

per ton f.o.b. according to quality. Up till Thursday last 4,733 tons had been shipped from this port since the opening of navigation which show a large increase upon the shipments of the corresponding period of 1883.

LUMBER.—Yard transactions continue dull, the spring trade being now virtually over, and having shown much less volume than that of the corresponding period in 1883. There is no American enquiry at the moment, and the local trade generally has settled into a stagnant groove. Shipments of deals continue to go forward freely to English ports and the export movement in lumber to River Platte has commenced, the first vessel, the *Cambridge*, having gone to the *Hochelaga* wharf to receive cargo from the Export Lumber Company. Several large contracts for deals have recently been made in the West for shipment for Quebec and Montreal.

PETROLEUM.—The tone of the market continues strong, and last week's advance has been well maintained. The combination seems to have control of the market, and a further rise is anticipated by dealers here. Car lots in store are quoted at 13½c to 14c, broken lots at 14½c to 14¾c, and single barrels at 15c to 15½c. The market remains firm at Petrolia, where car lots are quoted at 11½c f.o.b., and it is expected 12c will soon be an established rate.

PROVISIONS.—The market has been devoid of the least signs of animation, and as the movement in mess pork in Chicago has not made the headway that was anticipated, the feeling here has been less firm than that of a week ago. Sales of Chicago Mess Pork have taken place at \$20.50 to \$20.75, and more could be had on same terms. Sales of Chicago Mess Beef have also transpired at \$14.50. Inlard there has been business in Western pails at 11½c and in Canadian at 11½c. Smoked meats are quiet and unchanged, city canvassed hams having been placed at 14½c in round quantities. Bacon sides have changed hands in fair-sized lots at 13c, smaller quantities going at 13½c to 14c. Rough tallow has been sold at 4c, and refined at 7 per lb. In Chicago a petition to the board of Trade protesting against summer Mess Pork being made "regular" has been freely signed by the manufacturers and dealers in provisions. They are right, as it is well known by the whole trade that summer mess pork is far inferior to regular winter, packed. In fact reclamations are frequently made upon it on

account of sour and tainted meat, which accounts for the low prices it can be bought at. Sensible merchants state that they will buy nothing but winter-packed pork.

SALT.—The dullness remains unbroken, supplies are large, and sales have been made at figures which show no margin of profit, small lots of eleveins being quoted at 40c to 41c and twelves at 35c to 37½c. Factory-filled \$1.05 to \$1.10 and Bureka at \$2.40.

SEEDS.—The market for clover is now very quiet, the season being pretty well over and stocks held light; we continue our quotations of last week at 12c to 12½c per pound. In Timothy there is very little doing, it is sold at \$1.90 to \$2.00 per bushel. The demand for this article is now very light, the season being so far advanced. Stocks held over are inconsiderable.

WINDOW GLASS.—Stocks are very low, and under a good enquiry prices hold firm, with business at \$2.00 for first cut and \$2.10 for second do. Owing to overtures being made to the Belgian glass blowers by Americans to form a combination, a strike at once occurred, and this prevented the usual quantity being brought out to Canada this spring; and as blowers generally cease operations from July to September it is feared that agents here will be minus their usual complement of imports this season.

WINES AND SPIRITS.—A fair distributing trade has transpired from ship's side in filling country orders, but few or no large quantities have changed hands, there being a marked absence of any speculative enquiry. A few brandies continue to move in jobbing lots at steady prices, chiefly in cases at \$10.75 to \$11.25 for leading marks in fair-sized quantities. Genuine cheap clarets, ranging from \$3.00 to \$3.50, are called for, along with ports and sherries, at within range of quotations. Champagnes are quiet but steady. Advices just to hand from Charente continue to report favorably of the brandy vintage. Mr. James Guest of this city has been appointed agent for the Dominion of Canada for E. F. J. Brand's Schiedam gin.

WOOL.—This market is unchanged, manufacturers still buying very sparingly, and the only sales we hear of are a few lots of Greasy

Cape at 16½c to 17½c as to quality. Canada wool is quiet at 27c to 28c for A super and 22c to 24½c for B super, unassorted being slow sale at 20c to 22½c.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

BOSTON, June 5—*Flour*, market dull, sales limited; low grades scarce and high, high grades easier. Sales of Superfine at \$3 to \$3.50; Extras, from \$3.50 to \$4.25, including choice Bakers', from \$4.25 to \$5.25. Patent Spring selling at \$6 to \$6.75, and Patent Winter at same price. Sales of *Cornmeal* at \$2.85 to \$2.90. *Oatmeal* sells at \$4.75 to \$5 for ground and \$5.50 to \$6 for cut. *Hay*, unchanged, choice is scarce, and prices are firm with sales at \$17; medium grades range from \$13 to \$16. *Butter*, new arriving more freely, prices have eased off. Sales of creameries at 20c to 21c for fine and 18c to 19c for good to choice. *Cheese*, dull, prices easier, sales of new and choice full cream at 11c to 12c, fair to good 9c to 10½c. *Eggs* have been in demand with sales of different kinds at 15c to 16½c. *Canada Peas* quiet, sales small, at \$1.05 to \$1.10 for choice.

Chicago, 3 p.m.—Wheat, July 89½c; August, 90½c; Sept., 91½c. Corn, July, 56½c; August, 57½c; Sept., 58½c. Oats, July, 33½c; August, 29½c; Sept., 28½c. Pork, July, \$19.17½; Aug., \$19.17½. Lard, July, \$8.17½; Aug., \$8.30.

New York, 3 p.m.—Wheat, June, \$1.00½; July, \$1.03½; Aug., \$1.04½; Sept., \$1.05½. Oct., \$1.07½; Dec., \$1.10. Corn, June, 62c; July, 63½c; Aug., 64½c; Sept., 65½c; Nov., 66½c. Oats, June, 38c; July, 38c; August, 35½c.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, June 5, 1884.

(Bearholm's Advices.) Cargoes off Coast—Wheat, very little enquiry. Corn, nothing offering. Cargoes on passage—Wheat, quiet, corn, firm. Quantity Wheat on passage for continent 460,000 qrs; Maize 45,000 qrs. Quantity Maize for U.K., 310,000 qrs.; Wheat and Flour, 2,100,000 qrs. Liverpool Wheat on spot, quiet but steady. Corn firmly held.

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