

GROCERIES.

In this staple branch the improvement continues and trade on the whole has been rather better than last week. Orders from the late disturbed districts still continue to be received, while the city trade only is in a quiet condition. Collections are slightly improved, especially from the far western points, but these are still slow in the city. Prices of goods have been moderately firm all round, but have not changed any, quotations being as follows: Sugars, yellows 6½ to 7½c, granulated 8½c, Paris lumps 10½c; coffees, Rios 14 to 16c, Javas 23 to 27c, Mochas 31 to 34c; teas, season 1884-5; Moyo-yune gunpowder 30 to 75c, pan fired Japans 26 to 50c, basket-fired 27 to 40c, Congous 23 to 80c.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

There is still not much movement in light goods noticed, while in heavy the trade, mainly due to a continued fair demand, has been steady but not active. The stove trade is now beginning to move and promises soon to be active. Collections are still slow and not so satisfactory as they ought to be. Prices of goods have not changed any, and quotations are as follows: Tin plates, L. C., 14x20, 5.50 to \$6; 20x58, 11.50 to \$12; Canada-plates, 3.80 to \$4; sheet-iron, 28G, 4.72 to \$5.25 per 100lb.; iron-pipe, 40 to 50 per cent. off list prices; ingot-tin, 25 to 30c per lb.; galvanized iron, 26-gauge, 7 to 7½c per lb., according to quality; bar-iron, 2.50 to \$3 per 100 lb.; cut nails, 3.40 to \$3.60 per keg.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

This business during the week has been moving along quite steadily, but rather slow. Country orders coming in are numerous but small, while the city trade is rather light. Collections have been fair and prices remain unchanged from last week, quotations being: Spanish sole, 33 to 35c; slaughter sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.40 to 1.50; domestic, 85c; B Z calf, \$1 to 1.25; French kip, \$1 to 1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter kip, 65 to 75c; No. 1 wax upper, 59c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33 to 36c for plumb stock; English oak sole, 65c.

LUMBER.

One or two moderately sized sales are reported to have been made during the week and altogether the movement is more healthy than it has been since the opening of the season. Still sales are very light compared with stocks on hand, and must increase greatly or large quantities will have to be carried over the winter. The eagerness to cut prices is not near so great as it was a month ago, but altogether the trade is far from being in a healthy condition.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

The business in this trade has been fairly active during the week, but has not shown the life it did at this time last year. The country trade continues to hold out very well, but the city trade is rather quiet, and with a small amount of building being done, will probably amount to very little this season. Prices of staple goods not changed any, quotations being the same as in our last issue, are as follows: Linseed oil, raw 68c per gal., boiled 71c; seal oil, steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 15c per lb;

lard, No. 1 \$1.25 per gal.; olive, \$1.50 to \$2, according to quality; machine oils, black 25c; oleine 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, headlight, 27c; water white, 33c. Calcined plaster, \$4 per bbl.; Portland cement, \$6; white lead, genuine, \$7.75; No. 1 \$6.75; No. 2, \$6.25.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

The reports from this trade are still encouraging, and it has settled down to a good steady business, and no signs of falling off is shown. The collections are also stated to be very satisfactory.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

The business in this trade during the week has been very satisfactory, the aggregate of sales made being up to a good average. Collections are also reported to be quite satisfactory.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

The city trade has continued in rather a quiet state during the week, while the demand from the country is shown to have been fairly active, and prospects of some improvement are indicated. Collections are still rather slow. Prices of domestic spirits are unchanged and are: Gooderham & Worts, in wood, \$1.55 to 2.25 per gallon; 65o.p. rectified, in wood, \$2.50; W.F.L. five-year old, \$2.50 per gallon; cases, quarts \$7.50, flasks \$4.50.

THE MARKETS.

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GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

During the past week the movement in wheat has continued as it has been for some time, to be very dull and quiet and of a lifeless character. The supply at present is fair, but the demand is very small, little or no sales being heard of. Although the mills are kept busy and continually working, shipments of flour to the east are as yet very light, only a few orders having been filled during the week, and the outlook does not appear very bright, as business in those parts would seem to be as flat as we are experiencing here. In oats the feeling is still unsettled, and prices have made a further downward movement. The supply is good and the market just now is well stocked, but the demand is light, not even a military sale for the week having been made. In barley there is still no business done and none in the market. In provisions a pretty fair state of activity is shown, while in some lines prices have fallen off considerably, due to the heavy decline in the eastern markets. The demand for meats has been rather quiet, and very few transactions have taken place, while butter is still unsettled, though some very good sales of choice qualities are reported and of this the supply would seem to be rather limited though about equal to present requirements; and of inferior grades there are none wanted. Altogether the provision trade is much easier in tone and shows a downward tendency.

WHEAT.

The business of the week has been very quiet and dull. Very few sales took place, while the millers and dealers' quotations show prices at the same figures as in our last issue, these being No. 1 hard, 80c; No. 2, 75c; No. 1 regular, 70c; No. 2, 65c; No. 3, 57c., and rejected 41 to 49c.

OATS.

The feeling continues in an unsettled state, while prices show a gain in the downward movement, which are reported to be at from 50 to 60c. Some sales of car lots on track are stated to have been made at 55c., and others as low as 50c.

BARLEY.

There has been no business done. There is none in the market, and we have not heard of any demand.

FLOUR.

There is no improvement to report in the western trade, which is still very dull, and the town trade continues to be in much the same condition. A few shipments were made to the east, but the outlook at present is not very promising, as very few orders, if any, are coming in. Prices are quoted the same as in our last issue, being patents, \$2.75; strong bakers, \$2.40; XXXX, \$1.90, and superfine, \$1.40.

BRAIN AND SHORTS.

The demand has continued very fair and about equal to last week, and no change in prices are reported. Car lots on track are quoted, brain, \$10.25 per ton and shorts at \$12.25.

POTATOES.

The business during the week has been rather quiet. Seeding time being over, there is very little demand, and prices are easier. Car lots of good quality are quoted at 45 to 50c.

EGGS.

The supply for the week has been very good and the demand was fair, while prices show a downward movement. Quotations are reported from 13 to 14c., and some sales are stated to have been made as low as 12c.

CHEESE.

The supply is still rather limited, and very little business was done, the demand being very light. Prices have stiffened up a little, quotations being for fine 13½c.

BUTTER.

A very good business in the higher grades was done during the week. Sales of which are reported as high as 22c, but the supply of this quality is rather small, though about equal to present wants and prices show a downward tendency. Quotations being: gilt-edge from 18 to 20c, prime 15 to 18c, and medium 10 to 15c. There is no demand for inferior grades.

BACON.

The business of the week was good, the demand continuing fairly active, while prices are shown to be a little easier quotations being: dry salt 9 to 9½c, and rolls have not altered any, being 13 to 14c.

HAMS.

There is no change in this article to report, prices being the same as in our last issue, from 13 to 14c, and a little or no demand for green.

MESS PORK.

The business during the week has been rather quiet, but although few sales are reported, there has been a very heavy fall in prices, due to the large decline in eastern markets. Quotations being now at \$16 per bbl.

MESS BEEF.

Has been very quiet all through the week, and few sales are heard of. Prices are about the same as in our last issue, being \$17.

LARD.

There is not much improvement in this article to report, only a few lots having changed hands, and prices are about the same as last week. Quotations being: rails of 20 lbs at from \$2.00 to \$2.50.

DRESSED HOGS.

Very little business doing, receipts are small and no sales are reported. Quotations are still at from \$5 to \$5.50.