

steadily at \$4.07½ to 4.12½; seconds bring from \$3.35 to 3.40; nothing doing in thirds. *Pearls* are arriving more freely and quotations tend downward; last reported sales were at \$4.90 to 4.95 for firsts, although lower figures are said to have been accepted for firsts. Nothing doing in inferiors. Stocks at present in store are, Pots 3502 brls.; Pearls 856 brls.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—This branch of business has shown a considerable degree of activity; orders are coming in up to expectations, and prices are firm but without quotable change. Some houses complain that remittances are rather slow, but admit a decided improvement on those of the corresponding period of 1876.

**CATTLE.**—The large arrivals of cattle have had a depressing effect on the market, as the supply is beyond the present requirements. Prices have declined on the market, those obtained yesterday being from \$3.00 to 4.75 per 100 lbs., the cattle being generally of good quality. *Hogs* were in fair supply and sold at \$5.62½ to 5.75 per 100 lbs. *Sheep* were not numerous, sales reported at \$4.00 to 5.00 per 100 lbs. according to quality; 95 sheep were bought at our outside quotation for shipment to Britain.

**DRUG AND CHEMICALS.**—We cannot report much improvement in this branch of trade. Stocks are accumulating, and the demand continues to be of a hand to mouth character, and as holders seem more inclined to press sales; quotations are weaker and for round lots concessions would be made to buyers. Quotations are: *Bi Carb* \$3.25 to \$3.50; *Sal Soda* \$1.07½ to 1.15; *Soda Ash* \$1.75 to 2.00; *Caustic Soda* \$3.15 to 3.20; *Alum* \$1.75 to 2.00; *Copperas* 90c to \$1.00; *Blue Vitriol* 6½ to 7c; *Epsom Salts* \$1.75 to 2.00; *Sulphur* \$3.12½ to 3.25. *Brimstone* \$2.00 to 2.50; *Bleaching Powder* 1½ to 2c; *Madder*, 8 to 10c; *Borax*, 10 to 12c; *Cream Tartar Ground* 28 to 30c; do *Crystals* 25 to 26c; *Saltpetre* \$8.00 to 9.00.

**DRY GOODS.**—This market has shown more life during the past week than for a long time previous. Orders are numerous both from buyers who have come into the city and from travellers who are now on the road; and judging from present appearances stocks which are now well assorted, will be well worked down before the close of the season, as the orders coming in and those given by buyers on the spot are assuming much larger proportions. With the fine harvest the demand in the country is expected to be large. There is also a good business done in ready made clothing. Remittances are hardly up to the mark yet.

**FISH.**—There is a good demand for dry cod and salmon, these being the only kinds of fish in the market. *Dry Cod* \$4½ to 4½; *Salmon* \$12 11; 10; for Nos 1 and 2 and 3 respectively.

**FREIGHTS.**—There is a good demand just now for tonnage and rates are firm. For heavy grain by steamers and Iron Clippers to Liverpool and Glasgow 4/6 and 5/3 paid, for the same to London 5/6 to 6/-, to Cork f. o. 6/9 to 7/-. Potash, 20/- to 22/6, Pearls, 27/6, Butter and Cheese 45/-.

**FLOUR.**—Receipts during the week 11,318 bls; Total receipts from 1st January to date 371,440 bls; being 113,181 bls; on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1876, shipments during the week 14,811 bls; total shipments from 1st January to date 262,367 bls. This market has been dull with strong downward tendency all week; transactions have been small and shown a decline on the closing quotations of last week. The chief enquiry was for extra and fancy and spring extra. At the close the demand was trifling, no change having taken place in prices since yesterday. *Superior extra* \$7.25 to 7.40; *Extra superfine* \$6.90 to 7.00; *Fancy* \$6.60 to 6.70; *Strong baker's flour* \$6.65 to 6.85; *Spring extra* \$6.35 to 6.40; *Superfine* \$6.10 to \$6.15; *Fine* \$5.75 to 5.85;

*Middlings* \$5.25 to 5.45; *Pollards* \$4.50 to 5.00; *Oatmeal* \$5.65 to 5.75; *Cornmeal* \$2.90 to 3.00.

**GRAIN.**—*Wheat.*—Receipts during the past week 23,337 bushels; total receipts from 1st January to date 807,945 bushels, being a decrease of 3,064,601 bushels on the receipts for the same period of 1876. Shipments during the week 41,346 bushels; total shipments from 1st January to date 579,058 bushels being a decrease of 2,462,225 bushels on the shipments for the corresponding period of last year. There are very few transactions taking place and the price of U. C. white winter is nominal at \$1.35 to 1.37½; *Pears* a few sales of car lots are reported at 90 to 92½c per 66 lbs; *Maize* nominal at 55 to 56c; *Oats* are dull at 38 to 40c; *Barley* 60 to 65c.

**GROCERIES.**—*Teas.*—new Japans have been arriving pretty freely, chiefly of medium grades, for which importers are asking from 35 to 40c. with sales reported at inside quotations; for medium to fine new crop 5c more is asked. Old crop teas are selling from 20 to 45c, according to grade. The enquiry for Japans has been fair, stocks in the hands of country dealers being small and nearly run out. Blacks and greens are entirely neglected. *Coffee.*—There has been nothing stirring in this branch of trade to cause any change in quotations which as a rule are firm. Stocks are small but ample for present requirements. We quote Java 26 to 30c; Singapore 23 to 25; Maracaibo 22½ to 24½c; Mocha, 30 to 33c. *Sugar.*—The decline in Britain and in the U. S. has rather unsettled prices here, and our quotations are lower than last week; the decline has caused an increased demand and there have been fair sales within our range of quotations: Scotch refined 9½ to 10c; American granulated 10½ to 11c; dry crushed 11 to 11½c. Raw sugars are little asked for and any small sales transpiring range from 8½ to 9½c. *Molasses.*—Stocks are within small compass, but as the demand is very light they are ample for present requirements; present quotations on Barbadoes 52½c; Trinidad 44 to 46c; these are the only kinds in stock. *Rice* has been more asked for, and sales though not large have been fairly numerous at \$4.15 to \$4.50 according to size of lot. *Spices* have been more enquired for; black pepper 9½ to 10c; white pepper 18 to 20c; nutmegs 60 to 90c; cloves 40 to 45; cassia 15 to 18c; mace 85 to 90c; Jamaica ginger 18 to 22c. *Fruit.*—Prices generally favor buyers, but at the moment it is difficult to effect sales even on the present favorable terms. Layer raisins can be had at from \$1.15 to 1.25; Valencias 3½ to 5c; Sultanias are firm at 7c; Seedless 5 to 6½c; Currants 5½ to 6c; Figs have been selling to some extent at 7½ to 8c; Filberts 7c for Sicily; Walnuts 10½ to 11c for Grenoble.

**HIDES AND PELTS.**—The excitement in this market seems to continue and prices still tend upwards, although up to the close of the market no change in our quotations had taken place; No. 1 hides \$8; No. 2 ditto \$7; No. 3 ditto \$6; Lambskins are in fair demand and steady at 55c.

**HARDWARE.**—The demand this week has been confined to the supply of immediate wants, and that demand has been very small; the chief enquiry has been for Bars within our range of quotations. Pigs are not asked for; our quotations remain as revised last week. We quote: *Pig Iron*—Eglinton and Clyde, \$17.30 to 18.00. American \$20.00 to 21.00; Summerlee, \$18.25 to 18.75; Gartsherrie \$19.00 to 19.50; Hematite, \$23 to 24.00; Bars per 100 lbs. Scotch and Staffordshire \$1.90 to 1.95; best do. \$2.15 to 2.20; Swedes and Norway, \$4.50 to 5.00; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.00 to 6.50. *Canada Plates* per box, Glamorgan and Budd, \$3.50; to 3.60; Garth and Penn \$3.50 to 3.60; Arrow \$3.75 to 3.85; Hatton \$3.40 to 3.50; *Tin Plates*—

per box, ordinary brands—Charcoal IC, \$6.25 to 6.75; ditto IX, \$8.25 to 8.75; ditto DC, \$5.25 to 5.50; Coke IC, \$5.50 to 5.75; *Tinned sheets*, Charcoal best, No. 26, 12 to 12½c; *Galvanized Sheets* 8 to 8½c; *Hoops and Bands* per 100lb. \$2.40 to 2.50; *Sheets* best brands \$2.75 to 3.00; *Boiler Plate*, ordinary brands \$2.50 to 2.75; do. best brands, \$3.00 to 3.25; *Russia sheet-iron* per lb., 10 to 10½c; *Cut Nails*, 2 d lath 4.50; 2½ to 4 shingle \$3.80; 5 d to 10 \$3.30; 12 d and larger \$3.00; 100 kegs lots 5 per cent. discount; cut nails patent chisel pointed 25c extra; *Pressed Spikes*, \$4 to 5, shot ditto \$7.00 to 7.25; *Lead*—Pig \$5.50 to 5.75; sheet ditto \$5.75 to \$6.00; Bar ditto \$6.00 to 6.25; *Steel cast*, 12 to 13c; Spring, ditto \$4.25 to 4.50; sleigh shoe steel \$3.25 to 3.50; Tire ditto \$3.50 to 3.75; *Ingot Tin* 18c to 18½c; *Ingot Copper*, 18½ to 19½c; *Horve Shoes* \$4.50 to 4.75; *Proved coil Chain* ¾ inch, \$5.00 to 5.50; *Anchors*, 7 to 7½c; *Anvils*, 10 to 11c; *Wire* per bdl. of 63lbs. No. 6 \$2.00 to 2.10.

**LEATHER.**—*Spanish Sole* best qualities of B. A. are in small supply, *Ordinary* spanish is plentiful; *Slaughter Sole* has met with less enquiry; *Waxed Upper* sales trifling, and but very little coming forward; *Grain Upper* a fair demand exists for prime stock; *Harness* is quiet; *Pebble* demand is fair at about quoted rates; *Buff* is in less demand, *Splits* light and medium priced continue scarce. We quote: Hemlock Spanish sole No. 1 B. A. 23½ to 25c; do. No. 2, 21 to 22c; No. 1 Orinoco 22 23½; No. 2 ditto 20½ to 21c; Buffalo sole No. 1, 21 to 22; do. No. 2, 19 to 21c; Hemlock slaughter 26 to 27c, waxed upper light and medium 30 to 37c; do. heavy 30 to 34c; grained upper 34 to 37c; splits large 25 to 30c; do. small 16 to 22c; calfskins 27 to 36 lbs., 55 to 70c; do 18 to 26 50 to 65c; Sheepskin Linings 20 to 37½c; *Harness* 22 to 30c; Buffed Cow 14 to 16c; Enamelled Cow 17 to 18c; Patent Cow 16 to 18c; Pebbled Cow 13 to 15c; Rough 22 to 26c.

**LIQUORS.**—There is nothing doing in the way of speculation, the demand being confined to the jobbing wants of the trade. Quotations are without change. *Spirits* have been selling to some extent at 61c per imperial gallon duty paid, and rye whiskey at 37c per gall. duty paid.

**OILS.**—There is a good demand for seal oil at quotations, other kinds are dull of sale and difficult to move in quantity. *Cod oil* 50 to 52½c; *Seal* pale 52½; ditto straw 50c; ditto steam refined 55 to 57½c. *Whale Oil* 55c; *Olive* 95c to \$1.00; *Palm oil* 8½ to 9c per lb; *Linsed Raw* 70c; Boiled 75 to 80c; *Petroleum* a slight advance has taken place in this article consequent on the firmness of refined in the west; car loads are now sold at 14½ to 15c; small lots and single barrels 15 to 17c.

**PROVISIONS.**—*Butter.*—Receipts during the week 7,434 pkgs; shipments 3,540 kegs; holders are exhibiting more firmness in their demands, which rather stops business, as buyers are holding off in expectation of obtaining more favourable terms. Western has been selling at 17 to 19c; and choice Eastern Township's butter at 21 to 23c. *Cheese* receipts 7,255 boxes, shipments 14,804 boxes; there is little movement in this article here, any sales transpiring have ranged from 9½ to 10c. *Lard.*—Steady at 11 to 11½c for tubs and pails. *Pork.*—Receipts 486 brls.; shipments 118 brls.; market very quiet, demand confined to local wants and prices favor buyers; mess pork \$16.25 to 16.50; thin mess \$15.25 to 15.50. *Tallow* 9c for rendered.

**SALT.**—Market quiet but firm; coarse is held from 5½ to 5½c; factory filled 90c to \$1.00. Stocks of both kinds are at present ample.

**WOOL.**—The demand for Canadian wool continues slowly to improve; and super pulled is selling at 28 to 30c., and although the lots are not as a rule very large, they have been more numerous than for sometime past.