

A fair enquiry has existed throughout the week, both for present and future delivery, and considerable business has been done. The market has advanced ten to fifteen cents, and closes firm at the revised quotations.

FURS AND SKINS.—The market both here and abroad is dull and without spirit. Unfavorable advices regarding the late sales in London have affected the prices of rawskins. Muskrat has declined 15 p.c.; Mink, 45 p.c.; Otter, 15 p.c.; Fisher, 15 p.c.; Martin, 20 p.c.; Lynx, 5 p.c. The market for Rats is firm, all lots sent forward will fetch our quotations. We quote:—Beaver, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Prime Black Bear, \$6.00 to \$12, according to size; Fisher, \$5.00 to \$7.50; Silver Fox, \$25 to \$60; Cross Fox, \$2.00 to \$5.00; Red Fox, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Lynx, \$1.50 to \$2.25; dark Labrador Martin, \$7 to \$9; pale Martin, \$1.50 to \$2.00; prime fresh dark Mink, \$2.00 to \$2.50; fine dark Otter, \$7 to \$9; Fall Muskrat, 12c. to 17c.; Winter do, 18c. to 22c.; Spring do, 30c.; Raccoon, 25c. to 60c.; Skunk, 20c. to 50c.

GROCERY MARKET, WHOLESALE.—Heavy snow storms, while of great advantage to the lumber and farming interests, have blocked roads up greatly. There is little to note in the review of the wholesale grocery trade. Dulness continues, though perhaps not much more than might be expected for the season, and under the circumstances. Teas.—Sell moderately for actual wants. The overstocking by many during period of anticipated tariff charges still operates against sales. There is no change here worthy of mention in any kind of Teas. The turn may be called in favor of buyers. Sugars and other groceries show no features of special interest. There is something again referred to of a tariff change in United States but it will not be wise to depend on anything until actually done.

HARDWARE.—The Grand Trunk Railroad have only reduced their rates of freight to those holding contracts with the Company. To those not having contracts, it will be later in the season before rates will be reduced. English advices state, respecting finished iron, that very little buying is going on, and that of the most hand to mouth description, buyers feeling confident that they will not lose and will probably gain by waiting. On the other hand, makers have not met the market to any extent during the month, the outside concession being 5s. per ton, while for some descriptions we can make no alteration in quotations. They allege that the cost of production prevents further reductions, but this is sure to be remedied if present dulness continues, and large savings be effected in the item of wages. **Tin Plates.**—This market is also in a gloomy state, and little or no business stirring. The long-continued bad trade in this article presses most heavily on makers, many of whom find it impossible to make sales except at ruinous prices; and as they cannot afford to hold stock they force their produce on the market. The result is that some brands are selling abnormally low, and this of course reacts upon other wealthier manufacturers, though not to the same extent. Prices are variable, while low grade stuff has gone back in price to the lowest figures of last year. First rate brands have hardly given way at all, 6d per box being the outside reduction in many cases. We quote as follows:—**Pig Iron**, per ton of 2240 lbs. Gartscherrie, \$23 to 24; Summerlee, \$22 to 23; Langloan, \$22 to 23; Glengarnock, \$22 to 23; Eglington and Clyde, \$21.50c. to \$22.50c.; Carnbroe, \$21.50 to \$22.50; Hematite, \$27 to 28. **Bar** per 100 lbs.—Staffordshire and Scotch, \$2.25 to 2.30; best do., \$2.50 to 2.60; Swedes & Norway, \$5 to 5.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.50 to 7. **Canada Plates**, per Box—Swansea, \$4.50 to 4.70, or Penn., \$1.50 to 4.70; Arrow, \$4.60 to 4.80; Hinton, \$4.25 to \$1.50. **Tin Plates**, per box.—Charcoal 10, \$8.25 to 8.50; ditto 1X, \$10.25 to 10.50; ditto DC, \$7.25 to 7.50; Coke 10, \$7.00 to 7.25; 14 x 20, 25c. extra. **Tinned Sheets**—Charcoal best No. 26, 13c. **Galvanized Sheets**—best brands No. 28, 9c. to 94c. **Hoops and Bands** per 100 lbs., \$2.90 to 3.00. **Sheets**, best brands, \$3.15 to 3.30. **Boiler Plates**, ordinary brands,

\$3.00 to 3.25; **Russian Sheet Iron** per lb., 14c. to 15c.; **Cut Nails**, 2d Lath, \$1.75; ditto, 2d to 4d shingle, \$3.95; ditto, 5d to 10d, \$3.45; ditto 12d and larger, \$3.15; 100 keg lots, 5 per cent. discount. **Cut nails**, patent Chisel-pointed 25c. extra. **Pressed Spikes**, \$4.25 to 5; Shot, Canadian \$7 to 7.25. **Lead**—per 100 lbs. Pig, \$6.50; do sheets, \$6.50; do Bar, \$6.50. **Steel**, cast—per lb. 12c to 14c. **Spring** per 100 lbs., \$4.50 to 5.00; **Sleigh Shoes**, \$3.50 to 3.75 **Tire** ditto, \$3.75 to 4.00. **Ingot Tin**, 23c. to 24c.; **Ingot Copper**, 23c. to 24c. **Horse Shoes** per 100 lbs., \$4.50 to 4.75. **Proved Coil Chain** 3 in \$6.00 to 6.50; **Anchor**, 7c. to 8c.; **Anvils** 10 to 12c. **Iron Wire**, per bbl, \$2.50 to 2.60; **Window Glass**, up to 25 united inches, \$2.20 to 2.30; up to 40 inches, \$2.40 to \$2.50; up to 50 inches.

Hides, per 100 lbs. Green, Inspected No. 1, \$7.00; Do. No. 2, \$6.00; Do. No. 3, \$4.00; Cured and inspected, 1c. more.

LEATHER.—One of our enterprising and plucky leather merchants bought some \$15,000 worth of Upper, Splits and Pebble Leather, to ship to the English market this week. This will tend to relieve this market to a certain extent. But there is still an overstock of all kinds of Black Leather and Slaughter Sole, and the latter has declined somewhat in price the past week. Parties holding first-class Upper do not feel inclined to sell at present prices. There is no material change to note for the past week. Prices continue about the same. Market continues overstocked with Pebble Leather. A good demand for first-class buff. We quote:—Spanish Sole, 1st quality, heavy weights, per lb., 23cts. to 24c.; Spanish Sole, 1st quality, middle weights, lb., 24cts. to 25cts.; Do. No. 2, 19cts. to 21c.; Grained Upper Leather, 35cts. to 36cts.; Buffalo Sole No. 1, 19cts. to 194cts; Buffalo Sole No. 2, 17c. to 19c.; Slaughter, heavy, 23c. to 25cts.; Slaughter light, 24cts. to 26cts.; Harness, best, 25cts. to 27c.; Harness No. 2, 22cts. to 23cts.; Upper heavy, 32cts. to 33c.; Upper light, 35c. to 37c.; Kip Skins, French, 90c. to \$1.05; English, 65c. to 75c.; Hemlock Calf, 30 to 40 lbs., 60c. to 75c.; Hemlock light, 60c. to 60c.; French Calf, \$1.15 to 1.30; Fine Calf Splits, 28cts. to 32cts.; Splits, large, per lb., 22cts. to 26cts.; Splits small, 17cts. to 21cts.; Canadian Leather Board, 12c to 14c per lb.; Enamelled Cow, per ft. 17c. to 184c.; Patent, 17c. to 194c.; Polished Grain, 15c. to 16c.; Pebble Grain, 13c. to 15c.; Buff, 14c. to 16c.; Russetts, light, 25c. to 35c.; Russetts, heavy, 20c. to 30c.; Calfskins, green, 10c.; Calfskins, cured, 10c. to 12c.; Sheepskins, 20c. to 25c.

LIQUORS.—Hennessy Brandy is in few hands and firm. Scotch Whiskey is scarce and enquired for. We have heard of a few transactions in Brandy at about prices quoted. We quote prices:—**Ale**.—English, quarts, \$2.55 to \$2.65; pints, \$1.70 to \$1.80; Montreal, quarts, \$0.00 to \$0.00; pints, \$0.00 to 0.00. **Stout**.—Guinness', quarts, \$2.45 to \$2.60; pints, \$1.674 to 1.774; Montreal, quarts, \$0.00 to \$0.00; pints, \$0.00 to 0.00. **Brandy**.—Hennessy, per gal., \$0.00 to \$0.00; per case, \$0.00 to \$9.25; Martell, per gal., \$0.00 to \$0.00; per case, \$0.00 to \$0.00. Second brands, such as Jules Robin & Co., Jules Duret & Co., Pinet, Castillon & Co., Vve Chaloupin, Otard, Dupuy & Co., Renault & Co., per gal., \$2.10 to 2.25; cases, quarts, \$7.25 to 7.50; ditto, flasks, \$8.25 to 8.50. Cheaper shippers, per gal., \$2.00 to 2.10; cases, quarts, \$6.50 to 7.00; ditto, flasks, \$7.50 to 8.00. Bordeaux Brandy little enquired for. **Scotch Whiskey**.—Per gal., \$2.20 to 2.40; per case, quarts, \$5.50 to 5.75; ditto, flasks, \$6.25 to 6.50. **Rum**.—Jamaica, per gal., \$0.60 to 0.00; Demerara, per gal., \$0.00 to 0.00. **Gin**.—DeKuyper, per gal., \$1.58 to 1.65; Green cases, \$3.90 to 4.00; Red cases, \$8.00 to \$8.25; other brands, per gal., \$0.00 to 0.00; Green cases, \$0.00 to 0.00; Red cases, \$0.00 to 0.00. **Old Tom**.—Booth's, \$0.00 to 0.00; Bernard's, \$0.00 to 0.00. **Champagne**.—Moët & Chandon, Extra Sup., Pommery & Grem, Louis Roederer, quarts, \$21.00 to 23.00; pints, \$22.50 to 24.50. **Wines**.—Good shippers, first quality, quarts, \$19.00 to 20.00; pints, \$20.50 to 21.50; Second, quarts, \$17.00 to 18.00; pints, \$18.50 to 19.50.

LUMBER.—No signs of improvement to report in this market; and prices remain merely nominal. Prices—Quebec.—**Pine deals**, 1st quality, \$90, per Quebec standard; 2nd do, \$56 do; 3rd do \$28. **Spruce deals**, 1st quality, \$32 do; 2nd do, \$24 do; 3d do, \$16 do, with little demand. Prices at Montreal: **Shipping culls**, \$8.00 per m. feet; **Spruce Siding**, \$8 do. **Pine**—Common boards and scantling, \$10 to \$16 per m.; Clear lumber, \$30 to \$45; First quality lumber, \$30 to \$35; Third-class, three inch deals, \$30 to \$36 per m, surface measure; Cull deals, \$18 to \$24 do; do, dressed, \$35 to \$40 do; 2 by 1 inch furrings, \$4 per 100 pieces; Laths, \$1.30 to 1.50 per m.; Spruce lumber, \$10 to \$12 per m feet; Spruce deals, \$24 per m feet, surface measure; **Hemlock** lumber, \$9 to \$11 per m feet; long pine lumber, for building purposes, \$18 to \$34, according to length and size; long hemlock lumber is \$3 less per m feet than pine. **Dressed** lumber—1 inch boards, \$18 to \$20 per m feet; do. 14 inch roofing, \$20 do; do. 14 inch flooring, \$20 to \$24 do; do. 14 inch flooring, \$20 to \$30 do; do. 2 inch flooring, \$28 to \$31 do.

OILS.—The oil market continues firm, with fair jobbing demand, mostly for local requirements.—Seal Oil S.E. is held firmly at 724c. to 75c. with only a limited supply; this has enhanced the price of lower grades which are now held at an advance. For ruling prices see quotations in another column.

NAVAL STORES.—Turpentine has advanced in New York and in sympathy the price here is firmer at 55 to 574c. being the ruling price at present.

PAINTS.—A fair demand is springing up for Paints at prices quoted elsewhere.

PROVISIONS.—There is no alteration to note this week. The demand keeps good for all grades and finest is now nearly exhausted.

Cheese.—Dull but firm, only a local trade at outside prices. A sale of over 300 boxes to a shipper at 8c. was made this week.

Pork.—Mess inspected, \$23.50 to \$24; Thin Mess, \$22 to \$22.50. **Lard**, 13c. to 134c. in tierces; 144c. to 15c. in tubs and pails.

SEEDS.—The market for Timothy and Clover Seed continues active. We quote:—Timothy, \$2.50; Red Clover 114c. and 12c. per lb; Canary, 16c. per lb.; White Beans, \$1.00 per bushel.

WOOL.—Sales are being made in moderate amounts to manufacturers at quotations for their immediate wants. Fleeces, 30c. to 35c.; Pulled Wool, Sup., 30c. to 35c.; Pulled Medium, 28c. to 32c.; Pulled No. 1, 26c. to 28c.; Black, 26c. to 32c.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE JOURNAL OF COMMERCE via DOMINION LINE.

Toronto, March 23.—Market inactive. Flour quiet; Extra sold at equal to \$4.60 yesterday, which would probably have been reported to-day. Wheat very dull, buyers holding off, best bid for No. 1 Spring \$1.05 f.o.b. Oats scarce and wanted at 34c. to 35c. Barley steady, buyers of No. 2 inspected at 65c. f.o.b.; No. 3 sold at 52c. in store. Peas nominal and unchanged. Clover not offering. On the street Fall brought \$1.06 to 1.10; Trendwell \$1.05 to 1.07; Spring \$1.03. Oats 35c. to 36c. Barley 65c. to 81c. Peas 73c. to 74c.

MIDLAND RAILWAY OF CANADA.

PORT HORE, March 17th, 1876.

Statement of Traffic Receipts for week.

From 7th to 14th March, 1876, in comparison with same period last year:

Passengers, \$1,422.71; Freight, \$2,390.93; Mails and Express, \$240.08; Total, \$4,053.72. Same week last year, \$4,424.10. Decrease, \$370.38. Total Traffic to date, \$44,973.63; do. year previous, \$34,287.19. Increase, \$10,686.44.

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Secretary.