
Oats	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Peas	36	0	36	0	36	0	36	0	36	0	36	0
Pork	46	6	46	6	46	6	46	6	46	6	46	0
Lard	36	3	36	6	36	6	36	6	36	9	36	9
Beef	80	0	80	0	80	0	80	0	80	0	80	0
Bacon	27	3	27	0	27	0	27	0	27	0	26	3
Tallow	38	6	38	6	38	6	38	6	38	6	38	6
Cheese	64	0	64	0	64	0	64	0	64	0	65	0

FLOUR—The market has remained in a state of chronic inactivity since our last; there have been no orders in, and as nothing has been either offered or wanted, prices have been purely nominal. Not a single sale has been reported all week, and we really believe that p.t. transactions have been few and small. The market to-day evinced an increased desire to sell on the part of holders. Superior was offered at $5.60; extra at $5.40, and spring extra at $4.70 f.o.c., but for none of these were there buyers.

BRAN—Values have declined very heavily; a car on the track sold yesterday at $10.50.

OATMEAL—Has been inactive and generally unchanged at $4.00 to $4.10 for cars; and small lots selling at from $4.00 to $4.70.

WHEAT—The market has continued decidedly active in spring during the latter part of last week, when large quantities changed hands at $1.16, and in one case at $1.17 for No. 1 inspected f. o. c., and at $1.12½ to $1.13, and once at $1.14 for No. 2 inspected f.o.c. But since then the demand has fallen off and prices have declined. On Monday there were sales made at $1.15 for No. 1, and at $1.12 for No. 2, and more was offered at the same prices on Tuesday without buyers. There was also a sale of No. 2 spring on Friday at $1.06 f.o.c. Fall has been purely nominal. There was no change in the market to-day; holders still offered No. 1 spring at $1.15, and No. 2 spring at $1.12, with buyers of the former grade at $1.13, and of the latter at $1.10 to $1.11 f.o.c. Street prices stand at $1.20 to $1.21 for fall, and $1.09 to $1.11 for spring.

OATS—Have been quiet at weak prices. American sold last week at 33½c, and choice black on Tuesday at 34½c on track. No Canadian has been offered; prices nominal. Street prices, 35 to 36c.

BARLEY—The downward movement in prices seem to have been checked. Sales of No. 2 inspected were made on Friday and Saturday at 48c f. o. c., and of No. 3 inspected at 40c f. o. c. No. 1 also has been steady, and sold to-day at 55c f. o. c., while 50c was asked for No. 2. Street receipts have been small; values range from 45 to 55c.

PEAS—Some activity prevailed in the market during the latter part of last week, when round lots changed hands at 73½c for No. 1, and 72c for No. 2, inspected, f. o. c., the latter price being also paid for two cars of the latter grade; these prices would probably have been repeated to-day. Street prices firmer at 68 to 70c.

RYE—Is worth 65c on the street.

HAY—Pressed has been inactive and car lots very slow of sale; they have not been worth over $13.00 to $14.00. The market has been supplied with quite as much as was wanted and prices have been weak; the range to-day was from $12.00 to $13.00 at the general run $15.00 to $16.00.

STRAW—Offerings have been probably sufficient but all readily taken at steady prices. The range for oat-straw in sheaves has been from $11.00 to $13.00; loose would probably bring about $8.00.

POTATOES—Receipts have been large and prices declining; cars of early rose sold last week at 45c on track, and this week at 40c, and in two cases at 30c; while a car is offering at 35c; cluthes are not worth over 42 to 45c. Street receipts have been large and prices weak at 50 to 55c per bag.

APPLES—Very few have been offered and the demand has been rather slack at $4.00 to $4.50 for pippins.

MUTTON—Large quantities have been offered through the week, but all as been wanted in consequence of small receipts of sheep; prices have been steady at $8.00 to $8.50 with occasionally $9.00 for choice.

POULTRY—There is little offering of any sort; fowl are the only sort selling and they bring 55 to 75c per pair.

FLOUR, f.o.c

Superior Extra, per 196 lbs	$6 55 to	$6 60
Extra	5 35	5 40
Fancy and Strong Bakers'	4 80	4 90
Spring Wheat, extra	4 65	4 70
Superfine	3 90	4 00
Oatmeal, per 196 lbs	4 00	4 10
Cornmeal, small lots	2 65	2 65

BAG FLOUR, by car lot f.o.c.

Extra	$5 00 to	$5 10
Spring Wheat, extra	4 35	4 45

GRAIN, f.o.b.

Fall Wheat, No. 1, per 60 lbs	$1 25 to	$1 26
" No. 2, "	1 21	1 22
" No. 3, "	1 15	1 16
Red Winter	none.	
Spring Wheat, No. 1	1 13	1 15
" No. 2	1 10	1 12
" No. 3	1 03	1 05
Oats (Canadian), per 34 lbs	0 33	0 34
Barley, No. 1, per 48 lbs	0 57	0 58
" No. 2, "	0 48	0 50
" No. 3, "	none.	
Peas, No. 1, per 60 lbs	0 73	0 00
" No. 2, "	0 70	0 72
Rye	0 60	0 00

PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGGONS.

Wheat, fall, per bush	$1 20	$1 22
Wheat, spring, do	1 05	1 11
Barley, do	0 45	0 55
Oats, do	0 35	0 36
Peas, do	0 68	0 70
Rye, do	0 00	0 60
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs	5 75	6 00
Beef, hind qrs., per 100 lbs	4 00	5 00
Mutton, by carcass, per 100 lbs	8 00	9 00
Chickens, per pair	0 60	0 75
Ducks, per brace	0 70	0 75
Geese, each	0 55	0 70
Turkeys	1 00	1 50
Butter, lb. rolls	0 20	0 25
" large rolls	none.	
" tub dairy	0 14	0 16
Eggs, fresh, per doz	0 10	0 11
" packed	none.	
Apples, per bbl	4 00	4 50
Potatoes, per bag	0 50	0 55
Onions, per bush	0 85	0 90
Tomatoes, per bush	none.	
Turnips, per bag	0 20	0 30
Carrots, per bag	0 35	0 40
Beets, per bag	0 45	0 50
Parsnips, per bag	0 45	0 50
Hay, per ton	11 00	18 00
Wool, per lb	0 23	0 35

PROVISIONS.

TRADE—A steady consumptive business has been done in all goods, but there has been no movement whatever in round lots.

BUTTER—Fine, whether old or new in tubs, has been scarce and selling at from 14 to 16c for local consumption. Shipping-lots have been in fair demand, and selling at from 5½ to 6½c; the market, however, closes weak in consequence of English advices this morning limiting buyers to 5½c. Stocks have been running rather low, but there can be no doubt that there is enough on hand to supply all outside demands. New rolls have begun to offer freely, and are selling readily at 13 to 15c for large, and at 17 to 18c for pound rolls, when well packed. Old box-lots sell from 9 to 13c, but go off very slowly. Street receipts have been on the increase; pound rolls have sold at 22 to 25c, and tubs and crocks at 9 to 15c, according to quality. Both English and New York advices report markets very dull, with inferior offering at the latter point at 6c without finding buyers.

CHEESE—The demand has fallen off and sales have been small; new sells slowly at 12 to 12½c, and old at 12 to 14c in small lots. The make seems likely to be a large one and prices to rule low this season; sales are reported at 10 to 10½c in Montreal.

EGGS—Receipts have continued large, but have sold fairly well as before at from 9 to 9½c for round lots. Street receipts have been fair and prices steady at 10 to 11c.

POTASH—The market has been quiet; some few small lots have sold at $13.50; cars offered at $12.75, but with no buyers.

BACON—There is still no demand for round lots, and prices of them are purely nominal. Cumberland has sold steadily in tons and under at 6¾ to 7c; long clear has been quiet, and seems rather easier at 7½c. Shoulders have been offering as before at 5c for green.

HAMS—Have sold steadily in small lots at 9 to 9½c for smoked, and 9½ to 10c for canvassed; but no movement has occurred in round lots, which could be had a half-cent lower.

LARD—There seems to be rather a quiet feeling in the market; sales have been small at 9 to 9½c for tinnets, at 10c for pails, and tierces rather easier at 8 to 8½c for small lots.

HOGS—Offerings have been small and all wanted at from $5.75 to $6, the latter for good qualities only.

DRIED APPLES—Have been selling quietly at 6¾ to 6¾c for average qualities; but choice sometimes bring as high as 7½c.

SALT—Liverpool, to arrive, has been offering in lots of 1,000 bags at 75c, but no sales reported; stocks are very small, and sales next door to nothing. Dairy sells slowly at $1.60 to $1.75, and Goderich at 95c for small lots.

SEEDS—Cloverseed—Remain quiet and unchanged: dealers are usually selling small parcels at from $1.40 to $1.50 per bushel.

HOPS—Remain as dull and inactive as ever; holders are offering lots at from 6 to 7c without being able to find buyers.

GROCERIES.

TRADE—The jobbing line has been exceedingly quiet, but a comparatively fair business has been done with the country.

TEA—The local market has been very quiet, and prices easy. Scarcely any business has been done in lines; the only sales reported in greens is that of one line of good seconds at 38c. Blacks have been steady, with sales of lines of fair medium quality at 38c and 42c. Japans have been scarce, firm, and wanted, but no sales reported. Outside advices report markets firmer, and seem likely to strengthen prices here. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers' lots:—Young Hyson, common to fair, 25 to 30c; Young Hyson, medium to good seconds, 30 to 37½c; Young Hyson, ordinary to choice extra firsts, 45 to 65c; Twankays, 20 to 25c; Gunpowder and Imperials, common to good, 25 to 40c; Fine to Extra Choice, 55 to 65c. Blacks—Congous, 25 to 70c; Souchong, 35 to 65c; Scented Pekoes, 45 to 55c.

COFFEE—There is no movement reported in jobbing; small parcels have been selling fairly well at former prices. Quotations stand as follows:—Java, 27 to 30c; Singapore, 23 to 25c; Jamaica, 24 to 27c; Laguayra, 24 to 27c; Rio 19 to 22c; Mocha, 34 to 36c.

SUGAR—The market has been rather quiet since our last, and prices have shown very little change. Raws have been sold to a small extent; some lots of Porto Rico have gone off at 7½c. English and Scotch refined have been quiet, but one large lot of dark English sold at 7¾c, and lots of fair to bright Scotch at 8¼ to 8½c; choice brights are scarce and wanted. New York yellows remain purely nominal, with none offering, but Extra C. can be had to a small extent at quotations. Granulated has been quiet and unchanged, with sales of lots at $9.50 and $9.55 per cental. Prices are quoted as follows, the outside quotations being for retailers' lots:—Porto Rico, per lb., 7¼ to 7¾c; Cuba, ——; Barbadoes, ——; English and Scotch refined bright, 8¼ to 8¾c; do., low grades, 7½ to 7¾c; New York yellows, ——; ——; Extra C., 8¾ to 9¼c; Dry crushed, 10½ to 10¾c; Granulated, 9½ to 10c; Cut loaf, 10¾ to 11c.

STRUPS—Have been very quiet; no movement in lots is reported. Quotations are as follows:—Common, 45 to 47c; golden, 50 to 52½c; amber, 55 to 57½c; amber choice 60 to 62½c.

FRUIT—The market has been fairly active, with prices still tending upwards. Valencias have risen about another half cent; sales have been made of one lot of 250 boxes at 6c, and of another of 1,000 boxes at equal to 5¾c here, but these were for sound fruit. Layers are scarce; old have changed hands in lots of 100 boxes at $1.15, and five to ten cents more for small lots. Old seedless have been selling in lots of 25 boxes at 4½c. New Sultanas are scarce, and firmer. Currants remain unchanged and unsettled, as may be judged from the fact that one lot of fine sold at 6½c, and another of damaged at 2½c: the usual run is from 5½ to 6c. Nuts have been quiet and unchanged at former quotations. Prices are as follows, the outside being for retailers' lots:—Raisins, Layers, new, $1.70 to $1.80; Valencias, 6 to 6½c; new seedless, 7 to 7½c; Sultanas, 7½ to 8½c; loose Muscatelles, new, $1.65 to $1.75c; Currants, new, 1877, 6½ to 7½c; Filberts, 7½ to 8c; Walnuts, 9 to 10c; Almonds, 13 to 15c; Prunes, 7½ to 8c; do (old), none; Brazil nuts, 7 to 7½c; Lemon peel, 20 to 22c; Orange do, 20 to 22c; Citron do, 26 to 28c.

RICE—There was one lot sold at $4.50, and small parcels have continued to go off as before at $4.62 to $4.75.

FISH—Holders of lake-fish, in a desperate determination to clear off old stock, have been selling trout and white-fish in lots at 65c to $1, at which prices there is more offering. Salt-water fish have been inactive, and prices are nominally unchanged. Quotations stand as follows, the outside prices being for retailers' lots:—Herrings, Labrador, bbls., $3.50 to $4.00; Salmon, salt water, $15.50 to $16; Codfish, new, per 112 lbs., $4 to $5.25; boneless, per lb., 6 to 6½c; Whitefish, hf-bbls.; $1 to $1.50; Trout, 75c to $1; Mackerel, bbls, $10; hf-bbls, none; Sardines, ¼s, 11 to 11½c; do, ½s, 18½ to 19½c.

TOBACCO—No further change in price has been reported since our last; sales have been made of Adams' Peerless at equal to 34c, and of Adams' Solace at equal to 34 and 38c. Quotations are as follows:—Manufactured 10's, 33 to 37c; do ½s, 6's, and 8's, 37½ to 45c; Navy, 8's, bright, 43 to 54c; Navy black, 37 to 40c; Solaces, 35 to 42c: Extra bright cut plug, 80 to 90c.

LIQUORS—There has been no change in the market; prices remain steady as follows:—Pure Jamaica Rum, 16 o. p., $3.25 to $2.50; Demerara, $2.20 to $2.30; Gin—green cases, $4 to $4.50; red, $7.75 to $8.50; Wines—Port, $3.50; Sherry, $3.75; Champagne, per case, $10 to $22; Brandy, in wood, $2.75 to $3.50; in cases, Hennessy, $8 to $8.50; do Otard's, $8.75 to $9.25; do Hennessy, $10.25 to $10.50; do Martell's, $9.75 to $10; do Jules Robins, $7.50 to $8; do Vine-gr's Co, $9 to $9.50; do Jules Selleric, $7 to $7.50; Whiskey, Common, per gal, 32