

tions are improving. What trouble there is in that way is not with transactions of the last six months, but with old outstanding accounts which have become rusty, and which have been found hard to brighten up.

GROCERIES.

The grocery trade as might naturally be expected holds its own well. The business done during the past week, although not what might be called a rushing trade has at the same time been fairly up to the average of the past month or two. Collections are rather on the slow side but still not by any means bad. Prices have not changed from last week. Quotations are: Sugars—Yellows 9½c to 10c; granulated 10½c to 11c. Coffees 15c to 18c for Rio's; 22c to 27c for Java's. Teas—Japan 25c to 45c; Moyune gunpowders 35c to 75c; new season congoes, 30c to 40c.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Quietness still prevails in the hardware and metal business. Building operations are being carried on only to a very limited extent, and this directly affects the trade. Quotations are unchanged, as follows: Tin plate, 14x20, \$2 to \$8.25; 20x28, \$15.00 to \$15.25; bar iron, \$3.75 to 4; sheet iron, 5½ to 6c; iron piping, 25 per cent off price list; ingot tin, 32 to 35c; pig lead, 6½ to 7c; galvanized iron, No. 28, \$3½ to 4c, according to quality.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Business in this line has been on the quiet side, and collections are fair. There has been no change in prices, which are as follows: Sole slaughter, 70 to 75c; B. Z., \$5 to 90c, French first choice, \$1.15 to \$1.25; French calf first choice, \$1.40 to \$1.50; wax upper, No. 1, 55c; grain, No. 1, 55c; harness leather, 34 to 36c for plump stock.

LUMBER.

There is no unusual briskness in the lumber market at present. The lull in building operations has had the effect of creating quite a check on trade. Quotations same as last week and are: Pine lumber,—1st, common boards, dressed, \$26.50c.; 2nd, dressed, \$25.50c.; 1st do., rough, \$26.50c.; 2nd do., \$25.50c.; sheathing, rough, \$25.00; timber 16 feet and under, \$25.00; do. over 16 feet, for each additional 2 ft., \$1.00; dimension and joists, 16 ft. and under, \$25.00; do., over 16 ft. for each, \$1.00; fencing, \$30.00; 2 and 3 in. battens, \$32.00; A stock boards, all widths, \$50.00; B do., \$45.00; C do., \$40.00; D do., \$35.00; 1st clear, 1, 1½, and 2 in., \$60.00; 2nd, do., \$50.00; window and door casings, \$50.00; base boards, dressed, \$50.00; 1st pine flooring, siding and ceiling, \$40.00; 2nd do., \$35.00; 3rd do., \$32.00; ½ in. split siding, dressed, \$30.00. Spruce lumber, timber 16 ft. and under, \$24.00; do. over 16 ft., for each additional 2 ft., \$1.00; dimensions and joists, 16 ft. and under, \$24.00; do., over 16 ft., for each additional 2 ft., \$1.00; boards, \$24.00; 1st flooring, siding and ceiling, \$32.00; XX shingles, \$5.50; Star A star shingles, \$5.50; X shingles, \$5.50; A do., \$5.00; lath, \$4.50.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

Business quiet and not likely to improve much for a month or so yet. Collections are coming in fairly well.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

The leading houses report business quiet, although not by any means dull. Collections fair. Quotations to jobbers and heavy purchasers are: Hennessy's one star, in cases, \$14.00; in wood, \$5 per gallon, Imperial, vintage of 1878, \$5.50; Martel, in case, one star, \$14; Renault, one star, \$12; Roleyn, in wood, \$4 to \$5.50; Ronet, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; flasks, \$10, half flasks, \$11; Pinette, in wood, \$4 per Imp. gal.; Louis Freres, in cases, qts, \$10; flasks, two dozen in a case, \$11; half flasks, four dozen in a case, \$12; M. Dubois, in wood, \$3.50 per gallon; cases, quarts, \$8; flasks, \$9; half flasks, \$10. Gin, Holland, in wood, \$3 per gallon; red cases, \$11; green cases, \$6; Old Tom gin, Bernard's, in wood, \$3.25 per gallon; Booth's, in wood, \$3.25; Booths, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; Scotch whisky, Ramsay's in wood, \$4.00; Caol-Ila Islay, in wood, \$3.50; Stewart's, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; flasks, \$9.50. Irish whisky, John Jameson & Sons, in wood, \$4.50; Bernard's, in cases, quarts, \$8; flasks, \$9.50. Jamaica rum, \$3.50 to \$4 per gallon. Domestic whiskies, Gooderham & Wort's, in wood, \$1.65 per gallon; 65 o. p. rectified, in wood, \$3.50; W. F. L. five-year old, \$2.50 per gallon; cases, quarts, \$7.50; flasks, \$8.50.

THE MARKETS.

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GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

During the past week the grain market, as was to be expected at this season of the year, has been one of very little activity. Although there are still considerable quantities of grain in farmers' hands in sections of the country remote from the railways, very little has found its way to the market, actual operations on the land occupying the whole of their attention. The provision trade has held up pretty well, and fully the average amount of business has been done. Prices generally have suffered little change, and held steady at very nearly the figures of the past week or two.

WHEAT.

The receipts for the week have been very light, both by rail and off the street. A good sample of hard is worth 80c. The millers still hold fair stocks, sufficient to supply all local demands until such time as more comes in sight from the country.

OATS

The amount of business done in this grain during the week has not been anything beyond usual. The city demand is not heavy, but considerable orders are now and then received from western points, the end of the track being the chief objective point. Good dry oats are no doubt somewhat scarce in the country, a large proportion of last season's crop having been badly damaged by wet. The ruling figure for a good sample is 40c, and in some cases a trifle advance on that may be had.

BARLEY.

During the week there has been some movement in barley, which is quite a relief from the monotony which has characterized the past few weeks. This has been caused by the demand from local brewers, which has considerably reduced the stocks in the city. A good bright sample is worth 40c.

FLOUR.

The mills are only running to supply the local demand and do not intend to manufacture for shipment east until the supply of wheat in sight is more liberal. There has been a good

local demand, both in the city and from western points. Prices have not changed; quotations are: Patents \$3 to 3.20, xxxx or strong baker's \$2.50 to 2.60, baker's \$2 to 2.10, traders or xx \$1.10.

BRAN

is not much inquired for and holds steady at old quotation of \$10 per ton on track; the supply in the city is fully sufficient for the demand.

SHORTS

The demand for shorts has been light; quotations have not changed, but remain steady at \$12 per ton on track.

CHOPPED FEED

is very little asked for, and not wanted in quantities as a rule; quotations are nominal at \$28 per ton.

POTATOES.

The supply of this useful vegetable during the week has been liberal, which has had a tendency to bring down prices. Car lots have changed hands at from 60 to 65c, and for smaller quantities as high as 75c is asked. There will not likely be any advance for a time as it will not be many weeks now till the new crop begins to come on the market.

BUTTER.

Consignments of new butter from the eastern provinces have been coming in slowly, and prices have held firm at 26 to 27c for choice dairy, and 30c for creamery; inferior qualities range from 20 to 24c. It is expected that considerable quantities of new butter will shortly arrive. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company have placed refrigerator cars at the disposal of shippers from eastern points, to facilitate transport here. Some firms have purchased heavy stocks and these will arrive in a short time, when there may be a decline in prices, but it is not expected the drop will be great.

CHEESE

Although there has been a decline in prices east, it has not as yet affected the market here, and sales are steady at 16c for a good article.

EGGS

are plentiful and in good demand, quotations are still 21c for barreled and 22c for cases. It is not expected that prices will change materially for some time, and they will not likely fall below 20c this season.

HAMS.

There has been a fairly steady demand during the week at prices unchanged from those quoted last; canvassed are held at from 16 to 16½c; smoked 15½ to 16c.

BACON.

The supply in the city is pretty large, and the demand both in the city and from outside points has been good; prices are about as they were, viz: Dry salt 14½ to 15c; long clear 14 to 15c; spiced roll 16c; breakfast bacon 17c.

MESS BEEF

is in very little demand, and quotations may be said to be nominal at \$18.50.

MINNEAPOLIS.

The market during the past week has been very slow and dull, consequent upon inactivity reported from Eastern and British markets. Prices for wheat have fluctuated considerably, but never over half a cent on any one day. Corn and oats have been quiet. On Tuesday the market was very dull, and receipts from the country light, owing to recent heavy rains. Wheat and corn were weak and oats steady. The flour trade was exceedingly slow. The business of the day is represented by the following quotations:

WHEAT, No. 1 hard, \$1.113 to \$1.13½, No. 1, \$1.02 to 1.10; No. 2 hard, \$1.09 to 1.10½.