

ed lower prices in preference to nursing the flour in store. Spring Extra has been sold during the week at \$4.60 and a round lot of Extra changed hands at \$4.75. The receipts of Superior Extra have been light and this grade has not participated in the decline.

**FURS AND SKINS.**—Rates for raw furs are likely to be lower as the foreign markets are fully stocked and holders cannot realize without submitting to a loss. We would advise buyers throughout the country to hurry forward all raw skins as fast as collected, as prices cannot advance this season. We quote: Beaver, \$2.00 to 2.25; Prime Black Bear, \$6 to \$12.00, according to size; Fisher, \$5.00 to \$7.50; Silver Fox, \$25 to \$60; Cross Fox, \$2.00 to \$5.00; Red Fox, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Lynx, \$1.50 to \$2.25; dark Labrador Martin, \$7 to \$8; pale Martin, \$1.50 to \$2.00; prime fresh dark Mink, \$3.00 to \$4.00; fine dark Otter, \$8 to \$10; Fall Muskrat, 12c. to 14c.; Winter do, 18 to 20c.; Spring do, 25c.; Raccoon, 25c. to 60c.; Skunk, 20c. to 50c.

**GRAIN.**—There is nothing whatever doing in grain outside of the farmer's market. Meantime, in the absence of transactions we suspend quotations.

**GROCERIES.**—The wholesale trade is light, but probably not far behind the usual amount for the season. In the matter of Railway traffic, the declared intention of the Grand Trunk to carry goods from Chicago to Boston at rates below the desired wish of U. S. Railways will, it is hoped, be extended to Canadian local traffic. No kind of doubt may be entertained but that if a low winter tariff were adopted and maintained by all our Canadian Railways—main and connecting lines—it would be of great benefit to the general trade of the country as well as of course to the railways.

**SUGARS.**—A definite settlement of the U. S. drawback allowance is now made at \$3.60 the 100 lbs. on what is known as dry refined white sugars, as dry crushed, ground and granulated, and for sugars inferior, but above No. 20 Dutch Standard 3 cts., and below No. 20, 2½ cts. This will tend to keep out all grades except the highest from competition with our refiners. Prices for sugars generally are without noteworthy change, except as arising from above decision.

**Teas,** quiet. U. S. duty question is for the present left over. In *Fruit* there is less demand than usual for the retail trade. Prices are about as before quoted. **Coffee.**—The turn easier. **Rice, Spices, Chemicals, &c.,** inactive at about previous prices.

**HARDWARE.**—Trade in the iron districts of England continues unsettled, large numbers of men being out of employment and nearly reduced to want, yet the views of masters and men are far apart, and the dearth of orders tends rather to the blowing out of furnaces than the relighting of more. We quote as follows:—*Pig Iron,* Eglinton & Clyde, per ton of 2240 lbs., Cambree, \$21.50 to 22.00; Summerlee & Calder, \$23 to 23.50; Langloan & Garthorie, \$23 to 23.50; American, \$26 to 28; Hematite, \$30 to 31. **Bar,** per 100 lbs.—Scotch and Staffordshire, \$2.30 to 2.40; best do., \$2.55 to 2.65; Swedes, \$2.50 and Norway, \$5 to 5.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.50 to 7. **Canada Plates,** per Box—Swansea, \$4.60 to 4.70, or Pem., \$4.60 to 4.70; Arrow, \$4.75 to 5.00; Hatton, \$4.25 to \$1.50. **Fin. Plates,** per box.—Charcoal 10, 8.25 to 8.50; ditto 1X, \$10.25 to 10.50; ditto DG., \$1.25 to 7.50; Coke 10, \$7.00 to 7.25; 14 x 20, 25c. extra. **Tinned Sheets**—Charcoal best No. 25, 14c. **Galvanized Sheets**—best brands No. 28, 9c. to 9½c. **Loops and Bands** per 100 lbs., \$3 to 3.25. **Sheets,** best brands, \$3.50 to 3.75. **Boiler Plates,** ordinary brands, \$3.25 to 3.50; **Russian Sheet Iron** per lb. 16c. to 17c.; **Cut Nails** 2d Lath, \$4.75; ditto, 2d to 4d; shingle \$3.95; ditto, 5d to 10d, \$3.45, ditto 12d and larger \$3.15; 100 keg lots, 5 per cent. discount. **Cut nails,** patent Chisel-pointed 25c. extra. **Pressed Spikes,** \$4.25 to 5; **Shot,** Canadian \$7 to 7.25. **Lead**—per 100 lbs. Pig, \$6 50; do sheets, \$6 50; do Bar, \$6 50. **Steel,** cast—per lb. 13c to 14c. **Spring** per 100 lbs., \$5.00 to 5.60; **Sleigh Shoe,** \$3.75 to 4.00

**Tire ditto,** \$4.25 to 4.50. **Ingot Tin,** 24c. to 25c.; **Ingot Copper,** 23c. to 24c. **Horse Shoes** per, 100 lbs., 5 to 5.25. **Proved Coil Chain** ¼ in \$6.00 to 6.50; **Anchor,** 7c. to 8c.; **Anvils,** 10 to 12c. **Iron Wire,** per lb., \$2.50 to 2.60; **Window Glass,** 25 up to united inches, \$2.20 to 2.30; up to 40 inches, \$2.40 to \$2.50; up to 60 inches, \$2.80 to 2.90.

**Hides,** per 100 lbs. Green, Inspected No. 1, \$7.00; Do. No. 2, \$6.00; Do. No. 3, \$4.00; Cured and inspected, 1c. more.

**LEATHER.**—The holiday season has begun, and there are but few sales of moment. Slaughter is firmer in price. Buffalo is selling in small lots. Harness plentiful and quiet. For domestic calf there is a fair demand. Splits, pebble and buff are in ample supply. We quote:—**Spanish Sole,** 1st quality heavy wgt., per lb., 24c. to 25c. **Spanish Sole,** 1st quality, mid. wts., lb. 24c. to 25cts.; Do. No. 2, 21c. to 22c.; **Buffalo Sole** No. 1, 20c. to 21c.; **Buffalo Sole** No. 2, 18c. to 19c.; **Slaughter,** heavy, 24c. to 26cts.; **Slaughter** light, 25cts. to 26cts. **Harness,** best, 25cts. to 27c.; **Harness** No. 2, 22cts. to 23cts.; **Upper heavy,** 30cts. to 32c.; **Upper light,** 32c. to 35c.; **Kip Skins,** French, 90c. to \$1.05; **English,** 65c. to 75c.; **Hemlock Calf** 30 to 40 lbs., 60c. to 75c.; **Hemlock light,** 50c. to 60c.; **French Calf,** \$1.15 to 1.30; **Splits,** large, per lb. 24c. to 28c.; **Splits** small, 18c. to 22c.; **Canadian Leather Board,** 12c. to 14c. per lb.; **Enamelled Cow,** per ft. 17c. to 18½c.; **Patent,** 17c. to 19½c.; **Polished Grain,** 15c. to 16c.; **Pebble Grain,** 13c. to 15c.; **Buff,** 12c. to 14c.; **Russsets,** light, 25c. to 35c.; **Russsets,** heavy, 20c. to 30c.; **Calfskins,** green, 10c.; **Calfskins,** cured, 10c. to 12c.; **Sheepskins,** 20c. to 25c.

**Liquors.**—The Vintage in France for 1875 is one of the most abundant on record, but the quality is said to be inferior. In Spain, however, the yield scarcely reaches one-third of the average, but the quality is very good. French 1875's ought to be cheap in the market. Business is quiet here, and there is no change to note in prices. We quote:—**Brandy** Hennessy's & Martell's N.V. \$2.60 to 2.75; and up to \$6 a gallon, for old vintages, according to age, increasing from lowest quotations at the rate of 15cts. to 20cts. a year. **Old Dupuy & Co.,** 2.20 to 2.30; **Pinet, Gustillon & Co.,** 2.20 to \$2.30; **Vine Growers' Co.,** 2.20 to 2.30; **Dulury, Bellemey & Co.,** 2.20 to 2.30; **Jules Robin's,** 2.20 to 2.30; **J. Denis, H. Moutie & Co.,** 2.20 to 2.30. In cases, per doz., 6.00 to 16.00; **Hennessy Brandy,** cases \$9.124 to 9.25; **Jamaica Rum,** 16 o. p., per gallon \$2.25 to 2.40; **Holland Gin,** 1.57½ to \$1.65; **Green Gin,** 3.80 to 4.00. **Red Gin,** 7.75 to 7.80; **Alcohol,** 50 o. p., 57c. per Im. gal.; 65 o. p., 62½c. per Im. gal.; **Rye Whiskey,** 34c. per Im. gal. in bond; **Eng. Ale,** per doz., 2.50 to 2.70; **Eng Porter,** 2.50 to 2.70; **Dublin Porter,** quarts, 2.50 to 2.70; pints, 1.50 to 1.70; **Montreal East India quarts,** 1.15 to 1.24; **Montreal East India pints,** 70c. to 75c.

**LUMBER.**—There is nothing doing in the Ottawa lumber trade at present, as far as sales are concerned. A rough estimate, made by some of the manufacturers, gives the amount of sawed lumber being wintered over in Ottawa and vicinity at 100,000,000 ft., or about the same as last year. This will be all ready to go forward in the spring, if the markets open up lively. The prospect of a shortage in the British markets and the Eastern States have prompted some of the lumbermen to increase their operations in the woods this winter more than they intended doing a month ago, and, but for the decided stand taken by the banks, there would be another glut in the Quebec market next season. As it is there appears to be very little falling off in the preparations for taking out square timber, the only difference being that the firms are commencing work much later in the season. However, men, teams and supplies are so cheap that the lumbermen who are independent of the banks will operate as heavily as usual. There is a great falling-off in the number of jobbers and speculators in saw logs. The lumber offices are daily besieged by crowds of men looking for work in the shanties. A first-class shanty crew can be engaged at an average of

\$10 to \$11.50 a man per month for the season, including the drive in the spring. We quote prices at Quebec: **Pine deals,** 1st quality, \$90 per Quebec standard; 2nd do, \$56 do; 3rd do, \$28. **Spruce deals,** 1st quality, \$32 do; 2nd do, \$24 do; 3d do, \$16 do, with little demand. **Prices at Montreal: Shipping culls,** \$8.00 per m feet; **Spruce Sitings,** \$8 do. **Pine**—Common boards and scantling, \$10 to \$16 per m.; **Clear lumber,** \$30 to \$45; **First quality lumber,** \$30 to \$35; **Third-class,** three inch deals, \$30 to \$36 per m, surface measure; **Cull deals,** \$18 to \$24 do.; do. dressed, \$35 to \$40 do.; 2 by 1 inch furrings, \$4 per 100 pieces; **Laths,** \$1.30 to 1.50 per m; **Spruce lumber,** \$10 to \$12 per m feet; **Spruce deals,** \$24 per m feet, surface measure; **Hemlock lumber,** \$9 to \$11 per m feet; **long pine lumber,** for building purposes, \$18 to \$24, according to length and size; **long hemlock lumber** is \$3 less per m feet than pine. **Dressed lumber**—1 inch boards, \$18 to \$20 per m feet; do. 1½ inch roofing, \$20 do.; do. 1½ inch flooring, \$20 to \$24 do.; do. 1½ inch flooring, \$20 to \$30 do.; do. 2 inch flooring, \$28 to \$31 do.

**Ons.**—Business in this as in every other line is exceedingly dull and the prices which are given in another column are merely nominal.

**Naval Stores.**—There is no change to note in prices and the demand continues very light.

**Paints.**—Nothing doing.

**PROVISIONS.**—**Butter.**—The market closes for the week very active and higher. Shippers have been free buyers and their operations of late have greatly reduced stocks, which are today the lightest they have ever been this season of the year. The most prominent sales are 250 Pkgs fancy Morrisburg 22c., 100 do at 22½c. A number of sales of good to fine lots at 19c. to 21c. **Roll Butter** is in active request at 19c. to 20c. **Cheese.**—Very dull and entirely neglected by shippers. Stocks here are large, and holders fail to find an outlet for them. The advices from all the English markets are very discouraging and the prospects are that this article will go out very low and unsatisfactorily. It is this year a clear case of over-production.

**Pork.**—Is in small demand, and prices are steady for New Mess Inspected, which we quote at \$22.50 to \$23.00; and **Thin Mess** \$21.00 to 21.50. **Beef** remains in moderate request at old prices, \$15.50 to \$16.00. **Eggs** are scarce and wanted, and market closes firm. **Fresh Eggs,** 24c. to 25c.; **Lime or Pickled Eggs,** 22c. to 23c., with an upward tendency. **Yallow.**—The demand is extremely small, the season being over; prices show no change, however, 7c. to 8c. **Hops** sell freely at 10c., but holders are firm in their views and decline to sell under 11c. to 12c. **Dressed Hops** are in fair demand and prices are unaltered. **Market closes steady** at \$7.50 to \$7.65. **Poultry.**—The supply is now far short of the consumption, and receipts of fine stock meet with a ready sale on arrival. **Turkeys,** 8c. to 9c. per lb.; **Geese** 6c. to 7c. do; **Chickens,** 6c. to 8c. do; **Ducks,** 9c. to 10c. **Partridges** are scarce and much wanted at 50c. a brace. **Lard** is coming in freely, stocks are increasing, and prices on the decline. **Tierces,** 12½ to 13½c.; **Pails,** 14c.; **Tub Lard,** 13½c.

**SEEDS.**—Prices remain unchanged.—**Timothy** \$2.50 per bush; **Red Clover,** 10c. per lb. **White Beans,** \$1.20 per bushel.

**Wool.**—No change in business or prices since our last review. We quote:—**Pleece,** 30c. to 35c.; **Pulled Wool,** Super, 30c. to 35c.; **Pulled Medium,** 28c. to 32c.; **Pulled No. 1,** 26c. to 28c.; **Black,** 26c. to 32c.

#### SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

The Mail S. Prussian from Portland arrived out on 21st current.

Per SS. Moravian.

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Arrived from Quebec.—Pocahontas, Bang, Clyde, Nov. 29. Salucia, Colfer, Hull, Nov. 29. Veritas, Nielson, Plymouth, Nov. 29.