

ASHES.—Receipts of Pots have been moderate, with sales down to \$4, and in some instance less. Seconds \$3 50. No Thirds offering. Market closes quiet with downward tendency. Pearls are still nominal at \$3, no sales being reported. Receipts since 1st January, 5797 barrels Pots, 781 brls. Pearls. Deliveries, 6879 brls Pots, 756 brls. Pearls. Stock in store at 6 p.m. Wednesday, 1235 brls. Pots, 174 brls. Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Several Western jobbers were in this city yesterday, determined not to leave until they have secured spring samples, which it is expected will be completed in a day or two. Manufacturers generally have been fairly well employed during the week, although not pushed to any extent, except one or two of the firms who supply jobbers. The latter have been quite busy, quite a number of out-of-town buyers having made some good purchases. Remittances are fair.

COAL.—The weather having been against any increased demand prices remain as last quoted, although there will probably be an advance as soon as the cold term fairly sets in to stay, and navigation closes. Sales during the week have been made in small quantities at \$6 per net ton delivered for store and chestnut and at \$5.75 for egg and furnace, large quantities can of course be had at a shading from those figures. Steam coal is quiet, and prices are unchanged, Scotch being quoted at \$4.50, Pictou at \$4.00, and Cape Breton at \$3.50.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter—Real gilt edge creamery and dairy command full figures, but the slightest shading in quality from absolute perfection flings such goods into quite another market, in which it is a difficult matter to sell. The market for faultless goods is of such a limited nature, and the offerings of fancy fall ends so scarce that they represent such a fractional portion of the great bulk of trading, that we hardly know whether it is wise or not to quote them. The average top price of creamery is 26c, and that of Eastern Townships 22c, although for selections those prices have been exceeded. As soon as the market for simply fine grades is reached, then the unsatisfactory nature of things commences to be seen, which grows worse as the grading of qualities reach downward. A round lot of dairy has been shipped to Cape Breton amounting to 250 pkgs., but very little appears to be going forward to the Lower Ports or Newfoundland. Western Rentrew and Kamouraska move slowly although offered at low prices, Western ranging all the way from 12c up to 17c, as to quality. Cheese.—This market preserves a steady appearance, both at home and abroad. During the week the Thistle combination changed hands, comprising about 5000 boxes, at about 11c or 11c, both figures being named by different parties. The October make has been coming in freely during the week, and most of it will no doubt be here by the middle of next week. We quote: West-rn—Fine to finest 11c to 11c, fair to good 10c to 11c, early makes 9c to 10c. French—fine to finest 11c to 11c, fair to good 10c to 10c, early makes 8c to 9c skims 5c to 7c.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—A fairly busy week has passed in the general drug trade, orders from travellers and direct from customers having amounted to a good average volume. Prices, with the exception of quinine, are generally steady. Opium has sold in fair-sized parcels to the country trade at \$4.25 to \$4.50 and Morphia at \$2.20 to \$2.30. Quinine is still in an unsettled condition, but there has been no change in prices here since last week, Howard's having sold at \$1.20 to \$1.25, and Germ in at \$1.15. Iodide of potassium continues to advance, and is now quoted at \$3.50. Iodine is firm at \$4.25 and iodoform at \$5.75, but these figures must be considered nominal, as manufacturers refuse to quote for any quantity. Heavy chemicals have undergone

little change here, but bleaching powder is firmer on the other side, owing to the restriction of production by makers, as pre-arranged. Here the market is steady at \$2.40 to \$2.50 for round lots. Caustic soda is firmer at \$2.35 to \$2.40. Bicarb and sal soda are steady and unchanged. Cream-tartar crystals and tartaric acid are steady at the advance previously noted.

DRY GOODS.—Advices from buyers now in England selecting spring goods report that although prices are not much altered sellers are anxious to place their goods, assortments are large and varied, and that their spring purchases will form a splendid selection upon reasonable terms. The trade here remains dull, the favorable change to colder weather which set in at the close of last week having been of sufficient duration to raise delusive hopes, as the mild spell which quickly followed put things back again to their old status of stagnation. About a dozen travellers are out with spring samples of Canadian tweeds, and a few orders have been sent in already, along with some small sorting-up orders for winter goods, such as heavy coatings, etc. Grey and white cottons are quiet, as usual at this season, but prices are unchanged, lower prices not being anticipated. Remittances have come to hand in somewhat better shape, although there is still room for improvement.

EGGS.—Held stock is quiet at 20c to 21c and fresh-packed is steady at 22c. Strictly new-laid, for boiling purposes, command higher figures.

FISH.—Labrador herring meet with rather slow sale at \$6.25 to \$6.50, and \$6 is believed to be the top price that could be realized for 100 bbl. lots. Cape Breton have sold down to \$5, and prices range from \$5. to \$5.25. Green cod has sold at pretty low prices, but it is questionable if choice No. 1 could be had at under \$4. Dry cod \$4.25 to \$4.50 for choice Gaspe and at \$3.75 for American. North Shore salmon \$11, \$10 and \$9, per bbl. for Nos. 1, 2, and 3.

GRAIN AND FLOUR.—Transactions in wheat have been few during the week, and prices have touched a very low basis, No. 2 Red Winter and Spring having been sold at \$0c, and values are quoted for such kinds at \$0c to \$3c, the latter figure being the asking price. There has been business in pease at between 73c and 74c. Corn is purely nominal. Oats have met with a slightly better enquiry recently, and car lots have sold at 31c, and quotations range from 31c to 32c. Rye is quoted at 63c to 65c, and barley at 55c to 65c. The ocean freight market is quiet at 3s 3d for Liverpool and Glasgow, 4s to London, and 3s 6d per quarter to Antwerp and Hamburg. In flour there has been a fair amount of business, although not in large lots. Superior has been offered down as low as \$3.85, and prices range from that figure up to \$3.90, choice Superiors selling at \$4 to \$4.05. Extra is quiet at \$3.80. Fancy and Spring extra at \$3.70 to \$3.75. Oatmeal is quiet at \$4.25 to \$4.50 for ordinary, and at \$4.60 to \$5.00 for granulated. Bran \$14 per ton, shorts \$16 per ton up to \$20 and \$22 per ton middlings. Pot barley \$4.25, and pearl do \$6.50.

GREEN FRUIT, &c.—Apples have continued to come forward from the West in large quantities, and it is believed that the great bulk of shipments will be in by the end of the week or the beginning of next. The long keepers are being put into store, and such kinds as King Pippins, and other descriptions which will not keep very long, are being worked off at very low prices, sales of such having taken place at \$1.75 to \$2. The best kinds, however, are not quite as freely offered, and are quoted at \$2.05 up to \$2.25 for choice selection. Fumaria have

sold at \$2.50. A small quantity of Florida oranges have been received, which are quoted at \$6 per box, but next week larger arrivals are expected, and lower prices. Jamaica oranges \$7.50 to \$8 per bbl, l-ros is quiet, and prices are more or less nominal. Almeria grapes are in good supply, with sales at \$4.75 to \$6.00 as to quality. Cranberries \$9.50 to \$11.50 per bbl for Western, and choice Cape cod \$13.50 to \$15 per bbl. Cocoanuts, \$5 per 100. Sweet potatoes, \$4 to \$4.75 per bbl, and Spanish onions, \$3.50 to \$4 per case. Montreal potatoes are in large supply and cheap, selling from farmers' waggons at 40c to 45c per bag for choice Early Rose and Chili.

GROCERIES.—The low prices of sugars are undoubtedly creating a large increase in consumption, the demand keeping up remarkably well at 6c for granulated, and at 4.5-8c to 5c for yellows, choice brights being held as high as 6c. The foreign markets are still lacking in activity, and the tone appears to favor one of weakness rather than of strength. Beet root sugar was cabled from London yesterday as moving slowly at unchanged prices. In New York the price of Standard A has receded 1/2c. Here there has been very little business in raw, but it is understood that one or two small cargoes were sold in store at Halifax a few days ago for Montreal account on p.l. Refining grades are quoted at 4c to 4.5-8 for \$6 to \$7 test, and grocery at 4.7-8c to 5.1-8c as to color. There are no signs of improvement in molasses, a few broken lots only having been sold at 3 1/2c to 3c for Barbadoes at 2 1/2c to 2c for Porto Rico, and at 2c to 2c for Trinidad. Syrups are quiet but steady, an advance of 1/2c per lb. having been made on brights, by one of our refiners, and prices are quoted at 28c to 30c per gallon. In dried fruit the leading feature is the further advance of fully 1/2c per lb. in the price of Valencia raisins, and at the rise sales of first quality have tripped at 8c per lb., a lot of 1,000 boxes of seconds selling yesterday at 8c. They could not be laid down here from New York at much, if any, under 9c. Valencias are very scarce, and all offerings are readily taken at full values. A moderate enquiry is reported for currants, and sales have been made at 5c to 6c per lb. Prunes are nominal at 4c to 5c. Advices from Bordeaux quote the market dull at 11s 6d per cwt. In figs there is no particular change, Malaga figs in mats being quoted at 4c to 4c, stocks being limited. Boxes are steady at 12c for 1 lb. Natural figs in 56 lb. boxes at 5c to 6c, in 10 lb. boxes at 11c for firsts and at 11c or seconds in 10 lbs. and 9 lb. boxes at 11c. Figs in bags 80c per 5 1/2 to 60c. Consignments of fine Smyrna Klème figs are being made to Montreal parties, which indicates a large crop, and prices are likely to rule low. Sultana raisins are steady at 7c to 7c for No. 1. Samos raisins in kegs 12c. In nuts there is very little demand, as buyers are awaiting the arrival of the new fruit before purchasing. Tarragona almonds 14c to 15c; shelled almonds (Valencias) at 26c to 28c; Languedoc almonds 14c to 14c. The tea market is quiet but steady, a fair business having been done, although in small parcels. There is a good demand for Pingsuey gunpowder matted in caddies at 1s to 1s 1d. Sales have also been made of blacks on English account at 11d to 1s 0d. Here sales are reported at 20c to 21c for good medium Japan 30c and 31c for fine. In coffee business is quiet, there being a scarcity of the cheaper kinds such as Rio and Jamaica, the former at 11c to 12c and the latter at 13c to 16c as to quality. Java brown has changed hands at 16c, old Government being quoted at 19c to 22c. Mocha is quoted at 24c up to 30c, as to quantity and quality. Spices are quiet and unchanged, black pepper at 16c to 17c and white do at 24c to 26c; nutmegs 45c to 70c; cloves, 12c to 18c; ginger 12c to 18c; Chilis, 14c to 18c; cassia, 8c to 9c, and pimento, 5c to 7c. Rice unchanged, at \$3.50.