

tomatoes and corn, as some have anticipated, retailers and jobbers being still fairly stocked, and prices have not been advanced. In general hardware, paints, glass and building material there is a good, steady movement. The boot and shoe manufacturing trade is quiet at the moment and leather men do not look for any material improvement in the demand during this month, but are firm on prices. The active movement in grain has not caused any material amelioration in general money conditions, as was anticipated. General collections are not improved and have seldom been so much complained of. Weather conditions have greatly favoured spring work, and farmers are very busy in the fields. A spell of warm rain would now prove beneficial for meadows and pastures.

APPLES.—This market is very quiet, and prices are unchanged. Our quotations are as follows:—Russets, No. 1, \$5.00 to \$5.25; No. 2, \$3.50 to \$4.00; Spys, No. 1, \$4.50 to \$5.00; No. 2, \$2.50 to \$3.00. Greenings, No. 1, \$3.00 to \$3.50; No. 2, \$2.00 to \$2.50. Ben Davis, No. 1 \$3.00; No. 2, \$1.50 to \$2.00. American Russets, \$4.00.

BACON AND HAMS.—There is a good demand for all lines of smoked and cured meats, and the market is firm. We quote as follows: Medium weight hams, 19c to 19½c; breakfast bacon, 22c to 23c. Liverpool: Hams, short cut 14 to 16 lbs., 70s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., 70s. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., 61s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 66s; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., 68s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., 68s; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., 55s. American refined, 57s.

BEANS.—Sale of Canadian beans is slow, with three-pound pickers offering at \$1.60 to \$1.65 per bushel, ex-track.

BRAN AND FEED GRAIN.—There is an increased demand for millfeed, from American buyers, which gives the local market a chance to unload. We quote as follows:—Bran, per ton, \$18.00; shorts, per ton, \$21.00; middling, per ton, \$22.00 to \$23.00; mixed moullie, \$27.00 to \$29.00; pure grain moullie, \$31.00 to \$33.00.—There is no improvement in the demand for rolled oats, and the prices are unchanged, with sales at \$4.35 per barrel in wood, and \$2.05 per bag. Cornmeal is also quiet at \$3.75 per barrel in wood, and at \$1.85 per bag.

BUTTER.—On the whole the market is a little more active, but no change in prices are reported. We quote: Fresh made creamery, 26c to 26½c; fine creamery, 25c to 25½c; dairy butter, 21c to 22c; second grades, 24c to 24½c.

CHEESE.—This market is holding steady, and prices unchanged. In Liverpool, finest Canadian coloured cheese was quoted at 57s to 58s, and white at 58s to 59s. We quote:—Finest old 12c to 12½c; fine, 11½c to 11¾c; Western foddies, 11c to 11¼c; Eastern foddies, 10¾c to 11c.

DRY GOODS.—Wholesalers report a very fair aggregate of sorting orders, but prospects for fall trade are not wholly encouraging in this line, nor for the manufacturers of clothing, furs, etc. Cotton manufacturers of underwear are very busy, in some cases not yet having fully completed spring shipments. Silks are in good demand, and are very firm in price. In Liverpool, cotton, spot, small business was done, prices easier. American middling, fair 7.25d; good middling, 6.93d; middling, 6.73d; low middling, 6.59d; good ordinary, 6.25d; ordinary, 5.91d. The sales were 5,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, and included 4,700 American. Receipts were 31,000 bales, including 23,300 American. Futures opened easier, and closed quiet and steady. May, 6.46½d; May and June, 6.46d; June and July, 6.43d; July and August, 6.39d; August and September, 6.29d; September and October, 6.14½d; October and November,

6.07d; November and December, 6.04d; December and January, 6.03d; January and February, 6.02½d; February and March, 6.03½d; March and April, 6.04½d; April and May, 6.05½d; May and June, 6.06d.

EGGS.—There is no change in the condition of this market, prices are steady, and there is a good demand. We quote: Selected, 20c; fresh, 19c; No. 1 stock, 16c; No. 2, stock, 15c.

FISH.—Fresh supplies of choice halibut continue to arrive, haddock and cod also. Buck and roe shad are being received daily, and stock is fancy. New brook trout, whitefish and lake trout are arriving freely. Fresh: Halibut, fancy, express, 11c per lb.; haddock, 5c; steak cod, 6c; whitefish, 12c; lake trout, 12c; B. C. salmon, express, 22c; flounders, 10c; bluefish, 16c; weakfish, 15c; black sea bass, 12c; brook trout, 25c; barbotte, dressed, 10c; perch, 10c; buck shad, 4c each; roe shad, 75c; Gaspereaux, shad herring, 2c.—Frozen: Pickerel or doree, 10c per lb.; whitefish, dressed, 10c; pike, round, 6c; pike, headless and dressed, 7c; Qualla salmon, headless and dressed, 8c; silver salmon 10 lbs. each, 10c; Gaspe salmon, 16c; large mackerel, 10c; haddock, 4c; new frozen herring, \$1.50 per 100.—Oysters: Standard, solid meats, \$1.70 per gal.; paper pails, quarts, \$1.50 per 100; pints, \$1.10.

FLOUR.—The tone of the local market remains firm, and a steady demand for domestic account. There is nothing at present to induce buyers to provide for future requirements. Spring wheat patents, firsts, are selling at \$5.70; seconds at \$5.20, and strong clears at \$5.00 per barrel in wood, and \$4.70 in bags. There is no change in winter wheat flour, owing to small stock, in spots, prices are firm. The demand from biscuit manufacturers makes the prices steady, and sales of choice patents were made at \$5.25, and straight rollers at \$4.85 to \$4.90 per barrel in wood, and the latter in bags at \$2.20 to \$2.35, with extras at \$1.80 to \$1.90 per bag.

GRAIN.—The local market is very weak, closing about 1c off all round lots on the option month. Ontario wheat No. 2, winter, 96c to 97c, outside, according to location. In Winnipeg, No. 1 northern, 92½c; No. 2, northern, 89¾c; No. 3 northern, 86¾c; oats, No. 2, C.W., 34½c; No. 3, C.W., 31½c; extra No. 1 feed, 34c; No. 1 feed, 32¾c; No. 2 feed, 31c. Barley No. 3, 47c; No. 4, 46¼c; feed, 43c. Flax, No. 1, N.W.C., \$1.12¾; No. 2, C.W., \$1.10¾; No. 3, C.W., \$1.02¾.

GREEN AND DRIED FRUITS.—Our quotations are as follows:—Finest Florida oranges, 126, 176 and 200 sizes, \$4.50 to \$4.75. Mexican, 150, 210 and 250 sizes, \$3.00 to \$3.25; Valencia, 714 size, \$4.25 to \$4.50; 420 size, \$5.00; Navel oranges, 126, 176, and 216, \$4.25. Lemons, New Verdelli, 300's, \$3.75. Bananas, Jamaicas, packed, \$2.25 to \$2.50. Grapefruit, \$4.00 to \$4.50 per box. Coconuts, \$5 per bag.—Sultana Raisins: Finest cleaned, in 30 lb. boxes, per lb., 9c; fancy cleaned, per lb., 8¼c; finest cleaned, in 1-lb. cartons, per lb., 9¾c; Onstotts cleaned, California, 60 lb. boxes, 9c.—Currants: Fine Filiatras, Greek cleaned, half cases, per lb., 6¼c; do., brls., per lb., 6c; do., 1-lb. cartons, per lb., 6¾c.—Peels, Drained: Lemon in 112 lb. kegs, per lb., 9c; orange, per lb., 10c; citron, per lb., 15c.—Dates: Hollowi, in boxes of 80 lbs., per lb., 4¼c; Sari, in boxes of 80 lbs., per lb., 4c.—Figs: Naturels, bags of 28 and 56 lbs., per lb., 4½c.

GROCERIES.—The flour market is holding steady, and prices are unchanged. All grades of refined sugar have declined 20 cents, owing to the reduction in the tariff. Our quotations, per 100 lbs., are as follows:—Extra granulated, half barrels, \$4.50; do., bags, 100 lbs., \$4.30; do., gunnies, 5-20 S., \$4.40; do., 4-25 S., \$4.35; do., 5 lb. cartons, 20 and 24 to case, \$4.60; do., 2 lb. cartons, 50 to 60 to case, \$4.60; Imperial and Beaver, bags, 100 lbs., \$4.15; Phoenix, brls.,