

year. The higher grades are dull and unchanged; car lots of No. 3 extra have sold at 58c; an advance of 2c; on last week, but No. 3 is neglected and declined to 40 to 43c; nominal. *Peas*.—Stocks in store 32,276 bush. against 50,499 bush. last week and 21,496 bush. on like date last year. Some sales of No. 2 have been made at 67c; and prices of various grades range from 65 to 70c. In *Rye* there is nothing doing.

GROCERIES.—Houses in this line were very fairly busy early in the week, but are less so to-day. There is a general enquiry, all over the list, and the advanced prices sought are being got. Payments are not seriously behind-hand, when the season of the year is considered. *Sugars*, business has been less active and prices are hardly so firm. We do not alter quotations except for Cuba, which we reduce, sales have been made in lots at 68c; other grades are moving at steady prices. Some *Spices* are firmer, Allspice we quote 16 to 17c, the vines having been cut up in Jamaica and not replaced, the supply is getting gradually smaller. *Teas* hold their own well as to price, especially the higher grades of greens, and though we do not hear of large lines moving there is a fair retail demand. A line of Young Hyson sold at 40c, and we hear of a sale on English account of 900 boxes. *Liquors* are firm at the advanced prices formerly quoted.

HARDWARE.—Last week was a brisk one, the present is quiet in comparison and shows but the usual limited demand. It is rather early yet for activity in builders' hardware, and indeed there are not many indications that the season will be an active one in house-building, Shelf goods are not brisk. Window *Glass* is unchanged. *Spikes and Nails* fairly active at unaltered prices. *Pig Lead* is quoted 4½ to 5c. *Pig iron* is steady, Carnbroe No. 1 is in market at \$17.50 to 18.50; we hear of no Gartsherrie. American *bar* is not kept in stock as a rule, but is procured, as well as American *hoop and band*, on special order in dimensions required.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Business has not been active, *Sheepskins* have come in slowly at former figures, and *Calfskins* green have been plentiful at 11c. Green *hides* are steady, quite as many offering as are wanted. Cured are unchanged at 6½c; but the demand is very languid, no lots are selling. *Tallow*.—Rough 3½; rendered 5½ to 5¾c.

PROVISIONS.—The market this week is generally steady, with the usual jobbing trade. Choice *butter* is decidedly firmer, we quote 14 to 19c. small parcels are selling in a retail way at 21c. for large rolls and 18c. for second quality rolls; tinnets 19 to 20c for firsts and 15 to 16c for seconds. Plenty of old and common offers, but it is unsaleable. *Cheese* shows an easier feeling, it is very difficult to obtain 9½c for any quality, *Mess Pork* is moving in a moderate way, in 10 to 20 brl. lots it brings \$13.25 to 13.75. Car lots could probably be had at \$12.75, but there are none selling. A fair demand exists for *bacon* at easier prices. Parcels of long clear sell this week at \$7.00 to 7.75. A car sold on Tuesday at 7c nett cash, C.C. we quote 6½ to 7½c; smoked we quote as before. *Hams* are not plentiful, and maintain their prices at 10½ to 11c. *Lard* is unchanged. *Eggs* much easier, they do not bring over 9½ to 11½c wholesale. *Salt* is unchanged from our prices of last week. In *Dried Apples* the ordinary jobbing trade continues at previous prices. White *Beans* are selling at \$1.20 to 1.30 per bush, a large lot changed hands at \$1.10. *Dressed Hogs* are steady. *Maple Syrup* is beginning to arrive, and sells here at from 80c to \$1.00 per gal. in small tins.

WOOL.—The market has not shown much actual movement, though enquiries for *Super* have been numerous, for buyers ask concessions and holders are firm, asking 22c. There are some sales of *fleece* in small parcels at 22c.

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On the recommendation of the Honorable the Minister of Customs and under the provisions of the Act passed in the Session of the Parliament of Canada, held in the 40th year of Her Majesty's Reign, chapter 10, and intitled: "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts respecting the Customs,"—

His Excellency, by and with the advice of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, has been pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the Town of St. Thomas, Province of Ontario, now an Outport of Customs under the Port of London, be, and at the same is hereby erected as an independent Port of Entry and Warehousing Port to take effect from the 1st of April next.

His Excellency has been further pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the Ports of Port Burwell and Port Stanley in the said Province be and the same are hereby reduced to the rank of Outports and placed under the survey of the Collector of Customs of the Port of St. Thomas, the same to take effect from the 1st of April next.

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