

SALT.—The arrivals at the present time are causing a little more enquiry. Holders of new Liverpool course are asking 65c per bag, (10 to the 2,240lbs.) but we have heard of a sale of 500 bags at 60c. This, however, is a low figure. We notice a sale by auction announced to take place to-day of 3,000 bags, which will go far to establish prices. No fine salt in the market.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Crathern & Caverhill.
Evans & Evans.
Evans, John Henry.
Hall, Kay & Co.
Ireland, W. H.

LaRivière & Bourdeau.
Morland, Watson & Co.
Mulholland, & Baker.
Robertson, Jas.
Round, John & Sons.
& Pearce.

Waddell & Pearce.

THERE is gradual improvement in this branch of trade as goods begin to arrive, but stocks are still low, and there is no rush.

PIG IRON—All lots arriving are at once taken up for the West, and prices are firm at our quotations.

BAR IRON.—The stock as yet is very light, although quantity afloat for this market is quite considerable. Prices are firm at \$2 35 per 112 lbs. for good brands.

HOOPS—Are unchanged.

ROILER PLATE—Is without much activity, and previous quotations are continued.

NAILS.—But few sales are being made. No change in quotations.

TIN PLATES—Are firm, and stock as yet light.

THE LEATHER TRADE.

Black & Locke.
Bryson, Campbell.
Hua & Richardson.

Seymour, C. E.
Seymour, M. H.
Shaw F. & Bros.

SINCE last report there has been rather more inquiry for certain descriptions of stock, and sales have been effected of larger parcels than for weeks previous, yet there is no particular activity, nor any improvement in prices, which are still unsatisfactory considering the continued high figures asked for Hides.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET

Akin & Kirkpatrick.
Black & Locke.
Buck, Robertson & Co.
Converse, Colson & Lamb.
Crawford, James.
Dawes Brothers & Co.

Hannan, M., & Co.
Hobson, Thomas, & Co.
Laidlaw, Middleton & Co.
Mitchell, Robt.
Raphael, Thomas W.
Sinclair, Jack & Co.
r. C. E.

Seymour, C. E.

FLOUR.—The continuance of heavy receipts and persistent holding off on the part of buyers, have at length forced holders to accede to the views of exporters, and a further decline on the week must be noted. In the higher grades there is only the usual retail demand at our reduced figures. Supers steadily receded till \$7 was reached, at which prices seem for the present arrested, and at which figure sales of Ordinary Canada and Welland Canal brands have been made to a moderate extent. Strong samples range up to \$7.15 according to merit, none, however, but strictly choice commanding over \$7. The lower grades have also suffered in about like proportion, commanding little attention at the decline. *Rye Flour* is the turn lower, but owing to comparatively small supplies has been less affected. *Bags*, though maintaining a high relative value, have partially given way, latest sales of Choice being at \$3.50.

OATMEAL—Has also suffered by the general inaction, and may be quoted about 2½c lower.

GRAIN.—*Wheat*.—In sympathy with flour prices have continued to decline and the only sales recently noted, have been a few cars of Upper Canada spring from stock at \$1.65, which are now the highest views of millers and exporters, some are firm at about \$1.67½ to \$1.70, thinking that ere long some reaction may take place. *Pease* have also been neglected, and to effect sales at all, lower rates have to be accepted, latest transactions have been at \$1 02½, at which there are no buyers, except as engagements for freight have to be filled. *Corn* *grains* are purely nominal, in the absence of recent transactions.

PROVISIONS.—*Fork*—The market keeps extremely quiet, small sales of *Mess* continue to be made at \$22 50 to \$23. Holders of the lower grades in order to move any quantity have been obliged to relax these extreme views, and sales to a limited extent have been made at \$6, and \$15 for *Prime Mess* and *Prime* respectively. *Extra Prime* sells in smalls at \$14 50 to \$14 75. *Cutmeats* are in fair request at improving prices. *Lard* meets a fair consumptive enquiry at unchanged rates. *Butter*—Supplies are coming in more freely, and rates are steadily declining fair to good is moved with difficulty at 13c to 22c in retail parcels.

ASHES.—*Pots*.—Receipts have provid very large and buyers for the most part have retired, prices have consequently continued to decline, closing dull with still downward tendency at \$5.50 to \$5.55. *Pearls* are practically nominal, the only recent sales being a few unimportant lots to complete orders at \$5.80.

NORTHERN RAILWAY.

Traffic receipts for week ending 2nd May, 1868

Passengers.....	\$ 2,631.87
Freight and live stock	10,271.41
Mails and sundries.....	1,772.01
Total.....	\$14,674.79
Corresponding week, 1867.	13,775.09
Increase	\$899.70

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

Traffic for the week ending 24th April, 1868.

Passengers.....	\$26,262.60
Freight.....	51,625.85
Mails and sundries.....	2,868.08
Total receipts for week.....	\$80,756.53
Corresponding week, 1867.....	78,942.19
Increase.....	\$1,814.34

PRICES OF GRAIN.

ARTICLES.	Average Prices on									
	Thursday, Mar. 5.	Friday, May 16.	Saturday, May 17.	Sunday 18.	Tuesday 19.	Wednesday, May 20.	Highest prices, Wed. May 21.	Average for week.	Corresponding week, 1907.	
Flour, Superior Extra,	8 12	8 12	8 12	8 12	7 66	8 25	8 12	7 99		
Extra	8 07	8 07	8 07	8 12	7 68	8 15	8 12	7 99		
Fancy	7 67	7 67	7 67	7 67	7 63	7 77	7 67	7 69		
Superfine	7 57	7 57	7 57	7 57	7 47	7 77	7 57	7 31		
" No. 2.	7 12	7 12	7 12	7 12	7 12	7 20	7 12	7 12		
Fine	6 57	6 57	6 57	6 57	6 12	6 60	6 57	6 47		
B. Flour, 100 lb.	3 62	3 62	3 62	3 62	3 56	3 67	3 62	1 67		
Oatmeal, bbl 200 lb.	6 31	6 30	6 30	6 30	6 30	6 35	6 30	6 30		
Wheat, U. C. Spring	1 72	1 72	1 72	1 72	1 72	1 72	1 72	1 72		
Pass, per 60 lbs.	0 97	0 97	0 97	0 97	0 97	0 98	0 97	0 96		
B. rye, per 40 lbs.	1 17	1 17	1 17	1 17	1 19	1 20	1 17	1 17		
Oats, per 32 lbs . .	0 49	0 49	0 49	0 49	0 48	0 50	0 49	0 47		

RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE.

VIA GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY AND CANAL.

	For the week ending Thursday, May 30, 1898.	From the 1st January to May 30, 1898.	To corresponding period 1897.
Wheat, bushels	951,646	1,031,603	168,519
Flour, barrels	1,989,517	2,067,064	190,041
Corn, bushels	90,447	89,067	128,056
Peas, "	57,206	104,601	4,417
Oats, "	11,424	26,136	106,500
Barley, "	52	15,863	212,264
Rye,			
Corn Meal, brls.	435	2,747	909
Butter, kegs	5,485	5,123	9,251
Cheese, boxes	6,67	3,305	64
Pork, barrels	1,864	4,701	4,418
Lard, "	4,109	3,125	3,999
Tallow, "	95	7,445	1,726
High Wines Whiskey ..	14	9,478	1,667

STOCK MARKET.

	Closing prices.	Last Week's Prices.
BANKS.		
Bank of Montreal,	103½ closed,	103½ a 134
Bank of B. N. A.,	102 a 103	102 a 103
City Bank,	103½ closed,	102 a 107½
Bank of Commerce,	94 a 105½	101½ a 105½
Melville Bank,	107½ a 108	96 a 107
Ontario Bank,	100½ closed,	99 a 104½
Bank of Toronto,	111 a 113	111 a 113
Quebec Bank,	103½ closed,	99 a 99½
Bank Nationale	1 5 a 106	103½ closed,
Gore Bank,	99 a 50	99 a 50
Banque Jacques-Cartier	103½ closed,	1 8 a 108½
Eastern Townships Bank,	97 a 99	98 a 99
Merchants Bank,	105 a 105½	105½ a 106½
Union Bank,	101½ a 102½	101 a 102½
Mechanics Bank,	94 a 95	96 a 97
Royal Canadian Bank,	88 a 90	88 a 90
Bank of Commerce	101 a 104½	103 a 104½
RAILWAYS.		
G. T. R. of Canada	15 a 16	15 a 16
A. & St. Lawrence	16 a 17	10 a 17
G. W. of Canada	9 a 12	9 a 11
C. & St. Lawrence	55 a 70	55 a 70
Do. preferential		
MINES, &c.		
Montreal Consols.	\$2.00 a \$2.25	\$1.75 a \$2.00
Canada Mining Company		
Huron Copper Bay	45 a 50	45 a 50
Lake Huron S. & C.		
Quebec & Lk. St.	132½ a 131	132½ a 134
Montreal Telegraph Co.	139 a 134	132 a 134
Montreal City Gas Company	1 5½ a 1 6	1 10½ a 1 06
City Passenger R. R. Co.,	101½ a 101	101½ a 101
Richfield Navigation Co.	107½ a 108	106 a 110
Canadian Island Steam R. Co.,	100 a 102½	101 a 102½
Montreal Elevating Company	50	50
British Colonial Steamship Co.,	95 a 98	95 a 98
Canada Glass Company		
BONDS.		
Government Debentures, 5 p.c. stig.	96 a 87	86 a 87
" " " " " " " "	97½ a 88	87½ a 88
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" " " " " " " "	99½ a 101	99½ a 101
Montreal Water Works 6 per cents.	90 a 91	90 a 91
Municipal City Bonds, 6 per cents	90½ a 91	90½ a 91
Montreal Harbour Bonds, 7 p.c.,	100 a 101	100 a 101
Quebec City 6 per cents	80 a 90	80 a 90
Toronto City Bonds, 6 per cent, 1870	92½ a 93	92½ a 93
Kingston City Bond, 6 per cent, 1862	93 a 95	93 a 95
Montreal City Bonds, 6 per cents, 1860	90 a 91	90 a 91
Champlain & R. R. 6 per cents	70 a 75	70 a 75
County Debenture		
EXCHANGE.		
Bank on London, 60 days	109½ a 110½	110 a 110½
Private do	109½ a 109½	109½ a 109½
Bank with documents	109 a 109½	109 a 109½
Bank on New York	28½ a 28½	28½ a 28½
Private do	28½ a 28½	28½ a 28½
Gold Drafts do	5 p.c. d.t. par	5 p.c. d.t. par
Silver	4½ a 4½	3½ a 3½
Gold in New York.	140½ a 00	140½ a 00

CANADIAN SECURITIES IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, May 6th, 1868.

Consols for money, 94½; for account, 92½; Exchequer Bills, 12 to 17 pm.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

British Columbia 6 p. c., 31st Dec., 1872. — to —	
Canada 6 per cent. Jan. and July, 1877.	103 to 104
Do 6 per cent. Feb. and Aug.	101 to 102
Do 6 per cent. March and Sept	101 to 103
Do 5 per cent. Jan. and July.	90 to 91
Do 5 per cent. inscribed stock.	88 to 90

RAILWAYS.

Atlantic and St. Lawrence.....	53	to 55
Buffalo and Lake Huron.....	3	to 3½
Do preference.....	5½	to 6
Buffalo, Brant, and Goderich, 6 p. c.....	00	to 00½
Grand Trunk of Canada.....	15½	to 15½
Do equipt. mort. bds., charge 6 p. c.....	76	to 77
Do 1st preference bonds.....	39	to 41
Do 2nd preference bonds.....	30	to 33
Do 3rd preference stock.....	23	to 26
Do 4th preference stock.....	17	to 18
Great Western of Canada.....	14½	to 14
Do 6 without option, 1873.....	100	to 102
Do 5½ do 1877-78.....	90	to 92
North. R. E. of Canada 6 p. c. 1st prf. bds. 78	80	to 80½

BANKS.

British North America	49 to 51
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Atlantic Telegraph.....	57	to 59
Do do 8 per cente	102	to 107
British American Land	15	to 17
Canada Company.....	60	to 62
Colonial Securities Company	—	to —
Canadian Loan and Investment,	2½	to 1½ dis
Hudson's Bay.....	1½	to 1½
Trust and Loan Company, U. C.....	1	to 2 dis