

active, but the demand as yet is confined to local wants. Receipts have been small, and stocks in store here show a decrease of some 3,000 bbls flour since the 1st inst., but an increase of 19,000 bbls as compared with the like date last year. To-day's advices of the English and Western markets will be found in another column. It is said that the "clique" in Chicago are nearly out of their April wheat deal, and show signs of a determination to carry it still higher in the May and June deals. In the local grain market there has been no business doing in wheat; sales have been confined to a few car lots of oats and peas along the line at figures equal to our quotations for spot lots. A lot of barley was offered yesterday at 60c without finding a buyer, quotations remain purely nominal.

Stocks in store and in the hands of millers are as follows:—

	March 15, 1882.	March 1, 1882.	March 15, 1881.
Wheat, bus.	49,765	73,833	63,798
Corn, "	53,515	54,015	15,072
Peas, "	121,110	116,297	47,496
Oats, "	88,481	77,561	10,904
Barley, "	19,554	19,954	141
Rye, "	41,276	38,541	8,463
Flour, bbls.	62,645	65,540	43,546
Oatmeal "	392	431	94
Cormental "	151	151	275

FURS.—Very few raw furs coming forward, and supplies expected to be light until next month, when the usual Spring catch will be brought to market. The London sales opened on the 14th inst., but until the next English mail or cable advices arrive, no definite information can be ascertained as to prospects, etc. It has been learned, however, that there has been a slight advance for muskrats. There is a fair local demand in this market for *Skunk* skins, which are expected to be a little higher than last year. There is also a decline in *otter* reported, and beaver expected to be lower, but the figures are not yet known. Prices here unchanged; Mink, \$1 to \$1.25; Marten, \$1.25 to \$1.75; Otter, \$8 to \$10; Bear, \$8 to \$12; Culs, \$2 to \$5; Fox, \$1.50 to \$1.75; Muskrat, Spring, 20c; Winter do, 15c to 16c; Full do, 12c; Kites, 3c; Silver Fox, \$10 to \$50; Cross Fox, \$2 to \$5; Lynx, \$2.50 to \$4; Beaver about \$2.50 to \$2.75 per lb.

FREIGHTS.—Rates quoted from Montreal to Liverpool via Portland—for heavy grain, 5s per qr of 480 lbs; flour, 25s for sacks and 3s 9d per bbl. Ashes—Pots, 30s; Pearls, 37s 6d. Butter and cheese, 45s per gross ton.

FRUITS.—Arrivals of *Oranges* during the week light; *Valencias* meet with a good demand at \$7 to \$8 per case, but the quality of the offerings has been generally poor. Box oranges in good supply at \$4 to \$4.50. In *Lemons* not much doing; prices unchanged, \$5 to \$6 per case. *Naples*, in chests, worth \$7 to \$7.50. *Apples* quiet and unchanged, quoted at \$2.50 to \$5, as to kind and quality. Shipments have ceased, as latest cable advices report the Liverpool market still very dull; Canadian *Russets* shipped from this market recently only realized 15s. The imports of apples at Liverpool from the United States and Canada from September 1st, 1881, to February 24th, 1882, were 142,524 bbls, against 703,880 bbls for like period last season, showing the large increase of 561,356 bbls. *Bananas* worth \$4.50 to \$5 per bunch, but very little doing in them. *Evaporated apples* bring 15c, and dried fruit 7c per lb. *Cocoanuts* quoted at \$6 per hundred.

GROCERIES.—*Sugars*.—There is a probability of the Bill recently introduced into United States Congress passing; it provides for a uniform duty of 25 per cent. on all imported Raw Sugar. Prices are without special change for the week, although the upward tendency is arrested. Some *Barbados Sugar* held for lot in Quebec 7½c equal nearly 7½c here. Our supply of Raw Sugar at the moment is light. *Teas*.—

In *Tea and Coffee* also there is a change proposed in U. S. Congress, in the abolition of the ten per cent. discriminating duty on *Teas* and *Coffees* from *Dutch ports* East of Cape of Good Hope. Market is steady for good *Japans*, while low inferior qualities continue depressed. *Molasses*.—*Barbados* in light stock and firm at the island, here demand is slackening as the season advances. *Syrups* very scarce. *Coffees*.—Little business doing, prices nominally unchanged. *Rice* quite dull. *Spices*.—*Pepper* is reported higher by about ½c. Other *Spices* quiet and steady. *Fruits*.—*Valencias* are held firmly at 9½c to 10½c. In New York high prices prevail. *Malaga* fruit dull. *Currants* and *Sultanas*, as well as *Figs*, also dull. *Almonds* and *Nuts* very little altered.

LEATHER.—The tone of the market is generally dull, though a steady demand continues to be experienced for No. 1 B. A. plump *Sole* and best *Slaughter*, which continue scarce, at full figures; a lot of the latter description was sold this week at 28½c. Black leathers still in excessive supply, with prices favoring buyers, unless for *Buff* and *Upper*, of which some dealers say there are signs of a shortage, and for which there is a fair inquiry. Some round lots of *Buff* have changed hands at 14c; concessions are made on nearly all other kinds.

LUMBER.—Holders of stock are advancing prices. We hear of prices being advanced East and West from \$2 to \$4 per M on pine lumber, according to quality. *Hardwoods* are particularly stiff and advancing, as the quantity got out is very short. The present fine cold weather is excellent for hauling, keeping the roads in good condition. No large lots of lumber selling.

OILS.—Nothing doing scarcely all week in fish oils. *Cod* is dull and flat, with prices nominally unchanged; stocks are heavy, while there is little or no demand for it. *Steam Refined Seal*, owing to reduced stocks, which also are in few hands, is a trifle firmer, though no change in quotations is reported. No large transactions within the week. *Linseed* has been quiet and easier if anything, but the market is now stronger, in consequence of cable advices received yesterday noting an advance in England, where the market for futures is quite strong. *Spirits of Turpentine* steady at 85c to 86c Imp. gal., as to size of lot.

WINES AND LIQUORS.—A steady jobbing trade continues to be done, at full prices, but it is seldom any large transactions occur. The only quotable sale reported this week was that of 15 hhds. *Sazerac Brandy* at \$3.50.

PETROLEUM.—The market is weak, and prices easier for refined; several hundred barrels have changed hands during the week at 18c, and it seems to have all gone into consumption. The city trade is quiet at the above figures, net cash for car lots; although we believe this figure has been shaded. Smaller quantities quoted at 19c to 21. *Crude* at *Petrolin*, nominal at \$1.50 in tanks—holders not offering in expectation of higher prices. Stocks here have been considerably reduced.

PROVISIONS.—The Chicago hog market opened strong yesterday, at an advance of 5c to 10c per 100 lbs. Estimated receipts yesterday were 13,000, against 10,275 on Tuesday, and shipments were 4,517. Pork was also stronger, closing at an advance of 2½c to 3½c per bbl. on Tuesday's prices, at \$17.40 for May, and \$15.57½ June. *Lard*, too, advanced 10c to 15c per 100 lbs, being quoted at \$10.75 May, \$10.35 June. In this market a fair country trade has been done, at last week's prices for *Mess Pork*; a lot of two carloads *American Mess*, inspected, was sold this week at \$21, and *Canada short cut*, inspected, commands \$21.50 to \$21.75, as to size of lot. *Lard* in fair demand, at 14c to 14½c for *Fairbanks'*, and about 13½c to 14c for *Canada*.

*Dams* nominally worth 13c to 13½c, but nothing doing just now. The season is about over for *Dressed Hogs*, which are still nominally quoted at \$8.50 to \$9. *Eggs* continue dull, very slow of sale at 17c to 18c for fresh; the market is weak, because under large accumulations and a light demand dealers are commencing to cut prices. *Maple Syrup* is easier; new is selling at \$1.05 to \$1.10, and old at 80c to 85c per gal. A few small lots of new *Maple Sugar* have been disposed of here this week at 10c to 11c per lb.

SEEDS.—The market for *Clover* continues quiet, the export demand being over and the Spring's business not having fairly commenced. It is sold by dealers at \$8.50 to \$8.75 per cental, in small lots. For *Timothy* the demand is light, holders asking rather more for seed than buyers are willing to pay. It is quoted at \$3.30 to \$3.40 per bushel, in small lots.

WOOL.—The local market rules quiet and firm, not active; sales for the week include sample lots of *Greasy Cape* at 20c to 20½c, an exceptionally fine lot of blue wool at 23½c, and a lot of fleece washed at 26c. In domestic descriptions some round lots have been sold during the week to Western dealers, but the prices have not transpired. The range of quotations, however, is unchanged.

#### AMERICAN MARKETS.

Chicago, 1.03 p.m.—Wheat, May, \$1.27½; June, \$1.25½. Corn, May, 68½c; June, 67½c. Oats, May, 45½c; June, 44½c. Pork, May, \$17.52; June, \$17.72½. Lard, May, \$10.85; June, \$10.95.

Milwaukee, 1.03 p.m.—Wheat, March, \$1.29½; cash, \$1.26½; April, \$1.26½; May, \$1.27½.

New York, 3.13 p.m.—Wheat, No. 2 Red, April, \$1.35½; May, \$1.35½; June, \$1.33½. Corn, April, 74½c; May, 75½c.

#### ENGLISH MARKETS.

LONDON, March 16, 1882.

(Beerholm's advices).—Floating cargoes of Wheat firmer. Several cargoes have been taken off the coast for the continent, which is a new feature. Floating cargoes Corn strong. Cargoes on passage—Wheat and Corn firmer. Quotations of Red Winter Wheat, 50s. Mixed American Corn, 29s 9d. Good shipping California Wheat just shipped 45s; now do 47s. Liverpool Wheat on spot steady; Corn strong. No. 2 Red Wheat, 48s 3d; prompt, 48s 3d. Liverpool American west mixed Corn, 6s 3d; Peas, 6s 11d.

#### TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

(By Special Telegraph.)

Toronto, March 16, 1882.

There has been a fair movement in wholesale circles during the past week, and the outlook is considered good by the majority of dealers. The spring trade set in early, and with seasonable weather country business is likely to be satisfactory. The payments this month have not been quite as satisfactory as previous months, which is accounted for by the fact that retail dealers carried over large quantities of heavy winter goods, and the roads the past two months have been in a very bad condition. Country produce has with difficulty been moved, and that only to a small extent. The dry goods trade has been moderately active, and prices continue strong. Large orders for spring goods have been received, and are now being delivered. A number of travellers have started out on their sorting-up trips. The cold snap of the past two days has somewhat restricted the demand, but with favorable weather the prospects seem satisfactory for a large movement. In hardware