

there being a good steady demand for nearly all descriptions of goods. Iron and plates are meeting with more demand from manufacturers, and prices are unchanged from last week. Groceries continue quiet, but provisions are active and higher, with large transactions in bacon. The money market is firm, without change in rates.

The capital offering for investment is large, and gilt-edged commercial paper is discounted at 6 per cent., while the ordinary is taken at 7. Call loans are fairly active and steady at 5 per cent., and time loans on choice collateral $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 per cent. Sterling exchange has been active and firm; 60-day bills are quoted at 108 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 108 $\frac{1}{2}$ between banks, and 109 $\frac{1}{2}$ across the counter; and demand bills at 109 $\frac{1}{2}$ between banks and 109 $\frac{1}{2}$ across the counter (gold drafts on New York are $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ premium). As the Stock Exchange has only been open three days since our last, the amount of business transacted has been small. Values have been a little irregular, and the sales of bank stock include, Ontario at 101 $\frac{1}{2}$, Merchants at 122, Commerce at 142 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 142 $\frac{1}{2}$, Dominion at 161 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 162 ex-dividend, Federal at 146, 146 $\frac{1}{2}$, and 147, and Imperial at 122 $\frac{1}{2}$. Loan and miscellaneous shares have been fairly active, and, as a rule, firm and higher. There have been sales the past few days of Freehold at 162 and 163, Building & Loan at 103, 102 $\frac{1}{2}$, and 102 $\frac{1}{2}$, London & Canadian at 151, Canada Landed Credit Company at 140 and 141, Imperial Savings at 119, Western Canada at 170, Huron & Erie at 164, Hamilton Provident at 134, 133 and 133 $\frac{1}{2}$, and Consumers Gas at 142 and 141.

Following are the closing bids to-day as compared with those of last Thursday:

Banks.	Bid April 14.	Bid April 21.	Loan Cos.	Bid April 14.	Bid April 21.
Montreal.	184 $\frac{1}{2}$	185	Can. Permanent	205 $\frac{1}{2}$	206 $\frac{1}{2}$
Toronto.	148	149 $\frac{1}{2}$	Freehold.	162	163
Ontario.	102	101 $\frac{1}{2}$	Western Can.	169	170
Merchants.	122	120	Bldg. & Loan.	102 $\frac{1}{2}$	102 $\frac{1}{2}$
Commerce.	143	142 $\frac{1}{2}$	Im. Savings.	119	119
Dominion.	164 $\frac{1}{2}$	162	Farmers' Loan.	132	132
Hamilton.	118 $\frac{1}{2}$	118 $\frac{1}{2}$	London & Can'dn	150	150
Standard.	107	106 $\frac{1}{2}$	Huron & Erie.	162	163
Federal.	144 $\frac{1}{2}$	147	Dom. Savings.	121 $\frac{1}{2}$	122
Imperial.	122	122 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ontario Loan.	132 $\frac{1}{2}$	133
Molson.	Hamilton Prov.	132	133

BOOTS AND SHOES.—There is considerable activity in warehouses, and factories are about commencing on the Fall make. There is a moderate number of sorting-up orders being received, but prices are low, the result of active competition.

COAL.—Trade has been fairly active, and prices steady at last week's quotations. All kinds of hard coal, viz.: egg, stove, chestnut and grate, sell at \$7.50, and soft at \$7.

COAL OIL.—Business during the week has been limited, and prices steady. There have been numerous sales of small quantities at 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 23c per imperial gallon. The Petrolia crude market is quiet, and prices steady at \$1.70 to \$1.75 per barrel.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.—Apples.—Market continues dull, and prices easy; single barrels of choice sell at \$1.75, and round lots at \$1.50; ordinary qualities bring \$1 to \$1.25. Beans are unchanged; large lots will bring \$1.30 to \$1.35, and small lots \$1.40 to \$1.45. Country Cake Lard is firm and nominally unchanged at 12c. Eggs are scarce and in good demand at 13c per dozen in case lots; sales made at 14c. Hogs are unchanged at about \$8, with only a few offering to butchers. Hops are in fair demand for really choice lots at 20c; ordinary qualities slow of sale at 15c to 17c. Onions dull and easy, holders asking \$4, with buyers at \$3.50 per barrel. Potatoes are in good demand and higher, with considerable enquiry from the States; car lots are worth 55c per bag. Turnip in fair demand and firm at 63c; dealers pay 64c for rendered and 34c for rough. Poultry steady, with offerings confined to fowls at 70c to 80c.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The demand for drugs has not been as active this week, which enables dealers to catch up with orders. Opium is steady at \$8.50. Quinine is easier at \$3.75. Tartaric Acid, 60c; Cream of Tartar, 35c. Turpentine is somewhat easier at 83c. Linseed Oil lower, at 79c for boiled and 76c for raw. Glycerine firm, at 35c; Camphor, 38c; Potass Iodide, \$3 to \$3.25 per lb.; Potass Bromide, 48c to 50c per lb. Heavy chemicals unchanged.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Flour has been in moderate demand during the week, but holders are firm, and the result has been few transactions. There are buyers of superior extra at \$4.95, but holders ask \$5, and a sale of 100 barrels was made on Tuesday at the latter price. Seven cars of extra sold yesterday at \$4.90, and Spring extra is nominal at \$4.85 to \$4.90. Market closes firm to-day, with some inquiry at quotations. The stock in store is 10,116 barrels against 9,686 barrels last week, and 13,065 barrels the corresponding week of last year. Oatmeal is in moderate demand and firm at \$4.25 in car lots; small lots sell at \$4.50 to \$4.75. Cornmeal quiet at \$2.90 to \$3. Bran continues scarce and firm, with a sale of two cars on Monday at \$14.50.

WHEAT.—The movement has been very small the past week, without material change in quotations. A car of No. 1 Spring sold on Tuesday at \$1.20 $\frac{1}{2}$, and several cars of No. 2 at \$1.17. No. 2 Fall is offering at \$1.13, but the demand is apparently small; No. 1 Fall is worth about \$1.15 and No. 3 about \$1.10. 200 bushels of No. 3 Spring offered yesterday at \$1.16 $\frac{1}{2}$ June delivery, with \$1.16 bid. No change in prices to-day, and the demand is limited. The stock in store is 236,556 bushels, against 243,663 bushels last week and 315,924 bushels the corresponding week of 1880.

COARSE GRAINS.—Barley.—Three has been little demand from the States this week, and the market is quiet and even dull. The demand is limited to low grades, and offerings of No. 1 have met with no response. A car of the latter grade offered at 96c yesterday. No. 2 ordinary offers at 88c, and ten cars of extra No. 3 sold on Monday at 80c. To-day's market closed unchanged, without any demand. The stock in store is 177,050 bushels, against 183,401 bushels last week and 79,860 bushels the corresponding week of 1880. Peas are firm and unchanged at 78c for No. 1 and 76c for No. 2. The stock in store is 92,877 bushels, against 94,873 bushels last week and 68,772 bushels the corresponding week of 1880. Oats are firm, with sales almost daily at 40c on track. 5,000 bushels offered yesterday at 41c May delivery, without bids. The stock in store is 700 bushels, against 23,050 bushels the corresponding week of 1880. Rye is in good demand and higher; several sales have been made at \$1 f.o.c.; it goes to Cincinnati. Corn dull and nominal at 59c on track.

FREIGHTS.—Rail rates quiet and steady on the basis of 25c per barrel of flour to Kingston, 30c to Montreal, 50c to Quebec, 60c to Halifax, and 55c to St. John, N.B.

GROCERIES.—The Spring movement has not yet begun, but now, since navigation is open, dealers anticipate a fair trade at firm prices the next month. Values are unchanged. Fruits scarce and firm; Valencia, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ c; Currants, 7c to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Sultanias, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11c; London layers, large lots, \$2.75; Black basket, \$3.50; Blue Crown, \$4.75. Nuts unchanged at 10c to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for Walnuts, and 17c for Almonds. Fish quiet. No. 1 Labrador are firm at about \$7. Peppers steady; white, 17c to 18c; black, 15c, with stock small. Sugars steady; low yellows, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; brightdo, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9c; granulated, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10c. Teas unchanged at 30c to 38c for common Young Hyson, 40c to 50c for medium to good, and 60c to 65c for fine. Common Congou, 30c to 40c; good, 40c; fine, 60c to 70c. Syrup steady; common, 58c; amber to choice amber, 62c to 78c per imperial gallon. Coffee quiet; Government

Java, 30c to 31c; Singapore, 20c to 23c; Rio, 18c to 20c; Jamaica, 22c to 24c; Rice steady at \$4.25. Tobacco unchanged at 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 45c for 6s and 8s; 43c to 45c for bright navy 3s; 36c to 45c for Solaces, and 80c to 90c for Virginia. Liquors firm; Pure Jamaica Rum, 16 o.p., \$2.75 to \$3; Demerara, \$2.45 to \$2.75. Gin—green cases, \$4.25 to \$4.50; red, \$8 to \$8.50. Wines,—port, \$1.50; fine, \$2.40 to \$5.40. Sherry, \$1.50; fine, \$3.60 to \$5.40. Champagne, per case, \$14 to \$26.50. Brandy in wood, Hennessy's, Otard's and Martell's, \$4.50 to \$5.10; second-class brands, \$3.60 to \$4.20, according to age; inferior brands, \$2.40 to \$3.30. Whiskey (add 5 per cent). Alcohol, per Imperial gallon, \$2.53; pure spirits, 65c o.p., \$2.54; do 50 o.p., \$2.35; do 25 u.p., \$1.18; family proof whiskey, \$1.28; old Bourbon, \$1.28; old rye, toddy, or malt, \$1.20; domestic whiskey, 32 u.p., \$1.08; rye whiskey, 4 years old, \$1.50; do, 5 years old, \$1.60; do 6 years old, \$1.70; 7 years old, \$1.80.

HARDWARE.—The demand has been moderately active during the week, and dealers appear well satisfied with trade so far. There has been a considerable quantity of iron gone into consumption, and although prices are no higher they are steady at our quotations of last week. Gardeners' implements and shelf goods are also in fair demand. Remittances are reported as satisfactory.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The demand is small, and prices are unchanged. A moderate quantity of green offer, for which 8c is paid for the best cows and 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for steers. A car of No. 1 cured sold at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Catfish quiet and unchanged at 15c. Cured sell at 16c. Sheepskins quiet, there being a small demand; ordinary green command \$1.50 to \$1.65, and an exceptional fine one would bring about \$2.

LEATHER.—The demand from the country shows an improvement this week, and, if the fine weather continues, it is thought that a profitable spring trade will be done. There is a better enquiry for heavy goods for full manufacture. Quotations are unchanged from last week.

LIVE STOCK.—Cattle.—The receipts of cattle since our last have hardly come up to the previous week. The demand is moderate for butchers stock, and values range from \$35 to \$55 a head for weights from 900 to 1,200 lbs. A few car loads were shipped through to Montreal. A fine lot of shipping cattle sold at 6c a lb at a near-by village for May delivery; other shipping stock brought 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6c. Sheep are firm and in moderate demand at \$6 to \$7 a head. Lambs bring 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6c per lb. Calves steady; first-class, \$10 to \$12; second-class, \$5 to \$8. Hogs are firm, with sales of a few head at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb.

PROVISIONS.—Butter.—The demand is slack except for exceptionally choice lots, which bring 19c to 20c. Good to fair qualities of tub sell at 15c to 17c, and culls at 11c to 12c. Bacon has been active at higher prices; holders are asking 11c for long clear and 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10c for Cumberland cut in small lots, and large lots are said to be worth as much. Ham is also in good demand and firm at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for smoked and 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for canvassed. Pork is firmer, and worth \$20.50 in small lots; no large lots on the market. Lard is active and firmer at 14c to 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ c according to quality and quantity. Cheese quiet and unchanged at 14c to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Dried Apples are slow of sale and unchanged in price; selected lots sell at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb.

SEEDS.—Clover.—The trade is confined to jobbing lots at \$4.50 to \$4.75 per bushel. Timothy is a little easier at \$2.75 to \$2.85 a bushel, and Flax unchanged at \$3 per cental.

WOOL.—Fleece is dull and nominal at 26c to 28c. There is a good demand for Supers, which sell at 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 30c; extra is unchanged at 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 36c. The demand from manufacturers is fairly active for foreign, and quite a number of sales have taken place during the week.