

A large sale of this article took place in New York last week when some 35,000 ounces changed hands, all in large lots. The market has since stiffened up again there, but no serious advance is expected.

Dry Goods.—Trade continues quiet; travelers out are forwarding light, sorting-up orders, but they report that, owing to the cool, unseasonable weather, the spring trade in the country is very backward, and that in some remote sections, east and west, the people are still wearing their heavy winter clothing. The city retail merchants also report trade inactive the past week, attributing it to the interruptions incident to moving season, together with the continued unfavorable weather. One or two of the leading wholesale houses, however, find business about as good as usual at this period, and remittances are uniformly reported good, an improvement being noticeable in this respect in some quarters.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—English breadstuffs markets have ruled steadily and firm, and the Western wheat markets have also been firm most of the week, with an advance of 1¢ per bush. in Chicago to-day. Imports in the United Kingdom for the week show a decrease of 25,000 barrels of flour, 70,000 qrs. wheat, and 50,000 qrs. corn, compared with the week previous. In the local grain market there has been a fair business done in Canada wheat and peas, several cargoes having changed hands at about last week's prices; peas, however, show a slight decline, being now quoted at 97¢ to 99¢. Since the opening of navigation there has been more enquiry for flour for the local trade, Quebec and the Lower ports. There has been a limited enquiry on export account, and a lot of 2,000 sacks of Superior was sold yesterday for the Glasgow market on p.t.

FREIGHTS.—As the supply of ocean tonnage in this port increases grain freights decline, and 2s to 2s 3d per quarter being now the quoted rates to Liverpool and Glasgow by steamer, 3s 9d to London and 4s Bristol. Seven barges of the Montreal Transportation Co. arrived here Tuesday last with about 13,000 bush wheat and peas being the first grain arrival this season per the canal.

FRUITS.—Trade is steadily improving, but cannot yet be called active. Oranges are arriving in poor condition, and have to be repacked; a fair demand has been experienced during the week, at \$6 to \$7 per case. Lemons steady at \$5 per case, or \$3 to \$4 per box. A couple of steamers direct from the Mediterranean are expected in port in a few days, and one is reported to bring 5,000 boxes and cases of Messina lemons and 2,500 cases Valencia oranges, the fruit being described by dealers who have examined it as very fine. A trade sale of oranges is advertised to take place here to-morrow. Pine apples are rather slow of sale at the moment, the weather being too cold; prices range from \$2 to \$3.50 per dozen as to quality. Red bananas still selling at \$2 to \$3 per bunch, but the demand for these is also restricted by the unfavorable weather. Coconuts meet with a fair enquiry at \$5 to \$5.50 per hundred. Apples dull, at \$3 to \$4.50 per brl., as to quality, and evaporated apples still quoted at 15¢ to 17¢ per lb.

HIDES AND SKINS.—As the season advances, the quality of native hides improves, and offerings are about sufficient for the demand, which is steady at unchanged prices. The supply of Western States hides in this market is light, and under a good demand values rule firm; car lots have been sold during the week at 9½¢ per lb. for No. 1 Bull, while No. 2 are quoted at 8½¢. Calfskins continue to arrive in fair quantities, and all offering bring 12¢ per lb. Sheepskins quiet and unchanged, at \$1.10 to \$1.25 each for the bulk of the offerings; lambskins in limited supply, and selling at 20¢ to 30¢ each, as to size.

FURS.—The Spring catch of raw furs is being offered slowly in small lots in this market, and values are governed by the quality of the goods, which varies considerably. Muskrats command 18¢ to 19¢ for the bulk of the offerings, but 20¢ has been paid for choice prime skins. Fox are dull at \$1.10 to \$1.25. No other kinds coming forward in quantity, and prices rule nominal, as previously quoted.

GROCERIES.—**Sugars.**—Activity has been prevailing in Yellow Refined at advance of ½¢ to ¾¢ from lowest point, Granulated is also advanced about ½¢. West India Grocery Grades are firm at slight advance. **Teas.**—Market is quiet for Japans, as also China Green and Black Teas. **Molasses;** dull. Syrups of high class in some request. **Coffees.**—Business remains but moderate. Mocha and Java keep well up. Maracaibo, Rio Jamaica steady in value. Rice is quite active, with operations at advanced figures. For a length of time this article has not been so active. English market shows some excitement. **Spices.**—Pepper firm both for Black and White. East India and African Ginger also steady at the advance. Nutmegs and other Spices unchanged. **Fruits.**—Valencia Raisins dull, but without much to note in change. Malaga Fruit also shows inactivity. Currants, some sales of new arrivals per S.S. *Avlona* at values just about as for some time current. Figs, Sultanias, Prunes, quiet. Tarragona Almonds firm; some other kinds offering lower. Filberts dull and lower for quite ordinary. Walnuts not much asked for. Brazil nuts firm.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—A fair business in general hardware is reported as being done by the leading houses, but there is no change in quotations or other special feature to note. Payments are generally satisfactory. A steady consumptive demand for Bar Iron, Tin Plates, Copper and Tin has been experienced, but the day of large transactions in these metals appears to have passed by. As navigation has now opened, however, the movement will likely be increased, and the tendency in values easier. Buyers of Pig Iron are rather inclined to hold off for the larger Spring arrivals, with the hope of lower prices, which dealers say are quite improbable. There have been sales during the week of No. 1 Calder at \$21.50 to \$22, for fair sized lots; also of Garfsherrie, Summerlees and Langloan, at about the same figures, ex-ship.

LEATHER.—Manufacturers have not yet commenced to buy freely for the Fall make, and the market continues quiet, under a steady demand for most descriptions; sales, however, are restricted to quantities required for immediate use. First class Slaughter is wanted, and readily commands outside quotations. Spanish Sole is also in fair request, with sales reported of moderate-sized lots at unaltered prices. The best makes of Upper are in limited supply, and choice lots command a ready sale. Buff and pebbled, Splits, etc., steady and unchanged. Latest transactions comprise 500 sides heavy waxed upper sold at 33½¢, and 200 sides light do at 36¢. The English market is reported easier for Splits leather.

LUMBER.—Nothing special to notice, very little improvement yet. Prices remain as formerly.

ONIONS.—The market remains dull and unsettled, with few transactions in any kind occurring. Latest advices from the Newfoundland fisheries report the catch of seals far below what was originally reported. An average catch is about 350,000 or 370,000 and, so far, the number landed this season only foots up to 274,890. A despatch received yesterday by a Montreal firm reports the second trip of the

fleet a failure. New Seal oil has been offered here to arrive at 70¢, but nothing doing yet. In Cod there is no movement of consequence; it is quoted at about 65¢ to 67½¢ per Imperial gallon. Linseed quiet and easier, and since the reduction of 10 per cent in the duty on Turpentine prices have declined here to 75¢ per Imperial gallon.

PROVISIONS.—The Liverpool market continues firm, and Chicago market has generally ruled firm, at higher prices during the week. Pork sustained a slight shrinkage in the West yesterday, however, prices having dropped 5¢ to 7½¢ per barrel; Lard also was weak, and closed 15¢ to 17½¢ per 100 lbs. lower than on Tuesday. The Chicago hog market opened firm, at an advance of 5¢ to 10¢ per 100 lbs.; estimated receipts were 11,000 head and shipments 1,914. A good jobbing demand continues to be experienced in the local market, and prices have advanced, in sympathy with foreign advices, and the week closes with a very firm market; Western Mess Pork is selling in round lots at \$23, and Canada short cut do at \$23.50 to \$24 for small lots. Lard firm at 15¢ to 15½¢ for Fairbanks' in pails. Smoked meats firm at quotations. Eggs, owing doubtless to the withdrawal of considerable quantities for packing, have become scarce, and prices have advanced to 17¢ for fresh, sales being reported at that figure to-day. Maple Sugar and Syrup are so scarce as to be almost not quotable, but last week's figures may be repeated, with market firm.

SEEDS.—The market for clover is rather quiet with reduced stocks. We quote it to-day in small lots at \$15.50 to \$16.00 per cental, Timothy in fair supply, and without change. We quote at \$2.40 to \$2.60 per bushel, according to quality.

WOOL.—There has been little business done in this market during the past fortnight, and values remain purely nominal. Wool is a commodity for which there is never a steady demand for any length of time; manufacturers stocked up a few weeks ago, and will probably not be in the market for a fortnight hence. Stocks, especially of foreign descriptions, are very light, but fair shipments are en route to this market.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

BOSTON, May 10.—Flour, market dull, prices unchanged. Sales of Superfine from \$3.50 to \$4; Extras from \$4.25 to \$5, including choice Baker's from \$5 to \$6. Winter Wheat selling at from \$6.25 to \$6.25. Patent Spring selling at from \$7.25 to \$8, and Patent Winter from \$6.25 to \$7.25. Cornmeal selling at \$3.10. Oatmeal selling at \$6.50 for fair to good, and \$7.50 for choice. Hay, demand good; sales of choice at from \$17 to \$18; fair to good from \$15 to \$16. Butter, in good demand; choice quoted at from 27¢ to 29¢, and from 24¢ to 26¢ fair to good. Cheese unchanged; sales of new at from 12¢ to 13½¢; sales of old at from 14¢ to 14½¢ for choice, and from 12¢ to 13½¢ fair to good. Eggs lower, sales at from 17¢ to 17½¢. Canada Peas quiet, sales at from \$1.10 to \$1.15. Potatoes, receipts large, prices unsettled; sales of choice grades from 85¢ to 95¢.

Chicago, 3.00 p.m.—Wheat, June, \$1.13½; July, \$1.16½; Aug., \$1.16½. Corn, June, 55½¢; July, 57½¢; Aug., 58½¢. Oats, June, 42½¢; July, 42¢; Aug., 35¢. Pork, June, \$20.17½; July, \$20.37½; Aug., \$20.52½. Lard, June, \$12.05; July, \$12.12½; Aug., \$12.10.

New York, 3.00 p.m.—Wheat, No. 2 Red, May, \$1.22; June, \$1.23½; July, \$1.25½; Aug., \$1.26½; Sept., \$1.26½. Corn, May, 64½¢ to 64½¢; cash, 64½¢; June, 64½¢; July, 66½¢; Aug., 67½¢; September, 68½¢.

Milwaukee, 3.00 p.m.—Wheat, June, \$1.13½; July, \$1.16½.