FINANCE AND COMMERCE

WEDNESDAY, May 18.

At Montreal to-day sterling exchange stood at 109½ for round amounts between banks, and 109¾ to customers over the counter. Gold drafts on New York at par.

At New York to-day sterling exchange was unchanged at $4.88 for demand notes, and $4.86 for sixty-day bills.

London, 5 p.m.—Consols, 102⅞ for money; 102⅞ for account. Bonds—New 4's, 17½; new 5's, 6; Erie, 37⅞; Illinois Central, 145⅞.

STOCKS.

The market was fairly active to-day, with bank stocks generally firmer. Montreal sold twice at 207¾ and closed unchanged. Toronto sold at 156 for two shares, and closed with bids up 1, but no sellers. Bids for Merchants' advanced ¼. Commerce sold five times at 154¾, closing at an advance of ¼. Bids for Dominion declined ¼. Standard was offered 1 lower, or at 113, with 110½ bid. Federal was offered 1, with bids 1½ lower. Imperial sold once at 129¾ and twice at 129½, and closed unchanged. Molsons was offered at 114½, and Consolidated at 21, with no bid for either.

Miscellaneous stocks were quiet. British America was weak; it sold at 150, and closed with sellers 1 lower, but no bid. Western was offered ½ lower, with bids 2 higher. Consumers' Gas was held 1 higher. Dominion Telegraph was offered ½ lower, with no bid. Montreal Telegraph was held 2 with bids 1½ higher.

Loan and Savings stocks steady. Canada Permanent was offered at 208½, with bids as before at 207½. Freehold was offered ½ lower. Western sold at 172 and closed with bids down 1, but no sellers. Bids for Union rose ½. Landed Credit was not offered. Imperial was offered 2½ with bids 1 lower. Bids for Farmers' fell ½. London and Canadian sold at 151 and closed with bids up ½. National Investment not offered. Bids for People's up ½. Huron and Erie held as before with no bid. Dominion was offered 1 lower. Hamilton Provident declined ½. Bids for Real Estate rose ½. Brant Loan was offered at 104 with bids unchanged. Bids for House-building rose 1.

Dominion five per cents were wanted at 107.

The following is the official report of the Toronto Stock Exchange for Wednesday, May 18:—

Stocks.	Sellers.	Buyers.	
Montreal	208	207¾	
Toronto	.....	156	2 at 156
Ontario	101½	101	.....
Merchants	125½	124	.....
Commerce	155	154¾	.....
Dominion	174	172	.....
Hamilton	.....	113½	.....
Do. 50 per cent	.....	107	.....
Standard	112	110½	.....
Federal	151½	150	.....
Imperial	130	129½	.....
Molsons	114½	.....	.....
Consolidated	21	.....	.....
Insurance, etc.			
British America	151	.....	40 at 150
Western Assurance	225	222	.....
Canada Life	375	350½	.....
Confed. Life Association	.....	220	.....
Consumers' Gas	143	141½	.....
Dominion Telegraph	88½	.....	.....
Montreal Telegraph	132	129	.....
Globe Printing Co.	100	.....	.....
Railways.			
Toronto, Grey, and Bruce	68	.....	.....
Toronto and Nipissing	.....	.....	.....
Loan and Savings Cos.			
Canada Permanent	208½	207½	.....
Freehold	163	160	.....
Western Canada	.....	171	83 at 172
Union	152½	150½	.....
Canada Landed Credit	.....	139	.....
Building and Loan	105	103	.....
Imperial Savings	117½	116	.....
Farmers' Loan	129	127	.....
Lon. & Can. L. & A.	152	150½	300 at 151
National Investment	.....	112	.....
People's Loan	.....	115½	.....
Manitoba Loan	125	.....	.....
Huron and Erie	161	160½	.....
Dominion Savings & Loan	125	123	.....
Ontario Loan and Deb.	.....	.....	.....
Canadian Sav. and Loan	.....	128	.....
Peoples' Loan	.....	105	.....
Hamilton Provident	134½	133	.....
Real Estate	.....	104	.....
Brant Loan	104	102	.....
London and Ont. Invest.	.....	113½	.....
House Building	110	108	.....
Debentures, etc.			
Bank Stock, 5 p.c.	.....	107	.....
County (Ont.) Stock, 6 p.c.	.....	.....	.....
Tp's (Ont.) Stock, 6 p.c.	.....	99½	.....
City Toronto Stock, 5 p.c.	.....	.....	.....

*16 at 207¾, 15 at 207½, 20 at 154¾, 80 at 154¾, 180 at 154½, 20 at 154¾, 50 at 154¾, 115 at 129¾, 10 at 129½, 16 at 129¾.

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS—WEEKLY REVIEW.

THURSDAY, May 19.

PRODUCE.

This market has been quiet, and prices have been easier since our last; but it closed with rather a better feeling] beginning to manifest itself. The tendency was decidedly downward up to Monday, and this with no enquiry for anything except peas. But during the last couple of days some inclination to buy wheat and flour has appeared, probably in consequence of the very low rates of ocean freight now ruling. Offerings have been small, and unless there is something considerable held in the country, they are not likely to become large. Stocks stood on Monday as follows:—Flour, 6,313 bbls.; fall wheat, 39,147 bush.; spring wheat, 137,513 bush.; oats, 7,691 bush.; barley, 69,557 bush.; peas, 29,928 bush., and rye, nil bush.; against on the same date last year:—Flour, 7,930 bbls.; fall wheat, 163,224 bush.; spring wheat, 98,725 bush.; oats, 24,400 bush.; barley, 2,901 bush.; peas, 10,695 bush., and rye, nil bush. Crop reports are beginning to circulate; all agree that the late rains have worked an immense improvement, and that the situation generally is most promising, fall wheat looking better than it did last year. English advices show a fall of 1d. on spring wheat, and 1d. on corn since our last. Markets yesterday showed apparently some improvement on Tuesday and Monday, when inactivity seemed to be the rule. Last week seems to have been a very dull period. No improvement on the preceding week could be seen anywhere, and the tendency of prices continued to be downwards. Buyers continued to take only so much as was needed for the supply of immediate wants. Arrivals of foreign grain were small. Flour was slow of sale and weak. The supply last week showed a decrease, but was still largely in excess of the consumption. The imports amounted to 300,000 to 305,000 quarters of wheat, and 155,000 to 160,000 bbls. of flour, and home deliveries to 136,440 quarters, making a total supply equal to 523,627 to 531,440 quarters of wheat, against an average weekly consumption of 464,000 quarters. The quantity of wheat and flour in transit on the 12th inst. was 2,200,000 quarters, against 2,217,000 quarters on the 5th inst., and 2,131,000 on the corresponding date last year. English crop reports are unfavourable; it is said that last week did considerable mischief to the spring wheat, which is beginning to look yellow. Further cable advices state that on the Continent crop prospects were good, though the growth was backward in many places. Those of France are decidedly promising. In Germany crops are backward but healthy, and a good yield is anticipated. The Austrian and Hungarian crop prospects are very good, and rains have improved those of South Russia. Egyptian crops are favourable, although very hot weather has slightly interfered with them. Continental advices for the last week in April state that in France the wheat trade remained very firm for home-grown, of which the offers from farmers continued small; foreign was rather slow to sell, owing to the decline at New York, and prices showed a small decline on the week, red winter free on rail at Havre being quoted at equal to 50s. per 480 lbs., but equay at Bordeaux at about 49s. 6d. per 480 lbs. At Marseilles there was more activity, owing to the complaints of the crops and the small supplies. The imports during the week were small, except at Havre, where they increased to 56,000 qrs.; at Marseilles the week's arrivals amounted to 14,250 qrs., and the stock in the docks had further diminished to 133,000 qrs., against 73,300 qrs. at this time last year. At Bordeaux the week's imports amounted to 13,500 qrs., and the stock was nil. Official returns show the total of net imports of wheat and flour from August 1 to April 15, to have been equal to 4,936,000 quarters, against 4,679,000 in the corresponding part of the previous season. Belgian markets were quiet for wheat but firmer on rye. At Antwerp, red winter closed at 17s. 3d. to 18s. 0d. per quarter. German advices state that the "term" markets were drooping for both wheat and rye, prices showing a decline on the week but closing steadier. At Berlin there was a better demand for spot wheat; whilst for forward delivery there were some fluctuations, along with anxiety shown to cover contracts. Rye was active owing to the ungenial weather and the advices from Russia. At Hamburg wheat closed firm in price, stocks being light; but there was not much demand, as millers could not make a profit by exporting flour, and worked chiefly for the home-trade. American red winter wheat was selling at 46s. 9d. to 49s. 6d. per 480lb delivered. The weather seems to have been unfavourable, but no report of any damage to the crops was circulated. In Hungary wheat showed an advance on fine grades of wheat, which was also the case at Vienna. Advices from Russian Black Sea ports state that scarcity of wheat and of ships had held business almost in suspense. From the Azof ports there was little or no wheat being shipped. Holders were consequently tenacious all over. Crop reports were favourable, the weather being propitious. Markets in the States were tending downwards during the latter part of last week, more particularly the New York market. There the large prospective arrivals from the canal and via railway exerted a depressing influence, and the very favourable crop advices, as well as reduced limits to shippers' orders, had a similar tendency. In the west, however, this tendency was checked by a fair shipping demand and a stubborn local confidence. This week the feeling seems to have been improved, and something of the previous fall has been recovered. The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports, and on rail from western lake and river ports, and frozen in on New York canals:—

	1881. May 7, bush.	1881. April 30, bush.	1880. May 8, bush.	1879. May 10, bush.
Wheat	17,656,198	18,526,123	21,241,555	15,108,416
Corn	11,879,961	12,034,769	11,747,740	10,626,900
Oats	3,190,602	3,162,200	2,055,791	1,756,123
Barley	1,201,775	1,276,178	906,834	1,176,064
Rye	400,353	330,587	505,630	877,474
Total	34,218,889	36,333,857	36,457,520	29,545,287

The following statement shows the top prices of the different kinds of produce in the Liverpool markets for each market day during the week:—

	May 12, 9 p.m.	May 13, 5 p.m.	May 14, 4 p.m.	May 16, 5 p.m.	May 17, 2 p.m.	May 18, 2 p.m.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Flour	11 0	11 0	11 0	11 0	11 0	11 0
S. Wheat	9 0	9 0	9 0	9 0	9 0	9 0
R. Wheat	9 6	9 6	9 6	9 6	9 6	9 6
White	9 6	9 6	9 6	9 6	9 6	9 6
Club	9 9	9 9	9 9	9 9	9 9	9 9
Corn	5 1	5 0	5 0	5 0	4 11	4 11
Barley	5 3	5 3	5 3	5 3	5 3	5 3
Oats	6 2	6 2	6 2	6 2	6 2	6 2
Peas	6 10	6 9	6 9	6 9	6 9	6 9
Pork	72 0	72 6	72 6	72 6	72 6	72 6
Bacon	44 0	44 6	44 6	44 0	44 0	44 0
Beef	53 6	53 6	55 0	55 0	55 0	55 0
Lard	55 0	54 6	54 6	54 0	53 6	54 0
Tallow	34 3	34 3	34 3	34 3	34 3	34 3
Cheese	69 0	69 0	69 0	69 0	68 0	65 0

FLOUR—Inactivity has been the rule all week; very little enquiry has been heard, and very little flour has been offered. Prices, however, have been fairly well maintained at $4.85 to $5.00 for superior extra, and $4.85 for extra. The market yesterday showed some improvement; a large lot of superior extra changed hands as equal to $5.00, and extra would have found buyers at $4.85. Strong bakers seem scarce and firmer at $5.20 to $5.30.

BRAN—Has been easier, and sold on Monday at $14.00.

OATMEAL—Car lots have remained inactive at $4.35 to $4.50; no sales reported; small lots have been selling fairly well at $4.50 to $4.75.

WHEAT—Prices have been weak, but some enquiry has been heard and some business done. No. 1 has been wanted; it sold on Friday and Saturday at $1.12 f.o.c., and $1.12½ was bid on Tuesday, when it was offered either in cars or by cargo at $1.15. On the same day $1.09 was bid for No. 3 with none offered. Spring has been easy; a cargo of No. 2 sold on Friday at $1.15 f.o.c., and a cargo of mixed sold on Tuesday at $1.16 for No. 2; at $1.10 for No. 3, and at $1 for rejected; No. 1 has been wanted at $1.18, and held usually at $1.20. The market yesterday was steady. No. 2 fall was wanted at $1.12½; No. 1 spring to arrive was offered at $1.18 with $1.17 bid, and on the spot would probably have brought $1.18; No. 2 spring was offered at $1.16 with buyers about $1.15, and a cargo of No. 3 spring sold at $1.10 f.o.c. Street receipts have been small and prices almost nominal at $1.08 to $1.10 for fall and $1.10 to $1.16 for spring.

OATS—Quiet and rather easier. Cars on track sold last week at 40c. and over, and more offered then and on Tuesday at 39½, but not taken; but on Tuesday cars on track went off at 39½c., and 5,000 bushels for June delivery were offered at 40c. without bids. Yesterday three cars to arrive sold at 39½c., with more offered at the same price on track, and 38c. bid. Street prices easy at 41c.

BARLEY—There was some business done in the latter part of last week, when almost 30,000 bushels changed hands on strictly p.t. We should say, however, that the value of No. 1 seems to have been about 50c., and choice No. 2 about 75c., while No. 3 has been offered at 55c. without bids, and that nothing over quotations could have been obtained yesterday. Street receipts small, and prices down to 65 to 75c.

PEAS—Have been in good demand at steady prices. On Friday No. 2 sold at 74c. f.o.c.; on Saturday 2,000 bushels of No. 2 brought 75c., and 2,000 bushels of No. 1 brought 78c. f.o.c., and a lot of 5,000 bushels of No. 2 sold at 74c., June delivery. These prices would since have been repeated, but there was none offered. Street prices steady at 65 to 75c.

RYE—Nothing doing; nominal at quotations.

HAY—Pressed has remained steady for car lots, and prices may be regarded as nominal. The supply on the market has been small but sufficient, as the shipments of cattle are lessening the demand for it. Prices, however, have been steady at from $9 to $13, with the great bulk going at $10 to $11.

STRAW—Has been quiet and steady, good sheaf has usually sold at $7 to $8, though not very much has brought the latter price; receipts have been equal to the demand.

POTATOES—Car-lots have been demorilised during the week under a offering freely and selling slowly at 60c. Street prices also have been weak at from 45 to 55c. per bag.

APPLES—Offerings have fallen off, and a good demand at an advance has been heard. Really sound winter apples have been worth $2.00 to $2.50, but other sorts have sold down to $1.50.

BUTTER—Nothing has been done, but it has been wanted, and from $9.00 to $9.50 per cental would have been paid.

POULTRY—The only sort offered has been a few fowl, which have sold at from 60 to 75c. per pair.

FLOUR, f.o.c.

Superior extra, per 196 lbs.	$4 85 to $5 00
Extras	4 85 4 90
Fancy and strong bakers	5 20 5 30
Spring wheat, extra	4 80 4 90
Superfine	none.
Oatmeal, per 196 lbs.	4 35 4 50
Cornmeal, small lots	3 00 3 25
CASE FLOUR, by car-lots, f.o.c.	
Extra, per bag	2 35 2 40
Spring wheat, extra, per bag	2 35 2 40
GRAIN, f. o. b.	
Fall wheat, No. 1, per 60 lbs.	1 14 1 15
" No. 2, "	1 12 1 13
" No. 3, "	1 09 1 10
Red winter	none.
Spring wheat, No. 1	1 18 1 19
" No. 2	1 15 1 16
" No. 3	1 09 1 10
Oats (Canadian), per 34 lbs.	0 39 0 40
Barley, No. 1, per 48 lbs.	0 80 0 82
" Choice No. 2, per 48 lbs.	0 77 0 78
" No. 2, per 48 lbs.	0 75 0 76
" Extra No. 3	0 70 0 72
" No. 3	0 60 0 63
Peas, No. 1, per 60 lbs.	0 76 0 00
" No. 2, "	0 74 0 75
Rye	0 95 0 96

PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGGONS.

Wheat, fall, new, per bush.	$1 07 to $1 10
Wheat, spring, do.	1 10 1 16
Barley, do.	0 65 0 75
Oats, do.	0 41 0 42
Peas, do.	0 65 0 75
Rye, do.	none.
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs.	8 00 8 50
Beef, hindquarters, per 100 lbs.	6 00 7 00
Mutton, by carcase, per 100 lbs.	8 50 9 50
Chickens, per pair	0 60 0 75
Ducks, per pair	none.
Geese, each	none.
Turkeys, each	none.
Butter, pound rolls	0 18 0 20
Do. large rolls	0 00 0 00
Do. tub dairy	0 14 0 15
Eggs, fresh, per doz.	0 11 0 12
Potatoes, per bag	0 45 0 55
Apples, per bbl.	1 50 2 50
Onions, per bag	1 50 2 00
Cabbage, per doz.	none.
Celery, per doz.	0 30 0 50
Turnips, per bag	0 25 0 30
Carrots, per bag	0 40 0 45
Beets, per bag	0 50 0 55
Parsnips, per bag	0 25 0 30
Hay, per ton	8 00 12 00
Straw, per ton	6 50 8 00
Wool, per lb.	0 22 0 23

FREIGHTS.

Ocean rates show a considerable fall this week, but there is no change in local railway rates.

GRAND TRUNK RATES.—Rates on flour from Toronto to the undermentioned points stand this week as follows:—Flour to Kingston, 20c. per bbl.; Gananoque to Prescott, 25c.; Edwardsburg to Cornwall, 25c.; Summerstown to Montreal, 25c.; St. Lambert to St. John, 32c.; Durham to Lennoxville, 43c.; Waterville to Coaticook, 45c.; Danville to Chandlers, 45c.; Doucett's Landing, 35c.; Point Levis, 42c.; Ottawa, 35c.; Island Pond to Falmouth, 50c.; St. Henri to L'Islet, inclusive, 50c.; St. Jean Port Joli to Riviere du Loup, inclusive, 60c.; Gaspe Basin to Mongton, inclusive, 65c.; Point du Chene (for Gulf Ports and Prince Edward Island, traffic only), 55c.; Humphries to Aylmer and Point-du-Chene, Shediac Creek to Coldbrook, inclusive (except Salisbury Junction), 65c.; Nappan to Richmond and Fisher's Grant to Valley, inclusive (Truro excepted), 65c.; Pictou, Truro, Halifax, New Glasgow Junction (for Halifax and C. B. railway traffic), 55c.; Windsor Junction (for Windsor and Annapolis railway traffic only), 55c.; St. John, N.B., 55c.; McAdam Junction and Fredericton Junction, 60c.; Carlton, N.B., 55c.; St. Stephen, N.B., St. Andrew's, N.B., 60c. each.

THROUGH RATES TO ENGLAND.—Rates to Liverpool, via the Dominion and Beaver lines from Portland, are as follows:—Flour, ..; oatmeal, .. per barrel; beef in barrels, 43c. per 100 lbs.; pork in barrels, 44½c.; boxed meats, 39½c.; tallow, 37c.; lard, 39½c. per 100 lbs.; butter and cheese, 60c. per 100 lbs., in lots not under 15,000 lbs.; do. in lots from 5,000 to 15,000 lbs., 65c. per cental; oil cake, 32c. per 100 lbs.; flour in sacks, 32½c.; meal in sacks, 33½c. per 100 lbs.

PROVISIONS.

TRADE—Has been quiet and steady.

BUTTER—The hot weather in the latter part of last week checked receipts, and by damaging those received weakened prices. Those offered during the last two days have sold rather better, but at the decline. New tubs have usually gone at 13 to 15c., and odd lots of rolls at 12½ to 14c., with 15c. for choice. Stocks are small, but large supplies are expected within a few days. Street receipts have been small, and prices weak at 18 to 20c. for pound rolls, but these not of the best quality; a few tubs have sold at 14 to 15c. The market is dull and inactive all over, with the tendency downwards.

CHEESE—There have been small sales of new at 13½c., but buyers prefer old at 14 to 14½c. for small lots.

EGGS—The market has shown scarcely any change during the week; supply and demand have been much on a par, and lots have sold steadily at 11c. Street receipts small and prices easy at 12 to 13c.

PORK—Has been selling well in small lots at generally unchanged prices of from $20 to $20.50, though it is possible that cars might have been bought rather lower.

BACON—There has been but little change in the situation. Cars have been quiet, though we understand that a car of choice Cumberland changed hands on p.t., and that 10½c. would be paid for long-clear. Tons and under have sold as before at 9½ to 10½c. for Cumberland, and 10½ to 10¾c. for long-clear. Smoked Cumberland has brought 10½c. Rolls and bellies have sold quietly at 11½ to 12c.

HAMS—There has been no movement in round lots reported, but small lots have sold fairly well at 12c. for smoked, and 12½c. for canvassed. Pickled are held at 10½ to 10¾c., but seem to have been quiet.

LARD—Has remained generally unchanged; a sale is reported of one round lot of 50-lb. pails at 14c., but small lots also have generally sold at this price, and small lots of small pails at 14½c. Tierces quiet at about 13c.

HOGS—Offerings have been small, and prices have usually stood at $8 to $8.50, though the latter figure is paid chiefly for those slaughtered to order.

SALT—Seems unchanged and quiet at former prices; Goderich rules at 85 to 90c. for cars, and $1 for small lots; hand-salt for $2.50, and clean salt for $3.00 per ton at the works. Liverpool has been quiet and unchanged; cars held at 75c.; small lots usually bring 85 to 87½c.; dairy has ranged from $1.25 to $1.40, according to quantity and quality of the bags.

DRIED FRUIT—Prices have been easy, with sales of country-lots at 3½ to 3¾c.; dealers have been selling barrelled at 4½ to 5c., according to quantity and quality.

HOPS—There has been no business done during the week, but an enquiry has been heard for a few bales of really choice at 18 to 19c., which there was none on the market to meet.

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GROCERIES.

TRADE—Has been less active than in the preceding week.

TEA—Lines seem to have been very quiet all week with sales few. Low-grade Young Hysons have sold at 22c. and 29½c., but no movement reported in the higher grades. Japans have changed hands at 27c. and 31c., and low-grade Congous at 22c. and 23c. There has been increased enquiry heard for Blacks on English account; sales have been made at 3d. to 1s. 1d. for them, and at 8d. to 10d. for low-grade young Hysons; but nothing doing in choice, which are cheaper in the States than at home. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers' lots:—Young Hyson, common to fair, 25 to 35c.; medium to good, 38 to 45c.; fine to choice, 48 to 60c.; extra, firsts, 65 to 70c.; Twankays, 22 to 27c.; Gunpowder and Imperials, common to good, 35 to 45c.; fine to extra choice, 50 to 60c. Blacks—Congous, 25 to 70c.; Souchong, 40 to 55c.; Scented Pekoes, 38 to 55c.

COFFEE—A steady enquiry has been maintained, and sales have been made at 20c. for Maracaito, and 21c. for Singapore Java. Quotations are as follows, outside figures being for retailers' lots:—Government Java—Mocha, 25 to 28c.; Singapore, 20 to 22c.; Rio, 15 to 18c.; Mocha, 30 to 32c.

SUGAR—The upward movement has sustained a check, and here prices of some sorts are lower than at the factories; some buyers have held off, chiefly those in the country, but a fair business seems to have been done. Raws firm; Porto Rico has sold in car-lots at 7¼ at 7¼, and 7¾c. Scotch refined has also been moving in car-lots at 7¼c. for dark, at 7¾c. for medium, and 8¼c. for bright. Canadian yellows seem to have been quiet and selling as before. Granulated has sold in job lots at 9¾c., but seems somewhat unsettled at the close. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers' lots, and all sugars now being sold at sixty days:—Porto Rico, per lb., 7¼ to 7¾c.; Barbadoes, 0 to 0.; Scotch, low grade, 7¼ to 7½c.; medium, 7¾ to 8¼c.; bright to choice 8½ to 9¼c.; Canada refined, 7½ to 9¾c.; Paris lump, 10½ to 10¾c.; granulated standard, 9¾ to 10c.

SYRUPS—Held rather more firmly but inactive, with a few small lots selling as before. Quotations stand as follows, per Imperial gallon:—Common, none; medium, 50 to 53c.; and choice, 57 to 67c.; sugar-house molasses, none; and West India, in hhds., 37 to 40c.; in bbls., 40 to 42c.

CATTLE.

TRADE—Has been quiet since our last.

BEEVES—The receipts were equal to the demand, which, however, was not so good as it would have been if cars for shipping had not been so scarce. The dullness of the Montreal market was felt here, and first-class cattle brought 5c., second-class 4½c., and third-class were in good demand at 4c. In one market day some lots of mixed cattle went at 4¼c. and for a few extra, good for shipping 5¼c. was paid.

SHEEP—Were scarce and in good demand, first-class for export, weighing from 125 lbs. and upwards, bringing 5¼ to 6c. Second-class, weighing not less than 100 lbs., brought from 96 to 97 per head, and third-class were not wanted, but quoted at 94.50.

LAMBS—Were very scarce, and with sheep were in demand for local use, owing to the high price of beef. There was considerable enquiry, and from $4 to $5 would have been paid.

CALVES—Were in good demand, but scarce, and prices are nominal at from $7.50 to $8 for choice first-class, to dress at 125 lbs. to 150 lbs., and from $5.50 to $7.50 for second-class, to dress at 100 lbs. to 125 lbs. No price was given for third-class.

HOGS—Were dull in sympathy with Montreal, but a few lots changed hands at 6c.

HIDES, SKINS, AND WOOL.

TRADE—Has shown but little change.

HIDES—Green remain unchanged in price; all offering are wanted, and a few more steers could find a ready sale. Cured in fair demand and firm, with sales at 9½c., and of selected at 9¾c.

CALFSKINS—Abundant, and unchanged at last week's decline; cured, nothing doing.

SHEEPSKINS—Offerings have been small, and prices as before at $1.60 to $1.75 for the great bulk of the green skins offered; dry inactive.

LAMBSKINS—The few offering have sold as before at 25c.

WOOL—The market has been rather unsettled. Old fleece has been purely nominal, being neither offered nor wanted, but values seem tending downwards. Super has been fairly steady, with sales of lots at 27½ and 28c., and a round lot was taken by a factory at 29c. Extra seems decidedly scarce; stocks here very low, and buyers at 34 to 35c. New fleece has begun to offer on the street, and sold last week at 25 and 26c., and on Monday at 22c.

TALLOW—Some firms refuse to pay over 5c. for rendered, but generally it has been selling as before. Rough unchanged.

Quotations stand as follows:—No. 1 inspected, $8.50; choice No. 1 steers, $9.00; No. 2 inspected, $7.50 to $8.00; No. 3 inspected, $6.50 to $7.00; calfskins, green, 15 to 18c.; calfskins, cured, 16½c.; calfskins, dry, none; sheepskins, $1.25 to $1.75; wool, fleece, 29c.; wool, super, 28 to 29c.; extra super, 34 to 35c.; wool, pickings, 11½ to 12½c.; tallow rough, 3½c.; rendered, 6 to 6½c.

BY TELEGRAPH.

MONTREAL.

May 18.—Flour—Market steady, with a little more business. Sales, 150 bbls. superior extra, $5.25; 100 bbls. do., $5.35; 100 bbls. spring extra, $5.20; 100 bbls. choice superfine, $4.90; 100 bbls. strong bakers', $5.50; 100 bbls. do., $5.55; 250 bbls. fine, $4.35. No change in quotations.

LONDON.

May 18.—There was a fair market to-day for grain, wheat bringing $1.80 to $1.85; oats, $1 to $1.03; butter was, however, very scarce, scarcely any coming in; prices range from 20 to 23c. for crocks; and 22 to 25c. for pound rolls; eggs were plentiful, selling freely from 10 to 12½c. Wheat, spring, $1.80 to $1.85, per 100 lbs.; Diehl, $1.80 to $1.85; Treadwell, $1.80 to $1.85; Clawson, $1.80 to $1.82; red, $1.80 to $1.85. Oats, per 100 lbs., $1.00 to $1.03. Corn, per 100 lbs., 95c. to $1.00. Peas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to $1.20. Barley, per 100 lbs., $1.13 to $1.60. Rye, per 100 lbs., 80c. to $1.00. Clover seed, per 100 lbs., $4 to $4.25. Timothy seed, per 100 lbs., $2.50 to $3.00. Eggs, retail, 10 to 12½c.; butter, 11 to 12c. Butter, per lb., 27 to 28.; crock, 20 to 22c.; tubs, 15 to 17c. Cheese, per lb., 12 to 14½c. Lard, 12 to 14c. Maple sugar, 12 to 12c. Honey, per lb., 20c. Spring chickens, per pair, $1 to $1.50; calfskins, green, 15 to 17c. per lb. 11 to 12c.; do., dry, 15 to 17c.; hides, No. 1, per lb., 8 to 8c.; No. 2, 7 to 7½c.; No. 3, per lb., 5½ to 6½c. Flour—Fall, per cwt. $3.25 to $3.50; spring, $3 to $3.50. Oatmeal, fine, per 100 lbs., $2.50 to $3; granulated, $2.75 to $3.75. Graham flour, $3.75 to $3. Cornmeal, $1.50 to $2.60. Shorts, per ton, $14 to $15.70. Bran, per ton, $12 to $14.60. Hay, per ton, $8.50 to $10. Wool, 25 to 27c. Potatoes, per bag, 80 to 90c. Apples, per bag, 40 to 50c.

GUELPH.

May 18.—Flour, per 100 lbs., retail, $2.75 to $3. White wheat, new, per bush., $1.08 to $1.10; Treadwell, $1.07 to $1.10; spring, $1.08 to $1.10. Oats, 38 to 40c. Rye, 65 to 70c. Peas, 65 to 75c. Hay, per ton, $9 to $10. Straw, $7.50 to $8.50. Wood, per cord, $3.50 to $4. Eggs, fresh, per doz., 9 to 10c. Butter, dairy packed, 12 to 15c.; rolls, 10 to 12c. Apples, per bag, 35 to 50c. Potatoes, per bag, 35 to 40c. Sheepskins, 50c. to $1.25. Hides, $6.50 to $7. Dressed hogs, $6.75 to $7.25.

KINGSTON.

May 18.—Wheat—Spring, $1.15 to $1.20; fall, $1.15 to $1.22. Barley, 70 to 80c. Rye, 80 to 85c. Peas, 65 to 70c. Corn, 65 to 68c. Oats, 38 to 40c. Buckwheat, 60c.

OSWEGO.

May 18.—Wheat—Unchanged. Red State, $1.24; white State, $1.21; No. 1 Duluth spring, $1.22. Corn—Steady; mixed Western, 57c. Barley—Inactive; No. 1 Canada, nominally, 90c.

BRANTFORD.

May 18.—Wheat—Fall, white, $1.07 to $1.08; red, $1.07 to $1.08; spring, fine, $1.10 to $1.15. Oats, 35 to 36c. Barley, 70c. Rye, 60 to 65c. Peas, 60 to 70c. Corn, 56 to 57c. Hay, $10. Straw, $8 to $8. Flour, $4.75 to $5.00. Butter, 18 to 20c. Cheese, 12 to 13c. Lard, 14c. Eggs, 12 to 14c. Tallow, 4 to 5c. Potatoes, per bag, 60 to 65c. Apples, per bag, 50c. Oatmeal, $2.25 to $2.50. Cornmeal, $1.25 to $1.40. Buckwheat, 43 to 45c.

ST. CATHARINES.

May 11.—Flour—No. 1 super at $5.25 to $5.50; fall wheat, $1.10 to $1.12. Spring wheat, $1.08 to $1.20. Corn, 55 to 60c. Barley, 65 to 90c. Peas, 55c. to $1. Oats, 38 to 40c. Butter, 15 to 20c. Eggs, 10 to 12c. Cheese, 14c. Hay, $12 to $14. Potatoes, per bag, 60c. to 70c.

HAMILTON.

May 18.—Flour—No. 1 super at $5.25 to $5.50; spring, $5.50 to $5.75; strong bakers' $5.25 to $5.50. Barley, 50 to 60c. Peas, 69 to 70c. Oats, 37 to 38c. Corn, 60 to 62c. Wheat, red, asked, $1.18; white, $1.11 to $1.12. Oatmeal, $4.50. Rye, 75c. Buckwheat, 45 to 50c.

OTTAWA.

May 18.—Apples, $3 to $3.25 per brl., according to quality. Hay, per ton, $10 to $11. Straw, per ton, $6.50. Hardwood, per cord, $5; tamarac, $3; mixed cords, $3.50. Fowls, per pair, 70c.; live fowls, 50c.; chickens, per pair, 75c.; turkeys, each, $1 to $1.25; live turkeys, $1 to $1.25; ducks, per pair, 80c.; geese, each, 40c. to 60c. Butter, prints, per lb., 20c.; rolls, 18c.; tubs, 15c.; pails, 18c. Eggs, 13 to 14c. Live cattle, 4 to 5c. live weight. Sheep, $5 to $8. Beef, per 100 lbs., $7.50. Mutton, per lb., 6 to 7c. Pork, family, per lb., 6 to 7c. Veal, 4 to 5c. Hogs, live, scarce; dressed, $8.50 per 100 lbs. Mess pork, new, $21. Hams, 12½c. per lb. Smoked bacon, 12½c. per lb.; smoked rolls, 13½c. per lb.; dry salted bacon, 10c. per lb. Spring wheat, per bush., $1.35; seed wheat, $1.70; white Russia, $1.90 to $2 per bush.; Black Sea, $1.60 to $1.70 per bush.; Scotch club, $1.50 to $1.60 per bush. Oats, 40c. per bush. Corn, 55c. per bush. Peas, 75c. per bush. Rye, none offered. Beans, $1 per bush. Lake trout, 8 to 10c. per lb.; haddock, 7c. per lb.; sea bass, 4 to 5c. per lb.; black bass, 10c. per lb.; fresh cod, 7c. per lb.; pike, 5 to 6c. per lb.; salmon, salt, 10 to 12c. per lb.; cod, salt, 4 to 5c. per lb.; herrings, salt, 20 to 25c. per doz.; fresh, 20c. per doz. Flour Double extra, $7.60 per bbl.; extra, $7.00; No. 1, $6.25. Oatmeal, $4.75. Cornmeal, $3.00 to $3.50. Cracked wheat, $7.00. Provender, $1.25 per cwt. Bran, $2.00 per ton. Buckwheat flour, $4.50 per bbl. Shorts, Canaille, $1.25 per cwt.

BUFFALO.

May 18.—Barley—Dull; a sale was made of 2,500 bush. sample Canada at 80c.; Canada quoted 95c. to $1.20; two-rowed state, 90c.

MILWAUKEE.

1.03 p.m.—Wheat—$1.02½ for cash or May; $1.03½ for June; $1.04½ for July.

NEW YORK.

May 18.—Receipts—Flour, 14,135 bbls.; wheat, 188,000 bush.; corn, 314,000 bush.; oats, 30,000 bush.; rye, 9,000 bush.; barley, 21,000 bush.; pork, 800 bbls.; lard, 2,471 tierces; whiskey, 282 bbls.

12.05 p.m.—Flour—Quiet. Wheat—Firmer; No. 2 red at $1.25 to $1.26 for cash; $1.24½ to $1.25 for May; $1.24½ to $1.22½ for June; 15,000 bush. at $1.19½ for July; $1.15 to $1.16 for August. No. 1 white, 8,000 bush. at $1.23½ for cash; $1.23 to $1.23½ for May; $1.20½ to $1.21 for June. Corn —Steady, at 56½ to 57c. Oats—Steady.

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