

as could be wished. The quotations of last week are unchanged but as soon as navigation closes higher figures may be expected. Quotations now stand as follows: Tin plate I.C., 14x20, \$6.25 to \$6.50 a box; I.C., 20x28, \$12.50 to \$13; Canada plates \$4 to \$4.25; sheet iron, 28 G, \$4.75 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs; iron pipe, 40 to 50 per cent. off list price; ingot tin, 25 to 30 per lb; pig lead, 6 to 6½c; galvanized iron, 7 to 7½c per lb; bar iron, \$2.75 to 3.25 per 100 lbs; cut rails, \$3.55 to \$3.75.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

In this trade business has been moderately active but not rushed during the week, while collections have been fairly satisfactory. Prices of staple goods have scarcely changed, a slight reduction in French kip, wax upper and harness leather being the only alterations. Quotations now are: Spanish sole, 33c to 35c; slaughter sole, 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.40 to 1.50; domestic, 85c; B Z calf, \$1.00 to 1.10; French kip, \$1.00 to 1.25; B Z kip, 85c to 90c; slaughter kip, 65c to 75c; No. 1 wax upper, 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33c to 36c for plumb stock; English oak sole, 65c.

LUMBER.

The past week has brought out no new features in this trade. Sales have been light and few and it is evident that the slow feeling of winter has been slowly settling down. Quotations cannot be reached and if given would be nominal as the business done has been too small to reach reliable figures.

SAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

There has been no activity in this trade during the week and business has been slow all round. The continuation of mild weather has prevented matters from sinking into actual dulness which is expected to set in with the closing of navigation. Prices of goods are still unchanged although advances in several lines are daily expected. Quotations are as follows: Linseed oil raw, 67c per gal.; boiled, 70c; seal oil, steam refined, \$1.10; no pale or straw seal in the market; castor, 15c per lb; lard, No. 1, \$1.30 per gal.; olive, \$1.50 to \$2, according to quality; machine oils, black 30c; oleine 50c; fine qualities 65c to \$1. Coal oils, headlight, 27c; water white 33c. Calcined plaster, \$4.00 per bbl.; Portland cement, \$6; white lead, genuine, \$8.00; No. 1, \$7.50; No. 2, \$7. Window glass, first break, are quoted at \$2.50.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

Business in this line has been rather slow during the week and wholesalers feel rather disappointed with the season so far. As yet sales have been very light and a very rapid improvement is necessary to save the fall trade from showing very unsatisfactory results. The report from collections while not bad is not so encouraging as they were a few weeks ago.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

There has been a little activity in this line during the week but it has been only of a hectic nature and shows signs of falling off soon. Collections are reported fairly satisfactory. There is no change to report in prices.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

While a moderate amount of sales have been made in this line during the week, business is

not in a very satisfactory state. Collections are reported hard to make and irregular. Prices of staple goods have not changed and are: Hennessy's one star, \$13 to \$14; in wood, \$4.50 to 5.00 per gallon; Martel, in case, one star, \$13 to \$14; Renault, 1-star, \$12, \$16 and \$20; Louis Freres, in cases, qts., \$9; flasks, two dozen in a case, \$11; M. Dubois, in wood, \$3.50 per gallon; cases, quart., flasks, \$8; Gin, \$9; Holland, in wood, \$3 per gallon; red cases, \$10.5 to 11.50; green \$5.50 to \$6.50; cases, Old Tom gin, Bernhard's, in wood, \$3.25 per gallon; Booth's, in wood, \$3.25; Booth's, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; Scotch whisky, Ramsay's, in wood, \$3.50 to \$4.00; Coal-Ila Islay, in wood, \$3.50; Stewart's, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; flasks, 10.50. Irish whisky, John Jameson & Sons, in wood, \$3.50 to \$4. Bernard's, in cases, quarts, \$8; flasks, \$9.50. Jamaica rum, \$3.75 to \$4.00 per gallon. Champagne—Pomeroy, quarts, \$34; pints \$35 per case; Bollinger, quarts, \$33; pints \$34; Moet and Chandon, quarts, \$27; pints \$29; G. H. Munm, quarts, \$28; pints, \$30; Carte Blanche, quarts, \$20; pints \$22. Sherry from \$2.50 to 3.00 per gallon, according to quality and brand; port \$2.50 to 7.00, according to quality and brand; claret in cases \$5.00 to 7.00; Bass's ale in quarts \$3.50 per doz; pints \$2.25; Guinness' porter in quarts \$4.00, pints 2.50. Domestic whiskies, Gooderham & Wort's, in wood, \$1.55 to 2.25 per gallon; 65 o. p. rectified, in wood, \$2.52; W.F.L. five year old, \$2.50 per gallon cases, quarts, \$7.50; flasks \$5.50.

THE MARKETS.

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GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The past week has been one of unusual activity in grain circles in this city and the province generally. There has been a general rush to get as much as possible out of the country via Port Arthur before the close of navigation. It is impossible to ascertain exactly the quantity of wheat forwarded for the east, but an estimate in round figures would place it somewhere in the neighborhood of 150 cars. As a natural consequence the C.P.R. managers have been pressed for cars, and more would doubtless have been shipped had the railway company been able to supply all demands. The movement in oats has also been heavy, but not so much so as in wheat. Barley has as yet scarcely made its appearance on our market, and only samples of lots held back have been shown. As a natural result of heavy receipts and declining eastern markets prices of wheat have fallen somewhat here. Oats, however, have held firm, and the demand is still quite equal with the supply. In provisions a business considerably above the average of the past month has been done. Prices of butter and other farm produce have been advancing, but in meats the feeling has been decidedly easier, as the supply of new season's stock has been increasing. Altogether the grain and provision markets have been quite active, and any decline in prices must be attributed to eastern influences.

WHEAT.

Prices have been steadily on the decline,

until the end of the week, when 69c was the highest offer for No. 1 hard. No. 2 hard has been selling at 63 to 65c. No. 1 regular is still very scarce and quoted nominally at 63c; No. 2 is now worth 58 to 60c, and No. 3, 52 to 55c. Quite a number of lower grade lots sold from 40 to 48c.

OATS.

Under a steadily active demand prices have held firm all week, and at its close car lots in sacks were worth 40c, and in bulk 37 to 38c. Farmers loads on the street sold readily at 35 to 36c.

BARLEY.

There is still practically none of this grain on the market, and quotations cannot be given.

FLOUR.

There has been a good steady local demand all week, and prices have not changed from our last quotations. The shipment to eastern markets did not exceed ten cars, and to western points nearly as many. Quotations still stand. Patents \$2.60; strong bakers \$2.30; XXXX \$1.90 and superfine \$1.50 to \$1.60.

BRAN AND SHORTS.

Although the production has been steadily increasing, the local demand holds pace with it, and car lots of bran find ready sale at \$10 a ton on track, and shorts at \$12.

POTATOES.

Mild weather has again brought a plentiful supply to the city, but prices still hold firm, as winter stocks are being filled up. Round lots have sold at 30 to 35c, and small lots to retailers and consumers as high as 45c.

EGGS.

The demand during the week has been fairly active, and prices have held steady all week. Lots in boxes and barrels have sold at 27 to 28c.

BUTTER.

Prime eastern townships lots are now quoted as high as 25c, while first-class Manitoba ranges between 21 and 23c. Medium lots are plentiful and quoted at 16 to 20c, while lower grades are slow sale at from 10 to 14c.

CHEESE.

Under a steady demand prices have slowly advanced, until prime Manitoba and eastern lots are now quoted at 15c, and even 15½c in some lines asked. Lower grades range from 11 to 14½c.

BACON.

There has been a decidedly easier feeling during the week, with prices about ½ a cent lower. Dry salt now sells at 13c, while smoked is not to be had in the city. Rolls are worth 15c, and English breakfast 17c.

HAMS.

These are by no means too plentiful in the city yet, and prices still hold firm, 17c being the steady quotation. With a more plentiful supply, an easing off in prices would likely take place.

MESS PORK.

The feeling during the week has been easier in this product, although the demand has been fairly active. Quotations have ranged \$20.00 to \$21 for small lots, and \$20 for jobbers lots.

MESS BEEF.

There is no change to report in this commodity. About the usual number of barrels have changed hands at \$17.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Transactions on 'change the past week have been limited—so much so that considerable grain has sought other markets, and traders show much disgust thereat. Taylor & Co. and others, however, are of opinion that the close of the exciting campaign will have a good effect and that the market will now liven up rapidly.