

of hail, and the atmosphere has all the appearance of snow being near at hand.

In a number of lines of business there has been some improvement in remittances, which has caused a more satisfactory feeling but so far as actual business is concerned there is very little improvement noticeable, orders for the most part being for very small quantities there has been a better shipping demand for wheat owing to improved prices in England. Groceries are in moderate demand. It is feared that the opening of the sugar refinery will again be postponed owing to the return by the American Government to the old drawback on refined sugars exported. There has been a good demand for Hides on American account but nothing doing with the Canadian tanners worth speaking of. Hardware presents no new features this week. Ashes are lower. Provisions firm and steady.

There has been a good demand for tonnage at advanced rates. Shipping in the harbour is now getting scarce and most vessels here are using all despatch to get loaded and clear before the 1st of November.

ASHES.—*Pots.*—Since the date of our last report the market has been steady at a decline on our closing quotations. The receipts have been liberal and a good many have changed hands within our range, firsts bringing from \$4.80 to \$5.00 closing at \$4.80 to \$4.95. Seconds have also been dealt in at \$3.90 and thirds \$2.90; for *Pearls* there has been very little demand and the nominal prices of firsts is \$5.20 inferiors are nominal. The stocks at present in store are *Pots* 1703 brls; *Pearls* 997 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—There has been a good sorting trade done during the past week at good prices. Money is coming in freely, and prospects for the spring trade are more encouraging. Men's kip boots \$2.75 to 3.00; do. French cal \$3.00 to 3.75; ditto Buff Congress \$1.75 to 2.25; ditto split Brogans \$1.10 to 1.25; do. kip Brogans \$1.40 to 1.50; Boys' split Brogans 90c to \$1.50; do. Buff and Pebbled Congress \$1.40 to \$0.00; Womens' Buff and pebbled Balmorals \$1.20 to 1.80; do. prunella Bals. 75c to \$1.75; do. do. Congress 75c to \$1.75; Misses Buff and Pebble Balmorals 90c to \$1.15; do. prunella Balmorals and Congress 70c to \$1.25; Childrens do. do. 60c to \$1.00.

CATTLE.—The market yesterday was dull with declining prices, a fair stock was exhibited but butchers held off for lower figures and a good many cattle remained unsold at the close of the market prices ranged from \$3.15 to \$4.00 per 100 lbs live weight. *Hogs* were plentiful sales ranged from \$7.25 to \$8.00 per 100 lbs live weight principally at \$7.50; *Dressed Hogs* are quoted at \$9.50 to \$10.00 per 100 lbs. Market bare of *Sheep* and *Lambs*.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There has been very little demand for any article in this line, prices are as a rule firm, but do not exhibit much change since last week. Stocks of goods in this branch of business are by no means so heavy as usual. *Sal Soda* \$1.32½ to 1.37½; *Caustic Soda* 3½ to 3½; *Bi Carb* \$4.00 to 4.25; *Soda Ash* 1½ to 2c; *Alum* steady at 2c; *Bleaching Powder* 2½ to 2½; *Sulphur* has been in some demand at 3½ to 3½; *Epsom Salts* \$1.90 to 2.00; *Blue Vitrol* 6½ to 7c; *Copperas* 1½c; *Saltpetre* \$8.00; *Cream Tartar* ground 31 to 32c; *Cream Tartar Crystals* 28½c.

DRY GOODS.—Orders from travellers are coming in to a fair extent, but still there are complaints of their smallness, the country merchants being still very conservative with their orders. Stocks however are getting worked down, but still ample for the demand. The principle demand during the week has been for fancy goods. The retail trade in the city shows signs of a revival for which there was

great room, as dullness has characterized it for sometime back. Remittances are improving slowly, but are still far behind what they should be.

FURS AND SKINS.—Skins are now beginning to come in, but not very freely. Advices from the Continental fur sale report very low prices ruling, and large quantities of goods left unsold. We quote *Beaver* \$1.75 to 2.00; *Black Bear* \$6 to 12, according to size; *Fisher*, \$5.00 to 7.50; *Silver Fox* \$25.00 to 60; *Cross Fox* \$2.00 to 5.00; *Red Fox* \$1.25 to 1.60; *Lynx* \$1.50 to 1.75; *Dark Labrador Martin* \$7 to 8; *Pale Martin* \$1.25 to 1.50; *Prime Dark Mink* \$2.50 to 0.00; *Dark Mink*, 2nd \$1.50 to 2.00; *Fine Dark Otter* \$8 to 10; *Fall Muskrat* 12 to 15c; *Winter do.* 20 to 23c; *Spring*, do none offering; *Raccoon* 25 to 50c; *Skunk* 20 to 50c.

FISH.—The arrivals of *Labrador Herrings* have been large during the past week, but the bulk of the catch has now arrived. Several vessels which were intended to have brought herrings here from Labrador, have been obliged to return to Newfoundland, having been unable to obtain cargoes, and no steamers will be here with herrings on their second trip, so that for the moment the market appears overstocked; the quantity here will soon be used up and scarcity is likely to prevail. We quote \$5.00 to 5.50. *Dry Cod* is quiet at \$5.00 to 5.50. *Green Cod* is scarce and firm at \$5.00 per brl. *Salmon* is quiet at \$15, \$14, and \$13, for No. 1, 2, and 3 respectively. *Mackerel*, none in the market.

FREIGHTS.—Tonnage is scarce and with a good demand, rates are again advanced. For iron clippers and steamers to Liverpool and Glasgow for heavy grain the rate is 8/6 to 9/-, and flour 3/6 to 4/-. To P. E. I. 30c per brl.; for *Shediac* and *Pictou* 30c, and to St. Johns Newfoundland 45 to 50c per brl. Our harbour is beginning to have quite a fall appearance, so many of the larger vessels are hurrying off.

FLOUR.—Receipts for the past week 40,158 brls; total receipts from 1st January to date 810,345 brls being a decrease of 28,239 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1874. Shipments during the week 34,177 brls; being a decrease of 45,473 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1874. With larger arrivals and heavy stocks in store the market has had a downward tendency most of the week but as holders were not willing to submit to a reduction, the market has ruled quiet all week moderate sales were made towards the end of the week at a decline of from 5 to 10c on last Tuesday's prices. To day the market was quiet and steady at prices ruling for the past day or two only about 2500 brls. changed hands exclusive of 1600 city bags. We quote; *Superior Extra* \$5.40 to 5.45; *Extra Superfine* \$5.22½ to 5.25; *Fancy* \$5.10, nominal; *Spring Extra* \$4.82½ to 4.90; *Superfine* \$4.70 to 4.75; *Strong Bakers Flour* \$5.10 to 5.20; *Fine* \$4.30, nominal; *Middlings* \$4.00 to 4.05, nominal; *Pollards* \$3.40 to 3.60 nominal; *U.C. Bag flour* \$2.60; *Oatmeal* dull at 4.80; *Cornmeal* \$3.70 to 3.75.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—Receipts for the past week 327,870 bush.; total receipts from 1st January to date 7,164,801 bushels being an increase of 160,602 bushels on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1874. Shipments during the week 185,715 bushels. Total shipments from 1st January to date 5,878,215 bushels being a decrease of 1,055,079 bushels on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1874. There has been a better demand this week at improved prices and a good many cargoes have been changing hands; Upper Canada Spring \$1.17 to 1.19 outside quotations for car lots; White Winter \$1.16 to 1.18½; on Saturday some cargoes of U. C. Spring were placed at \$1.16 to arrive, and to-day some White Winter, which would not pass No. 1, sold at \$1.14, and some

car loads of Treadwell at \$1.12½ to 1.13. *Maize*—The market has been dull and nominal all week at 61 to 62c; *Peas*—Nothing done in cargoes, some car lots were sold at 85½ to 88c per 66 lbs.; *Oats* have met with rather more inquiry at 36½ to 37½c; *Barley*—Several cargoes of Lower Canada changed hands last week at 65c; yesterday a cargo of Quebec sold at 72½c., to-day price is nominal at 71 to 75c, nothing doing.

GROCERIES.—*Teas*—*Japans.* The stocks at present here are pretty full, but it is hardly possible to place Invoices, unless at a figure below cost. Lines are also difficult to place. There has been a quiet jobbing demand from Country Merchants for low to medium grades at about 35c; Greens are neglected; Blacks have been selling to a small extent at 30 to 35c; *Coffee*—Stocks are small, and the high prices ruling restrict business. Java is still quoted 30 to 32; Laguayra 25 to 26c; Maracaibo 27 to 30c; Rio 21 to 24. Very little East Indian Coffee in the market. *Sugar*—It was intended that the Sugar Refinery here should have been again put in operation this week, but the news received yesterday, that the U. S. Government had cancelled their recent order, making the drawback on refined sugars \$3.21 for 100 lbs., and have again made it \$3.75, may possibly postpone the opening for sometime to come. There have been some large sales of raw sugar. Good grocery selling at 7½ to 7¾ the advance in whites noticed last week has checked the demand for the moment as under existing circumstances prices are most likely to recede to their late level. *Molasses* this article is scarce the principal sales have been of Barbadoes at 42½; Centrifugal 30 to 32½; Sugar House 25c to 27½c, very little demand for other kinds of molasses; *Syrups* Amber 65c; Golden; 45c; Standard 43c. *Rice* there has been a speculative demand for this article and a good deal has been bought on p. t. smaller lots are now obtainable at \$3.75; *Spices* there is a stronger feeling in this market but the demand is very light and quite of a jobbing character. *Nutmegs* 75c to \$1.00 in small supply; *Black Pepper* 13 to 14c; *Cassia* 16 to 18c; *Cloves* are dearer at 45 to 50c; *Mace* \$1.30 to \$1.35; *Pimento* 8½; *Ginger* 22 to 30; *Fruit* new fruit is now arriving freely Layer Raisins of the new crop have only been in small demand at \$2.20 to \$2.40 but as recent advices from Malaga quote an advance any demand springing up here would no doubt enhance values. Old crop Layers are worth from \$1.50 to \$2.00; *Valencias* are scarce at 7½ to 8c; *Sultanias* 13c; *Currants* new crop 6 to 6½c ditto old crop 5½ to 5½c; *Figs* new crop 14 to 15c *Prunes* 6c; *Tarragona Almonds* 14 to 14½c; *Languedoc* ditto 14 to 15; *Filberts* 8 to 9c; *Walnuts* 7 to 8c.

HIDES AND PELTS.—There is very little doing just now in Hides either with our local or Quebec tanners but a good demand has sprung up in American account, prices however show no change We quote No 1 inspected hides \$6 No 2 ditto \$5. and No 3 \$4 *Sheep* and *Lambskins* 70 to 75.

HARDWARE.—There has been a steady movement in this branch of trade during the past week, and stocks are becoming lighter every day. Travellers who are out report favorably as to prospects for business during the balance of the year, and if remittances were better the hardware trade would not have much to complain of. Prices are firm for Pigs and Bars, but Tin Plates are weak, in consequence of the low prices ruling in the English market. We quote *Pig Iron*—Eglinton and Clyde \$21.50 to 00.; *Carnbroe* \$22.50 to 00.; *American* \$26. to 28.; *Summerlie* and *Calder* \$23.00 to 23.50; *Langloan* & *Gartsherrie* \$23.00 to 23.50; *Coltness* \$24.00 to 24.50;