# FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 4.

RANGE OF PRICES AT CHICAGO.

The following table shows the range of prices of cash grain and provisions at Chicago during the month of January, together with the opening and closing prices :—

| Articles. | Opening. | Highest. | Lowest. | Closing. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. 2 Red Wheat | $1 21½ | $1 31½ | $1 22 | $1 22 |
| Spring wheat | 1 22 | 1 32 | 1 14½ | 1 19½ |
| Corn | 0 40½ | 0 40¾ | 0 35¾ | 0 36½ |
| Oats | 0 35 | 0 35 | 0 32 | 0 32½ |
| Rye | 0 80¾ | 0 81½ | 0 70 | 0 71½ |
| Barley, No. 2 | 0 90 | 0 90 | 0 76 | 0 78 |
| Barley, ex No. 2 | — | — | — | — |
| S. | 0 65 | 0 65 | 0 56½ | 0 58 |
| Mess Pork | 13 40 | 13 65½ | 12 32 | 12 90 |
| Lard | 7 52½ | 7 65 | 7 25 | 7 35 |
| S. R. Sides | 6 75 | 6 95 | 6 27½ | 6 37½ |

Winter wheat opened at the outside and sold lowest at the close. Spring wheat sold highest at the opening and lowest on the 27th. Corn also opened at the outside figure for the month; sold lowest on the 24th. Oats were highest on the 2nd and 3th, and lowest on the 26th. Rye highest on the 3rd, and lowest about the 25th to 30th. Barley highest at the opening, lowest on the 22nd. Mess pork reached the highest point on the 8th, and sold lowest on the 30th. The extreme prices for lard were reached on the 8th for the highest, and 30th for the lowest. Short rib sides sold highest on the 8th and lowest on the 30th.

The following is the official report of the Toronto Stock Exchange, Feb. 4, 1880 :—

| Banks. | Sellers. | Buyers. | Trans. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Montreal | 137 | ..... | ..... |
| Toronto | ..... | 131 | ..... |
| Ontario | 71½ | 69½ | ..... |
| Merchants' | 88¾ | 88 | 11 at 88¾ |
| Commerce | 118½ | 115 | ..... |
| Consolidated | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Dominion | 117½ | 116½ | ..... |
| Hamilton | ..... | 99 | ..... |
| Standard | 79 | 78 | ..... |
| Federal | 102½ | 101½ | ..... |
| Imperial | 96½ | 96½ | ..... |
| Molsons' | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| *Loan and Savings Cos.* | | | |
| Canada Permanent | ..... | 178 | ..... |
| Freehold | ..... | 147 | ..... |
| Western Canada | ..... | 148½ | ..... |
| Union | ..... | 106½ | ..... |
| Canada Landed Credit | 135 | 128½ | ..... |
| Building and Loan | 84 | 80½ | ..... |
| Imperial | ..... | 107 | ..... |
| Farmers' | 112½ | 111½ | ..... |
| London & C.L. & A. Co | 133 | 131 | ..... |
| Huron and Erie | ..... | 132 | ..... |
| Dominion Savings and Investment Soc. | 132 | 131 | ..... |
| Ont. Loan and Deben. Co. | 132 | 126 | ..... |
| Can. Sav. and Loan Co. | 113 | ..... | ..... |
| London Loan Co. | ..... | 105 | ..... |
| Hamilton Pro. & L. Soc. | ..... | 113 | ..... |
| National Investment Co. | ..... | 102½ | ..... |
| Anglo-Can. Mortgage Co. | 108 | ..... | ..... |
| *Insurance, &c.* | | | |
| British America | ..... | 117 | ..... |
| Western Assurance | ..... | 126 | ..... |
| Canada Life | ..... | 168 | ..... |
| Confederation Life | ..... | 182 | ..... |
| Consumer's Gas | ..... | 123 | ..... |
| Dominion Telegraph | 64 | 60 | ..... |
| *Bailways.* | | | |
| Toronto, G. & B. Bonds | ..... | 80 | ..... |
| Toronto & Nipissing Bonds | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| *Debentures, &c.* | | | |
| Dom. Gov. Stock, 6 p. c. | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Dom. Gov. Stock, 5 p. c. | 101 | 100½ | $2200at101 |
| County (Ont.) Stock, 6 p.c. | ..... | 102 | ..... |
| Twp (Ont.) Stock, 6 p. c. | ..... | 99 | ..... |
| City Toronto Stock, 6 p.c. | ..... | 104 | ..... |

### English Markets.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 4.

London—Floating cargoes—Wheat, very dull; maize, good enquiry; cargoes on passage—wheat, very heavy; maize, steady. Mark Lane—Wheat rather easier; maize, firm; good cargoes No. 2 spring wheat, off the coast, was 49s, now 48s to 48s 6d; do. winter, was 53s 6d to 54s, now 53s 6d; do. California, was 51s to 51s 6d, now 50s 6d; do mixed American maize, tale quale' was 26s to 26s 6d, now 26s 6d. London—Fair average mixed American maize, for prompt shipment, was 25s, now 25s to 25s 6d. Imports into the United Kingdom during the week—Wheat, 250,000 to 255,000 qrs.; maize, 110,000 to 115,000 qrs; flour, 95,000 to 100,000 bbls. Liverpool—Spot wheat, quiet and steady; maize, dull and ½d cheaper.

## WEEKLY REVIEW OF TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

WEDNESDAY, February 4.

### PRODUCE.

The market has been dull and inactive at weak prices since our last. There have been no shipping orders to fill, which has prevented anybody from wanting to buy; and there has been no disposition on the part of holders to make any concessions, which is but another way of saying that there has been no disposition to make sales at market prices. There is a strong determination manifested by holders to stand out for a recovery of prices, and so long as it may last, inactivity seems likely to be the most prominent feature of the market—unless, indeed, that an early reaction should set in. Stocks of flour, wheat and oats have increased slightly during the week, while those of barley and peas have decreased. Stocks stood on Monday morning as follows :—Flour, 15,799 barrels; fall wheat, 158,918 bushels; spring wheat, 161,253; oats, 7,168; barley, 164,038; peas, 46,170, and rye, 2,776 bushels, against on the corresponding date last year :—Flour, 16,222 barrels; fall wheat, 79,022 bushels; spring wheat, 184,627; oats, 11,630; barley, 149,510; peas, 36,390; and rye, nil bushels. Outside advices show in English quotations a fall of 1d on red, and 2d on all other sorts of wheat, and of 1d on corn. For the last three days English markets have been inactive, with prices of cargoes rapidly declining and the demand for them very slack, though closing to-day with a slight improvement in a revival of the continental demand. During last week English markets seemed improving somewhat; a continental demand for cargoes was heard, and the downward tendency seemed checked, only to be renewed again on Monday. In the preceding week trade is said to have been quiet; and the week's demand was of the ordinary consumptive character, principally for descriptions of foreign wheat available as a substitute for English. As a consequence of liberal stocks to select from and bad demand for flour, millers showed no desire to do more than meet immediate requirements. "It seems scarcely likely," says the *Mark Lane Express*, "that any marked rise can be expected before May or June. Under any circumstances, it will be necessary for the American ring to hold over stocks some time longer." Some improvement was noticeable in the condition of home-grown wheat offered at the country markets, but all except choice lots was neglected. The imports of foreign wheat into London were moderate, and American especially small. The supply for the week was again short of the consumption by at least 30,000 to 40,000 quarters of wheat, this being the third week in which a deficiency was noticeable, though the total for the three weeks was small. The quantity of wheat and flour in transit has shown a decrease during the week, and stood on the 29th ult. at 2,025,000 qrs., against 2,162,000 qrs. on the 15th ult., and 1,518,000 qrs. on the corresponding date in 1879. The decrease during the last couple of weeks is, in all probability, due to the check imposed on shipments from the States by the high prices ruling in their markets, which does not alter the amount of grain which they have available. The expected arrivals at ports of call in the United Kingdom, for orders, for the four weeks from Jan. 15 to Feb. 12, are as follows :—Wheat, 502,000 qrs., comprising 41,000 qrs. from the Azov, Danube and Black Sea; 5,000 qrs. from Egypt, 139,000 qrs. from American Atlantic ports, 285,000 qrs. from California and Oregon and 32,000 qrs. from Chili and Australia; and 67,000 qrs. maize, all from America, and 25,000 qrs. of barley, including 12,000 qrs. from Azov Sea and 13,000 from Chili and Australia. This, along with the large stocks on hand, will probably keep supplies fairly abundant. It appears that stocks of wheat and flour on the 31st of December were about 400,000 quarters in excess of their average amount at the same date in the seven preceding years, and were only once exceeded in all that time. We are without any later continental advices since our last. On this side the markets have been unsettled, and during the latter part of last week were declining. This downward tendency, however, strengthened the export demand at New York, but very much does not seem to have been done in that line, and Western prices are admitted to be still above the shipping point. The great check which has been imported to shipments by recent high prices in the States will be seen from the fact that the export clearances of wheat for Europe from the ports of New York, Montreal, Boston, Portland, Philadelphia, Baltimore and New Orleans, during the eight weeks ending on the 24th ult. were 9,493,000 bush, against 12,890,000 in the corresponding period of the preceding year, being a decrease of 3,106,000 bush, or over 25 per cent. The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports, and in transit by rail at the undermentioned dates was as follows :—

| | 1880. Jan. 24. bush. | 1880. Jan. 17. bush. | 1879. Jan. 25. bush. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat | 30,800,189 | 31,092,896 | 20,819,236 |
| Corn | 13,129,043 | 11,967,167 | 10,520,164 |
| Oats | 3,122,849 | 3,217,043 | 2,420,373 |
| Barley | 4,344,435 | 4,405,114 | 5,090,103 |
| Rye | 979,567 | 1,068,119 | 1,449,542 |
| Total, bu | 51,374,609 | 51,729,541 | 39,818,418 |

The following table shows the top prices of the different kinds of produce in the Liverpool markets for each market day during the past week :—

| | Mon. Jan. 26. | Tues. Jan. 27. | Wed. Jan. 28. | Thur. Jan. 29. | Fri. Jan. 30. | Sat. Jan. 31. | Mon. Feb. 2. | Tues. Feb. 3. | Wed. Feb. 4. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. |
| Flour | 12 0 | 12 0 | 12 0 | 12 0 | 12 0 | 12 0 | 12 0 | 12 0 | 12 0 |
| S. Wheat | 10 8 | 10 8 | 10 8 | 10 8 | 10 8 | 10 8 | 10 7 | 10 7 | 10 7 |
| R. Winter | 11 0 | 11 0 | 11 0 | 11 0 | 11 0 | 10 11 | 10 11 | 10 10 | 10 10 |
| White | 10 11 | 10 11 | 10 11 | 10 11 | 10 11 | 10 9 | 10 9 | 10 9 | 10 9 |
| Club | 11 3 | 11 3 | 11 3 | 11 3 | 11 3 | 11 1 | 11 1 | 11 1 | 11 1 |
| Corn | 5 5 | 5 5 | 5 5 | 5 5 | 5 5 | 5 4 | 5 4 | 5 4 | 5 4 |
| Barley | 5 3 | 5 3 | 5 3 | 5 3 | 5 3 | 5 3 | 5 3 | 5 3 | 5 3 |
| Oats | 3 0 | 3 0 | 3 0 | 3 0 | 3 0 | 3 0 | 3 0 | 3 0 | 3 0 |
| Peas | 4 0 | 4 0 | 4 0 | 4 0 | 4 0 | 4 0 | 4 0 | 4 0 | 4 0 |
| Pork | 60 0 | 60 0 | 60 0 | 60 0 | 60 0 | 60 0 | 60 0 | 60 0 | 60 0 |
| Bacon | 37 6 | 37 6 | 37 6 | 37 6 | 37 6 | 37 6 | 37 6 | 37 6 | 37 6 |
| Beef | 82 0 | 82 0 | 82 0 | 82 0 | 82 0 | 82 0 | 82 0 | 80 0 | 80 0 |
| Lard | 40 0 | 39 6 | 39 6 | 39 6 | 40 0 | 40 0 | 39 6 | 39 6 | 39 6 |
| Tallow | 36 0 | 36 0 | 36 0 | 36 0 | 36 0 | 36 0 | 36 0 | 36 0 | 36 0 |
| Cheese | 72 0 | 72 0 | 72 0 | 72 0 | 72 0 | 72 0 | 72 0 | 72 0 | 72 0 |

FLOUR—The chronic dullness and inactivity of preceding weeks has been unabated; old merchants say that they have never known such a period of dullness as that of last month, nor is any very clear explanation to be found for it. There were sales reported last week of two lots of 100 barrels of superior extra at $5.60 f.o.c., but it was afterwards offered at the same price and not taken; in other grades no movement whatever has been reported. The market to-day showed no improvement, and prices were purely nominal at quotations:

BRAN—Firm; a car sold on Friday at $11.50 on track, and the same price would probably have been repeated to-day, with none offering.

OATMEAL—The only movement reported is the sale a car on Saturday at $4.20 on track, but choice brands would have brought five to ten cents more. Small lots have remained unchanged at $4 50 to $4.75.

WHEAT—Has been dull, inactive and declining, with buyers holding off on the one hand and holders on the other; holders have refused to make any considerable concessions, and buyers refuse to pay former prices unless when they must have the grain. The result has been small sales. Fall has been inactive; no sales reported. Spring has sold to a very small extent; a couple cars of No. 1 sold on Thursday at $1.35; some cars of No. 2 sold on Saturday at $1.24, and some more on Tuesday at $1.23 all f.o.c., but these prices are three to four cents above any which shippers would have paid. The market was unchanged to-day with buyers and sellers hopeless aily apart. We should say that shippers would not have paid over $1.23 to $1 23 for No 1 fall or No. 1 spring, or $1.20 for No. 2 spring; sellers there were none. On the street fall sold at $1.25, and spring at $1.21 to $1.22.

OATS—There has been a fair movement at steady but unchanged prices. Cars on the track sold last week at 36 to 36½c, and at 36c on Monday and Tuesday. The feeling to-day was steady, with sales of cars of western at 36½c on track. Street prices have declined to 37 to 38c.

BARLEY—Sales have been small, and prices have been weak. No. 1 has been scarce and inactive. Choice No. 2 sold on Thursday and on Tuesday at 76 f.o.c.; and ordinary No. 2 went off on Tuesday at 61c f.o.c. Extra No. 3 sold on Thursday at 56c delivered; on Friday at 55c f.o.c., and at 56c delivered, and on Monday at 55 and 56c f.o.c. No. 3 has been inactive. There was not much change to-day; one car of No. 2 sold at 62c, and one car of extra No. 3 at 55c on track. Street receipts have been very small; prices have ranged from 58 to 72c, according to quality.

PEAS—Have been enquired for and would have been taken at steady prices, but buyers and sellers were generally apart. There was one sale on Monday at equal to 62c, f.o.c., for No. 2, which price would probably have been repeated. Street prices have been firm at 64 to 66c.

RYE—Steady at 75 to 76c on the street.

SEEDS—Clover has been moving more freely and at fairly steady prices; cars have sold at from $4 20 to $4 35, according to quality and cleaning. On the street from $3.75 to $4.25 has been paid.

HAY—Pressed has remained inactive and without buyers. The market has been well supplied, but all offering taken at fairly steady prices; the range has been from $6.50 to $10, with $11 paid once to day, the latter for choice timothy, and the general run from $8 to $9.

STRAW—Offerings have been large and in excess of the demand, and prices weak and declining; closing at from $4.50 to $6.10, the latter for choice sheaf.

POTATOES—Have shown no change; cars have continued to sell at 55c, but with abundance offering. Street receipts have been fair, and prices as low as 55 to 65c, the latter being for single bags only.

APPLES—Car-lots have been wanted at $2.25, but none offering. Street receipts small, and prices firmer at $2 to $2.75, with few at the former price.

BUTTER—Choice lamb has continued scarce, wanted and advancing; from $7.50 to $8 per central would have been paid for it; but mutton has been plentiful and slow of sale at $6.

POULTRY—Box-lots have been selling fairly well at 7 to 8c per lb for turkeys and ducks, and 4 to 5c for fowl and geese. Street receipts small and prices firmer at 75c to $1.50 for turkeys; at 50 to 65c for geese, and 40 to 50c for fowl; no ducks offering; they would probably bring 60 to 70c.

### FLOUR, f.o.c.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Superior Extra, per 196 lbs | $5 55 | to | $5 60 |
| Extra | 5 40 | " | 5 50 |
| Fancy and Strong Bakers | ..... | | none. |
| Spring Wheat, extra | 5 45 | | 5 50 |
| Superfine | ..... | | none. |
| Oatmeal, per 196 lbs | 4 20 | | 4 30 |
| Cornmeal, small lots | 3 40 | | 3 50 |

### BAG FLOUR, by car lot f.o.c.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Extra | $5 25 | | $5 35 |
| Spring Wheat, extra | 5 25 | | 5 35 |

### GRAIN, f.o.b.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fall Wheat, No. 1, per 60 lbs | $1 25 | | $1 27 |
| " No. 2 | 1 24 | | 1 24 |
| " No. 3 | 1 20 | | 1 21 |
| Red Winter | ..... | | none. |
| Spring Wheat, No. 1 | 1 22 | | 1 23 |
| " No. 2 | 1 20 | | 1 21 |
| " No. 3 | 1 17 | | 1 18 |
| Oats (Canadian) per 34 lbs | 0 36 | | 0 36½ |
| Barley, No. 1, per 48 lbs | 0 75 | | 0 78 |
| " No. 2 | 0 63 | | 0 65 |
| " Extra No. 3 | 0 55 | | 0 56 |
| " No. 3 | 0 50 | | 0 52 |
| Peas, No. 1, per 60 lbs | 0 66 | | 0 68 |
| " No. 2, and No. 3 | 0 64 | | 0 66 |
| Rye | 0 75 | | 0 76 |

### PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGGONS.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat, fall, new, per bush | $1 22 | | $1 25 |
| Wheat, spring, do. | 1 21 | | 1 23 |
| Barley, do. | 0 58 | | 0 70 |
| Oats, do. | 0 37 | | 0 38 |
| Peas, do. | 0 63 | | 0 66 |
| Rye, do. | 0 75 | | 0 76 |
| Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs | 6 00 | | 6 25 |
| Beef, hind qrs., do. | 4 50 | | 5 50 |
| Mutton, by carcass, 100 lbs | 6 00 | | 7 00 |
| Chickens, per pair | 0 40 | | 0 50 |
| Ducks, per brace | 0 60 | | 0 70 |
| Geese, each | 0 50 | | 0 60 |
| Turkeys | 0 75 | | 1 50 |
| Butter, lb. rolls | 0 20 | | 0 23 |
| do. large rolls | 0 18 | | 0 19 |
| do. tub dairy | 0 17 | | 0 19 |
| Eggs, fresh, per doz | 0 20 | | 0 24 |
| Potatoes, per bag | 0 55 | | 0 65 |
| Apples, per bbl | 2 00 | | 2 75 |
| Onions, per bush | 1 75 | | 2 00 |
| Tomatoes, per bush | ..... | | none. |
| Cabbage, per doz | 0 25 | | 0 40 |
| Celery, per doz | 0 30 | | 0 60 |
| Turnips, per bag | 0 25 | | 0 30 |
| Carrots, per bag | 0 45 | | 0 50 |
| Beets, per bag | 0 50 | | 0 60 |
| Parsnips, per bag | 0 50 | | 0 60 |
| Hay, per ton | 6 00 | | 10 00 |
| Straw, per ton | 4 50 | | 6 00 |
| Wool per lb | 0 30 | | 0 31 |

### PROVISIONS.

TRADE—Has been quiet but steady with an early improvement generally expected.

BUTTER—The market seems to have been improving since our last. There has been some enquiring heard for shipping-lots, and at steady prices. Really choice selections either for local consumption or for shipment would have sold readily at 18 to 19c and sales for shipment have been made at 15 to 18½c; offerings of these qualities, however, have been very small. Good round lots with white thrown out might also be taken for shipment at 15 to 16c, but no movement has been reported in them; poor butter is nominal at 10 to 11c. Box-lots have been offering freely and selling fairly well when of good quality at 15 to 16c; but it must clearly be understood that these prices are to be had only for choice butter well packed; inferior is unsaleable. Street receipts have been small and prices fairly steady at 20 to 22c for pound rolls; at 18 to 19c for large rolls, tubs and crocks.

CHEESE—Unchanged and quiet, but firm at 11 to 12c for small lots; with the quantity offering at the inside price decreasing. English quotations have advanced 1s during the week.

EGGS—Packed have been offering in very large quantities, altogether in excess of the demand, and selling very slowly at a further decline; sales have been made down to 11c, and 13c seems the very top price; fresh have been scarce and wanted at 17 to 18c for lots. Street receipts fair, but prices steady at 20 to 24c for really new-laid.

PORK—Has been quiet and steady, with sales of small lots at $15.50 to $16; and cars offering at $15, but no sales of them reported.

BACON—There seems to have been but little change during the week. One lot of 1,000 sides of Cumberland changed hands on p.t., but admittedly very close on 7c, probably not ½c from it one way or other; sales of tons and under have been quiet at 7½c for tons and 7¾c for cases; long-clear has been quiet but steady at 8 to 8½c for tons and under; rolls and bellies have sold fairly well at 9½ to 10c, though some choice rolls are held higher.

HAMS—The demand for small lots seems to have been improving; new smoked have gone off fairly well at 11c, but lots of 100 could be had at 10½c; old canvassed are offered at 10c but don't seem to be selling. Pickles are nominal.

LARD—Nothing doing in round lots, but all held firmly, and small lots selling readily at firm prices; pails bring 10½c; tinnets 10c, and tierces 9½ to 9¾c in small lots.

HOGS—Have been very slow of sale at declining prices. There has been scarcely anything doing this week, from the fact that packers are well stocked, and do not want to buy until those on hand have been cut. Cars are said to have been offered as low as $5.50 and $5.40; there was one car, averaging 200 lbs., sold to-day at $5.50, and $5.65 was offered for a lot averaging 225 lbs. We should say that the range of values for sound hogs is certainly not over $5.50 to $5.75. Street receipts have been small, and prices fairly steady at $6 to $6.25.

SALES—Has continued unchanged. Liverpool cotton is held at 90c for car lots, and $1 for small lots; dairy is firm at $1.60 in bleached bags. Cagnari has been firm. Goderich is steady but unchanged, with sales of cars at 55c.

DRIED APPLES—Dealers continue to sell small lots at ten barrels and under at 7½ to 7¾c; but the demand for country lots has fallen off, as they are now well stocked; there is nothing over 6 to 6½c bid at present, and we believe that sales have been made between these figures.

### GROCERIES.

TRADE—Jobbing has been quiet, with country business fair.

TEA—There has been nothing doing on English account, as holders are now asking advanced prices, which are refused. There has, however, been some movement in lines on the spot at firm prices; the sorts most in demand being second and third Young Hyson, but these are scarce. Sales are reported of a line of fine Moyune Young Hyson at 65c; a line of fair seconds at 45c; and a fair common thirds at 32c. Japans have been firm, and some two or three lines of fine new sold at 51c. Blacks have sold at 31c; at site, and 35c for low-grade Congou. Quotations are as follows, the outside being for retailers' lots :—Young Hyson, common to fair, 35 to 40c; Young Hyson, medium to good seconds, 44 to 50c; Young Hyson, ordinary to choice extra firsts, 55 to 70c; Twankays, none; Gunpowder and Imperials, common to good, 35 to 45c; Fine to Extra Choice, 50 to 70c. Blacks—Congous, 30 to 70c; Souchong, 40 to 55c; Scented Pekoes, 45 to 50c.

COFFEE—Quiet with but little change; the only sale reported in the jobbing line is that of a lot of 25 bags of Maracaibo at 22c. Quotations are as follows, the outside being for retailers' lots :—Government Java, 29 to 32c; Singapore, 24 to 28c; Rio, 19 to 22c; Jamaica, 20 to 22c.

RICE—Has been in demand; lots of 100 bags have sold at $4.37, but 50 bag lots are held steadily at $4.50, and retailers' lots sell as before at $4.62 to $4.75.

FISH—Lake-fish has been eagerly enquired for, but there has been none obtainable. Herrings and cod have been selling slowly at unchanged prices. Sardines are quoted a little higher for quarters. Quotations stand as follows, the outside prices being for retailers' lots :—Herrings, Labrador, bbls, $7.50; Shore, $6 to $6.25; Splits, $5.50; Round, $5; half bbls, $3; Salmon, salt water, none; Cod-fish, new, per 112 lbs, $5; boneless, per lb, 6 to 6½c; Trout, none; white-fish, none; Mackerel, bbls, none; half-bbls, none; Sardines, ¼s, 9½ to 10½c; do. ½s, 18c.

### CATTLE.

TRADE—Seems to have been steady.

BEEVES—The scarcity of really fine-class cattle has remained unabated all week; other grades were abundant during the latter part of last week, but since then even these have been scarce. The enquiry has been active and prices have been firmer. First-class steers averaging not under 1,200 lbs have been wanted for shipment and would have been readily taken at $4.75 to $4.50 had they been offered. Second-class, that is light steers and heifers and heavy bulls, were abundant during the latter part of last week when they sold as before; but on Tuesday even these became scarce, and as a lot was wanted to complete a shipment, they were taken in default of better, and sold at $3.75 to $4. Third-class were abundant last week, but scarce and steady on Tuesday, when they sold at from $3 to $3.50. The enquiry for shipment seems to be setting in early; a lot of 2,000 head in the byres has been sold for May delivery at $5.75.

SHEEP—There have been rather more offered but they have been slow of sale and weak in price with no shipping demand heard. No change in prices can, however, be adopted. They have remained as before at about $4.50 per central for good. First-class, that is the best offering, have usually sold from $5.25 to $5.50, and second-class at $4.25 to $5.

LAMBS—All offering, and some more also, have been wanted; the demand has been not much change for the local market but for the States also. The supply being insufficient, prices have been still tending upwards. Really first-class lambs dressing not less than 60 lbs have been steady at $4 to $4.50 for 35 and scarce. Lambs dressing from 40 to 48 lbs have been firmer and bringing $4 to $4.25. Second-class dressing from 30 to 38 lbs have been in improved demand and selling at from $3.50 to $3.75.

CALVES—There has been little doing as yet, but an enquiry has set in and good calves from four to six weeks old have been wanted at from $6 to $7 per central, with a few sales at these prices.

### HIDES, SKINS AND WOOL.

TRADE—Has shown but little alteration.

HIDES—Green have been abundant and selling as before. Cured have sold at 9½c for cows and 10 to 10½c for steers, with a fairly good demand.

CALFSKINS—Remain nominally unchanged.

SHEEPSKINS—The new month has not brought any advance, nor does any seem to be expected. Offerings have been abundant and sales ready at $1.75 to $2 for choice green. Dry have not been very plentiful, and are as before at $1.40 to $1.75.

WOOL—Steady but generally unchanged; a good demand has been maintained, and sales have been made at 32c for round lots of super and combing; at 37c for extra super, and at 41c for small lots of fleece, which prices would have been repeated today.

TALLOW—Dull and declining, with offerings abundant, and sales at 6c for rendered, which is the highest price now paid.

Quotations stand as follows :—No. 1 inspected, choice, 60.75; No. 2 inspected, $3.75; No. 3 inspected, $7.75; Calfskins, green, 12c; Calfskins, cured, 12½ to 14c; calfskins, dry, none; sheepskins, $1 to $2; Wool, fleece, 30 to 31c; Wool, pulled super, 31 to 32c; extra super, 34 to 36c; Wool, pickings, 2 to 7c; Tallow, rough, 3½c; rendered, 6c.

### LEATHER.

TRADE—Has been fairly active during the last fortnight, with prices firm, but the upward movement checked. Sole leathers have been going off steadily, with all coming forward readily taken. Harness has been in improved demand. Upper has been comparatively quiet at unchanged prices, with little enquiry from shoe factories. Splits have been abundant, and selling fairly well. Russetts are light in stock, and held firmly, with prices of choice samples rather higher. Foreign leathers are unchanged. Oils have been steady all over, and Sumach shows a considerable advance.

Prices are quoted as follows :—Spanish Sole, No. 1, all weights, 30 to 32c; Spanish Sole, No. 2, 26 to 28c; Slaut Sole, heavy, 31 to 33c; Slaut Sole, light, 28 to 30c; Harness, 30 to 34c; Buffalo Sole, 25 to 26c; Hemlock Calf, 35 lbs, per doz., 75 to 85c; Hemlock Calf, light, 50 to 60c; Oak Harness Leather, 35c; Oak Belting Leather, 30 to 34c; American Oak Harness Backs, 50c; Upper, heavy, 37 to 39c; Upper, light, and medium, 35 to 42c; Kip Skins, French, 95c to $1.10; Kip Skins, English, 75 to 90c; Chicago Slaughter Kip, 70 to 75c; Native Slaughter, 50 to 60c; Splits, large, 31 to 35c; Splits, small, 24 to 26c; Calf Splits, 35 to 37½c; Russets, 35 to 45c; French Calf, $1.25 to $1.50; Cod Oil, 50 to 60c; Straits' Oil, 50 to 55c; Gambier, 6c; Sumach, per ton, $110; Degras, 4½c; Buff, 15 to 17c; Pebble, 15 to 16c; Enamelled cow, 17 to 18c; Patent cow, 17 to 18c.

## MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

### Montreal Markets.

MONTREAL, Feb. 4.

FLOUR—Receipts, 479 bbls; market dull and unchanged; no business reported; the quotations are more or less of a nominal character. Superior extra, $5.10 to $5.15; spring extra, $5.30 to $5.35; superfine, $5.55 to $5.60; strong bakers', $6.10 to $6.40; fine, $3.25 to $3.35; middlings, $4.40 to $4 50; Ontario bags, $2.20 to $2.30; city bags, delivered, $2.22.

BARLEY—Nominal.

OATMEAL—Quiet, $4.70 to $4.75.

RYE—Nominal.

OATS—Receipts, 320 bush, at 31 to 32c.

PEAS—Receipts, 200 bush; 77c per 66 lbs.

CORNMEAL—At $2 90 to $3.

CORN—About 70c, duty paid.

WHEAT—Canada—Receipts, 1,600 bush; spring wheat nominal at $1.35 to $1.35.

BUTTER—Market quiet and of a local character; 65 tubs of fine Brockville sold at 20c; 78 tubs of fair Townships sold at 19c; an exceptional sale of 70 tubs finest Townships for Manitoba at 21c.

CHEESE—14 to 15c, according to make.

LARD—At 10 to 11½c for tubs and pails.

PORK—Meas at $17 to $17.50.

HAMS—At 11 to 13½.

BACON—At 8½ to 10c.

ASHES—Pots, about $4 to $4.10 per 100 lbs.

DRESSED HOGS—At $5.75.

SEEDS—Clover, $4.15 to $4 20 per bushel.

### New York Produce Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.

COTTON—Easier, at 13c for middling uplands.

FLOUR—Dull; receipts, 11,000 bbls; sales, 7,000 bbls; superfine state and western at $4.00 to $5.10; common to choice extra state at $5.15 to $5.50; common to choice extra western at $5 15 to $5.60; common to choice extra round hoop Ohio at $5.40 to $7.50.

RYE FLOUR—Steady; sales, 200 bbls at $4.75 to $5 for superfine state.

WHEAT—Spring, dull and nominal; winter, ½ to 1c lower; receipts, 25,000 bush; sales, 104,000 bush; No. 1 white at $1.43 to $1.43½, seller March.

RYE—Quiet; Canada, State and western at 92 to 95c for car lots.

CORN—Dull; receipts, 500,000 bush; sales, 15,000 bush, at 60 to 61½c for western mixed.

BARLEY—Firm; two-rowed state at 70 to 74c.

OATS—Steady; receipts, 12,000 bush; sales, 25,000 bush, at 45 to 46½c for mixed state and western; 48 to 51½c for white do.

PORK—Dull; $12.50 for inspected new mess.

BEEF—Quiet.

LARD—Heavy, sales at $7.77½c for steam rendered.

BUTTER—Sales at 15 to 35c for state and Pennsylvania.

CHEESE—At 11 to 15c for common to prime.

WHISKEY—$1 12 to $1.13.

SUGAR—At 9¾c for crushed and powdered.

EGGS—Sales at 11 to 20c for state and Pennsylvania.

TALLOW—At 6⅞ to 6¾c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4, 1.20 p.m.

WHEAT—Irregular; Chicago at $1.33 to $1.35; Milwaukee at $1.36 to $1.37.

CORN—Quiet; No. 2 at 61⅞ to 62c.

OATS—Quiet.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 11,235 bbls; wheat, 25,000 bush; oats, 2,000 bush; corn, 59,000 bush; rye, 5,000 bush; barley, 6,000 bush; lard, 102 tcs; whiskey, 1,826 bbls.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4, 2.15 p.m.

WHEAT—Quiet and firm; spring entirely nominal; Chicago held at $1.34 to $1.37; Milwaukee at $1.35 to $1.39; No. 2 red at $1 44½ for cash; $1.46⅞ for March; sales, 290,000 bush.

CORN—Quiet; sales, 20,000 bush of No. 2 at 61⅞ to 62c.

TALLOW—At 6⅞c.

DRESSED HOGS—At 6½ to 6¾c.

WHISKEY—Quiet, at $1.12.

### Chicago Markets.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.

WHEAT—$1.30½ for March.

CORN—41⅛c for May.

OATS—27c for May.

PORK—$12.37½ asked for March; $12.42½ bid for April.

LARD—$7.35 asked for March $7.45 for April.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4, 1.05 p.m.

WHEAT—$1.19½ for February; $1.21 for March.

CORN—30½c for February; 38½c for March; 41½c for May; 41½c for June; 42c for July.

OATS—23½ to 23½c for February; 25½ to 22½c for March; 25½c for April; 27c for May.

PORK—$12.10 to $12.15 for February; $12.27½ for March; $12.45 asked for April.

LARD—$7.30 for February; $7.37 for March; $7.42½ bid for April; steam rendered, $6.30 to $6.35 for February; $6.40 to $6.42½ for March; $6.55 asked for April.

LATER.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.

FLOUR—Unchanged.

WHEAT—$1.19½ for February; $1.20½ for March.

CORN—30½c for March; 38½c for February; 41½ to 41½c for May; 41 to 41½c for June; 44½c for July.

OATS—23½ to 23½c for February; 22½ to 22½c for March; 25½c for April; 27c for May.

BARLEY—Unchanged.

RYE—74 to 75½c for cash; 74c for February; 75c for March.

WHISKEY—Sales of 500 bbls at $1.07.

PORK—$12.10 for February; $12.20 to $12.22½ for March; $12.35 to $12.37½ for April.

LARD—$7.30 for February; $7.30 for March; $7.40 for April.

LOOSE MEATS—Nominal; short clear, $6 40; short rib, $5.90; long clear, $6.20; shoulders, $4.00; green hams, 7c.

DRY SALT MEATS—Short clear, $6 60; short rib, $5.95; long clear, $6.40; shoulders, $4.20; sugar pickled hams, 8c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,826 bbls; wheat, 29,000 bush; corn, 157,000 bush; oats, 14,000 bush; rye, 1,000 bush; barley, 10,000 bush.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,606 bbls; wheat, 17,000 bush; corn, 112,000 bush; oats, 13,000 bush; rye, 2,000 bush; barley, 7,000 bush.

### Live Stock Markets.

JERSEY CITY, Feb. 4. 11 a.m.

CATTLE—Firm, at 8 to 10½c; receipts, 107.

SHEEP—Quiet, at 5½ to 6½c; receipts, 19 cars.

LAMBS—Quiet, at 6½ to 7½c; receipts, 2 cars.

HOGS—Firm, at 6¼ to 6½c.

EAST BUFFALO, Feb. 4, 11.15 a.m.

HOGS—Stronger; receipts, 37 cars; shipments, 26 cars; 8 cars to New York; Yorkers at $4 80 to $4.85; medium and heavy at $4.80 to $4.90; extra at $5; pigs at $4.35 to $4 40.

U.S YARDS, NEW YORK, Feb. 4, 10.55 a.m.

CATTLE—Lively, at 9½ to 10c; receipts, 1,282.

SHEEP—Lively, at 5½ to 6½c; receipts, 150.

CALVES—At 7 to 8½c; receipts, 127.

U.S. YARDS, CHICAGO, Feb. 4, 10.02 a.m.

HOGS—Estimated receipts, 22,000; official yesterday, 24,564; shipments, 5,031; light grades at $4.45 to $4.50; mixed packers at $4.55 to $4.65; heavy shipping at $4.50 to $4.75.

CATTLE—Receipts, 5,000.

EAST LIBERTY, Feb. 4, 9.15 a.m.

CATTLE—Slow; best at $5 25 to $5 40; fair to good at 4.75 to $5; common at $3.50 to $4.50; receipts, 310; shipments, none.

HOGS—Slow; receipts, 4,000; shipments, 27,000; Philadelphias at $5 to $5.10; Yorkers at $4.70 to $4.85.

SHEEP—Unchanged; receipts, 2,400; shipments, 3,600.

### Milwaukee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 4, 9.35 a.m.

WHEAT—$1.20 for March; receipts, 24,000 bush; shipments, 2,100 bush.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 4, 10.04 a.m.

WHEAT—$1.18 for February; $1.19½ for March; $1.20½ for April; cars, 42.

CORN—Quiet, at 36½c