FINANCE & COMMERCE.

Financial.

The local financial position has undergone no quotable change since our last reference. Duliness has continued to be the characteristic feature of the money market all week, and there are no indications of activity in the near future. The supply of loanable funds at the banks is abundant, and rates are very easy, ranging from 4 to 5 per cent interest for money on call, and about 6 do on time, while The country trade is still reported good, and good commercial paper is readily discounted at 7 to 8 per cent. Sterling Exchange here rules dull, at about 91 prem for round amounts between banks, and 91 prem. cash over the counter. In New York the rates are suffer for 90-day bills and \$4.89\ demand.

Documentary and produce bills are bought at \$1.00 per settled market. Opium quiet and slightly lower, but tartaric acid and cream tartar firm, at the recently advanced figures. 81 to 81 prem. Drafts on New York steady at | prem.

-The traffic receipts of the Great Western Railway for week ending May 10th, amount—
ed to \$87,412.22, against \$74,715.72 for the
was expected. Remittances have been good corresponding week last year, an increase of

-The traffic receipts of the Grand Trunk Rallway for the weeks ending 8th May, 1880, and 10th May, 1879, were:—

Passengers, Mulis and Express, \$ 56,881 \$ 58,810 \$ \$7,106 \$ 95,106 Total.....\$161,810 \$151,916 Increase in 1880..... \$ 8.894

The River-du-Loup receipts are included in 1879, and not in 1880; adding them (\$4,200) the week's increase would be \$14,094. The aggregate increase for nincteen weeks is \$554,549.

THE MONTREAL BANK.

The following is a statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ended April 30th, 1880 :-

\$1,151,125 52

The statement is very much more satisfactory than that of the preceding year, if we assume that ample provision has been made for all probable losses by bad and doubtful debts and depreciation in securities held, and inasmuch as a new manager has thoroughly overhauled the accounts, it cannot be doubted that this has been done. In the year ending April 30th, 1879, the net carnings were only \$611,487.48 or \$437,853.49 less than in the year which has just closed; in 1878 the net earnings were \$1,430,903 and in 1877 \$1,189,312."

INSOLVENT NOTICES. QUEBEC.

Dividends Announced for Payment .- J G treal, May 25; C L Foster & Co, Montreal, May 25; Fish, Shepherd & Co, Montreal,

Applications for Discharge.—Dery, St. Laurent & Co, Quebec, June 8; J B Labelle, Montreal, June 2; Jacob Rosenthal, Montreal, June 4; JBH Vincent and C Morache, 57c to 65c; lower grades dull. Cod Oil, 45c although not large, were sufficient for the Montreal, June 2; J J Vipond & Bro, Beauhar to 53c. Salt is scarce owing to the delay of demand. Oats met with a good enquiry at nois, May 26; Damase, Perrault & Eugene vessels. Panneton, Montreal, May 19; T Caron, Quebec, June 1; Chas Drake, Montreal, June 2; Georges Lemelin, Quebec, June 2; Edward Slack, Waterloo, June 15; Geo U Jeune & Co, New Carlisle, June 15.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE CITY WHOLESALE TRADE.

WEDNESDAY, May 19. Wholesale trade here has slightly improved in some branches during the past week, but no decided activity has yet been developed in this market as was confidently expected, weeks ago, would follow the opening of navigation. The unusual activity and buoyancy in our markets during the winter just past would seem to have been considerably the result of mere speculative excitement. Trade generally throughout the country cannot be said to be sickly, or even unhealthy, but nearly all parties agree now that increased activity in Canadian trade and commerce depends mainly, almost entirely, in fact, upon the coming harvest. Reports from various parts of Ontario go to show that the fall wheat crop will be somewhat of a failure, owing to damages caused by late frosts, but on loamy, well drained soil the wheat looks well, and the failure, we think, will not, by any means, be universal. Business here in many branches has been hindered for several days past by the delay of the arrival of the spring fleet, including a large number of steamships still ice-bound in the Gulf. Added to this, our shipping operations are just now being disturbed by a riotous strike by the dock laborers for higher wages, but owing to the efforts of the police and an apparent disposition to a compromise, the strike, which has lasted a couple of days, appears, at time of writing, practically over. The local breadstuffs market continues very

quiet. Flour has been dull this week, and, if anything somewhat easier, though values are not quotably lower; while grain of all kinds is quiet at steady, but somewhat nominal quotations.

The following are the city wholesale prices The following are the city wholesale prices:

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Fancy 5 90 0 00

Spring Extra, new ground. 5 70 6 5 80

Superine. 5 80 6 5 95

Strong Bakers. 6 20 6 80

Fine. 4 75 6 5 90

Middlings 4 20 6 80

Follards 0 00 6 00

Ontario Bags. 2 80 6 2 95

City Bags (delivered). 2 80 6 2 95

City Bags (delivered). 3 10 8 2 29

Oaimeal, Ontario. 4 50 6 4 60

Cornmeal. 2 75 6 2 80

ASHES.—The local market for potash is more depressed just now than for many months past. At the present there is sourcely any demand, and the outlook is still more gloomy. Receipts are very light, comprising about 350 brls. pats, and some 30 brls. pearls, during the past week. It would be almost impossible to market increased receipts. Pearl ash remains dull, and prices tend downwards. We quote first pots at \$3.60 to 3.65 seconds at \$3.15; first pearls at \$5.65; and second pearls at \$4 50.

BOOTS AND SHOES_A fair sorting-up business has been done here during the past week. The country trade is reported to be improving, with the advancement of the warm summer season, and travellers are forwarding to our wholesale manufacturers numerous orders for light, sum- a considerable enquiry for small lots to meet steamsnips.

mer goods, so that all our large houses are kept fairly busy. Trade is reported to be fully equal to that of last May, so far. No change in prices is expected until quotations are fixed for the Fall trade. Remittances reported fair, as good as can be expected.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS. -There is no quotable change to note in the condition of the market since our last reference. Purchasers are almost entirely limited to present wants, and prices continue to decline in England, so far as can be learned, but no English mail advices have been received here since the date of our last report. orders from retail dealers, if not large, are fairly numerous. No quotable movement

week has been fairly active, the wholerale trade consisting mainly of sorting-up orders received through travellers, which, though was expected. Remittances have been good in some instances, but there are those who have been looking for a greater improvement in this respect than they have experienced. Our city retail trade has been reported active; in fact, it would seem that a good deal of the business that should have been done in April, according to the experience of previous years, is only being done now in May.

FURS .- The only kind of raw furs coming forward is spring muskrat, of which there have been a good many offering durring the week, and prices are easy but nominally un-changed; shipping lots bring 16c to 16jc according to quality, and for first-class skins 17c has been paid. Manufacturers continue to be kept busy on orders for fall goods.

\$1,079,928 00

GROCERIES.—Trade is only moderately differ materially from those published at the however, is very favorable for the agricultural time of the declaration of the last half-yearly interests, on which all depends. Teas-The dividend. In order to maintain a 5 per cent. auction sale of Thursday, 13th, is the semi-annual dividend, it would have been prominent feature in this branch. Of imnecessary to withdraw \$50,000 from the perials and gunpowders, all offered were sold, say about 600 chests, at 291c to 35c for low to good fair quality. In Japan about 2,000 packages found buyers; highest figure was 38c for good, down to 211c for inferior quality; 20 half-chests Pekoe leaf sold at 281c to 30c. At private sale there is nothing particularly to notice beyond ordinary business at nearly figures previously current. First shipment has been made of new crop Japans from Yokohama, and promise is good for quality and quantity this season. Sugars.—There has been a droop of about to per 1b on refined, but it is recovered, and prices now are just about as they were a week ago for yellows and granulated. In raw sugars not much doing, at sales nominally as previous week. Molasses-Steady for Barbades. Inferior qualities not much wanted. Kennedy & Co, Montreal, May 25; V Cooke Rice, \$3 90 to 4.40. Some heavy sales made & Co, Richmond, May 25; Jos Giroux, Mon- at the lower price. Coffee, market dull and in favor of buyers. Spices-Pepper, 103c in heavy lots, up to 11c to 12c for smaller quantities. Pimento, 12c to 15c. Fruits, Valentia raisins dull, 71c to 81c. Layers quiet and as before.

> LEATHER—Business during the week is, on the whole, reported quiet. Considerable shipments of Buffalo and Spanish sole have again been made to England, and stocks have thus been reduced to a mo-derate compass, while a very firm tone has been imparted to the market, and we notice an upward fendency in values. There has been rather less doing in black leathers than during the week previous, but holders remain firm, as the present stock is the outcome of high-priced hides. Waxed upper is in only moderate supply, and a good brisk demand would soon clear the market. In grained leather desirable descriptions are scarce, and values are iffirmer. Buff and pebble are in good supply, but the demand is only moderate. There is an improved enquiry for harness, and stocks for this season of the year are low. Russett lin-ings scarce and dearer. Rough leather, of desirable sorts, scarce and wanted. The shoe manufacturers are buying rather sparingly, as the present period is somewhat between seasons, and until they commence cutting for the fall trade not much increased activity is looked for.

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HIDES AND SKINS.—Dealers report very few hides offering in this market at present by butchers, and prices remain unchanged, at \$10, \$9, and \$8, respectively for Nos. 1, 2 and 3. To tanners, \$1 extra is charged. Calfskins are coming forward more freely, and all offering are readily taken at 12c per lb. Lambskins are selling at 20c to 30c each, as to size. Sheepskins nominal, at previously: quoted: prices, but there are but few offering.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—The market for general hardware is very quiet; the spring business is now practically over, and there is very little doing in anything. The market for most leading articles is quite unsettled, both here and in England, and buyers generally anticipate a "break" for heavy goods before long, and are therefore holding off, but it is just possible, from all we can learn, that they may hold off too long. Manufacturers have not changed their list of pri es for cut nails, but they can be prisection of cut name, but they can be bought at lower figures than those quoted. Iron, of all kinds, is still weak, with prices unsettled; and while there are no further actual changes to make in our quotations, lower could be obtained for orders. The market for pig iron is still depressed and unsettled here, owing principally now, no doubt, to the fact that large lots have yet to arrive; buyers are still holding off, but from all accounts it

present wants, and prices range from \$20 to \$23, as to brand, but until the market is more settled we do not attempt to fix prices for the various kinds in our list. A cable received yesterday from Glasgow reports values about the same as a terinight ago; warrants are quoted about is above bottom figures. The places are also weaker; large quantities are

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SEEDS.—The demand for clover has been fairly active, with prices tending upwards. The clover crop in Ontario is reported to have been partially winter-killed, and the bulk of the seed in this market has been bought up to hold over. Stocks of Timothy are also very light in this market. We quote clover at 7c to 71c per lb in small lots, and Timothy at \$3.35 to \$3.50 per bushel of 45 lbs, as to quality, also in small lots.

WOOL .- The market here remains quiet and nominally unchanged. Manufacturers are pursuing a merely hand-to-mouth policy at present, and seem to be holding off until the arrival of the new clip of fleece on the market, which is not expected come forward for a couple of weeks yet. About the only kind now offering is Canada pulled, unassorted, which sells at very firm prices, from 36 to 37c.
Small lots of Greasy Cape have changed hands at 23c; quoted at 22 to 23c. Australian nominal, at 32 to 35c.

THE FARMERS' MARKETS. BONSECOURS AND ST. AME'S -- PRICES AT FARMERS WAGGONS, ETC.

TUBBDAY, May 18.

Considering that farmers are now generally busy at home putting in their spring crop, the attendance at the city retail markets today was fairly good, and supplies of produce, 75c to 80c per bag; values for other grains unchanged. Potatoes were very plentiful and

15c. spring iamu, (oc to a. a. b. a. 7c; mackerel; 38.00per cvt.

Figh.—Haddock, 7c; codfish, 7c; mackerel; 2c; bass and dorey, 40c to 50c per bunch; olivet, 2c per lb; lobsters, 10c do; perch, 10c to 50c per bunch; rock bass, 15c per bunch; smoked sels, 25c to 40c per couple; fresh salmon, 25c lake trout, 121c.

THE CATTLE MARKETS. - St. Gabriel. 1 a

MONDAY, May 17. In consequence of the large number of vessels, estimated at fully 100, detained by ice in the Gulf, trade here in cattle has been seriously interfered with during the past week and very few purchases were made by exporters to day ... Mr. Ald. McShane alone has 300 head cattle here and 160 more in Toronto, all of which should have left could now be bought here at better advantage this port days ago; but which he has to feed than in the English market. Dealers report at great expense until the arrival of the

At St. Gabriel market this forescon there were about 10 carloads cattle offered for sale, by J. C. Coughlin, Toronto; W. Rivinston, Brockville; G. Saichel, Ottawa; R. Jones, Mitchell; W. Boberts, Lennoxville; G. Deviln, Ottawa; M. Ellet, Newsasile; W. Walters, Whitby, J. Stone Whitby; and S Waddell, from the Den. Mr. Ald. McShane bought 7 cattle from John Robinson, of Toronto, at \$60 each, and 5 from M Elliot at the same price. Joseph bitone sold 9 to S. Price at 41c, and 1 for \$32. W Walters sold 10 to Cralg and Kennedy, shippers, at 44c and 9c to Louis Taillfer at \$45 each. On Saturday last Mesers Bradley and McIntosh, of Paisley and St. Thomas, sold 147 bead of shipping cattle to Mr. McShane, at 51c. The ordinary range of prices for cattle was from 8 c to 5e.

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS. The receipts at Point St. Charles for the past week were 142 carloads cattle, and 7 carloads sheep. The following were the receipts for through shipment to Europe: Mesers. Lemoine, Dunn & Co., 23 cars cattle from Whitby and Toronto ; Dow, Hallam & Co., 26 cars from Toronto, Paris and Waterloo; Egderton, Rees, 6 cars cattle from London, 5 cars sheep from Kingston; & U Coughlin, 18 cars cattle from Don and Forrest; C M Acre & Co., 2 cars cattle aud 2 cars sheep, Port Hope; A Dow & Co., 8 cars cattle from Waterloo; Jas McShane, 9 cars from Don and Seaforth; Craig & Kennedy, 20 cars from Don and Brampton; George Armstrong, 4 cars from Brampton; M Williams, 3 cars from Forrest; Elliot & Williamson, 9 cars; J Dunn, 8 cars.

The only sale of live hogs was made by Joseph Stone, who disposed of 7 at 53c. From \$5.50 to 6.00 per cwt is the quota-

During the week 5 cars of hogs were brought from Chicago by Messra. Head, Bickerdike, Morgan and Masterman, packers.

AT VIGER MARKET the supply of cattle was again largely in excess of the demand, and business was dull. As previously reported, exporters are not buying freely, and the demand from local butchers continues light; they state that holders ask too high prices, while the latter contend that obtainable prices are low and unprofitable; one dealer reported to-day that he lost about \$200 on his total sales. The offerings at this market comprised 250 head cattle of which 200 were from St. Gabriel market, 150 calves and about 80 sheep and lambs. The quality of the beeves was unusually good. and prices paid ranged from 3 c to 4 c per lb. live weight. The sale of 5 head of fine cattle by John Robinson, of Toronto, to butchers at 41c to 5c furnished the exception to the general rule. Messrs. Wilder & Roberts sold 20 head to butchers at from 31c to 41c. Wm. Jack, of Lindsuy, sold only 2 head out of 19 cattle at 45c, and R. J. Hopper sold 2 out of 10 head at about 4c. Matthew Elliott, Kingston, sold 20 head at about \$60 each or 4 c; Mr. Elliott stated that these eattle cost him fully 5c, in the country. R. Balderson, Perth, sold 5 head for \$210; J. Benoit, trader, 9 out of 17 head at an average of \$49 each. and J B Roy 20 head at 41c to 41c. John McKinnon, Guelph, had under offer 20 head of good cattle, which he drove away unsold. There was a large number of cattle in the yards yet unsold at noon. The calves were chiefly small, and sold at from \$1 to \$7 each; the largest and best calves, however, would bring \$10, if offered. Very few sheep offered; they sold at from \$6 to 8, and lambs, which were generally good, from \$1 to 4.50

MONTREAL HORSE MARKET.

MONTHEAU HUNGE MARKET.

Saturday, May 15.

The supply of horses offering in this market during this week is reported to have been rather light, and not including many first-class business animals, still we find on comparing the official reports of shipments that there has been an increase this week over those of last week of authough not sirge, were sufficient for the demand. Oats met with a good enquiry at 780 to 300 per bag; values for other given and the cheanged. Potatoes were very plentifol and rather cheaper, selling at 550 to 100 to

demand, and yet prices are quoted firmer, at \$3 to \$4 per 100 bundles, an advance of about 50c since last Saturday. Pressed fodder, especially hay, is reported scarce; the best baled hay invariably brings \$11 per ton, and common is quoted at \$9 and upwards. Pressed straw firm at \$6.50 to \$7 per ton, or 35c per cwt.

THE FUEL MARKETS.

WEDNESDAY, May 12. There has been an improved enquiry in this market during the past week for steam coal, to supply the wants of steam boat owners and manufacturers, and prices paid for Scotch steam coal range from \$5 to \$5.25; fer other kinds values remain unchanged, at the figures quoted in our last report, but for round lots doubtless these quotations would be shaded. The demand for all kinds of bard coal in this

market continues very light, and al-though barges laden with anthracite coal are arriving at this port from the States almost every day; business is re-ported quite dull. Consumers are generally holding off for lower prices, but from present prospects, they may have to wait for a condderable time.

Owing to the limited supply of condwood in the market, prices at the wharf have advanced 50c per cord, and are now quoted ex-wharf, as follows:—Maple \$4.50; birch, \$4.25; tamarac, \$3 to 3.50; hemlock, \$2.50 to 3. Dealers report, however, that retail prices, delivered from the yards, remain unchanged. During the week about 18 barge loads have arrived at the foot of the long wharf, near Molson's, and several others laden with cordwood are anchored at Hochelaga.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

(For the Week ending Thursday, 29th April.) LONDON-Best beef, 81d to 81d per 1b; inferior and secondary, 63d to 80 per 1b; best mutton, 1vd to 10jd per 1b; inferior and secondary, 63d to 80 per 1b; best mutton, 1vd to 10jd per 1b; inferior and secondary, 6d to 80 per 1b. Although not active, the catlle trade here to-day was steady; supplies, however, were not up to the average. Business was not active, but prices remained about the same as last week. The sheep pens were not over well filled. Trade was steady at prices better than last week.

LIVERPOOL.—Beef, 6id to 9d per 1b; mutton, 8d to 11d per 1b. The supply of cattle here to day was less; of sheep, larger than on last Monday. The trade ruled rather slow for all descriptions of stock at about the prices of last

wook.
GLASCOW.—Bost beet, 8]d per lb; inferior and secondary, 6]d to 8]d per lb; best mutton, 11]d to 1sper lb; inferior and secondary, 9d to 16]d per lb. There was an ordinary number of cattle at market this day, many of which were of good quality. Demand dulli-h and no alteration from last week's quotations. Fair supply of sheep and generally of good quality. All kinds in demand, and last week's pices readily obtained.—Reported for the Gazette by John Bell & Bons, Glasgow.

LONDON GROCERY MARKET.

In Mincing Lane during the past week there has not been much change. Holders of sugar have been firm, and succeeded in obtaining a further advance for spot and affoat.

The sale of coffee by the Dutch Trading Company went off at about 1 per cent below valuations. Good ordinary is quoted at 391c against 40 c in April. The market here is duli. Large stocks have a depressing in-fluence on prices, which has fallen upon all except good and fine. There was a steady demand for rice afloat. Black pepper declined id to a farthing, and white id per lb. The public sales of tea were again large at about previous rates.

LONDON AGBICULTURAL SEED TRADE. LONDON AGRICULTURAL SEED TRADE.

LONDON, 23th March, 1880.—The end of the season being now close at hand, the attendance of buyers on the market to-day was most meagre. As regards American clover seed, the prevalent feeling exhibits less depression; nevertheless, current prices are still at a lower level, whilst the quality of the seed is finer than has ever before been the case. Other varieties of farm seeds are also surprisingly cheap. Holders of trefoil are accepting reduced terms. The trade for lucerne improves. Of sanioin and Timothy stocks are at a low ebb. Spring tares point downwards. Hemp seed realizes 31s per qr. Canary is neglected. There is a better sale for mangold seed. Scarlet runners are dearer; white runners being remarkably cheap, consequently meet with more attention.—John Shaw & Sons' Circular.

Finance, Communerce and Trade.

-A shipping office has been established at the Port of Summerside, P.E.I., and Mr. Jacob Schurman, of Summerside, is appointed shipping master.

-Power's wharf, Halifax, N.S., was sold at auction on Saturday to P. Power for \$25,000. The property opposite the dock yard, being part of the estate of Patrick Stokes, was sold to Mrs. C. Anderson for \$1,400.

-Last week's circular of the Liverpool Cotton Brokers' Association says :- "Cotton was in improved demand on Friday, and prices were firm. Business has since been extremely limited, and the market dull and irregular. The market was steadier at the decline on Wednesday and Thursday. American was in fair request, but business was limited, and with an extensive supply quotations are reduced 3-16d. Sea Island was in moderate demand, Florida being more freely offered. Lower grades, imperfectly prepared, receded a half-penny to a penny. Futures were dull and depressed until Tuesday, and prices declined 5-16d. Since then they have been steadier, and prices hardened ad. The final rates show a decline of 5-32d to 3-16d."

-A leading Liverpool grain circular says: The grain trade during the past week was generally steady, though only moderately active. At the provincial markets during the past few days there were diminished offerings of English wheat, and foreign was held for 1s per qr advance, which, however, somewhat checked the demand. A good Continental inquiry at a further improvement of 6d to 1s continues for cargoes off coast. At Liverpool and the neighboring markets since Tuesday there has been a fair business in wheat at Tuesday's full prices. Corn is again rather dearer. To-day's market was fairly attended. There was a good demand for wheat, and most descriptions improved 1d. There was a good consumptive demand for flour at extreme rates. Corn was in fair request and advanced fully 1d."

CAUTION. The pianos advertised by some of the Mon!-

real actioneers to be sold in private houses this spring as "Weber" pienos are not "WEBER" pianos. The advertisements appear to be intentionally worded so as to mislead the public. There is probably no piano maker in the world who has had so many imitators, both of his name and style, as Weber." Several parties, particularly country people, are deceived by these adwere much larger than last week, and the demand being only moderate, there being very little choice hay brought to market, prices have suffered a marked decline.....The total receipts for the week are estimated at 400 locals. not have so much reason to complain, but suppressing the style adopted by these firms, and using the New York Piano to palm off imitation rosewood planos, selling at from \$100 to \$150, as "WEBER" is manifestly unfair, and carries with it the appearance of deliberate fraud.

NEW YORK PIANO Co., Agents for "Weber." Montreal, 1st May, 1880.

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