

DRY GOODS.—The market has presented no new features, and the general situation is practically unchanged. Trade is quiet, with few buyers on the spot, and transactions cautiously light. The order demand has been only of moderate proportions. Cottons move out slowly, and there is still perceptible an uneasy feeling, buyers suspecting that a further decline may take place. This, however, is considered by holders improbable, as present prices are low. Payments are but fair.

FISH.—The lenten season is more than half over, during the early part of which ample supplies were well laid in, both by retailers and consumers, hence trade at the moment is slack. Stocks, however, are under perfect control and not more than sufficient for the requirements of the balance of the season.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—The local market has been very quiet for all descriptions of flour, and at times to an extent it has been nominal one. Values have shown no important change, and the tendency has been to a lower range. Winter wheat grades are in fair request, and prices are well maintained, owing to small receipts of Spring wheat flour. The grain trade remains in a *statu quo* position for all kinds, and no change of moment is anticipated until after the opening of navigation.

FRUIT.—Business continues quiet, with holders in most cases asking former rates and manifesting a considerable degree of confidence. Oranges are dearer, and Lemons cheaper, owing to changes in foreign markets. The distribution is not free, however stocks are small, and desirable goods well under control. Green apples are scarce, with plenty of common selling under quotations. Dried apples are scarce, and Evaporated in fair supply. We quote, Oranges \$5 to \$6.25 per case. Lemons, \$2.25 to \$3 per box and \$4 to \$4.50 per case. Bitter oranges, \$3.50 to \$4 per box. Choice apples, \$5 to \$6 per bbl., common \$3 to \$4. Dried apples, 9c to 10c, and evaporated 14c to 15c.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.—The demand for most kinds shows a decrease in the general trade, and values are more or less in consumers' favor as compared with last week. Hog products rule dull, the demand for *Mess Pork* being chiefly confined to small parcels at former quotations. The season for dressed hogs has about closed, and but straggling lots are arriving, the quotations being \$9.00 to \$9.25 per 100 lbs for good averages. Cured meats move slowly at current prices, to be seen elsewhere, while the Egg market still droops under liberal receipts and a decreased demand. Poultry, game and general country produce continue to arrive plentifully, and command steady but moderate prices.

GROCERIES.—The movement in *Teas* has again been large, and the best values are gradually falling into the hands of the country trade. Holders are firm at the advance of this week, with reported sales for export at full prices. China teas are firm and *Blacks* are steady. General groceries are meeting with only a very moderate demand, while *Sugars* rule in buyers' favor. Some Jamaica raws sold at under 6c, and the range now is 5½c to 6½c. Refined yellows and *White sugars* are not specially altered in price, and meet with a fair demand. Molasses quiet, at 42 to 47c. Syrups are steady at former prices. Coffee rules firm, and *Java* keeps up. *Mocha* is also steady at full prices. Rice is easier. Spices are firm and *Peppers* have an advancing tendency. A slight drop has occurred abroad in common *Ginger*. *Tobaccos* show no change in values; and trade has been quiet, in view of the near approach of navigation and lower freights.

HATS, CAPS AND GENTS' FURNISHINGS.—There has been in the aggregate a fair week's business transacted in hats and caps, and an active call for gents' furnishings, the latter for novelties; styles and assorted stocks unsurpassed. The heavy weather interferes with the demand for *Hats*, although large parcels have been distributed in different sections. Collections continue to be fair.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Hides continue to advance, and are in rather strong position, owing to increased scarcity in the West of *Buff*. Values of such have hence been marked up in this market, in view of small stocks everywhere.

HORS.—The situation is unchanged, and the market without feature. While yet prices are low, there is still an uncertain feeling with holders, and a disposition to dispose of stock. Brewers remain indifferent so long as the English and American markets remain as they are. We quote this market at 18c to 25c as to quality in small parcels.

IRON AND HARDWARE.—The trade in iron of all descriptions is quiet, with no desire on the part of buyers to go beyond their actual wants, hence orders do not come forward with any freedom, but appearances are that sellers are about as indifferent as buyers, and confidence in present values fully maintained. Scotch warrants are called at 12s. 9d. In hardware, a business about equal to that current for some time is reported. Buyers knowing about the quantity they can dispose of within a given time, operate accordingly, and, with the exception of a few specialties, the movement is regular at steady prices. Collections are considered fair for the time of year.

LEATHER.—The material advance on leading qualities in the American market has had an advancing tendency on this, and the healthiest feature in the outlook is the almost entire absence of speculative purchases. The movement of stock is, however, unseasonably quiet, and out of proportion to that at the corresponding period last year. The advance in domestic hides is also influencing values in view of moderate stocks. Exports, which have chiefly been confined to split and buff leathers, show a slight decrease this week. Values are unchanged.

LUMBER.—There is not much improvement to note on the past four months, which have been the dullest for many years. Notwithstanding this there has been very few failures in the trade, and there has been no forcing to affect sales. There is not much indication of a decline in prices. Coarse lumber is slightly cheaper, but the upper qualities are held firm at last season's prices. Manufacturers state that they would rather hold the logs than sell at lower figures. Very little of this season's cut has been contracted for. Large quantities of hardwood is being offered, but very little selling.

MILLINERY GOODS.—In millinery goods there has been the expected lull after the activity of opening week, and trade is rather quiet again. Buyers seem to be purchasing very cautiously, but expectations are that the season's business will be a prolonged but satisfactory one. In novelties buyers purchase often rather than extensively, thus being enabled to avail themselves of everything that is new. Large parcels have gone forward to Ontario, the Ottawa district particularly, while the city trade is good and payments generally satisfactory.

OILS.—There is comparatively little movement of round lots of any class, but the jobbing trade is of fair proportion. The general market presents a good deal of firmness, with former prices ruling pretty much all through, while moderate stocks give holders rather the advantage.

PAINTS, ETC.—Trade has slightly improved during the week. It is the opinion of dealers that business will improve from this forward. Building operations are on the increase, and it is but a question of time when demand will increase proportionately. As regards prices no material change has occurred, but the tone of the market may be termed strong.

PETROLEUM.—Demand still continues slight, owing to the bad roads. Prices same as last quotation—equal to 11c Petrolia.

SALT.—There is literally nothing doing in a wholesale way, and the market is without feature and form. This is likely to continue until navigation opens. Quotations are unchanged.

SEEDS.—We have very little change to note in the market for clover, of which we have a fair supply. We quote it at 12c to 12½c per pound in small lots. In the absence of an extensive shipping demand it is slightly lower in the United States. Timothy is now coming forward more freely, and with a fair demand it is selling at \$2.00 to \$2.15 per bushel.

WINE, LIQUORS, &c.—With some houses there has been an increased demand for the general list while with others who do not handle standard or special lines trade is dull. There has been an increased call for *Spanish Ports*, which compete keenly as to value with native goods, while the flavor is preferable. Rhine wines also have moved more freely, and also foreign ales. *Brandies, Rum, Gin and Whiskey* have not been as active as previously. The demand this week has been chiefly from points west of Toronto.

WOOL.—The market for most kinds is without inclination to any radical change in favor of either buyers or sellers. Close calculation to actual requirements characterize the demand, and no suggestions induce manufacturers to exceed that limit. No large lots are changing hands, but a reasonable business is passing in both home and foreign growths.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

Boston, March 20.—*Flour*, demand moderate, trade purchasing in lots as wanted, prices steady, choice brands firm. Sales of Superfine at \$3 to \$3.25; Extras, from \$3.25 to \$4; including choice Bakers, from \$4.25 to \$5.75. Patent Spring sold at \$6 to \$7, and Patent Winter from \$6 to \$6.75. *Cornmeal* in moderate demand; sales at \$2.70. *Outmeal* selling at \$4.50 to \$5.25 ground, from \$5.50 to \$6.25 for cut. *Hay*, sales of fair to good at \$13 to \$15, with an occasional choice lot at \$16; *Butter*.—Choice is scarce, price well sustained. Sales of choice creameries at 30c to 36c, fair to good 22c to 28c. *Cheese* is firm, has been in demand. Sales of choice 13c to 15½c, fair to good 11c to 13½c. *Eggs* have been in demand, sales at 21c to 23c. *Canada Peas* quiet, prices unchanged. *Potatoes* are plentiful and dull; sales of choice grades 40c to 43c.

Chicago, 2.30 p.m.—Wheat, April, 90½c; May, 91½c; June, 97c. Corn, April, 52½c; May, 53½c; June, 57½c. Oats, April, 31c; May, 35c; June, 35½c. Pork, May, \$18.10; June, \$18.10. Lard, April, \$9.50; May, \$9.60; June, \$9.70.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the Partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, in this city, under the name and style of RAMSAY, DODS & CO., was dissolved on the first instant by mutual consent, P. D. Dods retiring from the firm. All the liabilities of the late firm are assumed by A. RAMSAY & SON, who are authorized to collect all debts due the said firm, and to give necessary discharge for the same.

A. RAMSAY.
P. D. DODS.

MONTREAL, 11th February, 1884.

Co-Partnership Notice.

With reference to above, the undersigned give notice that they have formed a Partnership as successors to RAMSAY, DODS & CO., Paint, Oil, Glass and Colour Merchants, Recollet Street, and that this business, with that heretofore carried on by A. RAMSAY & SON, Colour Manufacturers & Paint Grinders, Inspector Street, will hereafter be conducted as one concern, under the name and style of A. RAMSAY & SON, with Factory and Stores at No. 10 Inspector Street, and Office and Warehouse at 37 to 41 Recollet Street.

A. RAMSAY.
ALEX. MANSON.

MONTREAL, 11th February, 1884.