

ness done last month than during April last year; some importers state that the trade this spring reminds them of their experience five or six years ago, prior to the general trade depression. Travellers are said to be doing well in the country districts, notwithstanding the backward, chilly weather, and remittances were never known to be better, scarcely any renewals being asked. As is usual at the opening of navigation, country buyers are commencing to visit the market, which, with two additional houses opening, will doubtless be increasingly attractive, and a busy time is expected next week. All classes of huckle goods are in active demand, these being fashionable for this season. Silk goods, also *Satin de Lyons* for dolmans and jackets, and black Spanish laces, which are rather scarce, will be largely worn. In hats, the Porcupine are all the rage in both England and America. There are many novelties shown in regular straw goods; fancy Italian plait is perhaps the most noteworthy.

Oils.—A fair jobbing trade has been done in oils, especially *Cod*, of which several jobbing lots have changed hands within the week at 58c to 59c Imp. gal. *Strait* oil is reported in moderate request, at quotations favoring buyers; range of prices, from 55c to 57c as to size of lot. In *Lined* there is little or nothing doing; stocks scarce and in few hands, and the English market being quoted slightly higher this market rules firm at last week's prices. *Turpentine* exceedingly scarce, and commands outside figures on the spot, but is quoted lower for lots to arrive by canal. No quotable transactions reported; prices quoted at 70c to 72c, as to quantity.

Provisions.—The Western provision markets were somewhat depressed yesterday, and prices accordingly lower. *Pork* in Chicago having declined 12c to 17c per brl. on the previous day's quotations. *Lard* also declined 10c to 15c per 100 lbs., closing at \$11.25 June, \$11.30 July. It is expected that four additional packing houses will open in Chicago in a few days, and thus increase the supply of hog products. The local provision market has remained quiet and steady all week, dealers being kept tolerably busy supplying the country demand, at last week's prices. *Mess Pork* still selling in small lots at \$20.50 to \$21 for Western; a few small lots of Canada are held at \$21.50. *Lard* in fairly good request, but supply rather light at the moment; plenty to arrive, however. *Fairbanks'* selling in piles at 15c to 15½c, the latter being an extreme outside figure; tierces worth 14½c. *Hams* in light demand, inadequate to the supply; plain sugar-cured selling at 13c to 13½c, as to lot, and Davis' canvassed worth 14c to 14½c. Green bacon quoted at 9½c to 9½c, and cured do, at 11c to 12c. The egg market has continued quiet and easy at 14c to 14½c, with supply fully equal to the demand.

Wool.—The market rules firm but quiet, for foreign wools. The leading Canadian mills are reported to be well supplied, and no important move is therefore expected before midsummer. Prices are considerably lower than usual at this time of year, and any marked stir in manufactured goods would almost certainly be followed by an advance in values for the raw material. Sales for the week include a few round lots of *Greasy Cape* at 18c to 19c, and *Australian* at 22 to 28c, as to quality. The leading American markets are reported dull, but a marked change is, ere long, thought inevitable, as stocks in the hands of manufacturers are quite small. An authentic Boston report for the week ending 30th April says: "the sales show some falling off, but, on the whole, a fair average business has been done. Manufacturers still purchase cautiously, only for immediate wants, and there is no indication of any improvement. There has been scarcely a week for a year when manufacturers have purchased with any confidence, and it is evident that there is an abundant supply in the country. It is doubtful if they will buy freely until the prices for the new clip have

been fixed. About 1,000,000 lbs. Australian have just been received from Melbourne, a large portion of which goes to manufacturers; this wool costs 40c to 45c to import, and, if placed upon the market now, would not bring over 35c to 40c. The London sales commence on the 10th May, and although the prices are uncertain our market will have to remain at a point sufficiently low to discourage any further importations, as there is enough wool in the country, if we except carpet descriptions, to supply all our wants."

AMERICAN MARKETS.

(By Telegraph.)

Chicago, May 5, 2 p.m.—Wheat, June, 104½c; July, 104½c. Corn, 1.02 p.m., June, 42½c to 43c; July, 43c. Oats, June, 37½c; July, 36½c. Pork, 12.40 p.m., June, \$17.30; July, \$17.35. Lard, June, \$11.17½; July, \$11.20 to \$11.22.

Boston Markets, May 5.—Flour, steady but moderate, with prices unchanged. Hay, steady demand, choice, \$22; Common to good, \$16 to \$20 per ton. Pork, no change: Prime, \$13.50 to \$14; Mess, \$16.75 to \$17.25 for old, and \$18 to \$18.50 for new. Butter, Choice Western Creameries, 23c to 25c; fair and good, 18c to 20c per lb. Northern Creameries, 22c to 24c, fair to good, 19c to 22c. Cheese, firm at 14c to 15c for choice, 12c to 13c for fair and good, common, 7c to 11c. Eggs, plentiful, with tendency to decline. Hay, no change in prices since last week.

ENGLISH MARKETS.—By Cable.

Berbohm, May 5, 1881.—Floating cargoes Wheat quiet and steady. Maize dull. Cargoes on passage for Wheat and Maize, very little demand. Good cargoes of Red Winter Wheat off coast was 46s 3d to 46s 6d, now 46s. Do Mixed American Maize, l.q. was 25s 9d., now 25s 6d. London fair average Mixed American Maize for prompt shipment was 25s, now 24s 6d to 25s. London fair average California Wheat just shipped, was 45s 6d, now 45s; do, nearly due, unchanged, was 46s, now 46s. Liverpool Spot Wheat, quiet and steady; Maize dull, half penny cheaper.

Liverpool, 11.30 a.m., May 5, 1881.—Flour, 9s to 11s; Spring, 8s 6d to 9s; Red Winter, 9s to 9s 7d; White, 8s 10d to 9s 6d; Club, 9s 5s to 9s 10d; Corn, Old, 5s 6d; New, 5s 2d. Pork, 71s 6d; Lard, 57s 9d; Bacon, 44s to 45s.

London, 11.30 a.m., May 5, 1881.—Consols, 101 11-6; Money, 101 15-16; Acc. bonds, new 4½s at 17½; new 6s at 4; Er., 49½; Ill. C., 143½.

MARITIME MARKETS.

(By Telegraph.)

HALFAX, 5th May, 1881.

Business in all lines is fairly active, especially breadstuffs, flour and cornmeal; ready demand and receipts scarcely equal to requirements. Chapman & Co. quote Superior Extra \$5.80 to \$5.85; Extra, \$2.70 to \$2.75; Strong Bakers, \$6.10; Cornmeal, \$3.35; Oatmeal, \$5.18 to \$5.20. Butter quoted at 18c to 20c for good, and 10c to 15c common to fair. Oats quiet at 47c per 34 lbs., all three months.

St. John, N.B., May 5, 1881.

The breadstuffs market is fairly active, and quotations for Flour remain about same as last week, they are: Extra, \$5.70 to \$5.80; Superior, \$5.80 to \$6.15; Choice Patent, \$7 to \$7.15. Cornmeal has declined somewhat; the advance of 10c last week being partly lost it is now 32c. Oatmeal remains at \$5 to \$5.25. Apples becoming scarcer, and range from \$2.50 to \$3.25. Herring, 16c to 18c per box, with little trade, as fresh fish are chiefly sought after. Advance on tea in England has no sympathy here, as prices remain without alteration. Pork is at \$19.50 to \$20, though large lot was offered to-day at \$19.40. Molasses is without change: Barbadoes 47c to 48c; Cienfuegos, 45c to 46c. Salt remains steady, owing to large arrivals.

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

(By Telegraph from our Special Correspondent.)

TORONTO, May 5, 1881.

There are evidences of a slight improvement in trade this week, and, with warm weather, an active trade is anticipated during the present month. Navigation is now thoroughly opened on the upper lakes, and all descriptions of merchandise are moving more freely. With one or two exceptions, nearly all lines of business have ruled quiet the past week, the most notable exception being the wholesale hardware trade. Orders for goods in this line have been unusually large the past few weeks, but, as might have been expected, there are no advances in prices. Competition is too keen in this trade, and profits are consequently very small. The dry goods business is quiet, but the feeling is much improved within a few days, on receipts of more numerous orders from travellers. Stocks in the country had been broken into to a small extent by the middle of April, but, from this time out, a more active trade is anticipated. Summer fabrics are in better request, and prices are steady. Woollens are quiet, and values unchanged. A number of houses are preparing their samples of tweeds for the fall trade. Notes are being met in a satisfactory manner. Groceries remain very quiet. Drugs are fairly active, with a decline in some of the leading articles. Produce is quiet. There has been a good demand for money, and rates remain firm. Call loans on the best collateral are 4½ to 5 per cent.; and time loans at short dates 5 to 5½. Prime commercial paper is discounted at 6 per cent. and the ordinary at 7. Sterling exchange has been active at an advance; 60-day bills are now quoted at 109½ to 109½ between banks and 109½ over the counter, and demand bills at 110 to 110½. Gold drafts on New York at ½ premium. There has been an active stock market this week, and prices of banks have appreciated in sympathy with Bank of Montreal. The sales during the past few days consisted of Montreal at 199, 201 and 205, Merchants at 124, Commerce at 145, 145½, 146½ and 147, Dominion at 162½, 162½, 163 and 163½, Imperial at 124, 125 and 126, Ontario at 102½, Toronto at 152, and Standard at 111, 112 and 114. Stock market active and higher to-day: Montreal sold at 207½, ex-dividend at 203; Commerce at 148½, Federal at 149, Imperial at 126½, Canada Permanent at 208, Western Assurance at 220 and 220½. Loan and miscellaneous shares have been quiet but steady, with sales of Canada Permanent at 206½, Canada Landed Credit Company at 139, Building and Loan at 103½, and 103½, Peoples at 114½, Dominion Savings at 123½, Real Estate Loan at 105, Consumers Gas at 139½ and 138, and Dominion Telegraph at 92.

Following are the closing bids to-day as compared with those of last Thursday:

Banks.	Bid April 28.	Bid May 5.	Loan Cos.	Bid April 28.	Bid May 5.
Montreal.	197½	206½	Can. Permanent	206½	206½
Toronto.	145	152½	Freehold.	164	161
Ontario.	102½	102½	Western Can.	170½	171
Merchants.	122½	125½	Bldg. & Loan.	108	102½
Commerce.	144½	148½	Imp. Savings.	119	119
Dominion.	162½	163	Farmers' Loan.	132	128
Hamilton.	119	120	Land. & Can'dn	150	150
Standard.	108	114	Thuron & Erie.	268	268
Federal.	146½	148	Dom. Savings.	138	138
Imperial.	124	126½	Ontario Loan.	133	134
Molson's.	112½	112½	Hamilton Prov.	184	184

BOOTS AND SHOES.—This trade is only moderately active, and prices firm. Factories are