

themselves of the discounts for cash. Some of the travellers have returned from their sorting trip and report stocks in the country not materially reduced yet, owing to the protracted mild weather.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—No change in prices to note since our last.—Business is tolerably active, with a fair demand for all classes of goods.

FISH.—Additional cargoes of Labrador herrings have arrived, and a few cargoes have changed hands during the week at \$6.25 per bbl; the quoted range is from \$6.25 to \$6.50, as to quality and size of lot. Nova Scotia Split herrings continue in fair request, at \$5.50 to \$5.75, the latter figure being paid only for choice; inferior brands are sold at as low as \$5.25. Receipts of Green Cod are light, and under a fair demand values have advanced to \$5 to \$5.25 for No. 1, and \$4 for No. 2. Dry Cod meets with a fair steady enquiry, and choice Gaspe fish command \$4.75; for ordinary qualities lower prices rule. Fresh arrivals of North Shore Salmon are reported, but they have not yet been inspected, and prices remain unchanged, as previously quoted. British Columbia Salmon still selling in small lots at \$16.50 per bbl.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—All the breadstuffs markets—English, American, and local—have ruled dull and heavy, with values steadily declining since our last issue. The speculative demand having fallen off considerably, wheat is returning to its normal value, but it is still considered intrinsically too high in the West, in proportion to supplies in sight, consequently a number of Wisconsin millers have shut down their mills until lower prices are established. This caused a drop in Chicago to-day of 2c for No. 2 Spring wheat, and New York is also quoted 1c to 2c lower for winter wheats on speculative account. Liverpool was calmer firmer to-day. In this market there has been little business doing all week; dullness was the characteristic feature, and there is a great shrinkage in values for both flour and grain, as compared with last Thursday. Stocks of wheat in Montreal continue to accumulate, and they now amount to 332,591 bushels, against 83,567 bushels at the like date last year. The stock of peas is 100,000 bushels, against 27,400 bushels at like date last year. There was a little more business done to day than on any day this week; a cargo of white wheat changed hands at \$1.37, and a cargo of peas was sold at 9½c. A small barrel load was disposed of on Tuesday at 92c. For a cargo of oats 38c was bid to-day, but 39c was stoutly asked. No recent sales of rye or corn. Owing to the plethora of supplies and absence of demand, the Flour market continues extremely dull; stocks here have increased 18,000 bbls. since the 15th ult., and are now estimated at 71,255 bbls., an unusually large stock for this time of year. Values have declined 15c to 20c per bbl. for leading brands, as will be seen on reference to our table of "prices current" on another page. Superior Extra sold in round lots to-day at \$6.20, and small lots to the local trade were disposed of as follows: Spring Extra at \$6.20 to \$6.25; Superfine at \$6, and fine at \$5.20.

FRAGMENTS.—Are rather firmer, owing to the small quantity of tonnage now offering. Engagements have been made this week at 3s 3d to Liverpool for grain; the rate to London is 4s, but no steamers for Glasgow offering.

FRUITS.—Trade in Apples this week has been fairly active, but chiefly in supplying the local demand, as the Americans are directing their attention nearly altogether in the west, where prices are naturally lower. Stocks in this market are not large, and choice winter apples are held firmly at \$3.50 to \$4; the range is from \$3 to \$4, a mixed lot of 1,000 bbls. having been sold at \$3. Two carloads Montreal Fameuse changed hands yesterday at \$3, at which figure the market rules firm. Cable advices just re-

ceived report sales of Fameuse apples in Liverpool at 20s. Arrivals in that market for the week ending 15th Oct. were 6,879 bbls., of which 2,000 bbls were from Montreal; total arrivals in Liverpool up to the 15th ult. 28,849 bbls., against 127,320 bbls for the like period last year. The demand there for sound red fruit was active, but green stock was still neglected; Canadian pippins sold at 18s to 24s; Fameuse at 14s to 19s, and greenings at 13s to 15s—at that date. Lemons in moderate demand only, at \$4.50 per box, or \$8 to \$9 per chest. Almeria Grapes getting scarcer, and, under a good demand, are held firmly at \$6.00 per bbl. Cranberries exceedingly scarce; very small lots, if any, in the market. Quoted at \$8 per bbl. A Halifax despatch says the steamship Avonia, from Malaga and Cadiz, with a cargo of fruit for Montreal, has put into St. John's, Nfld., with a broken rudder and cargo partly jettisoned.

GROCERIES.—Teas.—The movement is not to any considerable extent, but there is firmness for desirable Japans as to style and quality, while low and inferior grades continue neglected. Young Hysons, Gunpowders, and other China Green Teas move slowly. The English market for the high class Greens is higher. Black Teas steady and slight advance lately reported from England. Sugars not active and with a range of prices about as last week. New York market steady for raw sugars, and somewhat lower for refined. Molasses held without change during week. Syrup firm. Rice dull. Coffee.—Not an active trade doing on about previous week's basis of prices. Spices.—The extreme price of Pepper is somewhat abating, and at chief centres the stocks keep full, with no disposition on the part of buyers to buy largely. Nutmegs firm; other spices unchanged. Fruits.—The disaster to the SS. Avonia will likely have effect on prices to some extent, providentially vessel and crew are saved, but, apart from the 80 to 100 tons jettisoned, there appears, as per report, a good deal of damage to cargo. The Halifax portion of the cargo is to be taken off at St. John, and the vessel, as soon as repairs can be done, will, it is believed, start for this city. Valentins on the spot have been scarce, but now lots are at hand, 9c to 9½c for quantity up to 10c for small lots are current figures. Extra Malaga Raisins are in small supply; ordinary kinds not active. Currants, 6½c to 7½c for ordinary up to 7½c to 8c for extra fine. Sales amount to several hundred barrels. Figs in snits 5c to 6½c, boxes 14c to 17c. Sultanias firmer, 12c to 13½c.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—The volume of business is well maintained, considering the advanced period of the season; leading houses are crowded with orders, and travellers are forwarding more. The falling-off in the demand, usual at this time of year, may, however, be expected. Remittances continue satisfactory. Bar Iron, which is moving off freely in car lots, has been further advanced to \$2 for large lots and \$2.10 for small quantities, owing to firmer English markets and the increased cost of importation. Freight from Liverpool to this port have advanced 14s to 14s. 3d, net, which is equivalent to an advance here of 20c to 25c per 100 lbs. In consequence of the rise in iron, quotations for hoops and bands, boiler plates and sheet iron have also to be advanced 10c all round. Ingot tin continues very scarce and firm at 27c. Ingot copper is also higher, round lots having been sold this week at equal to 17½c; quoted at 17½c to 18c. Tin Plates remain firm, under a good jobbing demand, at last week's quotations, \$5.75 being the lowest figure now for 10 charcoals. No large transactions between merchants. The local Pig Iron situation is unchanged; a good enquiry from Western consumers continues to be experienced, but owing to the difficulty in procuring freights from this port—no bounts and cars obtainable—little or no business can be done. "Warrants" have declined 1s in Glasgow, which market is reported somewhat easier, but this does not affect this market, the strong feature here being the high winter rate

of freight asked from Glasgow, viz., 25s. Sales for the week comprise but a few small lots of Summerlee and Eglington, at our quotations.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Owing to the absence of demand from tanners who have produced an excessive supply of leather, and have been admittedly making no profits for some time past, prices for raw hides in this market have further declined 1c. per lb., butchers now being paid \$8, \$7 and \$6, respectively for Nos. 1, 2 and 3. It is stated that a Quebec firm hold 3,000 hides, unable to sell them. American hides, on the contrary, have advanced, in both Boston and the Western markets, about 4c per lb., being quoted in Chicago at 9½c to 10c for pure bull hides; it would seem, therefore, that the remedy for the present state of affairs exists in a curtailment of the production of leather and keeping prices of hides low enough to enable dealers to ship them to other markets if necessary. Several carloads of Western States hides have been sold here this week at 10½c, at which figure holders are firm. The market for Sheepskins is unsettled at the moment, as prices for this month have not yet been fixed; we quote 95c to \$1 as the probable range. Nothing doing in Catfishins.

HOPS.—There is no life to the local market; both the offerings and demand are light; during the week a few round lots have been sold here at 20 to 22c to brewers. There are considerable quantities of the new crop in the country, but the major portion is understood to be in the hands of speculators; the Americans instead of being buyers are now holders, it seems, and as nearly 80 per cent of the English crop is said to have left the hands of growers, and shippers on this continent can realize a fair profit at present prices in the English markets, no early change in values current here seems probable. Late cable advices report a sale in England of 500 bales at 168s. per cwt., with strong markets. In New York strictly choice goods have brought 30c in small lots only during the week; the average range of prices for medium to fair qualities is from 26c to 28c. Ex.orts from New York to Europe for the week were 2,462 bales; since September last, 10,952 bales, against 5,164 bales for like period of last year.

WINDOW GLASS.—The demand is reported active, with prices firm and likely to advance. There is about a month's supply, it is said, in the whole country, so that much higher prices are expected to rule shortly.

LUMBER.—No change from last week's report; prices firm, and no decline probable, until some estimate can be made of next season's production. Should the winter season and spring drive be favorable there is no doubt that there will be a large stock, and prices will, consequently, moderate. The present consumption for building purposes in New York and other large cities is something enormous. The majority of good dwelling-houses are being finished in hard wood, such as oak, mahogany, cherry, walnut and hazzelwood or Southern gum tree. The latter is just coming into use, and is a handsome light brown or drab color, with dark and light streaks running through it; it grows a large size, takes a fine polish, and is easily worked. The price of it is about the same as oak.

LEATHER.—On the whole the market has been quiet, although some dealers have been busier than others. The demand is chiefly for good plump Sole, but were the enquiry even more active no very large lots could be bought. Common grades are more plentiful, at easier prices, if anything. Prime Slaughter is scarce and wanted, at firm prices, 28c to 29c, the outside figure being for choice qualities. Black leathers, of which there is an over-supply, are dull of sale, especially Upper and Split. A lot of 400 sides of Fable was sold at 11½c, and another lot of 600 sides same grade is reported sold at 11c. It is now between seasons with