BOOTS AND SHOES.—For the past two months at least the amount of trade has been below the average of several years, but it is not disappointing to the wholesale houses, as the position has been foreseen. Manufacturers are now working about three-quarters' time. Orders are generally for small lots of spring and summer goods. Prices are steady, and have not changed for over a year. Payments generally rather behind what could be wished, but not discouraging.

CATTLE TRADE.—The trade is chiefly of a local character, and values are steady at \$4.50 to \$5 for good to choice butchers' cattle, and \$6 for heavy steers for shipping. Sheep are quoted at 4½ to 5c per lb, live weight. Hogs in small supply, and bring \$6.25 per 100 lbs, live weight.

Dry Goods.—Business has been rather active during the past week, owing to the trade sales and low railway fares. The millinery sales have been very satisfactory, and other dry goods houses have had a benefit to some extent. General business has been dull for weeks past, however; offers are reported as rather pressing

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from woollen mills, at easy quotations. Grey cottons are firm at old prices, but bleached cottons are still quoted at a decline of one cent per yard. The leading houses report the aggregate trade of this spring as below that of last year. Payments are variously reported, the bulk of settlements being made with 30 to 60 per cent cash and renewals.

Daugs.—Trade is quiet and regular. There are no changes of importance in prices current. Quinine has fallen in price as low as at any time previous to the recent advance. Howards is quoted at \$1.75, and German at \$1.55 to \$1.65.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—There is no change noted in the market for flour. Demand is entirely local, and limited at that. Canadian Superior Extra is quoted at \$5.05 to \$5.15; Extra, \$4.75 to \$4.80, and Spring Extra at \$4.50. Patent flours quoted at \$6 to \$6.25. Stocks on Monday last were 1,685 barrels, against 7,945 barrels March 12, 1883, and 7,718 barrels March 13, 1882. Outweal is rather firmer and higher prices are quoted; car lots \$4.25 on the track; small lots at \$4.75. Cornmeal quiet, nominally \$5.50 for small lots. Bran is higher, and wanted; car lots selling at \$15.

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Grain.—Wheat is very quiet. Receipts are light, and there is no movement except to millers. Prices are steady at lower figures. No. 2 Fall is quoted at \$1.06 to \$1.07, and No. 3 at \$1.94. Spring wheat is quoted at \$1.11 for No. 1, and \$1.09 for No. 2. Goose wheat is nominal at 80c. Stocks here increased about 10,000 bushels during the week; there were 193,132 bushels on Monday last, against 50-1,075 bushels March 12, 1883, and 353,045 bushels March 13, 1882. Bartey is quiet, and the approach of mavigation does not promote activity. Prices are rather weak, with late sales of No. 1 at 70c; No. 2 is quoted at 66c to 67c, and 3 Extra at 61c; No. 3 at 52c to 54c. Stocks on Monday last were 182,350 bushels, against 141,040 March 12, 1883, and 230,486 bushels March 13, 1882. Oats are higher, owing to light receipts. Fine Western Oats have sold at 37c on the track. No. 2 are worth 354c. There are no stocks. Peas are quiet, and receipts light, quoted at 74c for No. 2 and 70c for No. 3. Stocks on Monday were 37,935 bushels. Ryc is unchanged; nothing doing, quoted nominal at 75c for American.

GROCERIES.—There are no changes to note in quotations, except that sugars are lower in price than they have been for many years, and offer inducements to buyers. Canadian refined are quoted at 6c to 8c, and granulated at 8c to 8c. Teas are steady.

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