

ful as last year. As to payments reports differ; in some instances they are satisfactory, while in others not as good as at like period last year.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—The English breadstuffs markets have been dull and weak the last few days, with values easier for futures. Beer-bohm's London advices to-day report floating cargoes heavy, and those on passage very inactive, while spot wheat in Liverpool was heavy and corn firm. Imports in the United Kingdom for the week show a decrease of 75,000 qrs. wheat, 5,000 qrs corn, and an increase of 40,000 brls. flour, as compared with the week previous. In New York wheat is irregular and flour quiet. The steady decline in the Western markets for wheat has been followed by a sharp upward turn in values; April wheat in Chicago advanced 3½c to 4c per bushel yesterday, and a further advance of 1½c is noted to-day, the market closing strong, at \$1.29 April, \$1.23 May. The local grain market continues dull and weak, and prices apparently will have to recede considerably further before buyers can be induced to operate for spring shipments to any extent. A few car loads of peas, oats and barley have changed hands along the line during the week at prices equal to about our quotations on spot, which, however, are more or less nominal. In New York there have been several sales of Canadian barley during the past few days, including 6,000 bushels of ungraded Canada at \$1.07½, 10,000 bushels at \$1.09, and 5 cars at \$1.08. **Flour.**—Very little doing beyond supplying demand for local consumption. No sales worth noting this week. Demand entirely of a retail character, hence values are gradually receding; Superior and Extras having declined from 5c to 10c per barrel during the week. Another cause of the decline is the competition entered into by Ontario millers with the trade here in selling to customers at points East of Montreal.

FRUITS.—Trade continues good for the time of year, a fairly good demand being reported for all kinds of green fruits. **Oranges** in fair supply, and prices steady, at \$7 to \$8 per case for Valencia's, and \$4 to \$4.50 per box for Messina's. **Lemons** in good request, at \$4 to \$5 for Messina's, \$5 to \$6 per case for Palermo's, and \$7 to \$7.50 for Naples in chests. **Apples.**—The local demand continues fair, at \$3.50 for Greenings, \$4 to \$4.50 for Baldwins, and \$5 for Spies and Russets. Shipments for the week light, not exceeding 400 brls. Cable advices received from Liverpool yesterday report the English market dull, and dealers are advised not to ship. Recent sales of Canadian apples in Liverpool were made at 23s. Evaporated apples in this market quiet and firm, at 14c to 15c 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 brl. Ashes—Pots, 30s; pearls, 37s 6d. Butter and cheese, 45s per gross ton.

GROCERIES.—**Teas.**—Auction sale to-day low prices for China Teas sold, were obtained. Japans were nearly all passed, prices not meeting sellers' views. Since auction some have been sold at private sale at fair values. Market for low Teas is dull, but for good to fine qualities Japans firm. **Sugars.**—An advance of at least ½th, if not more, is to be noted on Refined Yellows. Granulated is ½th higher. Market firm, and reports from West India Islands, notably Cuba, show higher prices, arising from prevailing drought chiefly. **Molasses.**—Barbadoes is higher at the Island. Quantity here is small, our price is 53c to 57c. Cienfuegos 49c to 51c. Trinidad 47c to 49c. **Rice** very quiet and nominal. **Coffees.**—Ceylon crop is expected to be considerably less than usual. Mocha firm; other Coffees dull. **Spices.**—Pepper maintains about previous value, and there is little to note in other spices. Business not active. **Fruits.**—New York market keeps very high for Valencia Raisins. With us figures are as at last report. Stock is light. Malaga fruit, as also most other fruits, dull.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—A good steady trade continues to be done in supplying country dealers with Spring stocks of all kinds of general hardware, and an advance of 10c per keg all round for cut nails constitutes about the only change in prices for the week. **Tin Plates** are also easier, perhaps in consequence of the proposed removal of the duty: lots of I. C. Charcoal are reported to have been sold at \$5.50 to \$5.75, and Cokes at \$4.75 to \$5. **Ingot Tin** has changed hands at 27½c to 28c, and **Ingot Copper** at 18½c to 19c for English, and 19½c to 20c for Canadian. At a meeting of the hardware and metal trades here on Monday last a committee was appointed to draft a petition to be forwarded to Ottawa, asking that the duty be refunded on all duty-paid goods held at the time the duty is taken off. Heavy stocks of tin plates are held by dealers here. The local **Pig Iron** market continues remarkably dull for future delivery; a few spot sales of small lots have been made at full figures. A lot of 120 tons Siemens pig changed hands for Western delivery at equal to \$30 in this market; it is quoted at \$24.50 to \$25.50, as to quality. Warrants are a shade firmer at 49s 6d. **Bar Iron** steady, with reported sales of 200 tons Siemens at \$2.35, and of Staffordshire bars at \$2.25.

HOPS.—This market is inactive, but some demand from city brewers during the week has been supplied, at prices ranging from 20c to 23c. Sales of small lots have been reported at 20c, 22c, and 23c. Bavarian hops are quoted at 40c, the sale of a lot being reported at that figure.

OILS.—Business continues of a mere jobbing character, sales being altogether to the local trade. In **Cod oil** there has been little doing, and values are easier though nominally unaltered. **Steam Refined Seal** rules steady and firm, with some prospects of an early advance, in consequence of the difficulty experienced by vessels in anchoring on the Newfoundland coasts; they are much later this year than usual. A good-sized lot of **Straw Seal** changed hands this week at 45c Imperial gallon. **Linseed** and **Turpentine** continue quiet and steady at unchanged quotations.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Market for native and western hides quiet and unchanged. The offerings are never large during Lent, and this season is no exception; all coming to market are taken at previously quoted prices for hides, sheepskins, and calfskins, but no large sales have transpired.

LEATHER.—Business continues inactive, with an easier market for some descriptions of black leathers. The sale of 1,000 sides of **Buff** and 600 sides heavy **Upper** to a local shoe manufacturer was reported by a leading firm as having been made yesterday on p. t., but at figures within the range of our quotations. Another round lot of heavy **Upper** sold this week at about 33c, and round lots of B. A. **Sole** have changed hands at our quotations. There is still a scarcity of prime **Slaughter** and No. 1 B. A. **Sole**, which command outside prices. Manufacturers are cutting fully as much as usual, and trade in sole leather continues fair at unchanged values, but to move round lots of **Spits**, **Buff** or **Pebble**, considerable concessions are necessary.

LUMBER.—No change to report; any estimate or opinion now formed of the quantity of lumber to be produced this season is largely guess-work,—as there are so many contingencies in the way, bad roads, horse sickness, etc., etc., that would lead many to suppose that the stock will be very light. Should we yet have wintry weather and heavy falls of snow, however, there can still be a good deal of drawing done, besides there are the logs stuck last season to come forward. If there be a good drive there will be a good, fair quantity, and, with

present high prices, the country will be far more benefited than if an immense stock was manufactured and sold at low prices. On the whole, the hindrances and drawbacks to over-production are regarded as a special benefit. The work of denudation of our forests is progressing at a tremendous rate, and anything that tends to prolong the production will be our gain in the future. The present proprietors of timber lands seem to feel it their bounden duty to strip the country of all timber for present gain.

PETROLEUM.—Western price is still quoted 16c f.o.b. at Petrolia, or equal to 20c here; notwithstanding which oil is selling freely here at 18½c by the car load. **Crude** is firm at \$1.50 in tank; prospects are good for an advance in Refined as soon as old stocks are worked off.

PROVISIONS.—A fairly good business was done here early in the week, but the serious "break" in Chicago on Monday last caused a decidedly weak feeling here; buyers have since been rather holding off. The Chicago pork market fell 40c to 45c per brl. on Monday last, and has been quite weak until yesterday it recovered somewhat, and closed steadier at an advance of 50c to 60c per brl upon the lowest figure reached on Tuesday. **Lard** also closed steadier, with a decline, however, of about 50c per 100 lbs. within the week. In this market **Mess Pork** rules quiet, at \$20.50 to \$21 for Western, and \$21.50 to \$21.75 for Canada short cut. **Lard** is dull, at 14c to 14½c for Fairbanks, and 13c to 13½c for Canadian in pails. A round lot of smoked **Hams** changed hands on Tuesday at 13½c and another lot sold at 13c. **Eggs** dull and flat; stocks steadily accumulating, and prices nominally quoted at 18c to 20c for fresh, with the latter figure very difficult to get. **Dressed Hogs** nominally worth \$8.50 to \$9. Contrary to expectations, there has been an increase this season of 1,549 hogs in the receipts by the G.T. R. and Q. M. O. & O. Railways, which amount to 20,157 hogs, against 18,608 for the like period last season. There has been a decrease in the receipts of Ontario hogs, but a considerable increase in the arrivals of hogs fed in the Province of Quebec. **Maple Syrup** is selling here at 90c to \$1 per gal. for old and \$1.10 for new.

SEEDS.—The export demand for **Clover** is over, and the market rules very quiet. Prices quoted at \$8.50 to \$8.75 per cental. In **Timothy** there is very little doing, the market being badly supplied; it is sold by dealers in small lots at \$3.35 to \$3.50 per bushel.

WINES AND LIQUORS.—There has been a fair jobbing trade done at firm prices. **Brandies** continue scarce and in request; there is also a good demand for Champagnes, sales of 250 packages Piper Heidsieck being reported in one quarter. **Terragona** ports and **Sherries** very scarce and wanted; both held at \$1.25 Imperial gallon.

WOOL.—This market, in sympathy with London, is quiet but firm. Sales are reported of 72 bales of **Cape** at prices ranging from 19½c to 21c. No transactions in **Australian** this week, and domestic descriptions are sold in very small quantities at unchanged prices.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

BOSTON, March 9, 1882.—**Flour.**—Dull feeling, prices 25c lower than last week. Sales of Superfine at \$4 to \$4.75; Extras, including choice Bakers, \$4.75 to \$7.25 per bbl. Winter Wheats dull, and selling at \$6.25 to \$7.25; Spring Wheat \$7.25 to \$8.50 per bbl. **Grain.**—Corn firm; No. 2 selling at 74c and steamer at 73c to 74c. Oats firm at 56c to 57½c for No. 1; 55c to 55½c for No. 2. Shorts and fine feed sold at \$22 to \$23 and Middlings at \$25 to \$26 per ton. **Hay.**—Market quiet, prices unchanged, choicest selling at \$19 to \$21, and medium grades at \$16 to \$18 per ton. **Produce.**—Butter dull. Choice scarce, other kinds lower. Sales of choice at