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FINANCE & COMMERCE.

TRUE WITNESS OFFICE,
Tuesday, April 13.

Financial.

The banks are still unable to find employment for the surplus funds in their possession, consequently money is a drug in the market just now. Trade and commerce are naturally quiet in nearly all branches at this particular period of the year, and while there is good demand for it there is but little commercial paper offering; good lines are readily discounted at 7 per cent and choice bills are taken even at 6, while money can be borrowed at 4 to 5 per cent interest on call, and about 6 on time. There is a very light business done here from day to day in Sterling Exchange; the market is a shade easier today, in sympathy with New York, 60-day bills between banks being quoted at $1.09 to $1.09½, and small amounts over the counter at $1.09¼ to $1 09⅜. Currency drafts on New York quiet at 1-10 to ¼ premium.

Now that the French Cable Company have, according to advices, completed their cable between England and France, the promised reduction of rates to the American and Canadian public may reasonably be expected to take effect shortly. The French Cable Company have promised to reduce the rates from Canada to 50c per word, while it is understood that the Anglo Company will reduce the present rate, 75c per word, to 12½c.

—The traffic receipts of the Great Western Railway for the week ending April 2nd were $102,106.41, against $83,572.47 in the corresponding period last year, an increase of $18,573.97.

—The traffic receipts of the Grand Trunk Railway for the week ending April 5th, compared with the corresponding week of last year, were:—

	1880	1879.
Passengers, Mails and Express	$ 61,4[illegible]8	$ 51,937
Freight and Live Stock	142,060	154,286
Total	$203,498	$154,223
Increase		$ 49,275

The Riviere du Loup receipts are included in 1879 but not in 1880; adding them ($4,200), the week's increase would be $53,475. The aggregate increase for fourteen weeks is $373,861.

Business Troubles.

—T. D. Monat, of Quebec, dry goods, St. Johns, Que., has assigned.

—At a meeting of the creditors of James Adams & Co., insolvent dry goods merchants, of St. John, N.B., the total liabilities of the firm were stated to be $92,744.12, and the assets are estimated at $42,108 92. Daniel & Boyd made an offer of the full amount of the assets, $42,108 92, for the partnership estate, which was accepted by the creditors present. The private property of Mr. James Adams, senr., will be released from any liabilities in connection with the partnership debts, and Mr. Adams will make an offer of a compromise to his private creditors.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE CITY WHOLESALE TRADE.

TUESDAY, April 13.

The local breadstuffs market has been dull, in sympathy with foreign markets, all week, and prices, especially for flour, indicate a tendency downward.

The following are the city wholesale prices for flour:—

Superior Extra	$6 10	@	6 15
Extra Superfine	6 00	@	6 25
Fancy	0 00	@	0 00
Spring Extra, new ground	5 90	@	6 00
Superfine	5 60	@	5 75
Strong Bakers	6 25	@	6 60
Fine	5 00	@	5 15
Middlings	4 40	@	4 50
Pollards	3 20	@	3 30
Ontario Bags	2 90	@	3 00
City Bags (delivered)	3 20	@	3 25
Oatmeal, Ontario	4 50	@	4 65
Cornmeal	2 90	@	2 95

ASHES—The receipts here continue to be light, amounting to about only 200 brls. of pots and 30 brls. pearls since the 1st April. The supply, however, is about sufficient for the demand, which is very dull. At the time of writing the market rules very quiet; there have been no sales reported this week yet, and prices are easy, and likely to decline still further; we quote potash at from $3.70 to 3.75, the latter price being the extreme outside quotation.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The local market remains quiet and steady. The usual country trade is being done, small orders for general drugs being fairly numerous, but there is no quotable movement between jobbers, as importers are all awaiting the spring arrivals. Prices remain unchanged. Remittances are only moderate. No mail advices from England have been received since the date of our last report.

DRY GOODS.—The amount of business done here during the past week has not been large, but still it was sufficient to keep several of our wholesale houses tolerably well employed. The unusual change in the weather has had an unfavorable influence upon the country retail trade, and thus business has been to some extent curtailed. There have been a few buyers in the market, but as regards the reduced rates on the G. T. Railway to western merchants visiting this city, the opportunity thus afforded does not seem to have been of much advantage, judging from the small number of merchants who have availed themselves of it. We should judge that the secret lies in the fact of most retail merchants having previously bought their supplies through travellers, and are only now receiving their goods, so that the cheap trip was offered at an ill-advised time, and if it were extended until about the 19th May instead of till only the 19th of April inst., it might prove an advantage to merchants when sorting up their stocks next month. The city retail trade also complain of the unfavorable weather, which has retarded their business considerably. Remittances continue to improve, and at the opening of navigation will undoubtedly show a still greater improvement. Prices of all kinds of dry goods are higher than for many years, that is for late purchases, and the prospects are that all lines of fall goods will command advanced prices, as compared with last year.

GROCERIES.—The extremely bad roads in the country continue to keep the wholesale and retail grocery trade quiet, and there is very little change to note in values since last Wednesday. *Sugars* are a trifle easier, prices having declined about ⅛c. Raw sugars—Porto Rico quoted at 7½c to 8¼c for grocery; yellow refined, 7¾c to 9¼c; granulated at 9¾c to 10¼c, as to size of parcel. *Teas* remain dull, at unchanged prices; the demand for green teas is very light. Young Hysons are quoted at 32½c to 65c, and Japans at 28c to 55c, as to grade. Black teas steady; common Congous, 30c to 65c; the latter price being for fine Packling. *Fruits* extremely scarce and dear. Valencia raisins, 8c to 8¾c; layers, $2.20 to 2.85, with very few to be had in the market. Loose Muscatels are nominally quoted at $2.40 to 2 60. *Coffees* are dull and prices are easier for some grades; Javas, 25c to 29c; Rio, 16c to 19c, and Maracaibo 20c to 23c, but there is no demand for the last two kinds named. *Rice* easy at $4.15 to 4.45, as to lot. The demand for molasses is light, as the season is about over and prices remain as last quoted. *Syrups* are steady, with prices firm and unchanged. In *Spices* also, there is a very light movement reported, at unchanged prices:—Cloves, 34c to 45c; pepper, 10½c to 11½c; pimento, 12c to 15½c.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—The travellers for all our large wholesale houses are still forwarding orders regularly from country dealers for general hardware, but the market remains very quiet, and merchants are generally waiting for the spring rush of freight before moving off heavy goods. Prices are nominally unchanged, but indicate a downward tendency, especially for pig iron, for which the market here and all over the States appears demoralized. Payments here are reported fair. We append an extract from the Iron market review of the New York *Engineering and Mining Journal*: "There is the greatest quietness prevailing in this article, and the market can only be described as demoralized. There is not much iron offering, and it would be impossible to sell any large quantity, except at a great concession. We have seen offers to-day upon a basis of about $30 for No. 1 Foundry iron of good brand, although not as well known as some."

PIG IRON, per ton:—			
Gartsherrie	$24 50	to	25 00
Summerlee	24 50		25 00
Langloan	23 00		24 00
Eglinton	23 50		00 00
Calder No. 1	29 00		30 00
Carnbroe	29 00		30 00
Hematite	35 00		0 00
BAR, per 100 lbs:—			
Scotch and Staffordshire	2 65		2 75
Best do	3 00		0 00
Sweden and Norway	4 50		5 00
Lowmoor and Bowling	6 25		6 50
CANADA PLATES, per box:—			
Glamorgan	5 50		6 00
Garth & Penn	5 50		6 00
F. W. & Arrow	5 50		6 00
Hatton	5 00		5 50
TIN PLATES, ₱ box—			
Charcoal, I.C	9 50		10 00
Bradley	10 50		11 00
Charcoal, I.X	11 25		11 75
Charcoal, D.C	9 00		9 50
Coke, I.C	8 50		9 00
Tinned Sheets, No. 28, Charcoal, Cookley, K, of Bradley, per lb	0 18		0 00
Galvanized Sheets, best brands, No.28	8 75		9 00
Hoops and Bands, ₱ 100 lbs	3 25		0 00
Sheets, best brands	3 50		0 00
Boiler Plate, ₱ 100 lbs	3 50		0 00
Best do	3 75		0 00
CUT NAILS—			
10dy to 60dy, Hot Cut, per keg	3 65		0 00
8dy and 9dy, " do	4 10		0 00
6dy and 7dy, " do	4 35		0 00
4dy and 5dy, " do	4 60		0 00
3dy, " do	5 35		0 00
4dy and 5dy, Cold Cut, do	4 35		0 00
3dy, do do	4 85		0 00
200 kegs, 10c per keg off.			
Shingle, per 100 lbs	4 50		0 00
Lath do	5 00		0 00
Pressed Spikes	3 75		4 25
LEAD—			
Pig, per 100	5 00		5 25
Sheet	5 50		6 00
Bar	0 05½		0 05¾
Shot	6 00		7 00
STEEL—			
Cast, ₱ lb	0 11½		0 12½
Spring, ₱ 100 lbs	4 00		4 25
Best, do warranted	5 00		0 00
Tire, do	4 25		4 50
Sleigh Shoe	4 00		0 00
Ingot Tin	0 28		0 30
do Copper	0 20		0 21
Horse Shoes	3 50		4 00
Proved Coil Chain, ⅞ in	5 00		5 25
Anchors	5 00		6 00
Anvils	0 08		0 10
Wire, ₱ bdl. of 63 lbs Nos 0 to 6	2 50		0 00

HIDES AND SKINS.—There are very few green hides offering by butchers, the demand also is comparatively light, and the only cause assigned for the recent advice in prices is the attempt by a well-known large dealer here to control the market; tanners complain of present prices being too high. Sales are made slowly at $10.50 for No. 1; $9.50 for No. 2, and $8 50 for No. 3. *Calfskins* are reported quiet but firm at 13c each, and *sheepskins* are steady at $1.25 to 1.75 each, as to size, etc. A few spring lambskins have met with a ready sale at 15c to 30c each, as to size. It is reported that American buyers are now going through the Canadian forests, more particularly in the Eastern Townships, stripping them of all the hemlock bark they can find, and shipping it in large quantities across the border, thus saving their own forests for this valuable article. This is a matter of great importance to our tanners, and steps should be taken to prevent, if possible, the continuance of this encroachment.

LEATHER.—The local market remains firm and moderately active for nearly all descriptions of goods. Shoe manufacturers are not purchasing freely at present, as they are still employed in filling spring orders, for which they have a sufficient supply. The further advance for green hides this week tends to strengthen prices of leather, although the advance is not wholly legitimate. Sales since the date of our last report have been confined principally to small lots. Remittances reported fair.

Sole, No. 1, B. A., per lb	0 26	..	0 27
Do. No. 2 B. A., Do	0 24	..	0 25
Buffalo Sole, No. 1	0 22	..	0 23
Do. do. No 2	0 20	..	0 21
Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1	0 28	..	0 30
Waxed Upper, light & medium	0 38	..	0 42
Do. do. heavy	0 36	..	0 40
Grained Upper, light	0 37	..	0 42
Splits, large	0 27	..	0 35
Do. small	0 24	..	0 28
Calf, 27 to 36 lbs., per lb	0 50	..	0 65
Do. 18 to 26 lbs., per lb	0 45	..	0 55
Sheepskin Linings	0 30	..	0 40
Harness	0 25	..	0 32
Buff Cow per foot.	0 14	..	0 17
Enamelled Cow do	0 16	..	0 17
Patent Cow do	0 16	..	0 17
Pebbled Cow do	0 13	..	0 17
Rough Leather do	0 27	..	0 30

OILS.—Owing to the reports of a short catch of seals this year, the price of seal oil is expected to be considerably higher, but we are unable at this early date to give actual changes in quotations. The last reported sales of steam refined seal were made at 55c to 60c, but 65c is now asked; before the end of the present week prices may be established. Cod oil is held at 50c to 52½c, and Halifax cod oils are worth 45c per gallon, while Newfoundland is quoted at 47½c to 50c. *Petroleum* is inactive and unsettled; we quote car lots at 14½c to 16c, five-barrel lots at 16½c to 18c, and single barrels at 16c to 18½c. *Linseed* oil, raw, 64c to 65c; ditto boiled, 67c to 70c; market weak. *Olive*, $1.05 to 1.10. *Palm* oil, 8½c to 9c per lb.

PROVISIONS.—The local wholesale market for provisions just now rules very dull, the demand being confined entirely to the local jobbing trade. Stocks of old butter have been sold out completely, and small supplies of new make are selling here in lots of from one to four tubs each at from 25c to 30c, as to quality. It is reported that prices have declined in the country this week to 20c to 22c, and new offerings would probably bring no more than that in the city if offered in any considerable quantity. Dealers here, having bought at high figures, are holding for all they can get. We learn, however, that grocers have very few wants, and that instead of shopkeepers going to commission men, the reverse is the case A sale of ten boxes of *cheese* from the Brockville district on private terms is reported; buyers state that they are willing to pay 3c to 4c more for old cheese than for new, which is as yet not properly cured. Very few cheese factories have started as yet, and those that have are not producing much. Retail lots quoted here at 14c to 15c. Eggs held at 13c to 14c for fresh; limed, 8½c. Maple sugar is worth 9c to 10c per lb in wholesale lots. Sales of syrup at 80c to 85c per gal in kegs; 90c to 95c in tins. Hams, 10c to 11c. Pork, Canada thick mess, $15 75 to $16 25 per bbl; thin mess, $14 75 to $15. Canada Lard, in pails and tubs, firm at 10c to 11c. Bacon, 9½ to 10c; shoulders, 8c to 8½c.

SEEDS—There is little or nothing doing in seeds yet; clover is quoted here at $3.80 to 4.00, and timothy at $3.40 to 3.50.

THE FARMERS' MARKETS.

Bonsecours and St. Ann's—Prices at Farmers' Waggons, etc.

At the city retail produce markets to-day there was a fair supply of oats, potatoes, eggs and new maple syrup, but the attendance of farmers and buyers was much smaller than usual, owing presumably to the almost impassable state of the country roads and wet weather. Oats were firm, selling slowly at 80c for bulk of the offerings, and at 75c for inferior quality. Buckwheat was scarce and steady, at 90c to $1, while potatoes were held at 50c to 60c per bag, the inside rate being for Goderich only; Chili and Early Rose were sold at 55c to 60c. Maple syrup was somewhat cheaper than last week, selling at 90c to $1 per gal, or 25c per quart, but it was generally very thin. Maple sugar is worth 11c to 12c per lb. New laid eggs in baskets were sold early in the morning at 20c per doz, and later in the forenoon at 18c, while packed eggs at waggons brought from 13c to 15c. Fresh print butter sold at from 30c to 40c, and roll do at 25c to 28c. Vegetables were in very limited supply at unchanged prices. Fruit continues very quiet at previous quotations. Fish is dull and unchanged, and of dressed meats there were none offering by farmers or traders; some kinds of butchers' meats have advanced recently, as may be seen by our revised quotations below.

Latest mail advices from Liverpool quote American potatoes there at 6s to 6s 3d per cwt. The supply is increasing.

The following are the prices, corrected up to date:—

VEGETABLES.—Potatoes, 50c to 60c per bag; carrots, 30c to 40c per bushel; choice onions $3.00 per barrel, or 70c to 75c per bushel; parsnips, 50c per bushel; beets, 35c to 40c per bushel; turnips, 30c to 40c per bag or 20c to 30c per bushel; celery, 50c per dozen; cabbage, 40c to 60c per dozen, or $1 to 1.25 per brl; American lettuce, 60c to $1 per dozen heads; artichokes, 75c per bushel.

FRUIT.—Apples, $3.00 to $4.00 per barrel; lemons, $8 to $8.50 per case, or $5.50 per box; Valencia oranges, $6.50 to $7.00 per case, or 25c to 30c per doz; cranberries, $10 per barrel, or 40c per gallon; grapes, Malaga, $8.50 to 8.00 per keg of 50 lbs.

GRAIN, ETC.—Oats, 75c to 80c per bag; buckwheat, 45c to 50c per bushel; peas, 80c to 90c per bushel; soup peas, 90c to $1.00 per bushel; barley, 60c to 65c per bushel; corn, 80c to $1 per bush; white beans, $1.00 to $1.50 per bushel; bran, 90c per cwt.; corn-meal, $1.40 to 1.50 per cwt; moulie, $1.00 to 1.10 per cwt; buckwheat flour, $1.50 to $1.60 per cwt; oatmeal, $2.45 to 2.50 per bag.

FARM PRODUCE.—Butter—Prints, 30c to 35c per lb.; lump, 25c to 30c per lb: Eastern Townships, tub, 30c to 32c. New-laid eggs, 17c to 20c per dozen: packed do., 12c to 15c. Fine cheese, 00c to 00c per lb; ordinary, 00c to 00c. Maple sugar, 10c to 12c per lb. Lard, 10c to 11c. Maple syrup, 25c per quart, or $1 per gal.

POULTRY AND GAME.—Turkeys, $1.80 to $2.50 per pair; geese, $1.00 to $1.50 per pair; ducks, tame, 75c to 85c per brace; pigeons, $1.00 to 1.50 per dozen, or 20c to 25c per pair; chickens 50c to 60c per pair: quails, $4 per dozen; prairie hens, 00c to $0.00 per pair; snipe, $2.50 per dozen: plovers, $2.00 per dozen; partridges, 75c to 90c per pair; black ducks, 60c to 75c per brace; hares, 20c to 25c per pair.

MEAT.—Beef—Roast beef (trimmed), 12½c to 15c; sirloin steaks, 12c to 15c; corn beef, 10c; mutton, 11c to 12½c; veal, 8c to 12½c; pork, 8c to 10c; ham, 12½c to 00c; bacon, 12c to 13c; fresh sausages, 10c to 00c; Bologna sausages, 14c to 15c; spring lamb, $1 to 2 per qr; dressed hogs, $8.25 to 8.40 per 100 pounds; dressed beef, forequarters, $3.00 to $4.00; hind-quarters, $4.50 to $5.00.

FISH.—Haddock, 7c; codfish, 7c; mackerel, 25c; bass and dorey, 40c to 50c per bunch; olivet, 2½c per lb; lobsters, 10c do; perch, 10c to 20c per bunch; rock bass, 15c per bunch; smoked eels, 25c to 40c per couple; fresh salmon, 25c.

THE CATTLE MARKETS.

St. Gabriel.

MONDAY, April 12.

At St. Gabriel market, this morning, the offerings comprised 24 carloads cattle, chiefly from Ontario, being brought in by western drovers on Saturday night and early this morning. The quality of the stock was generally good, and a number of animals which were sold at the Elora and Guelph fairs held last week was under offer; these were acknowledged to be the finest lot of cattle seen on this market since Easter. The demand was fairly good, and prices paid averaged from 4c to 5c per lb live weight, but sales were made at as low as 3½c and as high as 5½c. Mr. Alderman Meshane was on the market, but he was not purchasing on account of the uncertainty of procuring vessel accommodation. The reported sales include the following:—Messrs Walter & Pascoe, Oshawa, 30 head to W Kennedy, the American shipper, at 5c per lb; 11 head to Sam Price at $40 each; W Laing, Guelph, 1 fine steer, weighing 1,200 pounds, to W Clear at 5½c; 3 head to Benallack at 4½c; 2 to Mr Roy for $80, or 3½c per lb, and 2 to Teduce for $85; Hugh Kelly, 10 head cattle to butchers at 4c to 5c; Joseph Stone, Whitby, 18 head to W Kennedy, shipper, at $64 each, or 5c per lb; 2 head to butchers at 3½c per lb; John Robinson, Toronto, out of 2 loads, sold only 1 head to Mr Charters for $200, and 5 head for $210; W Kinnear sold 4 head to John Robinson at $75 each, 8 to Dagout at $65 each, 4 to Sam Frloe at $52 each, and 2 bulls for $115; George Webber, of Peterboro sold 20 cattle at 3½c to 4c per lb; Thos Peers, of Weston, sold a load at $42 each, or 3½c per lb; W Harrington, Guelph, sold 13 fine head cattle, averaging 1,111 lbs each, at 4½c, and 3 head at 4c. Messrs Roberts and Wilder, of Lennoxville, had 3 loads of cattle under offer; they sold 40 head to Messrs. Kennedy and Craig, for shipment, at 5½c, and 8 head to butchers at 4½c to 5c. Thos Bates, of Toronto, had 3 loads under offer; he sold 10 head for $475; 2 for $94, and 4 at $47; 15 head at $48 each, or about 4½c, live weight; he resold 3 head to Laviolette at 4½c; 3 to Vizeau at 4½c; 4 to A Coultry at 4½c, and 5 to Giroux at 4½c.

The only hogs reported sold was a lot of 13 head of light grade by Walter & Pascoe, at $5 per cwt. Six light hogs were also sold by Mr. Strong to a butcher at $5.25 per cwt.

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

The receipts of live stock at Point St. Charles by rail during the past week include 32 carloads cattle and 2 of horses. Mr. Laporte, of Mildmay, arrived this morning with 2 carloads horses and one load of cattle; he sold some 8 general purpose horses to different dealers at from $85 to 125 each.

The shipments during the past week comprised 57 head cattle, being part of a cargo of 280 head, forwarded from Portland by Mr. Ald. McShane; the remainder of the cargo was purchased at Boston, Mass.

AT VIGER MARKET

the arrivals of live stock included about 100 head cattle, 30 calves and 12 or 15 sheep and lambs. There was but a small attendance of local butchers, and although the quality of the beeves offering was generally considered very fair, for local purposes, the demand was only moderate. The sales of cattle are reported at prices within the range of from 3c to 4½c per lb. live weight. N. Taillefer bought 45 head cattle at the western market at from 4c to 4½c, and brought 30 head to Viger market, where he sold 25 at 4¾c to 4½c. James Eakins, of Port Hope, had 16 head under offer; he sold 8 at from $90 to $35 each. Messrs. Roberts & Wilder had 13 head under offer, all of which they sold to butchers at 3½c to 4c. J. Bennoit, trader, sold 13 out of 15 head cattle—1 steers at $50 each, and the remainder, small cows, at from 21 to $32 each. A fine large bull, weighing 1,980 lbs, raised by Mr. Loiselle, a farmer of St. Mark, was sold to Mr. Jasmin, butcher, at 4c per lb., live weight. The calves under offer were nearly all small, and sold at $1.50 to $4 each. There were scarcely any spring lambs offering, but good sized ones would bring from $1.50 to $6 each, while sheep are worth $5.50 to $10 each, as to size and quality; a few changed hands today at about $6.50 each.

Montreal Horse Market.

SATURDAY, April 10.

Trade in horses here continues quiet and steady as compared with the brisk business which we had to report from week to week during the previous months of this year. During the present week, ending to-day, there have been, according to the official report, 229 horses, valued at $17,968, shipped from this city to the United States, against 206 horses, valued at $18,895, for last week. The demand during the latter part of this week has somewhat improved, but the impassable state of the river and many of the country roads has rendered it next to impossible for farmers to bring their horses to market, and several leading American buyers have been operating lately in several parts of Ontario, where travelling is much easier.

The auction sale of horses and Ayrshire cattle on the Corporation market on College street on Tuesday was very largely attended, and proved a decided success, all the stock entered on the catalogue, save two lots, having been sold. The list of horses sold included a Clyde draft at $120; saddle mare at $100, bay horse at $110, two family mares at $90 each, chestnut horse and mare at $100 each, bay gelding at $135, stallion at $160, and 11 others at about $60 each. Ayrshire bulls at $83, 75, 52, 47; 35 cows at $60, 70, 58, 60, 49, 51, 53, and as low as $30; heifers averaged about $30 each; calves $10 to 20; pigs $6.25 each, and a lot of poultry, and one nice Alderney cow, $60. Among the purchasers may be mentioned the Agricultural Society of Joliette. With a little more stable and shed accommodation, the horse market on College street will undoubtedly become the first in Canada for the sale of thoroughbred live stock. The Montreal live stock markets are now much the largest in the Dominion, and the improvements needed in the way of stable and shed room at this commodious and central market should be made by our Corporation without further delay; all depends on this whether it is to be made the success intended or not. During the week Mr. Jas. McGuire sold at this market one pair of black carriage horses, 7 years old, weighing 1,050 lbs each, for $180; 1 black trotter, weighing 950 lbs, for $100; and 1 do, weighing 1,100 lbs, for $85.

At the American House yards, some 8 or 9 carloads were bought and shipped this week, at firm prices, say from $40 to $80 each for common to good "workers," and from $90 to $150 for good to fine carriage horses; very few of the latter class changed hands, however. One pair of brown horses sold for $185; 1 large working horse for $96; 1 do, for $75, and a bay horse, 8 years old, weighing 1,150 lbs., for $80.

Following is the list of shipments from this city to the United States during the week, as per entry at the office of the American Consul here:—April 3, 2 horses at $977.50; 2 at 210. April 5, 14 horses at $997.50. April 6, 9 horses at $827.50; 22 at 1,508; 9 at 523; 39 at 2,002.50. April 7, 1 horse at $40; 22 at 1,887; 20 at 2,488; 8 at 728. April 8, 16 horses at $1,227; 11 at 889 12 at; 1,000; 3 at 294; 12 at 1,082; 4 at 343. April 9, 19 horses at $1,434; 4 at 220.

Montreal Hay Market.

SATURDAY, April 10.

As was to have been expected, considering the muddy country roads and impassable state of the river, the offerings of hay and straw at the College Street market during the week ending to-day were very light. The total receipts were only about 60 loads, of which some 12 or 15 loads were straw, against an aggregate of about 200 loads for last week. The demand for hay continued moderate, but holders took advantage of the small supply to advance prices, and although several loads remained on the market till evening each day before being sold, an advance of 50c was established for the best Timothy hay, which is now selling at $9 per 100 bundles, and common cow hay brings $7 and upwards. As stated in our last report, the demand for straw has somewhat improved, as is usual at this period of the year, and prices, chiefly owing to the scarcity of the supply, have further advanced from $4 to $5 per 100 bundles. Pressed straw for the same reason is also quoted firmer, at $5.50 to $6 50 per ton, while baled hay is still worth $8 to $10 do, as to quality.

British Cattle Markets.

LONDON, Monday, March 22.—Cattle at market, 2,930; sheep at market, 13,090. Best beef, 8½d to 8¾d per lb; inferior and secondary, 6d to 7½d per lb; best mutton, 9½d to 10½d per lb; inferior and secondary, 6½ to 9d per lb.

Although not animated, the trade has shown greater firmness. The cold weather strengthened supplies. The receipts of beasts were still below the average number for the time of the year. The trade, upon the whole, was steady and full rates were reached for fine breeds. The sheep pens were fairly filled; more steadiness was observed in the demand, and tendency of prices against buyers.

LIVERPOOL, Monday, March 22.—Cattle at Market, 1,282; sheep at market, 2,960. Beef 6½d to 8½d per lb; mutton, 7½d to 10d per lb

The supply of cattle was less than on last Monday. The trade was without animation, and generally last week's prices were realized.

GLASGOW, Thursday, March 25 — Cattle at market, 980; sheep at market, 2,400. Best beef, 8½d to 8¾d per lb; inferior and secondary, 5½d to 8d per lb; best mutton, 10½d to 11d per lb; inferior and secondary, 8d to 9½d per lb. Supply of cattle short, but many of fair quality. Demand good and prices firmer; rather more than last week's quotations. Very short supply of sheep, and generally of good quality. All kinds in demand and an advance on last week's readily obtained.

AUSTRALIAN FRESH MEAT IN ENGLAND.

The Liverpool correspondent of the New York *Bulletin* says:—"The success of the shipment from Australia of fresh meat per the steamer Strathleven has created something very little short of excitement there and very great interest here. It is now clearly made evident, what we stated some considerable time ago, that a most formidable rival to American stock raisers and dealers had been discovered. It is stated on reliable authority that in Australia there are 63,000,000 sheep and 7,000,000 cattle, and that of these one-fifth would be available for export annually. Further, that in New South Wales prime meat can be bought at 1½d per lb. This price we suspect, however, is what could be done before the new outlet was discovered, and may very soon be, if it has not already been, quite doubled. At all events, a comparison of prices and expenses of freight, etc., makes it clear that between the rivalry of Australia and America the British householder may at last obtain his meat at a low rate."

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, April 9.—There was a brisk trade in live stock this morning, the arrivals being light. Prices were firm, and sheep had an upward tendency. At Sixtieth Street Yards horned cattle sold at 8½c to 10½c per lb, weights 5½ to 8½ cwt. At Harsimus Cove Yards prices ranged from 8½c to 10½ per lb, weights 5½ to 11½ cwt. From 55 to 57 lbs has been allowed net; sales chiefly on 56 lbs net. Milch cows held on sale. Neither bobs nor veal were quoted. Sheep sold at $5.50 to $7.30 per cwt; shorn sheep, 4½c to 5c per lb; cull sheep, 6c per lb; ewes, 5½c per lb; lambs, 8½c per lb; spring lambs, $5 50 per head. The flocks, as above reported, ranged from common to good. There were no live hogs on sale; city dressed opened at 6½c to 6¾c per lb; market pigs, 6½c per lb.

Liverpool Provision Market.

CHEESE.—The market is firm, holders showing every confidence in their position, and refusing to meet buyers, or sell under 70s to 72s. There has been a fair retail demand this week at the above prices, and as (without doubt) the country dealers are almost all with very low stocks, a good demand may reasonably be anticipated all through the month of April.

BUTTER.—The position remains the same, viz, no stock, and buyers' wants in excess of present imports, but they are becoming more cautious, evidently thinking that prices are (considering the near approach of new butter,) high and dangerous. We quote finest parcels American and Canadian, 125s to 140s per cwt; medium to fine quality, at 105s to 110s, sells slowly.—*Hodgson's Circular, March 25.*

LONDON GROCERY MARKET.

LONDON, April 9.—In Mincing Lane during the past week the markets have been freely supplied. Importers showed a disposition to realize, and lower quotations were frequently established. Sugar was easier at the public sales, and several floating cargoes sold lower. Austrian beet was cheaper. Dutch Coffees in the sale on Wednesday showed a decline of 1c to 2c; good ordinary is quoted at 40½c, against about 45c in March. Supplies for London have been rather large, and a further decline of 1s to 2s per cwt was established. Shipments from Ceylon to date are 6,000 tons less than for the same time in 1879. The Amelia, with a large cargo of coffee from Cochin, is reported lost. Ginger is rather higher. Black pepper in good demand and firmer. Rice dull; cargoes sold firmer Public sales of tea have been smaller; prices unchanged.

FAILURES IN 1880.

Messrs. Dun, Wiman & Co.'s circular for the first quarter of 1880 gives the number of failures in the Dominion of Canada as 503, with liabilities of $4,816,277, as against 634 with liabilities of $11,648,607 for the quarter dated March 31, 1879. The failures in the United States for the first quarter of this year numbered 1,432, with liabilities of $12,777,074, as against 2,524 with liabilities of $43,112,855 in the same quarter of 1879. The figures this year are exceptionally small, showing a decrease of nearly one-half as compared with the first quarter of any previous year since 1874. The liabilities are less than they were ever before reported in any quarter since the commencement of the publication of quarterly returns. It is a matter full of significance that the indebtedness of failed parties in the first three months of the present year do not equal one fourth of the sum to which they amounted in any first quarter in the last preceding six years. As time progresses, the figures relating to failures seem to indicate a steady continuance of favorable conditions for the trade of the country.

Finance, Commmerce and Trade.

—The Welland Canal will not open for regular traffic until 4th of May, but in the meantime vessels are arriving at Port Colborne and Port Dalhousie and their cargoes are being transferred to the Welland Railway. The Welland Canal will open for vessels drawing seven feet of water on the 26th April.

—Since the 12th November last, Messrs. Lingham & Son, Belleville, have shipped from New York, Boston, and Baltimore over 12,000 head cattle. Messrs. Webber & Winch will arrive in this city to-day with 20 head of cattle, aggregating 24,000 pounds, to be shipped to England. Another carload will be forwarded next week.

—The following extract is from the spring circular issued by the Treasury Department on the 8th inst:—"All lights of the United States on the northern and north-western lakes and their adjacent navigable waters will be exhibited from sunset to sunrise, *at all seasons when vessels can enter the ports, or are navigating in their vicinity.*"

—It is estimated that 13,000,000 cows are in the United States, which is six times the number in Great Britain, more than twice the number in France, two-and-a-half times more than in Prussia, and more than in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Russia, Finland, Austria, Hungary and Switzerland combined, although these countries contain four times the population of the United States. No adequate comparison can be made with Canada as yet, as the statistical returns have not been received.

—The excess of this year's lumbering operations on the Tobique River, N.B., over that of last season is estimated at 1,000,000 feet. Beveridge Bros. have cut 3,000,000 feet of spruce; George Baird 1,300,000 feet. This season has witnessed great activity in the birch timber trade in Victoria County. On the Tobique River, Beveridge Bros. have felled 1,000 tons of birch. The amount of lumber cut on the Meduxnakeag the present season exceeds the amount got out in 1878 and 79 by 240,000 feet. On the Aroostook River 8,000,000 feet of spruce have been cut this winter for Samuel King, of the Mosquito Cove Mill, St. John.

Last week's circular of the Liverpool Cotton Brokers' Association says:—"Cotton was active early in the week and prices advanced, but on Wednesday and Thursday business was very limited at easier rates, and the market closed without material change from last week. American was in good demand, and middling and good middling close 1-16d higher than last Thursday. In Sea Island business was small, and quotations are unchanged. Futures opened steady, and with a more active demand, prices improved 5-32d to Monday afternoon. Since then they have been dull and drooping, and the advance was lost. They close steadier, with a recovery of 1-32d for near positions. Later months are weak and freely offered."

—A leading Liverpool grain circular says:—"The wheat trade remains apathetic, and the tendency is again easier. The best qualities of English, because of scarcity, fairly maintained previous rates. Cargoes off coast sell slowly at 6d decline. Buyers are altogether averse to operate for future arrival. At Liverpool and adjacent markets since Tuesday the business in wheat has been of the merest retail character at 1d under Tuesday's prices. The supply of corn is still limited, and is steadily held. At this morning's market there was a very good demand for wheat. In white, however, very little business was reported, prices receding ½d to 2d. Flour was dull and nominally unchanged. Corn, because of scarcity, realized ½d advance for such parcels as are ready for delivery."

LOCAL NEWS.

HARBOR REGULATION.—The use of a signal by masters of vessels, when they are in urgent need of police assistance, has been authorized by Government.

THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S MOVEMENTS—His Honor, accompanied by Madame Robitaille, attended High Mass at the Church of the Gesu. The services were of a most impressive character, and the musical portion was exceedingly rendered.

THE HUDON COTTON CO.—On Saturday His Honor the Lieut.-Governor paid a visit to the mills of this Company at Hochelaga, through which he was escorted by the Superintendent, Mr. Whitehead, who explained to His Honor the manner in which the manufacture was perfected. His Honor made a thorough examination of the premises, and expressed himself well pleased with what he saw.

CATHOLIC UNION.—At the annual meeting of this Society the following officers were elected: Messrs. Jos. Desrosiers, President; P. B. Mignault, 1st Vice-President; S. Lachance, 2nd Vice-President; Dr. H. E. Desrosiers, Secretary; E. Roby, Librarian; P. Bourque, Assist.-Librarian; Committee: A. de Boupart, Alph. Leclaire, D. Marsan, F. A. Quinn, J. J Beauchamp, M. Fontaine, L. Lussier and Ch