

## THE PRODUCE MARKET.

THE business of the week has been on a similarly limited scale to that of some weeks past. Lack of ocean tonnage, together with the generally unpromising tone of British advices, prevent export transactions to any extent. Prices of Breadstuffs are only partially affected by fluctuations in the Western States, as in any event a surplus is likely to exist, which, in seeking a foreign market, must ultimately be regulated by prices and prospects abroad.

**FLOUR.**—The receipts of the week have again been small, but ample for the limited wants of the trade. In the absence of export enquiry, and a local demand restricted to small lots for actual use, added to the partial reaction in the Western States, prices have barely been maintained.

The higher grades are entirely neglected, only some of the more favourite brands being taken in smalls for bakers' use. We quote Superior Extra nominal at \$5.90 to \$6.10; Extra \$5.50 to \$5.70; and Fancy \$4.00 to \$4.30. Canada Superfine, except really choice and strong, is unsaleable; the range is \$4.65 to \$5.10. Western Supers are in small supply, and the better samples find buyers at \$4.60 to \$4.70 to a limited extent. No. 2 and lower grades are scarce, and the better samples offered command ready sale at relatively high rates. We quote No. 2 \$4.25 to \$4.40; Fine \$3.90 to \$4.10; and Middlings \$3.50 to \$3.75. *Bag Flour*, though not abundant, has met a very languid demand, and lower prices have ruled. Latest transactions in parcels from U. C. Spring have been at \$2.65 to \$2.70, and under for inferiors; and in samples from Western wheat \$2.50 to \$2.60.

**WHEAT.**—There is little change to note. Arrivals are small and transactions few. Prices are nominally unchanged, but sales are more difficult to effect at former rates.

**COARSE GRAINS.**—Are purely nominal in the absence of wholesale transactions.

**PORK.**—The feeling has gained ground that the quantity on hand is insufficient for the requirements of the trade, until New Mess can be brought into the market in quantity. Holders are, consequently, asking \$23 and upwards for the small stocks remaining.

**BUTTER.**—The arrivals are considerable, and the demand still continues active, so that there is no accumulation. British advices so far are encouraging, but none of the late large shipments had as yet arrived, so that their effect on the market has yet to be seen. Shippers are freely met by holders at an average price of near about 17c. for good, sweet and sound parcels—a price purchasers do not feel justified in exceeding, in view of the large make anticipated during the ensuing fall.

**LARD.**—Continues unchanged. The quantity in stock is small, and firmly held at 14½c. to 15c. A moderate consumptive demand is going on, and it is probable we shall be quite clear of stock by the time new can be placed in the market.

**CHEESE.**—Good factory is the only sort enquired for. Shipments to Britain are limited from here, as but little confidence is felt in present prices being maintained.

**ASHES.**—The demand is languid, and there are no early signs of improvement. Rates in Britain are lower than for some years past, but with the prospect of a good trade it is hoped prices may mend in the course of the fall.

## Resume of the English Markets.

We have advices from Great Britain up to the 27th ultimo. The reports state that the weather has been most favourable, although there has been heavy storms and now and then cloudy weather. The cutting of Barley and Oats had fairly commenced, and the crop is likely to prove large; the samples are better than the average. The Wheat harvest would shortly commence; the quality is expected to be fine, but the yield short of an average, especially on light soils. Beans and Peas are to a fair extent cut, but not yet housed. Altogether the prospects look fair, but the crops will hardly be over an average. Floating cargoes of Grain were dull, and speculators cautious in their operations. In Flour prices have ruled high, and during the week arrivals of American were not sufficient to cause any reduction in prices. English Flour remained firm at last week's prices. Advices from the Continent are very fluctuating. In France, under considerable rains, prices were improving. In Belgium an early harvest was anticipated, the late heat rapidly ripening the Grain. In Holland prices of most descriptions of Grain continued steady, but Oats were tending upwards. In Prussia the weather was fine; the crop of Rye (the chief crop) was short in the straw and light in the yield. From Russia the advices indicate considerable crops in the South, but far below average ones in the North.

## Wholesale Prices.

The quotations in our Price Current, it should be understood, represent the wholesale prices generally. In making up small orders, higher prices have to be charged.

## The Stock Market.

Bank Stocks still continue in good demand, and although our quotations do not show the same advance of the two last weeks, higher prices would have to be given to secure favourite Stocks, the supply being short of the demand.

Sales of Ontario Bank have been made at 100½; La Banque du Peuple at 101; Commercial Bank at 79; Montreal Mining Consols at \$2.50 per share. There is nothing doing in Government or other Bonds. Sterling Exchange is firm at quotation to-day, for Bank Bills, is 108½ to 109.

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