

but demand poor. In boxes, \$3.50 to \$4; cases \$4.50 to \$5. *Cocoanuts* selling at \$5 per hundred; *bananas* at \$4.50 per bunch, and *Pine Apples* offering at \$3 per dozen.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—Another busy week has been passed; as before stated, there are no heavy speculative transactions taking place, and the trade is therefore all the more healthy, but seldom has the country demand for general hardware, shelf and heavy goods assortments; been steadier and more active than this Spring. All the leading houses here are taxed to their utmost capacity to keep pace with orders forwarded by travellers. It is also true that seldom have prices been cut so fine, and remained so steady for such a long period; the absence of bad debts through failures, etc., is alone that which saves holders from loss or disaster. *Pig Iron.*—As navigation will soon commence, the enquiry from large Western consumers is more active, and some sales have been made for shipment, per the early boats, chiefly of Summerlee on a basis of \$19 to \$19.50, duty paid. Present deliveries are almost confined to carload lots at about \$19 to \$19.50 ex-yard for Langloan and Gartsherrie. A lot of 500 tons No. 1 Glengarnock and Summerlee is reported to have changed hands for immediate shipment to Chicago on p. l. A parcel of 1,000 tons of No. 1 and No. 3 Eglinton, for Summer delivery, was sold at about \$16 cash, ex-ship, duty paid; smaller lots are held at \$18 cash. It will be seen that prices, though nominally unchanged, are a shade easier, if anything. The Western States markets are said to be glutted with foreign and native iron, and in Glasgow shipments show a large falling off, compared with the like period of last year, while production continues on an extensive scale, and stocks in store steadily accumulate. "Warrants" are quoted in Glasgow at 48s 6d, with a large business reported at this price. *Tin Plates.*—Liverpool advices are of a strengthening character; that market is reported firm at the late advance. Stocks are being rapidly reduced, and sales are reported in one week of 100,000 boxes on American account. The production, owing to the numerous failures among makers, has been very materially reduced, and is believed to be within the limits of consumption. Leading brands of Cokes command 17s and Charcoals 20s; parcels offering at anything under these prices are readily bought up. In this market there has been a good jobbing demand at fairly remunerative prices, and stocks are being gradually diminished; but no sales of round lots are reported. Holders seem confident of a further advance in values soon. Canada plates are firmer in England, late advance of 2s 6d to 5s per ton being cabled, and makers are not disposed to book large orders, or sell for future delivery. In this market stocks are low, but demand light and prices unchanged. Ingot *Tin* has also advanced £2 per ton in England; here round lots are held firmly at 24c to 24½c. *Bar Iron* is selling fairly well in moderate-sized lots at our quotations. Orders for *Nails* are coming forward more freely, and shipments include a good many car loads sold in small lots, however. Coil chain is selling in large quantities at 4c per lb., ¾ inch standard. Remittances quite satisfactory; the 5 per cent discount for cash is not infrequently asked.

HEMLOCK BARK.—A steady consumptive demand is reported, and shipments are made regularly from the various points in the Eastern Townships to the American markets. In Boston prices are unchanged, quoted at \$10 to \$11 per cord.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Another hide dealer opened a warehouse during the week, and immediately ensued a fierce struggle between him and his recent employer for the butchers' offerings; accordingly higher prices were bid and paid, and the market is quoted again at \$9, \$8, and \$7, respectively, for Nos. 1, 2 and 3. It is doubtful if tanners are willing to pay an advance of \$1 on these prices for hides of the

quality now offering, but the fight referred to is considered too fierce to last long, and the advance may not be maintained. Values for Western hides are stiffening, in consequence, but arrivals of these are small; the demand, however, is commencing to improve, and 10½c to 10¾c is reported obtainable for all offering. They are worth 9½c in the Western States markets. *Sheepskins* unchanged; few offering. *Lambskins* worth 20c to 25c each, as to size, etc., and *Culfskins* bring 10c to 11c per lb.

LEATHER.—Trade rather quiet. The wholesale houses were closed during three Easter holidays, and since Monday there has been a fair business doing in *Sole leather*, at generally steady prices. Sales, however, comprised, chiefly, small lots for immediate use; the wants of manufacturers at this time of year are always light, and only one or two round lots are reported sold. For other descriptions there has been only a moderate demand, and prices favor buyers; concessions are usually made for large lots, and our "prices current" represent values for these up to the figures asked for small, retail parcels. Stocks of all kinds, except Spanish and Slaughter *Sole* are large. Black leathers, especially *Splits*, reported inactive. No recent shipments, and none expected to be made until the opening of navigation.

OILS.—Business has improved somewhat. Several sales of round lots of *cod oil* have been made this week at full prices; some 500 brls are reported to have changed hands at 48c wine measure. It is quoted at 61 to 63c Imp. gal., to the general public, but large lots of Newfoundland are said to have been sold between wholesale houses at 60c. *Cod* is reported scarce in Halifax and Newfoundland, and in New York and Boston also stocks in first hands are light. *Steam Refined Seal* is firm, at 72 to 75c; the exports from the fisheries are such as to strengthen values in this market, and lots to arrive are said to be offering at higher figures, 75c to 77½c; no transactions reported. *Straw Seal* in light supply, and in few hands; quoted firm at 60c. *Lusseed* is firm, but not quotably higher; the demand continues to be of a steady consumptive character, and no jobbing sales have been reported. *Turpentine* has advanced 2 to 3c per Imp. gal., in sympathy with the New York market, and is quoted at 72 to 75c. Stocks here quite light.

PROVISIONS.—The Chicago pork "deal" has attracted considerable attention during the week, and prices in the West have been quite irregular; the ruling tendency, however, has been downward, especially during the past couple of days. Yesterday pork declined \$1 per brl. in Chicago, and lard fell 10 to 15c per 100 lbs. For closing quotations to-day see American markets in another column. It is stated that Mr. McGeoch has already made \$800,000 out of his pork speculation in Chicago, and that he has commenced to unload. In Montreal there has been a fair trade done, but the country demand has fallen off somewhat since Easter; sales have been confined to jobbing lots. The market closes with a slightly easier feeling, in sympathy with the West, at \$20.50 to \$21.25 for *Mess Pork*. American pork however, would not bring over \$21, and 15c for Fairbanks' *Lard*. The higher price for lard has checked the demand considerably. *Hams* are steady, at 13 to 13½c for plain sugar-cured, and 14 to 14½c for Cincinnati Diamond brand. *Eggs*—Receipts have increased, and prices have declined somewhat; market quiet and steady, at 15 to 15½c. *Maple Syrup* and *Sugar* quiet, and steady at unchanged prices.

SEEDS.—The market for *Clover* continues dull, with prices slightly lower, quoted at \$4.50 to \$4.80 per bushel. *Timothy* is rather neglected, and prices slightly favor the buyer; it may be quoted at \$2.50 to \$2.65 per bushel.

WINES AND LIQUORS.—A few jobbing lots of brandies and gin have been sold at quotations. Stocks light. Remittances fair.

WOOL.—Market continues quiet, with values about steady and unchanged. The wants of manufacturers continue light, and sales are usually small. One lot of 100 bales of *Australian*, however, was sold at 22c for the low grade, up to 28c for fine combing. *Greasy Cape* has sold in small lots at 18c to 18½c. North African greasy is nominally quoted at 13c to 16c, and Spanish greasy at 16c to 18c. In domestic wools, there are no transactions to report, and prices remain as previously quoted.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

(By Telegraph.)

Boston, April 20.—Flour, Western Supr. \$4; Common Extra, \$4.25 to 4.75; Wisconsin Extra, \$4.50 to \$5.50; Minnesota Extras, \$4.75 to \$6 per barrel. Oatmeal, \$5 to \$6.25 per bbl. for common and fancy Western. Hay, no change from last week; choice grades scarce and firm at \$23; medium, \$20 to \$22; Ordinary, \$17 to \$19 per ton. Potatoes in good demand. Aroustook Rose, \$1; Vermont Rose, 85c to 90c; New York do, 95c. Seedlings, 80c to 85c; Jacksons and Peerless, 75c to 80c per bush. Butter, choice Western creameries, 32c to 34c; fair to good, 25c to 29c per lb; New York choice dairies, 24c to 27c; fair to good, 18c to 23c; common, 15c to 17c. Cheese, choice, 14 to 15c; fair to good, 12c to 13c per lb; common, 7c to 11c. Eggs declining; 17c to 19c.

Chicago, April 21, 1.03 p.m.—Wheat, April, 103½c; May, 104½c; June, 104½c; July, 107c. Corn, April, 43½c; May, 43½c; June, 43½c-44½c; July, 44½c-48½c. Oats, April, 35c; May, 36½c; June, 37½c; July, 36½c; Aug, 30½c.

ENGLISH MARKETS.—By Cable.

Beerbohm, April 21, 1881.—Floating cargoes Wheat, Maize, firmly held. Cargoes passage Wheat and Maize, firm. English and French country markets firm. Liverpool Spot Wheat, Maize, firm. On passage for U. K. ports, call and direct ports, Wheat, 2,550,000 qrs.; Maize, 740,000 qrs. Paris Flour and Wheat firm.

Liverpool, 11.30 a.m., April 21, 1881.—Flour, 9s 6d to 11s; Spring, 8s 6d to 9s 2d; Red Winter, 9s to 9s 9d; White, 9s to 9s 8d; Club, 9s 7d to 10s. Corn, old, 5s 6d, new 5s 4d; Pork, 68s; Lard, 57s; Bacon, 43s 6d to 45s. Receipts Corn past 3 days 15,000 centals.

London, 11.30 a.m., April 21, 1881.—Consols, 100 11-16; Money, 13-16; Account Bonds, new 4½s, at 163; new 5s, at 4½; Er., 47½; Ill. C., 139½.

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

(By Telegraph from our Special Correspondent.)

Toronto, April 21, 1881.

During the past week there has been nothing of special importance to note in commercial circles. The Easter holidays somewhat interrupted the course of general business, and the volume has been less than it otherwise would have been. Dealers are buying cautiously, and present transactions are based on legitimate wants. There has been a large business done with Manitoba this spring, and orders for dry goods, hardware, provisions, &c., have been more numerous than heretofore. The fine weather of the past week has been favorable to trade generally, and good results are anticipated. In dry goods there is a moderate amount of business doing, which, with the deliveries of goods on account of former orders, has kept merchants busy. The volume of sales has been much less this month than during the two previous months, which, however, was expected—this being the "sorting up" period. There is quite a number of travellers on the road, and a fair movement is confidently expected the coming month. Prices continue very firm, which is due to the difficulty in getting orders filled at the factories and the steadiness of outside markets. Payments are being met satisfactorily. The wholesale hardware trade is unchanged,