

activity. The regular trade is still in an unsettled state in the country, and in the city it has been rather quiet. There are no changes in prices to report, although with the opening of navigation some goods it is expected will decline slightly. Quotations are: Sugars, 6½ to 7c for yellows: granulated, 8 to 8½c; Paris lumps, 10c; coffees, Santos 14 to 16c; Mochas, 31 to 34c. Teas, season 1884-5, Moyune gunpowder, 30 to 75c; pan-fired Japan, 26 to 50c; basket-fired 26 to 40c; Congous, 23 to 3c.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

In shelf and fancy hardware and in firearm there has been a heavy business done during the past week, and in some of these lines most of our houses have been cleaned out. In heavies and metals matters have not been so lively, although business on the whole has been far from quiet. The report from collections is not so bright by any means. There has been a slight drop in the prices of some goods and quotations are: Tin-plates, I.C., 14 x 20, \$5.50 to 6; 20 x 28, \$11.50 to 12; Canada plates, \$3.80 to 4; sheet-iron, 28 G, \$4.75 to 5.25 per 100 lb; iron-pipe, 40 to 50 per cent. off list prices; ingot-tin, 25 to 30c per lb; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 7 to 7½c per lb, according to quality; bar iron, \$2.50 to 3 per 100 lb; cut nails, \$3.40 to 3.60 per keg.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Business still holds active in this trade, although not so much so as early in this month. There are no changes in prices, and quotations are: Spanish sole, 33c to 35c; slaughter sole, 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.40 to 1.50; domestic, 85c; B Z calf, \$1 to 1.25; French kip, \$1.00 to 1.10; 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.

Although there has been a moderately active demand for lumber during the week business is not yet into that active state it should be in at this season of the year, and this may be attributed to the generally unsettled state of matters in trading circles. The season's business does not promise to be a very heavy one, but there is less of a reckless feeling about prices than there was a year ago, and there is reason to believe that it will be a much more profitable one than 1884.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Business still keeps active in this trade, and the season promises so far to be quite as good as last. The only change in prices is in linseed oil which is a little firmer. Quotations are: Linseed oil raw, 70c per gal; boiled, 73c; seal oil, steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 15c per lb; lard, No. 1 \$1.20 per gal.; olive, \$1.50 to \$2, according to quality; machine oils, black 25c; oleine 45c; fine qualities, 55c 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, \$7.00; No. 2, \$6.50 Window glass, first break, are quoted at \$2.50.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

There has been a regular rush in this trade during the week, military supplies of various

kinds having made heavy demands on the trade. The city has been almost cleaned out of saddles, and in other lines of goods regular customers have had their orders delayed to let the Government be supplied. On top of this there has been a good, steady regular business.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

There is still rather a quiet feeling in this trade, and the past week has developed but little improvement, but has shown rather a falling-off. The season promises to be anything but an active one.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

There has been a little better feeling in this trade during the past week, but business has not been active by any means. There are no changes in prices of goods to report. Quotations of domestic spirits are as follows: - Gooderham & Worts, in wood, \$1.55 to 2.25 per gallon; 65 o.p. rectified, in wood, \$2.50; W.F.L. five-year-old, \$2.50 per gallon; cases, quarts, \$7.50; flasks \$4.50.

THE MARKETS.

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GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Although grain prices have mounted-up considerably during the past week, the receipts and movement of grain have been very light. Farmers have been too busy seeding to haul to town, the weather and state of the ground being the best they have had in several years. Parties holding grain at points west are in no way anxious to sell at present, and are in hopes that by the time lake navigation is open, prices will be even higher. Flour has gone up in sympathy with wheat, and as soon as navigation opens shipping to eastern markets on a profitable basis will commence. There is a general belief that grain prices generally have started out of the low range they have been held within, and a better feeling will be general all summer, even if no Anglo-Russian war takes place. In provisions there has also been a firm feeling, although the business done has only been moderate in aggregate. Better grades of butter have been a shade higher, and meats have been fully as firm as during the previous week.

WHEAT.

Receipts are so light that prices during the week were only nominal. The following quotations are about what are offered, but for the higher grades a little more might be got: No. 1 hard, 75c; No. 2, 70c; No. 1 regular, 70c; No. 2, 64c; No. 3, 58c; rejected 40 to 50c.

OATS.

Holders are still determined upon better prices, and the firmer feeling in wheat makes them more inclined to believe that an advance can be secured. Car lots sold during the week at 41 and 42c in the city, and choice milling lots would bring 43c.

BARLEY.

There is no barley to be had, even the poor qualities for feed are not to be found.

FLOUR.

There has been a sharp advance in prices during the week in sympathy with wheat. Higher grades have shared more in the advance than the lower ones. There has been a good local demand, but no shipping has been done. Quo-

tations now are: Patents, \$2.70; strong bakers', \$2.40; XXXX, \$1.90; superfine \$1.40 to \$1.50.

BRAN AND SHORTS.

There are none offered, the supply at the mills being out, and the only stocks in the city are held by retail dealers. A car lot could scarcely be collected.

POTATOES.

Mild spring weather and good roads have opened the pits of the farmers, and increased the receipts in the city. A big drop took place early in the week, and car lots sold at 45 and 46c, but later a firmer tone prevailed and 47 and 48c were asked.

EGGS.

There has been a heavy demand all week, and prices have been a shade firmer. A few poor lots have sold at 14½c, but good quality go freely at 15 to 16c.

BUTTER.

Fine quality dairy is still in active demand and at slightly advanced figures, while there is a small demand for good mediums, but low grades are unsaleable. Prices during the week have ranged: gilt-edge dairy, 22 to 23c; good to choice, 10 to 20c; mediums, 14 to 17c; inferior not quoted.

HAMS.

The demand has been normal with prices firm. Prices have been steady at 13½c for round lots and 14 to 14½c for small lots.

BACON.

A fair demand has kept up all week, with prices quite firm. Dry salt has sold at 9½ to 10½c; rols, 13½ to 14c; hams, 13½ to 14c; breakfast, 13½ to 14c.

MESS PORK.

There is now but little demand for this product, the slight activity of the early days of April having subsided. Prices are steady, holding at \$19 to \$19.50.

LA RD.

No change reported, and business done nominal. Pails sell at \$2.50.

DRESSED HOGS.

Receipts have been light, and all wanted for immediate use. Quotations have ranged from \$5 to \$5.50.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Last week has been the most exciting in the history of our wheat market. The bear began at the opening on Thursday and an advance of 4 to 6c on hard grades was scored before the close. Prices rose steadily until Tuesday, when they closed 6 to 10½c above the closing figures of a week ago. To-day there was a reaction and a decline of 2 to 2½c, with a rather dull market. The bulls seem to have things their own way, however, bears being scarce and not at all demonstrative. Millers and brokers agree in saying that there is no cause for weakness to-day more than was apparent yesterday, and that the reaction is the result of speculative manipulation for the purpose of "milking" the country operators. Receipts have been large and shipments light. The only new thing about crop prospects in the Minneapolis belt is that rural blatherskites have been telegraphing east that owing to the advance in prices, the acreage will be equal or greater than that of last year. The best persons in this section assert that the decrease will be fully ten per cent, and smile at the idea