

COAL OIL.—There is no change in prices and the demand is not pressing, although the volume of business is larger as the nights lengthen. The price of Canadian refined per Imperial gallon is 18c. American prime 23c and water white 25c for Imperial gallon. Crude at the wells is still \$1.40 per barrel.

FURIONS.—There is expected to be a new issue of rates by the Grand Trunk. At present the published rates are merely an approximation, and it is useless to quote. Rates west of Toronto are reported to be increased.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—There has been nothing to sustain the price of flour in the face of a certain decline in the price of wheat. Recent sales have been made of Superior Extra, Old Standard, at \$5.37 and \$5.35. Extras are nominal at \$5.25 to \$5.30. The stock in store is 592 barrels, against 700 this time last year. Oatmeal is still scarce and dear, nominal at \$3.50 for small lots. Cornmeal is sold at \$1.25. Bran has been sold at \$13 on the track.

WHEAT.—The business is still very light, there are no receipts from the country, but prices are being made. At points not far west of Toronto wheat has been bought at \$1 and \$1.03. Old wheat has sold here at \$1.15 for No. 2 Fall; and a recent sale of No. 2 Spring was at \$1.19. This last lot should have been sold last spring at \$1.34. There are various opinions as to the opening price of new wheat; the best opinion seems to be that it will be about \$1.05 to \$1.07 for No. 2 Fall. The stock in store is now 71,349 bushels, against 84,477 last week and 35,843 bushels a year ago.

COARSE GRAINS.—Barley has not come on the Corn Exchange yet, but it has been bought on the street at 65c to 75c. There will be more barley this year than last, but it will be worth less. Oats are on the decline; new oats are now selling at 53c; old oats are still worth 59c on the track. There is nothing said of peas or rye, and prices are nominal; rye has been bought on the street at 66c.

LIVE STOCK TRADE.—There has been between 30 and 35 cars of cattle in during the week. All the cattle fit for export have been sent forward to Montreal traders. A few cars went forward from Tuesday's market here. The price of cattle for shipping has declined; 54c would be the outside price paid here. Prices are generally lower. Sheep and lambs are in good demand; sheep sell at 44c to 5c, and butcher's cattle are in demand and sell at 44c to 5c; second class 34c to 4c. Sheep and lambs are also slightly dearer; good lambs are worth \$4, and will average \$3.50 by the car lot. Calves are not wanted, and are slow of sale at \$5 to \$8. Hogs are sold at \$7 to \$7.50 per 100 lbs. There has been a prevailing tendency to keep prices of cattle above what could be realized by shippers, and it is thought there will be a decline.

GROCERIES.—There is said to be some improvement in business. Orders are larger, and more varied. The aggregate business is fair, quotations are slightly changed. Sardines are scarce and not to be had, and there is no trout in the market. Fruit is still held at steady values. Sultanias are 4c lower, at 104c to 114c; Valentias are 4c dearer, 104c to 114c. There is no extra movement in Sugars, and prices are: Scotch refined 74c to 8c; Paris lump 104c to 104c; Standard granulated 94c to 94c; Canadian refined 74c to 84c; Porto Ricos 74c to 74c for dark to fair, and 8c to 84c for bright to choice. Tobaccos, dark 38c to 40c; Western leaf, 38c to 42c; Brights, 48c to 57c, and choice 70c to 80c. Fish is scarce and not in demand, dry cod \$6 to \$6.50. There is no trout in the market.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—It is said that a fair business is being done at present. There are few changes in prices. Cuttle fish bone 55c per lb; Balsam, 48c per lb; Camphor, 37c; Cubebs Berries, 63c; Gum Arabic dearer, 20c to 35c. Aloes, Cape firm, 20c and 25c; Borax, 20c; Opium, scarce and is advancing in value, \$5.10 to \$5.25; Castor Oil, 104c to 11c; Sweet Almonds, 60c per lb; Juniper Berries, 65c per oz. Oil Lemon, \$3.75 to \$4 per lb; Peppermint, \$3.75 to \$4.50; Quinine is advancing in value; Howard's, \$1.65; German, \$2.40; Alcohol, \$2.95 cash; Morphia, \$3 to \$3.10 per oz; Cream of Tartar, 36c; Turpentine, 80c to 85c; Linseed Oil, 72c for raw, 78c for boiled; dye stuffs are quiet; Nfld. Cod Liver Oil, \$1.45 per gal; Norwegian lower at \$3.50. Santonine \$6 per lb.

PROVISIONS.—The local trade keeps pretty fair, but prices are still high for almost everything in the shape of provisions. Butter has been done 22c to 25c for pound rolls; Farmers' dairy, best, 19c to 20c; ordinary packed has been more plentiful and cheaper, 13c to 15c. Eggs, 17c for case lots. Bacon is scarce and demand is limited, owing to the high price. Long clear is held at 134c to 14c; Cumberland Cut is sold at 124c to 13c. Rolls are worth 15c. Cheese is in fair supply; selling at the factories at 104c to 11c, and out of store at 11c to 12c. Dried Apples are out of the market. Hams are in moderate quantity, and selling at 154c to 16c for smoked and canvassed, and 134c to 14c for sweet pickled. Lard is scarce and dear; selling at 154c for Canadian and 16c for American. Pork is dearer, and could not be sold now at previous rates, the price is quoted now at \$26 to \$27.

OTHER PRODDOR.—Apples.—Harvest apples sell at \$1.75 to \$2.25; superior sell at \$2.50 to \$2.75. There is a large proportion of the offerings that is very inferior. American apples are sold at \$3 to \$3.25. Hogs continue to be bought at \$9.50 to \$10 on the street. Potatoes are 95c a bag. Poultry firm at 60c to 65c per pair for fowls; 60c to 70c per pair for ducks; and \$1 to \$1.50 for turkeys. Hops are out of the market, but are still quoted at 34c to 37c. There is every prospect that hops will be scarce and dear this season.

HARDWARE.—The business is increasing but not largely. There has been a good trade all along this season. Prices unchanged but generally firm. The stocks held here are large, but merchants have no apprehensions about the

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HIDE AND SKINS.—An advance has taken place in Hides. There has been some scarcity. The prices are now 8c for cows and 9c for steers. Calfskins.—Prices are nominal; green 11c to 13c; cured 13c to 15c. Lambs and Pelts have also advanced 10c; the price now being about 70c for best. Tallow is scarce; none in stock; 84c to 84c for rendered. Fleece wool is still paid for at 20c; but the demand from factories is active and prices are firm.

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