

but this will likely improve with the beginning of October.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—English advices report an improved demand for heavy goods with an upward tendency in prices. Business here is improving, and merchants are a little stiffer in their views, customers however are buying cautiously and paying promptly. We quote *Bi Carb Soda*, \$2.90 to 3.00; *Soda Ash* \$1.40 to 1.75; *Bi Chromate of Potash* \$10.50 to 12.50; *Boax* 10 12c; *Cream Tartar Crystals*, 24½ to 26c; ditto ground 26½ to 28c; *Wt Caustic*, \$2.15 to 2.25; *Sugar of Lead*, 11 to 12c; *Bleaching Powder*, \$1.30 to 1.40; *Alum*, \$1.65 to 1.75; *Copperas*, 90c to \$1; *Sulphur*, 2½ to 3c; *Roll Sulphur*, 2½ to 2¾c; *Epsom Salts*, per 100 lbs., \$1.25 to \$1.50; *Sal Soda*, per 100 lbs., 95c to \$1.00; *Saltpetre*, per keg \$8.50 to 9.00; *Sulphate of Copper*, 5 to 5½c; *Whiting*, 50 to 55c per cwt; *Opium* \$5.25 to 5.50; *Quinine* \$4.20 to 4.30 per lb; *Iodide of Potassium*, \$6.00 to 6.25 per lb; *Iodide of Potassium* 43 to 48c per lb; *Morphine* \$2.85 to 3.00 per oz; *Castor Oil* 11½ to 12½c; *Cod Liver Oil*, Newfld., 95c to \$1.10 per gal.

FISH.—Dry Cod is not in large stock but quite sufficient to meet present demands which are slow. Prices are steady at \$4.25 to 4.50. **Herrings.**—There are no Labradors in the market. Magdalen Islands are in moderate supply and sell at from \$3.50 to 4.75, according to number. *Salmon* continues very scarce, and is readily sold at \$16, \$15 and \$14, according to number.

FREIGHTS.—There is not much change to report this week in rates for ocean tonnage, the demand is rather sluggish. Latest engagements for heavy grain to London, Liverpool and Glasgow, by steamers and iron clippers were made at 5/3 to 6/. Steamers and sailing vessels for direct ports get from 5/6 to 6/, and for orders 6/3 to 6/9.

FLOUR.—The stock in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 15th inst., was 13,746 bbls., against 18,188 bbls. on the 1st inst., and 41,449 bbls. on the 15th September, 1878. Receipts for the past week 14,203 bbls.; total receipts from 1st January to date 512,022 bbls., being a decrease of 87,206 bbls. on the receipts for the same period of 1878. Shipments during the week 25,304 bbls., total shipments from 1st January to date, 461,636 bbls., being an increase of 36,746 bbls. on the shipments for the same period of 1878. The advance in prices which we noticed last week has been fully maintained, the demand has not been very active, but owing to scarcity of flour the offerings have been limited. At the close of the market, the demand was improving with a strong upward tendency in prices, especially for Spring Extra. *Superior Extra*, \$5.10 to \$5.15; *Extra Superfine*, \$5.05; *Fancy*, nominal; *Spring Extra* \$5.00 to \$5.05; *Superfine*, \$4.60 to \$4.70; *Strong Bakers' Flour* \$5.20 to \$5.40; *Fine*, \$4.10 to \$4.15; *Middlings*, \$3.35 to \$3.50; *Follards*, \$2.90 to \$3.10; *Ontario Bags*, \$2.35 to \$2.45; *Oatmeal*, is very firm at \$4.75 to \$4.80. *Cornmeal*, \$2.50.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—Stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the 15th inst. were 70,238 bush, against 52,004 bush. on the 1st inst., and 94,061 bush. on the 15th September 1878. Receipts for the past week 501,146 bush., total receipts from 1st January to date 7,047,852 bush., being an increase on the receipts for the same period of 1878 of 2,491,105 bushels; shipments during the week 636,962 bush. Total shipments from 1st January to date, 61,423,412 bsh., being an increase of 2,320,609 bush. on the shipments for the same period of 1878. Canada spring which is quoted at \$1.04 to \$1.06; but this market remains quite inactive as very little Canadian wheat has as yet been brought to the market, as we remarked last week the large quantities of wheat shipping here is American wheat passing through in Bond. *Mais* is still held at 45 to

46; *Peas.*—Several cargoes changed hands at 75c; and are freely offered in cargoes at that price, and store lots about 73c, for 66 lbs. *Oats.*—New crop is offered at 31 to 31½c to arrive. *Rye* 60c. *Barley* is nominal.

GROCERIES.—*Teas.*—The demand continues active, and large quantities of tea has been changing hands at full prices. Japans have been sold from 23 to 55c for low to extra grades. New samples of low grade Young Hyson have been selling from 23 to 27; and extra grade 47 to 58. Black Teas are not much asked for, prices are unchanged. *Coffee.*—Market is firm with improved demand. We quote *Mocha* 28 to 31c; *Java*, 27 to 30c; *Maracaibo* 21 to 23½c; *Laguayra* 20 to 21c; *Rio* 15 to 18c; *Jamaica* 17 to 19 cents. *Sugar.*—The demand has been very active this week, and the refinery is pressed to fill orders. Prices are firm for White, 8½ to 9½, and Yellow 7 to 8c. No Scotch Refined in market. There has been more inquiring for Raw Sugar, and sales are reported of Barbadoes at 6½ to 6¾; *Porto Rico* is offered at 6½ to 7½c. *Molasses* are firm and held at quotations. Barbadoes, 30 to 31c; *Porto Rico* about the same. *Syrups* are in better request and firm at 38 to 46 for Amber, according to quality. *Rice.*—Market is dull with downward tendency, sales from \$4.00 to 4.25. *Spices.*—There is not much doing except the usual demand from the local trade; nothing of a speculative nature transpiring. *Black Pepper*, 8½ to 9½c; *White Pepper*, 14 to 16c; *Allspice*, 14 to 15c; *Cloves*, 40 to 50c; *Cassia*, 12½ to 14c; *Nutmegs*, 65 to 90c; *African Ginger*, 6 to 7c; *Jamaica Ginger*, 20 to 25c; *Mace*, 60 to 75c; *Chillies*, 8 to 9c. *Fruit.*—New Valencia Raisins having been coming to hand which have been sold at 7½c, offering to arrive at 7c for round lots. No other new fruits as yet in stock in quantity, and quotations remain same as last week. We quote *Loose Muscatel Raisins*, \$1.37½ to 1.50; *Layer Raisins*, \$1.30 to 1.45; *London Layers*, \$1.80 to 2.00; *New Sultan*, 8 to 9c; *New Currants*, 3½ to 4½c. No Figs or Prunes in market. *Tarragona Almonds*, 13½ to 14c; *Filberts*, 7 to 8½c; *Walnuts*, *Bordeaux*, 7 to 8c; *do. Grenoble*, 10 to 11c.

HIDES.—The demand for butchers green hides has been moderate. We make a change in quotations, but at the same time we may state that as many are bought at our inside as at outside quotation. We quote No. 1 \$8.00 to 8.50; No. 2, \$7.00 to 7.50; No 3, \$6.00 to 6.50. *Lambskins* 55 to 60c.

HARDWARE.—Business seems to improve in every way, the demand is better and prices are better. In most lines of heavy goods a very decided advance has taken place, and with the present high rates of ocean freight, it is impossible to import at anything like what could have been done sometime ago. We repeat last weeks quotations with the exception of pig iron, which is so very uncertain owing to freights, that quotations are of no use.

LEATHER.—The demand has continued fair for all classes of stock at about current quotations. Stocks are now reduced to much smaller compass and holders are firm. We cannot report any quotable change in prices since this day week. We therefore continue to quote. *Hemlock Spanish Sole*, No. 1, B.A., 22 to 23c; ditto No. 2 B.A., 20 to 21c; No. 1 Ordinary 21 to 22c; No. 2 ditto 19 to 20c; *Zansibar*, ditto No. 1., 19 to 20c; ditto No. 2, 17 to 18c; *Buffalo Sole* No 1, 18 to 20c; ditto No. 2, 16 to 17c; *Hemlock slaughter*, No. 1, 22 to 24c; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 34 to 37c; ditto, heavy, 32 to 34c; *Grained*, 34 to 38c; *Splits*, large, 22 to 27½c; ditto, small, 18 to 24c; *Calfskins*, (27 to 36 lbs.) 40 to 60c per lb; ditto (18 to 26 lbs.) 40 to 55c per lb; *Sheepskin linings*, 20 to 30c; *Harness*, 22 to 28c; *Buffed cow*, 12 to

15c; *Enamelled cow*, 15 to 16c; *Patent cow* 15 to 16c; *Pebbled cow* 12 to 14½c; *Rough* 22 to 24c.

OILS.—The market is quiet, and there is a fair supply of all kinds of fish oil in the hands of dealers. We quote *Cod oil Nfd.*, 40c; ditto *Hlf.*, 37½c; *Seal* pale 36 to 37½c; ditto *straws* 35c; ditto *steam refined* 42½ to 43c; *Linseed raw* 62 to 63c; ditto *boiled* 66 to 67c; *Olives* 95c to \$1.10; *Petroleum* supplies are coming in very liberally for which there is a fair demand. Prices are firm but unchanged, and there is not much prospect of any advance during the month of September. We continue to quote *car lots* at 12c; *five barrel lots* at 12 and 13c; and *single brls.* 13 to 13½c. per gallon wine measure.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—Receipts during the week, 8042 pkgs. shipments 5532 pkgs. There seems to be a considerable excitement in this market, and better prices are now paid for good butter, very large shipments have been made to England but fears are expressed that the prices current in Liverpool will hardly justify the present prices paid here. We quote *Creameries butter* 17 to 18c., *Eastern Townships* has been largely dealt in at 12 to 14c; *Brockville* and *Morrisburg* has not come to hand to any extent as yet and price is nominal. *Cheese.*—Receipts 19,966 boxes; Shipments 17,730 boxes. The advance in Liverpool has lent strength to this market and prices have again made an advance and we now quote 6 to 7½c for August make. *Pork* market is dull with a downward tendency at \$12.75 to \$13.00; *Bacon* 8 to 9c; *Smoked Hams* 10½ to 11½c. *Lard* 9 to 9½c. for pails.

SALT.—The fall demand has not opened out yet, and business continues quiet at steady prices; *Coarse* 50 to 52½c; *factory filled* \$1.00 for well known brands.

WOOL.—The woolen mills are doing very little just now as stocks are accumulating in their hands; the demand for Canadian wool is in consequence very small, quotations are almost nominal pulled may be quoted 21 to 25c. and fleeces 20 to 22c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, 18th Sept., 1879.

The week has been an active one in most lines of trade; produce has been livelier with an advance in prices, the result of a rise in Britain. Provision dealers are cheered by better prices for cheese and butter, and a prospect of more movement. Groceries are selling freely, and hardware moving steadily. The dry goods and millinery houses have also had a good week's trade, and every one agrees that the Exhibition has brought not only sight-seers and money but buyers to the city.

Orders are being filled in Montreal, we learn, for 1,500 barrels of potatoes for Glasgow and Liverpool, an unusual article for us to export thither, the spoiling of the crop in the old country by excessive rains occasioning a scarcity. The heads of the barrels are perforated to prevent heating; steamer freight is 3/ per lb. Turnips are being sent to Britain also this week, says the *Montreal Gazette*. Furthermore, the English crop of apples is a poor one, and the prospect from the continent dull. Canadian apples are therefore in request for shipment abroad, and 6,000 to 8,000 bbls. per week are likely to be wanted for Liverpool. They now bring \$1.50 to 1.75 for good, \$1.40 to 1.50 for common, and \$1.00 for mixed in Montreal for round lots. Packers require to be careful that goods are cautiously picked and sound, their condition on arrival depends much on this.