FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY, March 20.

ENGLISH GRAIN TRADE LAST WEEK.

A leading Liverpool grain circular of Friday review the trade of the preceding week as follows:—"The country grain markets remain in a lifeless state, and are generally in per quarter lower for wheat. On the spot only a retail business passed from day to day, prices ruling nominally as on Tuesday. The number of cargoes off the coast is being slowly reduced. Occasionally the continent takes one or two. Enquiry for that direction continues, but it is not active. This market to-day was thinly attended. There were moderate transactions in wheat—white sold at about the currencies of Tuesday; while in red, in some instances, the turn was in favour of sellers. Flour was very dull. Corn was 2d per quarter cheaper, with business in a limited compass."

GRAIN IN TRANSIT.

Beerbohm's London *Corn Trade List* makes the amount of grain on passage for the United Kingdom, exclusive of steamer shipments from America, and sail and steamer shipments from the ports of the Baltic, and those of North-Western Europe:—

Date.	Wheat. qrs.	Flour. qrs.	Maize. qrs.	Rye. qrs.	Beans. qrs.
Feb 28,'78	3,221,000	90,000	443,000	75,000	24,000
Mar. 1,'77	1,873,000	168,000	746,000	277,000	38,500
Feb 21,'78	1,190,000	73,000	382,000	3,700	25,000
Feb. 3,'77	1,265,000	81,000	446,000	22,000	23,500

MOVEMENT OF BARLEY.

Receipts of barley at lake ports from the opening of the harvest year to the 9th inst., have amounted to 8,518,981 bushels against 7,238,963 bushels in the corresponding period last year; receipts at Buffalo and Oswego in the same time have been 5,441,329 bushels against 4,508,711 bushels last year; and those at seaboard ports have been 3,994,501 bushels against 5,746,234 bushels last year. We have here an increase of 1,285,018 bushels at lake ports; of 932,618 bushels at Buffalo and Oswego, and of 3,198,267 bushels at seaboard ports. The export clearances from seaboard ports for the week were 76,293 bush, vs. 85,366 bush the previous week, including 76,233 bush from New York; and for the last eight weeks 315,389 bush. The exports at New York from September 1st, 1877, to March 13th, 1878, have been 2,592,302 bush; from Portland, 280,023 bush; from Boston, 9,320 bush; from Baltimore 66,918 bush, and from Montreal, 751,000 bush; total, 3,651,778 bush. The imports into the United Kingdom since Sept. 1, 1877, to Feb. 23, 1878, have been 7,614,394 cwts, vs. 7,489,148 cwts for the corresponding period in 1876-7. The amount on passage for the United Kingdom Feb. 28, 1878, was 79,987 qrs., vs. 302,632 qrs at the corresponding date in 1877.

CROP PROSPECTS IN THE STATES.

A despatch of the 14th inst. states that the Cincinnati *Gazette* publishes despatches from fifty-seven points in Southern Ohio, Indiana and Northern Kentucky, from which it appears that the prospects for a large crop of wheat are exceedingly good. The acreage sown last fall was larger than ever known. Not one report is unfavourable, although from a few points there are apprehensions of rank growth. Advices from the interior of Ohio indicate that the storm of the past two days has been one of great severity. A great amount of damage has been done to property generally, and especially to railroad property.

GRAIN IN WESTERN STATES.

A letter from Chicago dated the 15th inst., explains the present situation, and some future prospects of grain in that quarter as follows:—

The season so far continues open; it is not dry enough in our own State for farm work, or to allow the roads to improve. In fact for the last week the wants of the people in the country have been so pressing, that they have been obliged to resort to every conceivable means for supplying their daily necessities. In many localities in our State, corn has been burned as fuel, as coal could not be obtained for love or money. The following remarks of an experienced grain storehouse manager also shows how little grain has been moved this winter, and confirms our statements as regards the small stock of grain in country warehouses:—"The grain houses referred to had stored 4,500,000 bush. last year, against 800,000 now in their bins. Navigation opens almost simultaneously with the opening of the grain routes from the Black Sea, so long interrupted, or entirely closed by the late war. Shippers by Milwaukee and the all-rail lines endeavored to make the most of this European Blockade. The fleet will probably find freight rates somewhat improved when corn begins to come forward. The season, it is thought, will open at 2c for the grain fleets. The corn and grain afloat and in store here is 3,818,440 bush., against 6,180,364 bush. in 1877. The average rate on grain freights for the past season was 3.7c; highest 6c. Average for preceding year, 2.9c; highest, 5c. There will be no lack of tonnage for the work to be done, and time will probably show that there is a large excess in the facilities represented by tonnage."

Our own correspondents in Nebraska and Minnesota also state that the supply of wheat for export is fast becoming exhausted, and that the surplus now on hand will be needed at home for seed and bread. There is another very important fact to be borne in mind with regard to the coming spring wheat crop. A season, as the present one promises to be, by which the farmers are able to sow their wheat in March, and with the ground in as fine condition as reported to us, seldom fails to ensure a splendid crop.

The following is the official report of the Toronto Stock Exchange, March 20th, 1878:—

Banks.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Trans.
Montreal	162	161	.....
Toronto	136½	136	.....
Ontario	22½	22	.....
Merchants'	.....	.....	.....
Commerce	115½	115	.....
Consolidated	78	77½	.....
Dominion	122½	120	.....
Hamilton	100	.....	.....
Standard	78½	78	.....
Federal	103	102½	.....
Imperial	105½	104½	.....
Molson's	.....	.....	.....
Loan and Savings Co's.			
Canada Permanent	.....	177	.....
Freehold	.....	146	.....
Western Canada	.....	146	.....
Union	.....	123	.....
Canada Landed Credit	135	134	.....
Building and Loan	118½	117½	.....
Imperial	.....	118	.....
Farmers'	.....	112	.....
London & C. L. & A. Co.	.....	133½	.....
Huron and Erie	.....	134½	.....
Dominion Savings and Investment Society	125	124½	.....
Ont. Sav. and Inv. Soc.	.....	126½	.....
Hamilton Prov. and L.	.....	114½	.....
National Inv. Co. of Canada	.....	102	.....
Anglo-Can. Mortgage Co.	105	103	.....
Insurance, &c.			
British America	.....	112½	.....
Western	141½	140½	.....
Isolated Risk	50	.....	.....
Canada Life	.....	184	.....
Consumers' Gas	.....	139½	.....
Dominion Telegraph	85	84½	.....
Railways.			
Toronto G., & R. Stock	.....	.....	.....
6 p. c. 5 yrs. stg. Bonds	.....	.....	.....
T. & N. 8 p. c. 5 yrs. Bonds	.....	.....	.....
Debentures, &c.			
Dom. Gov. stock, 6 p. c.	102½	101	.....
Dom. Gov. stock, 5 p. c.	.....	99	.....
County (Ont.) 20 y. 6 p. c.	101½	.....	.....
Tn'p (Ont.) 20 y. 6 p. c.	98½	.....	.....
City Toronto 20 y. 6 p. c.	.....	98½	.....

English Markets.

WEDNESDAY, March 20.

London—Floating cargoes—wheat, at opening, firmer; corn, quiet; cargoes on passage and for shipment—wheat, at opening, firm; corn, quiet. Mark Lane—Wheat, at opening, firm; corn, quiet. Arrivals off the coast for orders—wheat, small; corn, small. Imports into the United Kingdom during the past week—wheat, 210,000 to 215,000 qrs; corn, 105,000 to 110,000 qrs; flour, 100,000 to 105,000 bbls. Liverpool—wheat, on the spot, at opening, steady; corn, quiet; American western mixed corn, per quarter of 480 lbs., 25s 9d; Canadian peas, per quarter of 504 lbs., 36s 6d.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

WEDNESDAY, March 20.

PRODUCE.

The market has improved considerably during the week. The inquiry has increased, and some goods have sold pretty well; and in nearly all cases at advancing prices. Receipts have been small since our last, and holders generally have been unwilling to sell; they hope for an advance on the opening of navigation, and some few have still some hopes of a rise from war. Stocks have varied but little since our last, and stood on Monday morning as follows:—Flour, 31,880 bbls; fall wheat, 121,557 bush; spring wheat, 399,211 bush; oats, 10,980 bush; barley, 184,434 bush; peas, 19,427 bush; rye, *nil* bush; corn, *nil* bush. Outside advices have shown English markets dull during last week with a downward tendency; but a subsequent improvement. The only change in quotations is an advance of 1d on red wheat; but markets during the last two days have been decidedly firmer, with arrivals off the coast small. Imports last week were large. The total supply of wheat and flour in the week ending on the 9th inst. was equal to 458,000 to 518,125 qrs. of wheat, against 456,000 to 411,000 qrs consumption, indicating a surplus over consumption of 79,000 to 102,125 qrs. The table of the 14th inst. reports the amount of wheat and flour on passage for the United Kingdom, at that date, as equal to 1,174,000 qrs., against 1,002,000 qrs on the corresponding date last year and 1,021,000 qrs on the 28th ult. The expected arrivals of wheat at the ports of call in the United Kingdom for orders during the four weeks from March 1st to March 28th, from the fleet of vessels on passage, as in the foregoing, are 252,500 qrs, comprising 135,000 qrs from American Atlantic ports and 120,000 qrs from California; and of corn in the same time, 130,000 qrs, all from American Atlantic ports. Further cable advices to the 12th inst. report home supplies small and offering in an unsatisfactory condition. Business was dull and holders were unwilling to sell at a decline. Imports were large at London and Liverpool. Sales were generally made in small lots. As well as can be seen there is an abundant supply on hand. It is calculated that the receipts from the opening of the harvest year to the 16th ult. were 1,982,000 qrs in excess of the consumption, against a deficiency of 577,000 qrs in the same period last year. It is thought, however, that the consumption of wheat and flour has this year been above the usual rate, from scarcity of meat, potatoes, and oats; but even allowing for this there seems to be no doubt that there has been a considerable excess of supply over consumption. Continental advices by mail state that French markets continued to be sparely supplied with wheat, especially the finer qualities, for which holders succeeded in obtaining the preceding week's prices, but a reduction of 50c on the week had again been necessary to effect sales of the commoner sorts. Millers were very reserved in their operations, and many growers preferred to hold their wheat rather than accept lower prices. A decline of 50c on the week was quoted in 47 out of 101 markets from which reports were received; but in Paris a firmer feeling was manifested in spot wheat, and prices for future delivery were tending upwards. At Marseilles the week's arrivals amounted to about 10,000 qrs., and the stock in the docks had decreased to 43,500 qrs. The raising of the blockade of the Southern Russian ports caused the trade to rule very dull for spot produce, but there was decidedly more activity in the Term market, and Ghirka wheat from Sebastopol for delivery in March had sold at equal to 44s 6d per qr., and for later shipment the price was about 1s per qr. more. German markets seem to have been a good deal affected by the political situation. Berlin was depressed. Hamburg was firm, with an advance of 6d to 1s per quarter on fine qualities, but inferior neglected. At Dantzig navigation remained open; inferior wheat was abundant, and fine qualities were scarce. In consequence of the uncertain state of politics shippers were buying rather freely to cover their engagements, and consequently sellers were enabled to realise rather higher prices, particularly for the finer sorts of white wheat. Black Sea reports state that there were closed from Odessa in February four wheat-laden steamers with an aggregate of 30,000 qrs., or 240,000 bushels, and on the 21st of February four steamers with 29,500 qrs. of barley—both wheat and barley destined for ports of call in the United Kingdom; and that on the 17th of February over twenty large steamers arrived at Odessa to load with grain and seeds. On this continent it is announced that the New York canals are likely to be open by the 10th of April, which is earlier than for any season during the last 21 years. In the Western States also rivers are already open. But, on the other hand, it is said that the country roads are closed, and that it will make but little difference in trade if all the canals, straits, and rivers in the States are open, for there will be but little to carry until they have some good weather to dry out the immense crike of corn, and put the roads in condition so that the farmers can haul their grain to market. In some portions of Illinois, the farmers, unable to procure coal in consequence of the bad roads, have been burning cereals for fuel. But, on the other hand, it is said that the supply of wheat available for export in Nebraska and Minnesota is rapidly becoming exhausted. New York was fairly active and advancing last week, but closes quieter. The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports, at the undermentioned dates:—

	1878. March 9.	1878. March 2.	1877. March 10.	1876. March 12.
Wheat	8,214,012	8,643,262	10,511,866	18,943,666
Corn	5,433,182	5,331,940	11,930,029	5,971,332
Oats	2,656,311	2,845,723	3,012,211	3,405,821
Barley	3,348,082	3,472,573	3,163,414	1,864,498
Rye	551,884	629,296	900,269	415,142
Total bu.	20,223,353	20,922,507	29,507,789	28,410,959

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

	March 13, 3 p.m.	March 14, 3 p.m.	March 15, 3 p.m.	March 16, 3 p.m.	March 18, 3 p.m.	March 20, 3 p.m.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Flour	25 0	26 0	26 0	26 0	26 0	26 0
R. Wheat	10 6	10 6	10 6	10 6	10 6	10 7
R. Winter	11 4	11 4	11 4	11 4	11 4	11 4
White	11 3	11 3	11 3	11 3	11 3	11 3
Club	12 3	12 3	12 3	12 3	12 3	12 3
Corn, new	26 3	26 3	26 6	26 3	26 3	26 3
Barley	3 9	3 9	3 9	3 9	3 9	3 9
Oats	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0
Peas	36 6	36 6	36 6	36 6	36 6	36 6
Pork	51 0	51 0	51 0	51 0	51 0	51 0
Lard	37 3	37 3	37 9	38 0	38 0	38 0
Bacon	32 0	32 0	32 0	32 0	32 0	32 0
Bacon	27 6	27 6	28 0	28 3	28 6	28 6
Tallow	40 3	40 3	39 9	39 6	39 6	39 6
Cheese	68 0	68 0	68 0	68 0	68 0	68 0

FLOUR.—The enquiry has improved; sales have increased, and prices have been firmer. Superior extra has been inactive. Extra was offered last week at $5.30, but this price was offered for it on Tuesday. Fancy; sold on Thursday at equal to $4.85. Spring extra has moved fairly well; sales were made last week at equal to $4.35 here; on Monday at $4.40 f. o. c., and at $4.50 for one lot of choice. Superfine has been steady; a lot of 500 barrels sold at equal to $4 on Thursday. The market to-day was quiet but firm; the only sale reported was that of 500 barrels of extra on the spot at $5 f. o. c., but lots outside were offered at equal to $4.90; extra could have found a sale at $5.30 to $5.35, and spring extra at $4.40 for lots on the spot.

BRAN—Has been steady, and sold at $13 on track on Friday.

OATMEAL—There has been no change; cars are quiet at $4.10 to $4.25, and small lots at from $4.50 to $4.80.

WHEAT—The market has been fairly active at an advance of two to three cents. Fall has been quiet, and neither much offered nor wanted; but a small lot sold on Tuesday at $1.20 f. o. c. No. 1 spring has been less sought after, but one lot sold on Friday at $1.06 f. o. c. The movement has been chiefly in No. 2 spring, which sold freely last week at $1.02 to $1.04 f. o. c., and on Monday at $1.04 and $1.05 f. o. c. for car lots, while $1.05 was refused on Tuesday. No. 3 spring, also, has advanced and sold at $1 f. o. c. on Tuesday. The feeling to-day was less firm than on Tuesday, in consequence of the fall in Chicago; but sales of No. 1 spring could have been made at $1.07, and of No. 2 spring at $1.04 to $1.05 f. o. c., but holders been inclined to accept these prices, which they were not willing on the street fall sold at $1.20, and spring at $1.04 to $1.07.

OATS—Car lots have been scarce and prices tending upwards, with sales of Canadian on the track at 34 and 34½c, which prices would have been repeated today. Street prices have risen to 36 to 37c for oats.

BARLEY—Has been dull and inactive, being neither offered nor wanted to any considerable extent. No. 1 has been nominal, with average samples offered at 52c f.o.c. No. 2 sold in car lots at 50c f.o.c. on Thursday; at 54c on Friday, and 53c on Monday for cars of choice quality on track. There were five cars of the same grade sold at 51½c on track to-day. Street prices have ranged from 53 to 55c.

PEAS—An active enquiry has been held all week at advancing prices, and some lots outside have changed hands at equal to 67c for No. 1 and 66c for No. 2, which prices would be readily paid for lots on the spot, but holders refuse to accept anything under 70c for these. Street prices are up to 66 to 68c.

RYE—Is worth 60c on street.

SEEDS—The tendency has still been upwards; lots of clover would have brought $4 to $4.10 had they been offered, and dealers sell at $4.20 to $4.25. Timothy is selling at $1.75 to $1.85 per bushel.

HAY—Pressed has been steady with sales of carlots at $13 to $14 on track. On the market all offering has been wanted, and prices have been steadily maintained at from $13 to $15, the general run being $15 to $17.

STRAW—Receipts have been small and insufficient, and prices have been firmer at $12 to $13 for sheaf and $9 to $10 for loose.

POTATOES—Some cars of early rose have sold at 50c on the track, and a few more might find buyers at the same figure. On the street receipts have decreased and prices have been firm at 60 to 65c.

APPLES—Offerings have been very small, and any sound samples readily taken at from $3 to $4.25 per barrel.

MUTTON—There has been an active demand for all offering, which has been but little, at about $7.25 to $7.50 per cental.

POULTRY—Offerings have continued to be very small and prices very firm at $1 to $1.50 for turkeys and 50 to 65c for fowl; neither ducks nor geese have been offered on the street. Box lots have not been offered but prices are firm at 11 to 12c for turkeys and ducks, and 7 to 8c for fowl and geese per lb.

FLOUR, f.o.c

Superior Extra, per 196 lbs	$5 55	to	$5 65
Extra	5 30		5 40
Fancy and Strong Bakers	4 70		4 80
Spring Wheat, extra	4 40		4 50
Superfine	4 00		4 00
Oatmeal, per 196 lbs	4 10		4 25
Cornmeal, small lots	2 65		2 75

BAG FLOUR, by car lot f.o.c.

Extra	$3 00	to	$3 15
Spring Wheat, extra	4 10		4 20

GRAIN, f.o.b

Fall Wheat, No. 1, per 60 lbs	1 25		1 26
" No. 2, " "	1 20		1 22
" No. 3, " "	1 13		1 14
Red Winter	none.		
Spring Wheat, No. 1	1 07		1 10
" No. 2	1 04		1 06
" No. 3	0 92		1 00
Oats (Canadian), per 34 lbs	0 34		0 35
Barley, No. 1, per 48 lbs	0 51		0 52
" No. 2, " "	0 50		0 52
" No. 3, " "	none.		
Peas, No. 1, per 60 lbs	0 67		0 68
" No. 2, " "	0 64		0 65
Rye	0 60		0 60

PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGGONS.

Wheat, fall, per bush	$1 18		$1 20
Wheat, spring, do	1 02		1 07
Barley, do	0 52		0 54
Oats, do	0 36		0 37
Peas, do	0 66		0 68
Rye, do	0 60		0 60
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs	5 50		6 00
Beef, hind qrs., per 100 lbs	4 00		5 00
Mutton, by carcass, per 100 lbs	7 00		7 50
Chickens, per pair	0 50		0 65
Ducks, per brace	0 70		0 75
Geese, each	0 55		0 70
Turkeys	0 90		1 50
Butter, lb. rolls	0 18		0 22
" large rolls	none.		
" tub dairy	0 16		0 18
Eggs, fresh, per doz	0 12		0 13
" packed	none.		
Apples, per bbl	3 25		4 50
Potatoes, per bag	0 60		0 65
Onions, per bush	0 75		0 80
Tomatoes, per bush	none.		
Turnips, per bag	0 20		0 25
Carrots, per bag	0 35		0 40
Beets, per bag	0 45		0 50
Parsnips, per bag	0 45		0 50
Hay, per ton	11 00		13 00
Wool, per lb	0 32		0 00

FREIGHTS.

GRAND TRUNK.—Rates from Toronto to the undermentioned points stand as follows:—Flour to Kingston 23½c per bbl; Gananoque to Prescott 25c; Belleville to Montreal 30c; St. Lambert to St. Johns 45c; to St. Hyacinthe 45c; St. Lebolse to Lennoxville 50c; Waterville to Coaticook 55c; Danville to Durham's Landing 55c; to Point Levis 55c; Cacouna to Metapediac 70c; to St. John 70c; all other points on the Intercolonial, including Halifax, 75c; to Miramichi for Newcastle and Chatham, 75c; Dauseville and McAdam junction 75c; to Carlton 70c; to St. John via Portland, 70c. Rates on grain one-half of the above per central.

THROUGH RATES TO ENGLAND.—Through rates via Dominion and Beaver lines from Portland stand this week as follows:—Flour, $1.06 per barrel, and wheat—per central to Liverpool. Beef and pork in barrels, boxed meats, tallow, and lard, 55c to Liverpool, and—to Glasgow, per central; butter and cheese, in lots not under 15,000 lbs, 65c to Liverpool, and—to Glasgow; and to London, via the Allan line, —. Oil-cake—to Liverpool, and—to Glasgow. Oatmeal and flour in bags to Liverpool, 51c; clover seed in bags, 72c.

PROVISIONS.

TRADE—Has been very quiet all over through the week.

BUTTER—The market has shown but little change. Fine remains steady and some small lots have sold at 15 to 16c, but the only demand seems to be that for local consumption. Lots of inferior have sold at 5c, at 6½c, at 7c and 10c, the latter being for fair store packed; for lots at 6 to 7c there seems to be some demand, but holders generally refuse to accept these prices. Box lots have been offering slowly; really choice would still bring 13 to 14c; but inferior goes as low as 7c. Street receipts have been small; prices rule range from 13 to 23c and tubs and crocks are easier at 14 to 17c. English advices to the 2nd inst. state that superior qualities had sold to a small extent at 114s 0d to 120s 0d; but other grades were slow of sale. Good to fine was quoted at 80s 0d to 90s 0d and ordinary at 50s 0d to 60s 0d.

CHEESE—Is becoming scarce and seems tending upwards; prices of small lots here now range from 13 to 14½c; and factors are selling at 13 to 13½c with but little on hand.

EGGS—Receipts have continued to increase and prices to decline. The market has been fairly active at 10c for really fresh. Street receipts have been fair and prices are again easier at 12 to 13c.

PORK—There has been scarcely any movement all week; prices seem to be tending downwards with holders offering at $13 to $13.50.

BACON—Has been quiet but steady, with rather a firmer feeling prevalent. There is nothing reported in round lots, for which buyers and sellers are apart; for them 6½c would be paid readily. Tone and under have continued tossell steadily at 6¾ to 7½c but not often at the former figure. Long-clear is quiet and unchanged at 7½ to 8c; rolls and bellies inactive at 9½ to 10c. Shoulders are offered at 5½c. Light Cumberland is scarce and held in some cases at 7½c.

HAMS—There has been no movement reported in round lots, but small lots have been in fair demand at 9½ to 10c for smoked. Pickled are quiet and unchanged at 8½ to 9c.

LARD—Has been quiet with no movement reported in round lots, and the feeling apparently easy. Tinnets sell in small lots at 9 to 9½c, and pails at 10c; tierces bring 8 to 8½c.

HOGS—The only sales have been those on the street, and even these have been few with prices steady at $5.50 to $6.

DRIED APPLES—Have been selling quietly at 6½ to 7c for average samples, but some of very choice quality are held at 7½c.

HOPS—No enquiry has been heard since our last and holders are offering lots at from 6 to 7c without being able to find buyers.

SALT—Remains unchanged. Rock-salt is selling at $12.50 to $15 per ton. Liverpool has been quiet but steady at 90c for lots not under 100 bags, and $1 to $1.10 for smaller lots. Dairy remains unaltered at $1.85.

GROCERIES.

TRADE—Has been inactive and decidedly dull all week.

TEA—There has been very little doing beyond the sales of some few lines on outside accounts on p.t.; prices, however, do not seem to be any firmer; on the contrary, the late firmness seems subsiding, and we hear of, in face of a telegram from China to London, telling English holders not to press sales of greens. The only sale for the local market reported is that of one line of Ping-Suey at 37c. Quotations are as follows, the outside being for retailers' lots:—Young Hyson, common to fair, 26 to 32c; Young Hyson, medium to good seconds, 35 to 45c; Young Hyson, ordinary to choice extra firsts, 45 to 65c; Twankays, 30 to 35c; Gunpowder and Imperials, common to good, 25 to 40c; Fine to Extra Choice, 55 to 70c. Blacks—Congous, 26 to 70c; Souchong, 35 to 70c; Scented Pekoes, 45 to 60c.

COFFEE—There have been some lots sold on New York account on p.t., and besides this the only movement has been in retailers' parcels, which are steady. Quotations stand as follows:—Java, 27 to 30c; Singapore, 25 to 26c; Jamaica, 25 to 27c; Laguayra, 25 to 28c; Rio 21 to 23c; Mocha, 33 to 34c.

SUGAR—The market has been quiet but firm, with an upward tendency in some cases. In raws there was one lot sold on N.Y. account on p.t., but holders here have now raised their prices to $7.50 to $7.75 per central. New York yellows have remained inactive, with buyers and sellers apart; Scotch refined has been firm; one load of dark sold at $7.25 and a long line of fairly good quality at $7.75. Granulated has been quiet; one lot sold at 9½c, but this price was offered and refused on Tuesday. Prices are quoted as follows, the outside quotations being for retailers' lots:—Porto Rico, per lb., 7½c; Cuba, —; Barbadoes, —; English and Scotch refined yellow, 8 to 8½c; do., low grades, 7 to 7½c; New York yellows, 7½ to 8c; Extra C., 8½ to 9c; Dry crushed, 10½ to 10½c; Granulated, 9½ to 9¾c; Cut loaf, 10½ to 11c.

STRUPS—Have been quiet but firm; one lot of poor quality sold at equal to 46c. Quotations are as follows:—Common, 45 to 50c; golden 55 to 57c; amber, 58 to 62c; amber, choice, 65 to 67½c.

FRUIT—There has been very little enquiry heard and prices remain generally unchanged. Valencias have sold to some extent of one lot of 200 boxes of fair quality at 4½c; some more might have gone off were it not that buyers and sellers were apart. Layers, seedless, and Sultanas are unchanged. Currants have sold in job lots at 6½ and 6½c. All others remain inactive and unchanged. Prices are as follows, the outside being for retailers' lots:—raisins, Layers, new, $1.70 to $1.80; Valencias, 4½ to 12½c; new seedless, 7½ to 8c; Sultanas, 7 to 9c; loose Muscatelles, old, $1.25 to $1.50; new, $1.70 to $1.80; Currants, new, 1877, 6 to 6½; Filberts, 7½ to 8c; Walnuts, 8 to 10c; Almonds, 13 to 15c; Prunes, 7½ to 8c; do do (old), none; Brazil nuts, 7 to 7½; Lemon peel, 20 to 22c; Orange do, 20 to 23c; Citron do, 26 to 28c.

RICE—Remains scarce and firm; job lots are held at $4.50, and small lots sell at $4.75 in most cases, with a fair demand for the season.

FISH—Has remained dull and inactive; trout has been offered in lots as low as $2.25, with no sales reported. Whitefish is rather scarce and somewhat more steady than trout. Cod continues unchanged and selling slowly. Herrings are nominal. Quotations stand as follows, the outside prices being for retailers' lots:—Herrings, Labrador, bbls., $4.50 to $5.00; Salmon, salt water, $15.50 to $16; Codfish, new, per 112 lbs., $5 to $5.25; boneless, per lb., 6 to 6½c; Whitefish, hf-bbls., $2.75 to $3; Trout, $2.50 to $2.75; Mackerel, bbls, $10; hf-bbls, none; Sardines, ¼s, 11 to 11½c; do, ½s, 18½ to 19½c.

TOBACCO—There was one lot of Myrtle Navy sold at 52c, but this is the only movement reported in the jobbing line. Prices seem rather weak but cannot be said to have declined. Quotations are as follows:—Manufactured 10's 36 to 40c; do ½s, 6's, and 8's, 37½ to 45c; Navy, 2's, bright, 45 to 55c; Navy, black, 35 to 40c; Solaces, 35 to 42c; Extra bright, none; Virginia, 30 to 90c.

LIQUORS—There has been no change in the market; prices remain steady as follows:—Pure Jamaica Rum, 16 o. p., $2.25 to $2.50; Demerara, $2.20 to $2.30; Gin—green cases, $4 to $4.50; red, $7.75 to $8.50; Wines—Port, $5.50; Sherry, $5.75; Champagne, per case, $10 to $22; Brandy, in wood, $2.75 to $3.50; in case, Bazerac, $8 to $8.50; do Otard's, $8.75 to $9.25; do Hennessy's, $10.25 to $10.50; do Martell's, $9.75 to $10; do Jules Robins, $7.50 to $8; do Vine-gr'r Co, $9 to $9.50; do Jules Ballerie, $7 to $7.50; Whiskey, Common, imp, 32 u. p., 65 to 66c; Old Rye, $1.07 to $1.10; Malt, $1.07 to $1.10; Toddy, $1.07 to $1.10; Spirits, $1.05 to $1.07; Native Wine, per gal, 75c to $2; do do per case, $3.50 to $8; Native Brandy, per gal, $1.40 to $2.50; do do per case, $5.05 to $5.50.

CATTLE.

TRADE—Has not shown much change during the week.

BEEVES—Receipts have been fairly large, and, in most grades, equal to the wants of buyers. First-class have continued in active demand for export, and prices firm, at $4.50 to $4.75 for steers weighing 1,300 to 1,500 lbs. Second-class have been in fair supply; but with enough offering; prices have been unchanged, at $3.37 to $3.75. Third-class have been slow of sale; offerings have not been very large, but fully sufficient for the demand; prices remain weak, at $2.62 to $3. There was a car of mixed, averaging 1,050 lbs, sold at $35.

SHEEP—The supply of sheep and yearling lambs has been very small, and altogether insufficient for the wants of the market. Prices have been very firm, with an upward tendency. First-class sheep are wanted at $5.50 to $7.25, or $4.50 per cental. Second-class also sell well at $4.50 to $5.50 each, or $4 to $4.50 per cental, the latter being for choice yearlings. Third-class are worth about $3 to $4 each, but are taken only in default of better.

LAMBS—Some few spring lambs have been offered and sold at fancy prices; but some few more might find a sale at $4 to $5.

CALVES—Have been scarce until Tuesday, when offerings showed a considerable increase. Prices remain much the same as before, at $10 to $12 for first-class, dressing from 120 to 150 lbs; and at $6 to $8 for second-class, dressing from 50 to 110 lbs. Any inferior are not wanted, and there is no use in offering them.

HIDES, SKINS, AND WOOL.

TRADE—Seems to have shown some slight improvement.

HIDES—Green have been offering fairly well, at all events as many as are wanted; prices remain unchanged. Cured have gone off quietly but steadily; one car and some small lots of No. 1 inspected have sold at 7½c, and small lots of No. 2 at 6½c.

CALFSKINS—Have been in fair supply, and unchanged in price.

SHEEPSKINS—Offerings have been rather small and prices firm; the usual rate is from $1.10 to $1.25 for green, but choice occasionally bring a little more.

WOOL—The market has been rather more active, but prices have been weak. There was one lot of 15,000 lbs. of super and combing sold at 24c all round, and large sales of combing have been made for the States on p.t. Holders seem more willing to sell, but dealers seem to hold off, and are offering only 22 to 24c for super. Extra, however, is steady at 26 to 28c.

TALLOW—Has been quiet and unchanged at 7c for rendered and 4c for rough, at which price some lots have sold. Quotations stand as follows:—No. 1 inspected, choice, $6.50; No. 2 inspected, cut, and grubby hides, $5; No. 3 inspected, $4; Calfskins, green, 8 to 10c; Calfskins, cured, 11 to 13½c; calfskins, dry, none; Sheepskins, 60c to $1.25; Wool, fleece, 28c; Wool, pulled, super, 24 to 28c; Wool, pickings, 9 to 13c; Tallow, rough, 4c; rendered, 7 to 7½c.

HARDWARE.

There has been some improvement in trade since our last, but it cannot be said to be up to the average activity of the season. Still heavy goods have been selling of late rather freely. Nails have been active, as have also tin plates and tinned iron. Galvanized iron has been in active demand. Glass is becoming scarce, but as spring shipments will shortly arrive there is no reason to fear an insufficient supply. Prices in all cases remain unchanged; they have got so low that it is thought they can go no lower, and no sign of reaction is yet visible.

TIN—Pig, 19 to 20c; Sheet, 27 to 30c; Bar, 35 to 37½c; Brass Sheets, 30 to 32c; Brass Kettles, none; Lead, pig, per lb., 5½ to 5½c; Lead, bar, per lb., 5½ to 6c; Lead, Sheet, per lb., 5½ to 5½c.

CUT NAILS—12 dy. to 7 inch, per keg of 100 lbs., $2.50 to $2.60; 5 dy. to 10 dy., per keg of 100 lbs., $3.10 to $3.20; 2½ dy. to 4 dy., per keg of 100 lbs., $3.60 to $3.70; 2 dy., per keg of 100 lbs., $4.40 to $4.50.

HOOPS—Coopers', $2.50 to $2.60; Band, $2.50 to $2.60.

POWDER—Blasting, Canada, $3.75 to $4; FF, Canada, $5 to $5.25; FFF, Canada, $5.25 to $5.50; Blasting (Curtis & Harvey's), —— to ——; FF Loose, $4.50; FFF, $4.75 to $5.

BORAX—Per lb., 12½ to 14c.

GLUE—Per lb., 8 to 20c.

TIN PLATES—IC Coke, 10x14, $5.50 to $5.75; IC Charcoal, 10x14, $6.50 to $6.75; IX Charcoal, 10x14, $8.50 to $8.75; IXX Charcoal, 10x14, $10.50 to $10.75; IXXX Charcoal, 14x20, $15.50 to $17.75; DC Charcoal, 12x17, $5.50 to $6; DX Charcoal, 12x17, $7.50 to $7.75.

IRON WIRE—(4 months)—No. 6, per bundle, $2 to $2.10; No. 9, per bundle, $2.30 to $2.40; No. 12, per bundle, $2.60 to $2.70; No. 16, per bundle, $3.15.

TIN SHEET IRON—No. 24, 10½ to 10¾c; No. 26, 11½ to 12c; No. 28, 12½ to 14c.

GALVANIZED IRON—Best No. 24, 7 to 7½c; best No. 26, 7½ to 7¾c; best No. 28, 7½ to 7¾c.

AMERICAN PIG IRON—No. 1 Stove Plate, $22; No. 2 Foundry, none; Patent hammered, assorted sizes, none.

IRON per ton, (at 6 months)—Pig—Gartsherrie No. 1, none; Glengarnock, No. 1, none; Eglinton, $18 to $19; W. W. & Co., $19.50 to $20; Calder, No. 1, none; Calder, No. 3, none; No. 1 Clyde, none; Monkland, none; No. 1 Summerlee, $20 to $21. Bar—Scotch, per 100 lbs, none; English, best brands, $2 to $2.10; American, none; Lowmoor, $6 to $6.50.

SHEET IRON—Russia, 10 to 11c; Boiler Plate, $4.50.

CANADA PLATES—Arrow, none; Hatton, none; Garth, $3.50 to $3.65; Maple Leaf, $3.55 to $3.65; M. S., $3.55 to $3.60; M. L. S., $3.65 to $3.75; Thistle, $3.55 to $3.65; Antimony, per lb, 14½ to 15c; Sad Iron, $3.25 to $3.50; Zinc, sheet, 6