

Muscatal raisins, new 2.30 to 2.50; Layer raisins 2.20 to 2.30; London layers 2.05 to 2.85; Sultanias, 9¢ to 10¢; Currants are rather more asked for at 6½ to 7¢; Figs, 12 to 14¢; Prunes are nominal; Tarragona Almonds, 18 to 19¢; Filberts, 8½ to 9½¢; Walnuts, 8½ to 9¢.

HIDES.—Prices are steady at \$10½, 9½ and 8½ and as tanners' stocks are about cleared out, they are buying freely at these quotations; there is no immediate prospect of any decline. *Lambskins* are worth from 25 to 30¢; *Calfskins* 13 to 14¢.

HARDWARE.—General quietness still prevails and beyond the actual requirements of the country merchants, there is little doing until navigation opens. Between dealers, transactions have almost been "nil." We quote *Pig Iron* per ton Coltness \$24; Langloan 24; Calder 24; Summerlee 24; Eglington 23; *Bars* per 100 lbs., Scotch and Staffordshire \$2.50; best ditto 2.75 to 3.00; Swedes and Norway 4.50 to 5.00; Lowmoor and Bowling 6.00 to 6.50; *CANADA PLATES* per box; Garth and Penn \$5.25 to 5.50; Arrow 6.00 to 6.25; Hatton 5.25 to 5.50. *TIN PLATES* Charcoal, I.C. \$9.00 to 10.00; ditto I.X. 11 to 12; ditto D.C. 8.00 to 9.00; Coke I.C. 7.50 to 8.00; *Tinned sheets*, Charcoal No. 26 11½ to 12¢; *Galvanized sheets* best No. 28, 8.50 to 9.00; *Hoops and Bands* 2.75 to 3.00; *Sheets* best brands 3.00 to 3.50; *Boiler plate* ordinary brands 3.25 to 3.50 ditto best brands 3.50 to 4.00; *LEAD*, Fig 5.25 to 5.50; sheet, 6.00 to 6.50; Bar, 6.00 to 6.50; Shot 6.25 to 6.75; *Cast steel* 11½ to 12½; Spring ditto 5.00; sleigh shoe ditto 4.00 to 4.25; Tire ditto 4.25 to 4.50; *Ingot tin* 27.00 to 28.00; Ingot copper 22.00 to 23.00; Horse shoes 4.00 to 4.50; Proved coil chain 5.00 to 5.50; Wire per bble of 63 lbs. 2.25 to 2.50; *CUT NAILS* per 100 lbs. 10 dy., hot cut American or Canadian Pattern 3.85; 8 dy., and 9 dy., ditto ditto 4.00; 6 dy. and 7 dy., ditto ditto 4.35; 4 dy. and 5 dy., Hot cut American pattern 4.65; 3 dy. ditto ditto 5.35; 4 dy. and 5 dy., cold cut Canada pattern 4.35; 3 dy. ditto ditto 4.85; Pressed spikes 3.90 to 4.75.

LEATHER.—Market more active the past week and considerable sales have been made of some kinds of stock. *Spanish and Slaughter* sole continue to move off quietly, the sales being about equal to the receipts. *Upper and Splits* have met with more enquiry, and buyers have shown a disposition to lay in stocks at present quotations. *Buff and Pebble* are very quiet, and prices are by no means firm. *Rough Leather* is scarce and wanted. We quote *Hemlock Spanish Sole* No. 1, B. A. 26 to 27½¢; ditto No. 2, B. A., 24 to 25½¢; No. 1, Ordinary, 25 to 26¢; No. 2, ditto, 23¢ to 24¢; *Buffalo Sole*, No. 1, 22 to 23¢; ditto No. 2, 20 to 21¢; *Hemlock Slaughter*, No. 1, 27 to 30¢; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 37 to 42½¢; ditto, heavy, 36 to 40¢; *Grained*, 38 to 42¢; *Splits*, large, 28 to 34¢; ditto, small, 25 to 30¢; *Calfskins*, (27 to 36 lbs.) 55 to 70¢; per lb., ditto (18 to 26 lbs.) 50 to 60¢ per lb.; *Sheepskin linings*, 30 to 50¢; *Harness*, 24 to 32¢; *Buffed cow*, 14 to 16¢; *Enamelled cow*, 15 to 16¢; *Patent Cow*, 15 to 16¢; *Pebbled Cow*, 13 to 16¢; *Rough*, 24 to 28¢.

OILS.—Reports as to the seal fishing this season are rather contradictory, but the feeling apparently is that there will be a good average return. There is very little doing in fish oils at the moment, but stocks are not heavy and prices are firm and rather higher than this day week. *Cod Oil* 47½ to 50¢; *Seal* pale 50 to 52½¢; ditto straw 45 to 47½¢; ditto steamed refined 65 to 70¢; *Linseed Oil* steady, Boiled 66 to 67¢, ditto Raw 63 to 64¢; *Petroleum* is dull, and sales this last week have not amounted to much; prices continue steady as last quoted, viz., car lots 13½ to 14¢; broken lots 14½¢; single barrels, 15 to 15½¢.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*.—Receipts for the past week 403 pkgs., shipments 192 pkgs. There is very little old stock now on hand, and new butter is coming in but slowly and is mostly bought

up at fancy prices for the retail trade, latterly however, there has been a downward tendency and fair butter has been selling at 20½ to 21¢ for lots and 22 to 23¢ for single lbs. *Cheese*.—The market is dull and inactive, an advance of 1/- per cwt is noted in Liverpool, but buyers here are shy in buying the nominal price is 13 to 15. *Pork*, market quiet and easier. Mess is worth from \$15.00 to 15.50 and thin mess \$14.00 to 14.25. *Lard* in moderate demand at 10 to 11¢. for Canadian tubs and pails, smoked meats are unchanged.

SALT.—There is only an occasional small lot moving and no activity is looked for till the market boats begin to ply. Prices are fairly firm but without any change since this day week.

WOOL.—There is a fair healthy demand for foreign wools, and a good deal of Cape has been changing hands at firm prices, with every prospect of an advance. We quote Greasy Cape 22 to 23¢. a large sale is reported a shade under our inside quotation. Canada pulled meets with good enquiry, but there is none in the market, and the price is nominal at 35 to 37¢.

#### MARITIME PROVINCE MARKETS.

ST. JOHN, N. B., 21st April.

Business in breadstuffs continues very quiet, and until navigation is fully open activity can hardly be expected. Prices of flour remain unchanged as quoted below, holders not being disposed to make concessions although markets elsewhere are weaker. The quotations are:—Strong bakers, \$6.75 to 7; extra, \$6.40 to 6.50; choice extra, \$6.55 to 6.60; superior extra, \$6.60 to 6.70; choice, \$6.75 to 7.10; patent process, \$7.50 to 7.75.

HALIFAX, N.S., April 21.—The flour market is quiet; choice pastry \$8 to 9; superior extra choice \$7.00 to 7.25; superior extra \$6.60 to 6.70; extra superfine \$6.50 to 6.60; spring extra \$6.20 to 6.30; strong bakers' \$6.50 to 7.00; superfine \$6.00 to 6.25; extra State \$6.00 to 6.25; yellow K. D. cornmeal \$3.20 to 3.30; fresh ground cornmeal \$3.15 to 3.20; Canada oatmeal \$5.40 to 5.50.

#### TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, 22nd April, 1880.

"The spring comes slowly up this way," said the author of the mythical Ancient Mariner on one occasion. Something of the kind is being frequently remarked, with the addition, doubtless, of a characteristic expletive, by many an American and Canadian modern mariner on Lakes Erie or Huron, who wants to get his vessel through the Welland Canal this week, but cannot until the first of May. This late opening of our most important canal has been the occasion of much enquiry and comment, both in Parliament and out of it, for weeks, but appears to be an unavoidable consequence of the prosecution of the works for its enlargement. It is small comfort for the skipper of a 15,000 bushel vessel, drawing 10 feet, to be told that the canal feeder is open, with 6 or 7 feet of water in it. Two propellers from Toledo, with 97,000 bushels grain, reached Buffalo on the 19th, being the first arrivals there by lake, the earliest arrival for many years, and the earliest ever known for grain cargoes. The propeller *Cuba* reached Toronto from Montreal on the same day, the first of the season between those ports. Cargoes have gone across the lake from here, however, ten days ago.

Referring to the grain speculators, a Springfield (Mass.) clergyman lately prayed as follows:—"Curse them, we pray thee, O Lord, who would snatch away the bread of the hungry; who illegitimately seek to enhance the price of that which is necessary for food." About the same time, a tumble took place in wheat in Chicago of 3 to 4 cents per bushel, sending No. 2 Spring down to \$1.04, and spreading devastation among those who were engineering a "corner." An irrev. rent contemporary sees in this circumstance an instance of the efficacy of the aforesaid prayer of a righteous man; while a Canadian political journal detects in the petition a distinct reference to the "N. P." as illegitimately enhancing the price of spring wheat. Declining values for wheat in Britain have lowered the prices of wheat here, and rendered our breadstuffs market very dull and depressed.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—As the country roads improved under the influence of recent sunny days, trade in this line has been picking up. Sorting orders for spring goods and some for summer work have been arriving briskly and the factories are kept fairly busy. There is no material change in prices, our manufacturers are generally stiff in adhering to a fair profit. Remittances are moderately good.

CATTLE.—The old country markets appear to be rather dull, at last mail advices. In London on the 5th, trade in cattle was reported quiet, and sales slow with drooping tendency, the total supply numbering 3,750 beasts, of which 1,120 were foreign, 70 being American, 370 Danish, 400 Spanish, 360 Scottish, and some Swedish. Mr. Richard Hall's circular of the 8th inst. reviews the market for the foregoing week as follows: The supply of cattle was larger than on last Monday, and included 280 Canadians. Sheep were also in larger supply. The demand was slow for cattle, at about late rates for the best; other sorts being affected by the foreign supply, were rather easier. For sheep, a dull trade at lower prices. Beef, 6d. to 8½d.; mutton, 8d. to 11d. per lb. There were 1,146 cattle and 3,928 sheep at market.

In this market trade was fair, more *beeves* offering and being taken at steady prices, good steers commanding 4½ to 5¢, and fat oxen 4½ to 4¾¢. *Sheep*, scarce and firm. *Lambs*, easier and in moderate supply.

FLOUR.—Stocks in store 13,035 bbls. against 13,410 bbls. last week, and 26,600 bbls. on like date last year. No fancy or strong bakers in market. There is no business doing, and tenor of English advices. A lot of 1,000 bbls. made at \$5.65, 5.60 and 5.55 for Super Extra, Extra and Spring Extra. Quotations are 5¢ the feeling is very dull, owing to the downward below last week. *Oatmeal* quiet and steady at quotations.

HARDWARE.—The feature of the trade is the decline in the price of Pig Iron, which has fallen from \$10 to \$12 in the United States, and has been weakening here for ten days past. The quotation has finally settled down within this week to \$26 to \$27, for makes which were formerly \$30 to \$31. There is no material change in other quotations.

GRAIN.—*Wheat*.—Fall, stocks in store 182,202 bush. against 186,631 bush. last week, and 69,205 bush. on like date last year. Little if anything doing in this market, and the feeling is depressed in consequence of the daily decline in England of 1/4 per quarter daily since our last. We quote prices 5¢ lower, or say \$1.20 to 1.22 for No. 1. Very little fall wheat is being used, our millers using the spring grain, which is consequently 3¢ per bush. higher than fall in this market, a very unusual circumstance. Spring, exceptional prices are being paid for this grain for seed; stocks in store 13 1,740 bush. against 140,720 bush. last week, and 251,869 bush. on like date