

**FISH.**—Business quiet as yet, sales being quite limited, at \$5.50 to \$6 for Cape Breton Herrings, \$5.50 for Dry Cod, and \$20, \$19, and \$18 respectively for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Salmon, in brls. The demand is entirely of a jobbing character, and receipts light.

**FLOUR AND GRAIN.**—The recent improvement in the English wheat markets has given place to marked depression, and to-day's advices from Great Britain indicate heavy markets for wheat in all positions, at a lower range of values, although no actual decline was reported. The corn markets remained steady. Chicago wheat market ruled quiet and steady to-day at about the closing figures of yesterday. The early movement of wheat bids fair to be large, and the probability is that values will accordingly be low in the early part of the season. The grain on passage to the U. K. shows an increase of 75,000 qrs. wheat, and a decrease of 27,000 qrs. corn, compared with a week ago. In the local grain market there was scarcely anything doing to-day or yesterday, the only sale reported being a lot of corn on p.t.; prices show little change from last week. Owing to the extreme scarcity here of the leading grades of Flour, prices have advanced about 5c per barrel for Superiors and Extras, and but for the limited demand there would undoubtedly be a still further advance.

**FRUITS.**—Trade is reported active this week for all fruits in season. *Peaches.*—Receipts have been about the same as last week, about 260 crates and 150 baskets arriving from New York daily; sales were made yesterday in baskets at \$1.50 to \$1.75, in crates at \$2.50 to \$3.50 each, and in carriers containing small baskets \$5. The demand is about equal to the supply. Bartlett Pears command \$7 to \$8 per brl., good green stock finding ready sale at the outside figure. Flemish Beauties selling at from \$3 to \$5 per brl., and common pears at \$3 to \$4. Grapes in good request, at 9c to 11c per lb. for Concord; no quotable lots of other kinds in the market. *Plums* in light supply as yet; blue plums and green gages selling in baskets at \$1 to \$1.50 each, and in crates at \$1 to \$2.25 each, as to size of crate. *Lemons.*—The colder weather of the past week has checked the demand, and the market is quiet, and \$5.50 to \$6.50 per box, as to quality. A few small lots of Brazilian Oranges have been received, and are offering at \$7 per case. Apples are quite scarce, and the crop in Ontario is reported so much smaller than in previous seasons, in some sections below half an average, that the trade here fear the supply will not be sufficient to meet the home demand and fill orders expected for export. These latter, however, seem likely to be more limited this year, as may be judged from the following extract from a private letter from Manchester, England, dated August 28th: "The time of the year is at hand when we must consider the apple trade, and it becomes my duty to inform you as to the crop in this country. I believe it is safe to say that there are twice as many apples grown here this season than we have had in any other season for six years past. Moreover, the crop of French and other continental apples is also good." There will, however, no doubt, be a demand for Canadian winter apples later on, especially for red stock, which have of late years become much appreciated in the English markets, although it is thought prices will have to be kept down if a shipping trade is to be successfully prosecuted. Receipts during the week have been light, and values are firmer, Western apples selling at \$2.75 to \$3.50, as to quality, and Montreal fruit at \$3.50 to \$4.50 per brl. Sweet Potatoes worth \$5.50 to \$6 per brl., and Cocoanuts quoted at \$6 per sack.

**GROCERIES.**—Sugars continue remarkably steady in value. The changes are scarcely quotable. Demand moderately good for Yellow Refined and Granulated. The Raw Sugars at hand are about all on Retinery account. *Tens.*

—Operations not extensive, but for good to choice Japans there is steadiness at previous figures. The disturbances in China it is hoped will soon be at an end. Advices are to the effect that inferior and Pingsay Tens are dull and neglected, while choice grades of Moyuné Young Hysons are fully over last year's prices. The English market for high-class Young Hysons is quite firm and rather advanced. With us transactions run chiefly for all Tens in the ordinary business way. *Molasses.*—Firm tone for Barbadoes Molasses; other kinds inactive. Some operations in Syrups reported. *Coffees.*—Demand is mainly for moderate trade, with values rather advanced for Java, while other sorts remain just about as last noted. *Rice.*—English market shows advance. Supply here available is not heavy. Prices only a little up here. *Spices.*—Pepper.—Black rather higher and steady. Nutmegs, Ginger, Cassia, in moderate request. Pimento keeps dull and rather lower. *Fruits.*—Crop reports from Spain continue favorable, season is two or three weeks later than last year. Rather firm for Valentias is the report, and Malaga Fruit also keeps pretty well up. Currants firm at Patras. Stock of crop 1882 here is low, and price firm Smyrna reports favorable for Figs and Sultanas. Prunes show fairly. Almonds maintain the advance.

**HARDWARE AND IRON.**—Travellers who went out last week are forwarding fair-sized orders for general hardware, but the business is considered about a week behind that of last year, at the corresponding period, and complaints are heard concerning the low and unremunerative prices ruling for metals. Remittances generally reported fair. A steady trade continues to be done in Nails, Bar Iron, Tin Plates, etc., at unchanged values, without special features in the market calling for notice. The Glasgow market for Pig Iron is said to be easier, if anything, but freights from that port to Montreal have further advanced 2s. 6d. to 12s. 6d. As the season of navigation advances. Canadian consumers are beginning to realize that now is the time to purchase Fall supplies, and are taking hold rather more freely. One of the regular line of steamers has been withdrawn from this port for the remainder of the season, which usually closes about the end of October. This market, however, cannot be called active yet, although several sales of round lots of Summerlee and other leading brands have been reported, at last week's values, which remain unchanged all round.

**HOPS.**—New Canadian hops are coming to market more freely than was expected a week or two ago. Stocks which were then held at 35c to 40c per lb. are now offered at 25c to 30c, and one lot is said to have changed hands at even a lower figure. The samples shown are of good average quality, and the opinion obtains that there will be a large crop. The New York market is weak and prices are drooping.

**LEATHER.**—Some houses have been busier than others, and considerable leather has changed hands during the week, but the market is yet devoid of much activity or animation. For the time of year trade is rather quiet. Stocks of most kinds of goods are not excessive, and for some lines prices are decidedly firmer. The best descriptions of Sole leather of course continue in good request, and in black leathers good plump Upper is wanted; round lots have sold at as high as 36c this week, while lower qualities brought 34c. Splits are in lighter supply, owing to the curtail deprecation by tanners and steady shipments to England, which have proved quite profitable to the shippers; ton lots of the best Splits have been sold this week at 28c.

The market has been well supplied with light Pebble for some time past, and stock that sold a year ago at 14c now commands only 12½c, as the demand from manufacturers is principally for heavy Pebble.

**LUMBER.**—Trade in the city moderately active, but not up to former seasons. Prices of good lumber keeps up, but inferior grades are somewhat lower in price. Stocks have accumulated in Ottawa and other manufacturing centres, and there is evidently an overproduction. Manufacturers are striving to keep up the prices, but concessions are easily got on large lots. Trade in Quebec is uncommonly dull, said to be nearly as bad as in 1878, which was about the worst year on record. There is not the same activity in sending men to the woods this fall. Wages will be lower than last season.

**OILS.**—As intimated in last report, no increased activity is expected in this branch for a few weeks to come. Cod oil is in limited request, and is quoted a shade easier, at 60c to 62½c per Imp. gal. Steam Refined Seal, of which stocks continue light, is held firmly at last week's quotations, although the demand is light. Pale Seal is worth 68c to 70c and Straw do. quoted at 62½c to 65c. In Linseed a steady but small business continues to be done, at unaltered figures. No large transactions reported in any kind, sales being of a jobbing and retail character.

**PROVISIONS.**—Liverpool market continued quiet yesterday, with a decline of 3d for lard and of 6d for bacon. The Chicago pork market has been irregular, having fluctuated considerably, but closed yesterday at about 25c per brl. higher for pork than last week, while lard showed an advance for the week of about 20c per 100 lbs., and closed at 2½c for November on Tuesday's prices; pork closed 2½c higher for October and January options, and 5c per brl. lower for November. Under continued large receipts hogs in Chicago declined 1c to 25c per 100 lbs. yesterday; estimated receipts were 18,000 head, and shipments 3,818. In this market a fair trade has been done, chiefly in filling country orders. Prices for pork and lard are slightly lower than last week, round lots of Western Mess Pork having changed hands at \$15.75, and smaller lots at \$16 to \$16.50, while Fairbanks' lard is selling at 11½ to 12c, as to quantity. The season for smoked meats is over; and there is little doing in Hams, which are nominally quoted at 15c to 16c; Bacon is worth 13c to 14c, and for smoked shoulders 11c is asked. Eggs are easier than last week, sales being reported yesterday at from 18c to 19c, as to quality; receipts fair, and there is a market for all offerings.

**WINES AND LIQUORS.**—Stocks are generally getting low, and Fall imports will probably be light. Operations in Brandy and Whiskies are about as large as usual at this period, but while there has been a little more doing the past week, some leading houses report business for the season thus far unusually quiet, transactions being generally small and chiefly with country retailers and Western jobbers. The price list remains unchanged. Reports from the vine-growing countries note great improvement in the weather this month; the prospects of the coming vintage have improved considerably, and should the present state of things continue, the general yield will be above the average for quality and a fair one for quantity.

**WOOL.**—Dealers report a very quiet market; manufacturers are tolerably well supplied, and, not meeting with the demand expected for their manufactured goods, are not anxious to increase stocks of the raw material. Business therefore has been restricted to sales of small lots, chiefly of Greasy Cape, at from 17c to 19½c, as to quality. A few small parcels of Canadian wool continue to be shipped to the American market, but the general movement is very slow.