

difficult. Apples continue active, and a very free supply is met by a good demand for shipment. The range of prices for fair average lots for the foreign trade has narrowed down to \$1.75 to \$1.90, anything outside of these figures being poor or choice.

FURS.—Late cable reports of sales now taking place at Leipsic are very disappointing, and in consequence the market here for native skins is greatly depressed. The accounts are that skin declined fully 30 per cent., and that the stock of muskrat was withdrawn rather than accept the prices bid. Imported furs are firmly held, and seal particularly is in fair request. There is the possibility that the season will not pass by without developing great scarcity. Rather large stocks were carried over from last year, and this season, owing to this fact and the outlook for business, importers scarcely bought at all. Slow, cautious, but steady buying on the part of retailers has now reduced stocks very materially, and, as it is too late to import more, should a demand spring up, such as the bountiful harvest might well give birth to, it would needs go unmet. The deficiency might be made up from the States, though business is so lively there and prices so assensive, that relief from this source would surely cost dear. But this is all hypothetical, the necessary condition of a considerably increased business being yet wanting, while stocks on hand are admitted to be abundant to meet a light demand similar to that of last year.

FLOURS.—Rates are quite firm. Grain in considerable quantity has already arrived, and much more is on the way, forwarders, in consequence, being much put about to get cargoes out of barges, and, for the time being, tonnage is in sharp demand. There is plenty now coming forward, however, and the outlook is favorable to easier rates. Steam to U. K. is quoted for heavy grain, 6s. 6d. to 6s. 9d.; potatoes, 3s. 6d. to 4s. and flour, 3s. to 3s. 6d. Cattle rates nominal. There is still some inquiry for River Platte tonnage, and the brig "Josephine," just arrived, will, after discharging, load for that river. The barque Hilda sailed on Wednesday with a cargo of wheat for Bordeaux, France.

GROCERIES.—There is a pretty active general business doing in Groceries. Teas—Market continues very strong, and Japan Teas still further advanced at least 2c. for most kinds; sales are large at full figures; lowest to good Nigasaki Teas are 23c to 31c. Yokohama Teas are 25c to 30c for low to good ordinary, and 33c to 41c for fair to good, and 43c to 55c for fine to finest. Young Hlysons of low sweet kinds are coming into use as substitute for Japans, although no doubt as to there being no right in selling such as Japan Teas. Dark grades are also advanced 2c to 3c., little now to be had under 25c to 28c., better kinds are 30c to 36c., and fine to choice 40c to 57c. Black Teas have got stronger in England. The import from China is expected to be at least 20,000,000 lbs. under last year. For a very long time the Tea market has not been so active as of late. Sugars—With us there is no change of moment for the week to report. Demand is good for low to fair Yellow. Raw Sugars steady, also Granulated. New York market has been rather lower. Molasses firm; ordinary lots Barbadoes held at 20c to 32c. A part cargo reported sold under. Demarara and Trinidad held firmly. Syrups steady. Rice firm at \$4.05 to \$4.35. C. Beans, Java reported firmer abroad, no noticeable change with us, business continues moderate. Fruits, New Valencia Raisins, 6½c to 7½c; no new Layers in quantity yet reported. Spices—Cloves very firm. Pepper quiet.

HANDWARE.—Business is fairly active. Orders are coming in well, and payments are good enough to give no occasion for complaint. The tone of the trans-Atlantic and the American markets is meeting with a fair response here, and the feeling in the trade is one of buoyancy. Further advances have taken place in Canada

plates, tin plates, and sheet zinc. Cut nails remain at the unprofitably low price last reported. Reference to our *Prices Current* will show wholesale rates in detail. The following described goods have been advanced to the prices named: block tin, 20c to 21c; grain tin, 21c to 22c; bar iron, per 100 lbs., \$1.75 to \$2.89; Siemens, ordinary, \$2.25 to \$2.50; best, \$2.75 to \$3; refined, \$2 to \$2.25; Canada plates, Hation, \$3.25 to \$3.50; Arrow, Swansea, Marshfield, and Penn, all \$3.50 to \$3.75; tin plate I.O. Coke, \$5.00 to \$5.25. The stock of pig iron is very light and the market excited to such an extent that we have to withdraw quotations for Gartsherrie, Eglinton, and Summerlee, nothing reliable being obtainable.

HOPS.—We do not learn of any transactions as yet in the new crop. The ideas of growers cling fondly to New York prices, and it will be difficult to modify them in the face of the latest report from England that the crop is the smallest known for nineteen years, and very poor at that. As there have been no sales and no open bid or offer, so far as we have been able to learn, in this market, no reliable quotation can be given, but we must not on this account withhold the report which has reached our hearing that 30c has been bid and refused. The lot is said to be an exceedingly choice one, and if the sample be, as we surmise, one already submitted for our inspection, it is only proper to state that it is described as the finest seen in this market for any number of years, time out of mind. The price named, 30c, if really offered, should not, therefore, be accepted as a criterion of value, or give rise to any misapprehension in that regard. Latest prices reported from the New York market are as follows: State crop of 1879, choice 33c to 35c; good to prime, 28c to 32c; State crop of 1878, choice, 17c to 18c; prime, 15c to 16c; good, 11c to 14c. Since writing the foregoing we learn that the bid of 30c was bona fide, and that 32½c was asked. The lot is one of about three tons, and is of the character described. The holder seems confident of getting his price. For average fair, sound, coarse hops 20c is now openly bid, and 25c asked, the quotations covering small lots only.

HIDES.—The prices last reported, namely, Green Butchers, No. 1 \$9, No. 2 \$8, and No. 3 \$7, are maintained, and the prediction made that another week will witness a still further advance of 50c. However this may be, tanners are absorbing all that is offered at present rates, though not without the protest that prices are ruinous, and it is admitted, we believe, on all hands that there is no possible profit in tanning just now. Lambskins are quiet and strong at 75c.

LEATHER.—The activity of the past week still continues. There is a great demand for Splits, with very few in the market. Sole leather still advancing. The prospects look bright for a good fall trade.

LIVE STOCK.—The receipts at Point St. Charles last week were 65 cars of cattle, 7 cars of hogs, and 1 of lambs. The arrivals on Monday last were 16 cars of cattle and 3 of hogs. Three to five cents per pound were the prices asked for cattle and \$4 to \$4.75 for hogs. One carload of cattle sold for 4½c per lb.; one for 2½c; 21 cattle for 4½c; 7 for 3½c; and 4 at 4c. 40 Hogs went for \$4.65 per cwt.; 16 at \$4.70; 30 at 4½c; and 1 carload at 4½c per lb.; 40 steers, averaging 1,236 lbs., were sold for shipment to Antwerp at 5c per lb; also 60 cattle at 5c per lb., bringing \$6,530. At the Viger market 34 cattle were sold at 3c per lb; and one carload at 2½c to 3c.

OILS.—There is a moderate demand for Linsced Oil and Machinery Oils at unchanged prices. Naval Stores—Turpentine has experienced a sharp advance in New York, and, in sympathy therewith, the price here is 45c per gallon in barrels. Rosins and Tars are moving slowly at slightly firmer figures. Paints in

pretty good demand. Refined Petroleum, in good demand. Price firm and unchanged.

PROVISIONS.—Butter.—There is very little business passing, and it would seem as if the keen edge was off the market. A somewhat more conservative feeling prevails and shippers are not so anxious to take hold unless on a basis of lower rates. This prevents business, and until sellers give way transactions will be light. The advices from abroad are less favorable, and, take the situation all round, the market has a top-heavy look. We make no change in our quotations, but in the absence of business prices must be considered nominal.

CHEESE.—Early in the week the market was active and considerable quantities changed hands at 11c to 11½c for finest August and several lots of September to arrive at 11½c, but with lower cable advices, and the the public cable being now quoted down to 46s, shippers seem less anxious and prefer to look on for the present, as holders do not seem disposed to make any reduction in price for present good keeping lots. The reports from the interior report light stocks on hand at the factories, and the fall make likely to be considerably under that of past seasons. Latest cable advices report the stocks in Liverpool on 1st of October 40,372 boxes, which is about one-half less than at corresponding date last year. At the Ingersoll market this week, 30th Sept., 35 factories offered 12,920 boxes—over 12,000 September make. Buyers' and sellers' views far apart, and no transactions reported. Cable at 5 p.m., 50s. At the Little Falls market this week, 6,000 boxes offered and sold. 1,000 boxes sold at 10½c, 3,000 at 11c., 1,000 at 11½c., 1,000 on P.T. Utica, N.Y., Sept., 29th, 4,000 boxes sold. Leading price, 11½c.; average, 11c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.—Unchanged; quiet, light business. No movement of any kind is looked for until arrival of shipments now on the way, a matter of a fortnight or so.

WOOL.—A quiet, steady business is still doing in native wool, and we note this week an awakening inquiry that is regarded as a good augury for the immediate future. Prices are unchanged. Although native and foreign wools are quite independent of one another as to price, there is still a sympathetic influence at work between them, as there is, indeed, between prices of commodities wholly disconnected, and it is quite plausible that to the improvement noticed last week in Greasy Cape may be traced the leaning toward better inquiry now reported in native. Whether or not this be the cause, the fact is that increased business is now expected with some confidence.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, 4th October, 1879.

Market steady. Flour wanted and scarce; Superior Extra has sold at \$5.26 f.o.c., and Strong Bakers' for \$5.45 at Dufferin Creek for 100 bbls of a fancy brand. Wheat quiet but steady; No. 2 Fall sold at \$1.16 with buyers at \$1.14; No. 2 Spring unchanged with buyers at \$1.11 to 1.12. Oats strong and sold at 34c on track. Barley has begun to move, a cargo of No. 2 sold at 63c f.o.b., and on street 2000 bush sold at 60c to 62c., the general figure being 58c to 62c. Peas scarce and sold on street at 60c to 64c. Rye sold at 57c on street, cars would probably bring 60c.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

Chicago, Thursday, Oct. 2, 3.03 p.m.—Wheat, Oct., \$1.05½; Nov., \$1.07½; Dec., \$1.09½. Corn, Oct., 36½c.; Nov., 36½c. to 36½c. Oats, Oct., 26c.; Nov., 27½c. to 27½c. Barley, Oct., cash, 74½c. Pork, Oct., \$9.85 b.; to \$10.00; Nov., \$8.40. Lard, Oct., \$6.27½; Nov., \$5.67½.