FINANCE AND COMMERCE

WEDNESDAY, May 11.

At Montreal to-day sterling exchange stood at 109½ to 109¾ for round amounts between banks, and 109¾ over the counter. Gold drafts on New York stood at ⅛ to ¼ premium.

At New York to-day sterling exchange was unchanged at $4.87½ for demand notes, and $4.85½ for sixty-day bills.

London, 5 p.m.—Consols, 102 3-16 for money; 102 5-16 for account. Bonds—New 4½'s, 17½; new 5's at 104½; Erie, 51½; Illinois Central, 142½.

STOCKS.

The market was active, with prices generally steady to-day. Montreal sold once at 212½, closing with sellers ¾ and bids ½ higher. Bids for Toronto declined 1. Bids for Merchants' fell ½, or to 125, with no sellers. Commerce was active; six lots sold at 152½, closing with sellers 1 and bids 1½ up. Dominion sold thrice at 172½, and once at 172¾, closing with sellers 4½ and bids 3½ higher. Bids for Hamilton rose ½, with no sellers. Federal sold at 153½ and 153, closing with sellers down 1½ and bids down 1. Imperial was offered ½ with bids ½ lower. Molsons declined 1½.

Miscellaneous stocks were firm. British America was held 1 higher. Western sold at 221½, closing with sellers 1, and bids ¾ higher. Consumers' Gas sold at 140 and 140½, closing with an advance of ½. Dominion Telegraph was offered ½ lower. Montreal Telegraph was held 5, with bids 4½ higher. Toronto, Grey, and Bruce bonds offered as before, without bids.

Loan and Savings were steady. Canada Permanent sold at 208. Bids for Freehold rose ½, and those for Western fell ½. Union was held ½ higher, with no bids. Landed Credit was wanted at 138. Bids for Building and Loan rose ½. Imperial sold at 117½, closing with sellers 2½, and bids ½ lower. Bids for Farmers' rose ½, with no sellers. London and Canadian offered as before at 151, with 150 bid. Bids for Peoples' rose 1½. Manitoba was offered 1 lower. Union and Erie sold at 163, and closed with sellers ½ lower. Bids for Canadian Savings' fell ½, with no sellers. Bids for London Loan rose 1, or to 113, with sellers at 114. Hamilton Provident was offered ½ lower. Bids for Real Estate fell 1, with no sellers. Brant Loan not offered.

Debentures not quoted.

The following is the official report of the Toronto Stock Exchange for Wednesday, May 11:—

Stocks.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Trans.
Montreal	212½	212¼	10 at 212½
Do. xd	208½	207	.....
Toronto	.....	153	.....
Ontario	103½	103¼	.....
Merchants'	.....	125	.....
Commerce	153	152½	.....
Dominion	174	173½	†
Hamilton	.....	131½	.....
Do. 50 per cent.	.....	109	.....
Standard	114	.....	.....
Federal	153½	152½	.....
Imperial	127	126½	.....
Molsons	114½	112½	.....
Consolidated	20	18	.....
Insurance, etc.			
British America	153	150	.....
Western Assurance	224	221½	‡
Canada Life	.....	350	.....
Confed. Life Association	.....	220	.....
Consumers' Gas	140½	140	‡
Dominion Telegraph	95	93½	.....
Montreal Telegraph	128½	126½	.....
Globe Printing Co.	100	.....	.....
Railways.			
Toronto, Grey, and Bruce	68	.....	.....
Toronto and Nipissing	.....	.....	.....
Loan and Savings Cos.			
Canada Permanent	.....	207½	2 at 208
Freehold	.....	165	10 at 165½
Western Canada	.....	171	.....
Union	153½	.....	.....
Canada Landed Credit	.....	138	.....
Building and Loan	.....	102½	.....
Imperial Savings	117½	116	20 at 117½
Farmers' L. and Savings	.....	xd128	.....
Lon. & Can. L. & A.	151	150	.....
National Investment	116	112	.....
People's Loan	.....	113½	.....
Manitoba Loan	125	.....	.....
Huron and Erie	163½	163	20 at 163
Dominion Savings & Loan	123	.....	.....
Ontario Loan and Deb.	133	.....	.....
Canadian Sav. and Loan	.....	128	.....
London Loan	114	113	.....
Hamilton Provident	135	.....	.....
Real Estate	.....	102	.....
Brant Loan	.....	109	.....
London and Ont. Invest.	.....	116	.....
Home Building	.....	130	.....
Debentures, etc.			
Dom. Gov. Stock, 5 p.c.	.....	.....	.....
County (Ont.) Stock, 6 p.c.	.....	.....	.....
Tn'p (Ont.) Stock, 5 p.c.	.....	.....	.....
City Toronto Stock, 6 p.c.	.....	.....	.....

Transactions—Commerce, 100 at 152¾, 25 at 152¾, 50 at 152½, 25 at 152¾, 100 at 152¾, 100 at 152¾. Dominion, 40 at 172¾, 20 at 172½, 18 at 172½, 20 at 172¾. †Federal, 100 at 153½, 3 at 153. ‡Western Assurance, 50 at 221½, 40 at 221¼. ‖Consumers' Gas, 50 at 140, 50 at 140½.

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TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS—WEEKLY REVIEW.

THURSDAY, May 12.

PRODUCE.

This market has been decidedly dull and inactive all week. There has been very little of either flour or grain offered, but that little seems to have been sufficient for the wants of buyers. These were apparently only for the supply of immediate local wants, except in the case of peas, which were wanted for shipment. The consequence has been that sales have been few and far between; and the downward tendency in outside markets has caused these few to be made at weak prices. A slight fall of rain has been highly beneficial to the growing crops, but a good deal more would be a further advantage. Stocks stood on Monday as follows:—Flour, 6,948 bbls.; fall wheat, 106,565 bush.; spring wheat, 117,376 bush.; oats, 6,282 bush.; barley, 110,163 bush.; peas, 28,940 bush., and rye, 6,686 bush.; against on the same date last year:—Flour, 9,540 bbls.; fall wheat, 209,983 bush.; spring wheat, 118,807 bush.; oats, 22,800 bush.; barley, 26,501 bush.; peas, 24,190 bush., and rye, nil bush. English quotations show a fall of 1d. on club wheat and on corn; Markets have been quiet this week with the tendency of prices generally downwards. During last week markets were decidedly dull at declining prices. This seems to have been due principally to large arrivals of foreign wheat; about 60 cargoes arrived and all sold were sold at a decline. In London business is said to have been nominal, buyers holding off for further reductions. Flour also was in good supply and drooping. The supply last week was on the increase and largely in excess of the consumption. The imports amounted to 305,000 to 310,000 quarters of wheat, and 140,000 to 145,000 bbls. of flour, and home deliveries to 146,818 quarters, making a total supply equal to 530,568 to 538,410 quarters of wheat, against an average weekly consumption of 454,000 quarters. The quantity of wheat and flour in transit on the 5th inst. was 2,200 quarters, against 2,471,000 quarters on the 28th ult., and 1,210,000 on the corresponding date last year. Continental advices for the week ending on the 23rd ult. state that in France the Easter holidays rendered the wheat trade quiet, and caused the country markets to be very poorly supplied. Farmers were said to have become rather short of wheat, and seemed disposed to hold what remained, at least until the harvest could be better judged. Thus wheat ruled firm, whilst rye was generally dearer, being scarce. Reports from 73 markets showed 17 advanced; 14 firm; 29 unchanged; 5 calm, and 8 declined. Imports remained small, though on the increase; the total arrivals in the six principal ports being 103,000 qrs., against 51,000 qrs. in the previous week. The closing quotations, free on railway waggon at Havre, were as follows:—Australian, 53s. per 480 lb.; Red Winter, 50s. to 50s. 6d.; Michigan, 50s. to 50s. 6d.; Californian, 50s. to 51s. In the ports transactions were restricted, owing to the enhanced pretensions of holders; sellers were firm, but buyers reserved. At Marseilles, however, there was more activity. Flour was advancing at Paris with small stocks both there and elsewhere. Belgian markets showed more firmness on both wheat and rye, with a slight advance at Antwerp. German markets also were tending upwards. At Berlin wheat was in limited supply, and in better demand on the spot. For forward delivery there were fluctuations. Owing to the renewed advance in rye, the demand for wheat was expected to remain large; there was some anxiety to cover contracts, and prices advanced considerably for future delivery. Rye was very animated, owing to the advices from Russia and the ungenial weather. The offers from Russia were very restricted, and only a few forward transactions occurred from Libau and Konigsberg. Millers were buying as little as possible on the spot. At Hamburg a fair demand for wheat prevailed, and with small supplies prices were tending in favour of sellers; American red winter was bringing 48s. 6d. to 49s. 6d. delivered; and rye 44s. to 44s. 6d. Russian advices report rather unfavourably on the crops in the inland provinces, where the acreage sown is said to be 25 per cent. less than last year, owing to the scarcity of seed, and of cattle for ploughing. From Odessa, on the other hand, the crop reports are favourable, but business generally in the south of Russia remained restricted by the lowness of the stocks and the absence of any fresh supplies of importance. Australian advices state that the quantity of wheat available for export in South Australia was estimated at the beginning of March as being 137,000 tons, or about 600,000 quarters, of which 55,000 had been exported; business was inactive. In Victoria the harvest is said to have been very productive. States markets, particularly New York, were fairly active at firm prices in the latter part of last week, which was due to a small movement from the West; favourable advices from Continental Europe, and an unusually low rate of ocean freights, along with a desire on the part of shorts to "cover." Since then, however, there has been a reaction in prices, and markets seem easier, probably in sympathy with England. The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports, and on rail from Western lake and river ports, and frozen in on New York canals:—

	1881.	1881.	1880.	1879.
	Apl. 30, bush.	Apl. 23, bush.	May 1, bush.	May 3, bush.
Wheat	18,596,123	19,820,832	22,183,227	15,965,290
Corn	13,031,769	12,829,188	12,155,416	11,841,496
Oats	3,162,200	3,217,537	2,144,094	2,033,612
Barley	1,276,178	1,440,075	1,136,622	1,365,212
Rye	339,587	298,283	448,626	952,300
Total	36,338,857	37,606,920	38,068,984	32,160,910

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

	May 5, 1 p.m.	May 6, 1 p.m.	May 7, 1 p.m.	May 9, 1 p.m.	May 10, 1 p.m.	May 11, 1 p.m.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Flour	11 0	11 0	11 0	11 0	11 0	11 0
S. Wheat	9 0	9 0	9 0	9 0	9 0	9 0
R. Wheat	9 7	9 6	9 6	9 6	9 7	9 6
White	9 6	9 6	9 6	9 6	9 6	9 6
Club	10 0	9 10	10 0	9 10	9 9	9 9
Corn	5 2	5 1½	5 1½	5 1½	5 1	5 1
Barley	5 3	5 3	5 3	5 3	5 3	5 3
Oats	6 2	6 2	6 2	6 2	6 2	6 2
Peas	6 10	6 10	6 10	6 10	6 10	6 10
Pork	71 6	72 0	72 0	72 0	72 0	72 0
Bacon	45 0	45 0	45 0	45 0	44 6	44 6
Beef	77 0	78 0	79 0	80 0	82 6	82 6
Lard	57 9	56 6	56 6	56 6	56 6	56 6
Tallow	34 6	34 6	34 6	34 6	34 6	34 3
Cheese	70 0	70 0	70 0	71 0	69 6	69 6

FLOUR—The market has remained quiet, with offerings small and prices steady. Superior extra sold on Monday at equal to $4.90 here, and extra brought $4.90 last week and on Tuesday. Spring extra has been offered at $4.90 and not taken. The market yesterday was quiet and rather easier; superior extra was held at former prices, but buyers were not inclined to repeat them; extra seemed rather unsettled at $4.85 to $4.90.

BRAN—Seems easier; a sale is reported at $13.50 on Saturday, but since then $14 has been bid.

OATMEAL—Quiet but firm; car-lots range in value from $4.35 to $4.50, but no sales reported. Small lots steady at $4.50 to $4.75.

WHEAT—Fall wheat movement has been very small, and prices within the last three days have been weak. No. 2 fall sold once last week at $1.14, and uninspected, equal to choice No. 2, at $1.11 f.o.c. Spring has sold by single cars, to a very small extent only, at $1.20 for No. 1 and $1.17 for No. 2. The market yesterday seemed weak and rather unsettled; No. 2 fall would not have brought over $1.12 to $1.13; No. 2 spring was sold early in the day at $1.18, but it was offered on Change at $1.16, and No. 3 at $1.09 without bids. Western cars have been very small; fall has been worth $1.08 to $1.10, and choice $1.10 to $1.12.

OATS—Have been rather easy on the whole, have sold fairly well. Cars to arrive sold last week at 38c., and cars on the track at 39½ and 40c., which prices were paid on Monday and Tuesday. Yesterday there was one sale made at 40c. Street prices 40 to 43c.

BARLEY—There has been scarcely any business done; holders have almost ceased to offer in despair of a bid. There were, however, some cars sold on Tuesday and yesterday on strictly c.i.f., but admittedly at a further fall in price. The season is practically closed, and sales can certainly be made only at sacrifices; but our quotations must be regarded as nominal. Street receipts small; prices from 70 to 73c.

PEAS—Have been in active demand. There were sales on Friday of a cargo of uninspected for May at a lake port, and of a mixed lot No. 1 and ordinary and choice N. 2 on the spot at 75c. f.o.c., and on Monday of a lot of No. 2 also at 75c. f.o.c. The feeling yesterday was easier, with sellers at previous prices, and buyers a cent less. Street receipts very small; values from 65 to 70c.

RYE—Nothing doing, and prices nominal at about 95 to 96c.

SEEDS—There is nothing of any consequence doing; small lots can be had as before.

HAY—Pressed has remained inactive, with no movement reported in car lots. Receipts on the market have been very small, but apparently sufficient. Prices have ranged from $8 to $12, with the great bulk at $10 to $11.

STRAW—Offerings small and prices unsettled, but the supply apparently equal to the demand. From $7 to $8 for sheaf has been the general run.

POTATOES—Car lots have been very dull and very much offered, and sold at a heavy decline; a sale was made on Monday at 55c., and they seem no better yesterday. Street receipts small, but prices declined to 65 to 70c.

APPLES—Have been in demand and in good demand; good qualities when really sound have been worth $4.75 to $2.00, but no others are wanted at any price.

MUTTON—Has continued to be scarce and wanted at from $8.50 to $9.50 per cental, the latter for yearling lamb.

POULTRY—Scarcely any offered; the only sort in have been a few fowl, which have sold readily at 60 to 65c. per pair.

FLOUR, f.o.c.	
Superior extra, per 196 lbs.	$4 85 to $5 00
Extras	4 85 4 90
Fancy and strong bakers	5 10 5 20
Spring wheat, extra	4 80 4 90
Superfine	none.
Oatmeal, per 196 lbs.	4 35 4 50
Cornmeal, small lots	3 00 3 25
BAG FLOUR, by car-lots, f.o.c.	
Extra, per bag	2 35 2 40
Spring wheat, extra, per bag	2 35 2 40
GRAIN, f. o. b.	
Fall wheat, No. 1, per 60 lbs.	1 15 0 00
" No. 2, "	1 12 1 13
" No. 3, "	1 09 1 10
Red winter	none.
Spring wheat, No. 1	1 19 1 20
" No. 2	1 16 1 18
" No. 3	1 09 1 10
Oats (Canadian), per 34 lbs.	0 40 0 00
Barley, No. 1, per 48 lbs.	0 85 0 88
" Choice No. 2, per 48 lbs.	0 80 0 83
" No. 2, per 48 lbs.	0 75 0 78
" Extra No. 3	0 70 0 75
" No. 3	0 65 0 67
Peas, No. 1, per 60 lbs.	0 75 0 76
" No. 2, "	0 74 0 75
Rye	0 95 0 96
PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGGONS.	
Wheat, fall, new, per bush.	$1 07 to $1 10
Wheat, spring, do.	1 12 1 16
Barley, do.	0 70 0 80
Oats, do.	0 42 0 43
Peas, do.	0 65 0 75
Rye, do.	none.
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs.	8 00 8 50
Beef, hindquarters, per 100 lbs.	6 00 7 00
Mutton, by carcase, per 100 lbs.	8 50 9 50
Chickens, per pair	0 60 0 65
Ducks, per pair	none.
Geese, each	none.
Turkeys, each	none.
Butter, pound rolls	0 20 0 24
Do. large rolls	0 15 0 17
Do. tub dairy	0 15 0 16
Eggs, fresh, per doz.	0 11 0 12
Potatoes, per bag	0 65 0 70
Apples, per bbl.	1 50 2 00
Onions, per bag	2 00 2 00
Cabbage, per doz.	0 50 1 00
Celery, per doz.	0 30 0 50
Turnips, per bag	0 25 0 30
Carrots, per bag	0 40 0 45
Beets, per bag	0 50 0 55
Parsnips, per bag	0 25 0 30
Hay, per ton	8 00 12 00
Straw, per ton	6 50 8 00
Wool, per lb.	0 26 0 27

FREIGHTS.

There has been no change in local rates this week, and only small decline in steam rates.

GRAND TRUNK RATES.—Rates on flour from Toronto to the undermentioned points stand this week as follows:—Flour to Kingston, 20c. per bbl.; Gananoque to Prescott, 23c.; Edwardsburg to Cornwall, 25c.; Summertown to Montreal, 25c.; St. Lambert to St. John, 32c.; Durham to Lennoxville, 45c.; Waterville to Coaticook, 45c.; Danville to Chaudiere, 45c.; Doucett's Landing, 36c.; Point Levis, 42c.; Ottawa, 35c.; Island Pond to Falmouth, 50c.; St. Henri to L'Islet, inclusive, 50c; St. Jean Port Joli to Riviere du Loup, inclusive, 60c.; Cacouna to Moncton, inclusive, 55c.; Point du Chene (for Gulf Ports and Prince Edward Island, traffic only), 55c.; Humphries to Amherst and Point du Chene, Round Hill Creek to Coldbrook, inclusive (except Salisbury Junction), 68c.; Nappan to Richmond and Fisher's Grant to Windsor Junction (except Windsor Junction and Annapolis railway traffic only), 55c.; St. John, N.B., 55c.; McAdam Junction and Fredericton Junction, 60c.; Carlton, N.B., 55c.; St. Stephen, N.B., St. Andrews, N.B., 60c. each.

THROUGH RATES TO ENGLAND.—Rates to Liverpool, *via* the Dominion and Beaver lines, from Portland, are as follows:—Flour, ; oatmeal, —per barrel; beef in barrels, 45½c. per 100 lbs.; pork in barrels, 47c.; boxed meats, 41½c.; tallow, 49½c.; lard, 44½c. per 100 lbs.; butter and cheese, 60½c. per 100 lbs.; in lots not under 15,000 lbs.; do. in lots from 5,000 to 15,000 lbs., 67½c. per cental; oil cake, 35½c. per 100 lbs.; flour in sacks, 33½c.; meal in sacks, 32½c. per 100 lbs.

PROVISIONS.

TRADE—Has been fairly good since our last.

BUTTER—Inactive and dull, as the only demand heard is for the supply of the local market, and offerings consist chiefly of box-lots of rolls. There have indeed been a few tubs of new butter, chiefly packed from rolls, but some of it is dairy, offered and sold at from 15 to 17c., the latter for really good, but this is only a small item. Boxed rolls have been coming in with a rush, and selling usually at 13 to 15c., though some choice may occasionally bring 16c. Old tubs have been simply unsaleable. Street receipts rather small; pound rolls have usually sold at 20 to 22c., but choice worth 23 to 25c.; tubs and crocks very scarce but weak at 14 to 16c.

CHEESE—Scarce and steady, but unchanged at 14 to 14½c. for small lots, which have been selling fairly well.

EGGS—Receipts have been coming in much on a par with the wants of the market, and have usually sold about 11c. Street receipts fair and prices easier at 11 to 12c.

PORK—Small lots fairly active and easier at from $20 to $20.50; but no movement in or enquiry for car-lots.

BACON—There has been nothing doing in round lots, but holders of them have continued firm and refused to make any concessions; buyers of long-clear in car-lots could probably have been found at 10½ to 10¾c. Tons and cases have sold readily at former prices or 10½ to 10¾c. Cumberland seems rather firmer, loose and under bringing 9½ to 10c. Rolls and bellies have usually brought 12c. for small lots.

HAMS—Have been quiet; no movement reported in round lots, but holders are firm, and usually ask 11½c. for smoked. Small lots have been going at 12c. for smoked, and 12½ to 13½c. for canvassed. Pickled, unchanged at 10½ to 10¾c.

LARD—The low prices of butter have kept prices down, but no decline has occurred. Round lots inactive, but one lot of 50-lb. pails sold at 13½c. Small lots unchanged at 14 to 14½c. Tierces quiet at 13 to 13½c., according to quantity and quality.

HOGS—Have been offered very sparingly; all wanted and readily taken at $8 to $8.50.

SALT—Seems rather quiet at former prices; Goderich rules at 85 to 90c. for cars, and $1 for small lots; hand-salt for $2.50, and clean salt for $3.25 per ton at the works. Liverpool has been quiet and unchanged; cars are held at 75c.; small lots usually bring 85 to 87½c.; dairy has ranged from $1.25 to $1.40, according to quantity and quality of the bags.

DRIED APPLES—Seem rather easier; country lots quiet, but buyers could be found at 3½ to 3¾c. Barrelled on the spot have usually sold about 3¾c. with the demand rather slack.

HOPS—There has been little or nothing doing; prices remain nominally unchanged.

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GROCERIES.

TRADE—Has improved somewhat during the week.

TEA—The demand has been more active and prices of inferior Young Hyson on the spot have sold at 40 to 42c. for fairly good seconds; at 35½c. and 36½c. for good thirds, and at 52c. for a first. Gunpowder has been quiet, one line selling at 35c. Japans quiet, but sales of low grades at 27 and 31c. Blacks active; nine lines of good Congou changed hands at about 45c., and one line of fine at 50c. The demand for lines on English account has been quiet on greens, but blacks have sold at 11d. to 1s. 1d. for medium, and 1s. 5d. to 1s. 8d. for fine Congous. Quotations are as follows:—Young Hyson, common to fair, 25 to 35c.; medium to good, 38 to 45c.; fine to choice, 48 to 60c.; extra, firsts, 65 to 70c.; Twankays, 25 to 30c. Gunpowder, common to medium to good, 30 to 45c.; fine to extra choice, 50 to 80c. Blacks—Congous, 25 to 70c.; Souchong, 40 to 55c.; Scented Pekoes, 35 to 55c.

COFFEE—Seems rather easy, but has sold fairly well; job lots of Maracaibo have sold at 19d.; of Singapore Java at 21d., and of Rio on p. t. Quotations are as follows, outside figures being for retailers lots:—Government Javas, 27 to 31c.; Singapore, 20 to 22c.; Rio, 15 to 18c.; Mocha, 30 to 35c.

SUGAR—The upward movement has continued in force, and a good deal has changed hands at a further advance. Raws have sold in car-lots at 7¼c. for dark, and 7½c. medium bright. Porto Rico, Scotch refined has sold in car-lots at 7½c. for dark and 7¾c. for medium bright. Canadian yellows seem to have been less active than other grades, but have advanced, dark selling in job-lots at 7¾c. Granulated has advanced; sales were made this week at 9¾c. for job-lots. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers' lots, and all sugars now being sold at sixty days:—Porto Rico, per lb., 7¼ to 7¾c.; Barbadoes, 0 to 0.; Scotch, low grade, 7¼ to 7½c.; medium, 7¾ to 8¼c.; bright to choice 8¾ to 9¼c.; Canada refined, 7¾ to 9¼c.; Paris lump, 10¼ to 10½c.; granulated standard, 9¾ to 10c.

SYRUPS—Job-lots inactive and nominal, but small lots selling as before. Quotations stand as follows, per Imperial gallon:—Common, none; medium, 50 to 55c.; and choice, 57 to 67c.; sugar-house molasses, none; and West India, in hhds., 37 to 40c.; in bbls., 40 to 42c.

FRUIT—Has been rather more active at steady prices. A lot of 700 boxes of London layers sold for Chicago on p.t. Old layers have sold in lots of 1,000 boxes at $1.15; and old Muscatelles in lots of 200 and 300 boxes at $1.25. Valencias have sold in lots of 100 and under at 8½c. Sultanas have advanced; one lot sold at 10½c., but there is no more to be had under 11 to 12½c. Currants to arrive have sold in lots of 100 bbls. at 6½c.; stocks low, and holders firm. Prunes offered in lots at 5½c., but not taken. Figs in mats wanted, but none offered. Quotations are as follows, the outside prices for retailers' lots:—Raisins, layers, $2.30 to $2.50; London, do., new, $2.75 to $3; loose Muscatelle, $2.50 to $2.65; Valencias, 8¾ to 9½c.; seedless, 10 to 12½c.; in kegs, Sultanas, 11 to 11½c.; currants, 1879, ordinary to fine, in barrels, 6¾ to 7c.; filberts, 8¾ to 9c.; walnuts, 9 to 9½c.; almonds, Ivica, 14 to 15c.; Tarragona, 16 to 17c.; prunes, 5½ to 6c.; Brazil nuts, 7 to 8c.; lemon peel, 18 to 20c.; orange do., 19 to 20c.; citron do., 35 to 38c; Malaga figs, in bags, 6c.

RICE—Inferior can still be had at $4 for job-lots; but good qualities have sold in lots of 50 and 100 bags at $4. Small lots $4.25.

FISH—Unchanged; there is scarcely anything except cod held, and it has been selling as before; quotations for other sorts may be regarded as nominal. Quotations stand as follows, the outside prices being for retailers' lots:—Herrings, Labrador, No. 1 bbls., $6.25 to $6.50; No. 2 do., $5.25 to $5.50; splits, bbls., $5.75 to $6; half-bbls., round, $2.75 to $3; bbls., $4.50 to $4.75; salmon, salt water, none; codfish, per 112 lbs., $4.50 to $4.75; boneless, per lb., 4½ to 4¾c.; trout, none; whitefish, none; mackerel, bbls., $6.25; half-bbls., $3.25 to $3.50; sardines, ¼s, 11c.; do. ½s, 19 to 19½c.

TOBACCO—Messrs. Macdonald's prices have been reduced a cent this week, which has rendered the market easy. Job-lots have sold at 32c. for Navy 3's in bond; at 42c. for Blackbird; at 56c. and 58c. for Rough-and-Ready, and at 42c. for Solace gold-leaf. Quotations are as follows: Prince of Wales blacks, in boxes, 33 to 35c.; 6's and 8's, in catties, 36 to 37c.; brights, navy, 3's, 45 to 50c; solaces, 35 to 45c.; V. T. C. blacks, 12's, 37 to 38c.; 3's and 4's and 8's, 38 to 40c; navy 3's and myrtle, 52½ to 55c. Extra-brights, 58 to 70c.

LIQUORS—Rather more active with considerable sales of wines and brandies at firm but unchanged prices. Quotations are as follows:—Pure Jamaica rum, 16 o.p., $2.75 to $3; Demerara, $2.45 to $2.75; gin—green cases, $4.25 to $4.50; red, $8 to $8.50; wines—port, $1.50; fine, $2.40 to $5.40; sherry, $1.50; fine, $3.00 to $5.40; champagne, per case, $14 to $36.50; brandy, in wood, Hennessy's, Otard's, and Martell's, $4.75 to $5.50; second-class brands, $3.00 to $4.20, according to age; in case, Sazerac, $8 to $8.50; do., Otard's, $9 to $9.50; Central Society, $8 to $8.50; do., Hennessy's, $11.50 to $12.50; do., Martell's, $11.00 to $11.25; do., Jules Robins, $8.75 to $9.25; do., Vine-Growers' Co., $9 to $9.50; do., Jules Belleire, $7.50 to $8. Whiskey—The following are Messrs. Gooderham & Worts' prices, on which merchants charge an advance of 5 per cent.:—Alcohol, per Imperial gallon, $2.53; pure spirits, 65 o.p., $2.45; do., 50 o.p., $2.35; do., 25 u.p., $1.16; family proof whiskey, $1.28; old Bourbon, $1.28; old rye, toddy, or malt, $1.20; domestic whiskey, 32 u.p., $1.08; rye whiskey, 4 years old, $1.50; do., 5 years old, $1.60; do., 6 years old, $1.70; do., 7 years old, $1.80.

CATTLE.

TRADE—Has been quiet, but prices firm.

BEEVES—Receipts have been light, only fourteen car lots coming in since our last. Of these the following sales have been reported:—One lot of 15, averaging 1,050 lbs., at $42.50; one lot of 20, averaging 1,350 lbs., at $70; one lot of 19, averaging 1,250 lbs., at $64; one lot of 10, averaging 1,050 lbs., at $56; one lot of 18, averaging 1,200 lbs., at $63; and one lot of 28, averaging 1,300 lbs., at $66.

[NOTE.—The rules governing the sale of cattle for the Toronto market are as follows:—Export cattle are required to weigh not less than 1,300 lbs.; first-class butchers' cattle from 1,200 to 1,300; second-class from 1,100 to 1,200; and third-class from 950 to 1,050; but in the fall the third-class are not expected to reach so high a standard. These when sold live weight are taken at 5 per cent. off, or twelve hours' fast without food or water in a dry yard.]

SHEEP—Were still scarce, and picked up readily when offered. One lot of 26 sheep and lambs, with a total weight of 3,250 lbs., however, was held at $7.75 without finding a purchaser. Quotations ruled as follows: For export, averaging 150 lbs. live weight, $5.50 per cental would have been paid, and first-class for the home market were worth from $7.50 to $8.50 per head. Second-class would have brought from $5 to $7.

LAMBS—Very few offered, and for one choice lot $6 was refused. Prices were nominal at from $4 to $5.

CALVES—None offered, and prices are nominal at from $7.50 to $9 for choice first-class to dress at 125 lbs. to 150 lbs., and from $5.50 to $7.50 for second-class to dress at 100 lbs. to 125 lbs. No price was given for third-class.

HOGS—One small lot, medium class, changed hands at $6.50.

HIDES, SKINS, AND WOOL.

TRADE—Has remained rather quiet.

HIDES—Green are unchanged at last week's advance, with supply and demand fairly well on a par. Cured have sold at 9 and 9½c., and selected at 9½c.

CALFSKINS—Green have declined a cent, and now sell at 12 and 14c.; offerings large, but all taken. A lot of No. 1 cured sold at 15½c.

SHEEPSKINS—Abundant and firm, with a wide range of prices, but the bulk of good green selling at $1.60 to $1.75. Dry not offered.

LAMBSKINS—The few yet offered have sold usually at 25c.

WOOL—Has remained inactive, with buyers and sellers apart; a few parcels of fleece have sold on the street at about 25c., which is all that seems likely to be had for lots. Super would probably bring 28c. and extra 31c., but the only movement has been a few sales to factories.

TALLOW—Has been bringing former prices, but dealers seem to expect a slight fall.

Quotations stand as follows:—No. 1 inspected, $8.50; choice No. 1 steers, $9.00; No. 2 inspected, $7.50 to $8.00; No. 3 inspected, $6.50 to $7.00; calfskins, green, 15 and 13c.; calfskins, cured, 16½c.; calfskins, dry, none; sheepskins, $1.25 to $1.75; wool, fleece, 28c.; wool, super, 28 to 29c.; extra super, 34 to 35c.; wool, pickings, 11to 12½c.; tallow rough, 3½c.; rendered, 6 to 6½c.

BY TELEGRAPH.

MONTREAL.

May 11.—Flour—Market unchanged in quotations or tone; sales, 250 bbls. double extras, $5.35; 120 bbls. spring extra, $5.20; 120 bbls. strong bakers', $5.55; 400 bbls. Fine, $4.35; 100 bbls. do., $4.30. Fancy, $5.20 to $5.25; superfine, $4.80 to $4.90; middlings, $4 to $4.05. Corn, 56 to 56½c. Oatmeal, Ontario, $4.60 to $4.70. Cheese, 12 to 12½c. Lard, 15 to 15½c. for pails. Pork, heavy mess, $20 to $21.

HAMILTON.

May 11.—Flour—No. 1 super at $4.80 to $5; spring, $5 to $5.25; strong bakers' $5.35 to $5.50. Barley, 50 to 70c. Peas, 60 to 70c. Oats, 37 to 38c. Corn, 60 to 62c. Wheat, red, $1.18 to $1.20; white, $1.12 to $1.15. Oatmeal, $2.25 to $2.50. Rye, 75c. Buckwheat, 45 to 50c.

ST. CATHARINES.

May 11.—Flour—No. 1 superior, $5.50 to $5.75. Fall wheat, $1.10 to $1.12. Spring wheat, $1.08 to $1.20. Corn, 60 to 60c. Barley, 55 to 60c. Peas, 65c. to $1. Oats, 38 to 40c. Butter, 18 to 22c. Eggs, 11 to 12½c. Cheese, 14c. Hay, $12 to $14. Potatoes, per bag, 85c. to $1.00.

BRANTFORD.

May 11.—Wheat—Fall, white, $1.07 to $1.08; red, $1.07 to $1.08; spring, Fife, $1.10 to $1.15. Oats, 35c. Barley, 70c. Peas, 60 to 70c. Corn, 56. Clover seed, $4.50 to $4.60. Hay, $9 to $10. Straw, $8 to $3. Flour, $2.75 to $2.90. Butter, 18 to 20c. Cheese, 12 to 13c. Lard, 13c. Eggs, 12 to 14c. Tallow, 5 to 6c. Potatoes, per bag, 60 to 65c. Apples, 40 to 50c. Bran, $14.

GUELPH.

May 11.—Wheat—White, $1.07 to $1.10; Treadwell, $1.10 to $1.06; spring, $1.02 to $1.03. Oats, 42 to 44c. Peas, 60 to 75c. Barley, 70 to 85c. Rye, 65 to 87c. Flour, per 100 lbs., $2.75 to $3.05. Eggs, per doz., 12 to 13c. Butter, dairy packed, 10c.; rolls, 15c. Potatoes, per bag, 60c. Apples, per bag, 25 to 50c. Lambskins, $1.00 to $1.75. Hides, per lb., 6 to 7c. Wood, per cord, $3.50 to $4. Hay, per ton, $10 to $11.00. Straw, per load, $2.00 to $3.50. Wool, 27 to 28c. Dressed hogs, $7 to $7.33. Turkeys, 60c. to $1.

LONDON.

May 11.—There was only a few loads of grain on the market this morning, the same quotations being the rule. Wheat, white, spring, per 100 lbs., $1.82 to $1.90; Diehl, $1.80 to $1.90; Treadwell, $1.80 to $1.87; Clawson, $1.80 to $1.87; red, $1.82 to $1.90. Oats, per 100 lbs., $1.10 to $1.20. Corn, per 100 lbs., 95c. to $1.00. Peas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to $1.20. Barley, per 100 lbs., $1.13 to $1.60. Rye, per 100 lbs., 80c. to $1. Clover seed, $4 to $4.25. Timothy seed, $2.50 to $3. Eggs, retail, 9 to 10c.; from bas