

duce last week has been lost, a re-acting tendency having set in, sales have been very small and prices very weak, closing at a decline in wheat and flour. Provisions also are also very quiet; No movement has yet begun in butter and nearly all seem afraid to touch it; prices will certainly rule very low this season. Groceries seem to be very dull in the jobbing line but the country trade appears to have improved slightly. Manufactured and imported goods are very dull and very great caution is being exercised by both buyers and sellers of them.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—There has been some slight improvement in the demand for summer goods but nothing beyond a quiet sorting out trade is being done. Prices are unchanged and nearly all the factories still running on short time.

CATTLE.—*Beeves*.—Receipts have increased slightly, and though all have found a sale the upward movement has been checked. First-class still-fed bring \$5.50 to 5.75, as would farmers' could they be had; second-class have been selling fairly well at from \$4.50 to 5.00, and third-class going off slowly at \$4.00. *Sheep*.—Have been more abundant, and the supply probably sufficient, with prices 25 to 50c lower. First-class sell at from \$6.25 to \$7.00; second class at from \$4.75 to 5.50, with a fair demand for both; third-class are slow of sale and nominally unchanged at about \$4.00. *Lambs*.—Have been in fair supply, but selling well, though at slightly lower figures. Picked will bring \$4.25 to 4.50, and droves of first-class \$3.75 to 4.00; second-class usually sell at from \$3.00 to 3.25; third-class are held at \$2.50, but buyers refuse to pay over \$2.00 to 2.25. *Calves*.—Have been rather scarce and prices somewhat firmer at \$11.00 to 12.00 for first-class dressing not under 120 lbs; \$6.00 to 8.00 for second-class dressing 75 to 110 lbs, and \$3.00 to 4.00 for third-class, which are very slow of sale.

DRUGS.—There has been no change in prices since our last, nor is there anything in the state of trade calling for notice, beyond the fact that the prevalent dullness is felt here as well as elsewhere.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—*Flour*.—Stocks in store on the 21st inst., 10,851 barrels against 12,297 on corresponding date of last year. The demand has again fallen off and prices have become weak. Superior extra changed hands at \$4.75 f.o.b.; Extra brought \$4.35 f.o.b. last week; Fancy has been quiet, but held firmly at \$4.20; Spring extra sold to a small extent last week at \$4.00 f.o.b., but on Tuesday it went off at \$3.90; Superfine has been neglected. The market yesterday closed with the sale of a lot of 500 barrels of fresh-ground Spring extra at \$3.95 f.o.b.; extra held at \$4.30, and fancy at \$4.20, with no buyers for them. *Oatmeal*.—Carts seem to be rather easier; there was one sold on Tuesday at equal to \$5.45 here, and some is said to have been offered at \$5.40. Small lots are unchanged at \$5.75 to 6.00.

FREIGHTS.—There is nothing at all doing in lake freights, and rates are purely nominal. The Jacques line has kept its rates unchanged at 10c on flour to Kingston, Brockville or Prescott, and 15c to Montreal, and 5c on grain in bulk to Montreal, or 3c bagged to Kingston. Grand Trunk rates on flour are unchanged at 25c to Montreal, 60c to St. John, 65c to Halifax, and 60c to Boston.

GRAIN.—Stocks in store on the 21st instant; Wheat 114,727 bush; oats 74,185 bush; barley 2,417 bush; peas 2,141 bush; rye 100 bush; corn, 3,375 bush against 87,814 bush of wheat 27931 bush of oats; nil bush of barley; 2,141, bush of peas; nil bush of rye and nil bush of corn on the corresponding date of last year. *Wheat*.—Orders have been withdrawn since our last, and there has consequently been scarcely any movement; prices have been weak, but in

the absence of transactions are almost nominal. No. 2 fall sold last Thursday at \$1.04½, and No. 3 at \$1.01½ f.o.b., but there were higher prices even then. No. 1 spring was held last week at \$1.01, but was offered on Monday and Tuesday at 99c. with no buyers over 96c. There has been a sale of No. 2 fall this week on p.t. The market yesterday closed quiet with some inquiry for No. 2 fall at \$1.02 or thereabouts; spring held at 98 to 99c. with no buyers over 97c. f.o.b. On the street yesterday fall sold at 96c.; treadwell at 94c. and spring at 96c. *Oats* have been very slow of sale, even at reduced prices. On Thursday a lot of 1,400 bushels sold at 47½c. f.o.c. and a car at 47c. on the track. On Monday one car on the track sold at 47c. and another at 46c.; and on Tuesday 46½c. was paid. Yesterday the feeling was steady; one car on the track sold at 46½c., and another to arrive at 47c. Street receipts nil. *Barley*.—There has been no movement all week, but some little inquiry has been heard, and buyers could have been found at 80c for No. 1 inspected f.o.b. Street receipts nil. *Peas*.—None have been offered all week, but had they been for sale they would have found buyers at 85c to 86c. f.o.b. There has been none offered on the street, but 80 to 82c. would be paid. *Rye* would bring 70c. on the street, if offered. *Corn* has been neglected and is nominally unchanged.

GROCERIES.—*Coffee*.—Has been very dull all week, the only movement reported is the sale of small lots of Java at 30c. Lines of Rio are held at 22½c. with no buyers. Jamaica is wanted, but not to be had. *Fish*.—Remains dull at nominally unchanged prices. Cod is becoming scarce, but White Fish is still offered at \$3.00 to 3.25, and trout at \$2.75 to 3.00, without finding buyers. *Fruit*.—There has been scarcely any movement all week. Layers are weak; a few small lots sold at \$2.45, but lots of 100 boxes could be had at \$2.35. *Valencias* have been quiet, but are offered at 8½ to 8¾c. in lots. *Sultanas* and *Seedless* are nominally unchanged. *Currants* have been very quiet but steady at 5½ to 6c. for lots, and up to 6½c. for small parcels. *Prunes* are unchanged at 7½ to 8c. *Nuts* have sold at 15c. for almonds, 9½c. for Brazil, and 8c. for walnuts. *Liquors*.—Have been quiet at generally unchanged prices. *Rice*.—Continues to be low in price; lots have sold at \$4.05, but small parcels bring \$4.25 to 4.50. *Sugar*.—The market has shown a slight movement in yellows, but at rather weak prices in most cases. There was a line of dark Barbadoes sold at 7c., and smaller lots at 7½c; Porto Rico of fair quality changed hands at 7½c. Sales of English and Scotch refined have been made at 7½ to 8c. in Montreal, but they could now be had at these prices here. Redpath's refined has been firm, and sold at 8½ for bright. Dry crushed and ground have been quiet; but sales of granulated havn been made at 8½ to 8¾c. *Syrubs*.—Are quiet and steady at former prices. *Tea*.—Remains generally unchanged; sales have been made of lines of coarse Young Hyson at 28c., of Seconds at 38, 40 and 42½c., and of fine at 65c; one line of fine Gunpowder brought 67½c. *Japans* and *Blacks* have been very quiet; one line of the former sold at 50c., and a line of Congou at 48c. New York has been quiet and easier. *Tobacco*.—The market has shown increased activity in consequence of holders being willing to make concessions. There has been sales of lots of Common Solace at 37½ and 40c., and of one line of good at 53½c. No. 1 Prince of Wales sold at 42½c., and No. 2 changed hands at 41½c. Prices are generally lower for nearly all sorts.

HARDWARE.—There has been an improved demand heard for harvest tools during the week and they have sold freely. Nails also have been in good demand. Galvanized iron is rather easier, but sells fairly well. Pig iron is said to have sold at a slight concession on previous

prices. Zinc is still scarce. Some receipts of glass have come to hand, but their arrival has not affected prices which remain firm.

HIDES AND SKINS.—*Hides*.—Prices of green have declined 50 per cental, and now stand at \$5.50 for No. 1 inspected; \$4.50 for No. 2, and \$3.50 for grubby. The state of cured may be judged from the fact that a car of No. 2 sold yesterday at 4½c per lb. *Calfskins*.—Remain unchanged in price and are offering less freely. No. 1 weighing under 8lbs sold at 8c. *Pelts*.—Are firm at last weeks advance to 20c with not very many offering. *Lambskins*.—Are in fair supply and steady at 30 to 35c for the best green.

HOPS.—There is nothing at all doing beyond the sale of a bale or two occasionally at 33 to 35c, but lots could probably be bought for less were there any demand for them.

LEATHER.—The dullness of preceding weeks remains unabated. There is not a single transaction in round lots reported all week. Some parties advise tanners to shut down, as they believe that further receipts must lead to a ruinous fall in prices. The movement even in retailers parcels is very small. Remittances are said to be coming forward very slowly.

LUMBER.—There has been no improvement in this market. Stocks are considerable but the demand is slack, and an attempt to force sales has led to a considerable decline in the prices of fencing and bill lumber. Advices from the other side show no alteration. Prices at Chicago are lower than they are here.

PETROLEUM.—Combination prices both here and at London are unchanged, 26 to 27c for small lots here and 24c for cars at London. Sales are small as is usual at this season.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*.—Receipts have been very small but amply sufficient for the wants of the market as there are no buyers for shipment and supplies of rolls on the street have increased. Prices are weaker; the best tubs offering will not bring over 15 to 16c. Of box-butter there is none. On the street pound rolls sell at 16 to 17c and large at 14 to 16c. English advices report the market to be unchanged. *Cheese*.—Prices seem to be unsettled for new but it generally sells in small parcels at 11½ to 12c in lots there has been no movement. At Ingersoll 10,447 boxes sold within the past week at 10½ to 11c. *Eggs*.—Receipts have been small and prices firm but unchanged with an improved demand at 12 to 12½c. *Pork*.—There have been a few lots of 20 barrels of mess sold at \$20.50 and smaller lots at \$21.00 to 21.24c; Cars are offered at \$20.25. Some small lots of extra prime sold at \$18.00. *Bacon*.—There was a car of Canada sold at 10½c; Cumberland has been selling slowly at 10½ to 11c; long-clear has sold to a small extent at 12c; Shoulders are scarce at 9 to 9½c, and canvassed bellies at 13½ to 14c. *Hams*.—There has been no movement in large lots but a good many are going off steadily in small parcels though at rather easier prices; Smoked range from 13 to 13½c and canvassed from 13½ to 14c; pickled are offered at 11½c. *Lard*.—Has been quiet and unchanged; lots could still be had at 14½ for No 1 and 13½ for No 2, but small parcels sell half-a-cent higher. *Hogs*.—Are scarce and firmer at \$8.00 to 8.50. *Dried Apples*.—Remain quiet and unchanged at 8½ to 8¾c.

SALT.—There is very little movement at present; prices of Goderich are firmer at \$1.05 for cars and \$1.10 to 1.15 for small lots. Liverpool is almost nominal.

WOOL.—The market has been active at firm prices all week. There were sales of a lot of 3,000 lbs. of fleece at 33c on Friday; of lots of from 3,000 to 4,000 lbs. at 34c on Saturday and Monday. On Tuesday a lot of 5,000 lbs. sold at 34c, but a lot of 2000 lbs brought 24½c. Yesterday the feeling was easier, the only sale reported was that of a lot of 3,000 lbs. at 34c. Street prices 34 to 35c.