

Nearly all choice full dairies coming to this market are absorbed by the local demand on arrival at advanced prices; a lot of 150 pkgs. choice Townships was reported sold for the city trade on Tuesday at 25c. As high as 22c has been bid for choice Fall makes in the Morrisburg district, and Kamouraska is held firmly in Quebec at 17½c. The American markets, east and west, appear to be pretty bare of fine goods, and every thing tends in the direction of high prices for choice butter. Of the New York market the *Bulletin* of yesterday says: Strictly choice butter is difficult to find, and holders are enabled to sustain values without much trouble; but on the general run of stock the tone is still quite unsettled, with an occasional opportunity afforded buyers for picking up something cheap. In *Cheese* there is little change to note in this market, which continues firm for all choice late makes. Heavy sales are reported to have been made in the Ingersoll district during the week, some 20,000 boxes having changed hands at 11½c to 12c. Liverpool market advance 6d per cwt yesterday to 59s. 6d., and in New York a further advance of 5c per lb. in the cost of shipping lots is advised—13c being now quoted. The *Bulletin* says: "Cheese does not sell to any great extent on foreign orders, as there is little stock here, and the continued hardening tendency in the country keeps receivers and shippers in the old unpleasant position. The home trade, however, is still good, and bids fair to afford an outlet for anything desirable not sent abroad." At Woodstock yesterday 3,400 boxes choice late make sold at 12c, and in this market holders of choice October factories ask 12c.

Fruits.—Business brisk; a continued good exports demand for apples has been experienced, and sound winter fruit sells as rapidly as it arrives at from \$3.65 to \$4.50, as to kind and quality. Fall apples dull, and latest sales were made at from \$1 to \$2.50; supply is light. A car load of mixed winter assortments was sold yesterday at \$3.65, and straight lots of choice red stock are held at \$4. Shipments of apples from this port for last week comprised 6,722 bbls, and the total of shipments thus far this season is 29,895 bbls. Canadian pears are worth \$1.50 per basket, and California do \$5 per box. Quinces are selling at \$ per bbl. and \$1.25 per basket; the supply is good but demand only fair. Oranges—New arrivals of Florida Oranges in the market this week, and all are wanted at \$9 to \$11 per bbl. Lemons in light request, as usual at this period of the year; Malaga fruits selling at \$4 to \$4.50 per chest, and Messina at \$3 per box. New honey in the comb selling in boxes of 1½ lbs each at 35c per box.

Fish.—Trade quiet. Labrador Herrings still selling at \$6.25 to \$6.50, as to quantity; stocks are not heavy, and all will likely be required for the local trade, though the demand at present is not reported active. Sales of about 700 bbls. were advised yesterday. Dry Cod fish in small supply, and held at \$6 to \$6.25 per quintal of 112 lbs. Green Cod selling in barrels at \$5.75 for No. 1, and large draft fish at about \$6 to \$6.25. North Shore Salmon steady at \$20, \$19, and \$18 respectively for Nos. 1, 2 and 3, but not much movement to note. British Columbia Salmon at \$16.50 for No. 2 is considered better value than North Shore at \$20, but there is not much of the former in the market.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—The tone of the English wheat markets is evidently weakening; there is scarcely any enquiry for cargoes off coast, which are quoted 6d lower since Tuesday. Liverpool has been inactive for spot offerings, and to-day is cabled easier, but not lower. Imports in the United Kingdom for the week show an increase of 65,000 qrs. wheat, and 240,000 qrs. corn, and a decrease of 50,000 bbls. flour, as compared with previous week. Chicago wheat market has been declining, but to-day is wired 1c better; it is stated that the market is being manipulated by the "bulls." New York is firmer and higher for wheat.

The local wheat market is characterized by the trade as being "dull as dishwater." The demand from England for wheat this year is comparatively light, owing to the European crops having turned out better than was anticipated. A tolerably good business, however, has been done in peas, heavy sales of cargo lots having been made at 90c to 91c for export. Small sales of car lots of Canada Wheat at quotations reported; oats easy at 34c to 35c; corn in bond worth 87c to 90c, and rye nominal, at 65c to 66c. **Flour.**—The demand for Lower ports and Newfoundland has been good during the week, but the supplies have continued adequate, yet stocks in store show a falling-off of about 23,000 bbls. as compared with like date last year. It is understood that the Grand Trunk rolling stock is being monopolized by the large grain movements usual at this period; in consequence of which all the stations west of this city are loaded with flour, and as soon as the clearances commence very heavy receipts are expected here, and a consequent further depression in values. As compared with a week ago, there is no quotable change to note in prices, but the market is comparatively bare of Extra and Spring Extra grades; some reported sales of Spring Extras at \$5 were in reality medium bakers flour.

GROCERIES.—**Sugars.**—Hard White Refined unchanged with fair demand. Low quality Yellows scarce with some enquiry. In West India Grocery Sugars there is not much doing at about previous values. **Teas.**—Japanese cable figures show firmness for good Teas orders for such not being readily repeated at former cost. With us steadiness prevails for the finer qualities and moderate demand for medium kinds. In China Green and Black Teas there is no practical alteration to note. **Molasses.**—Market quiet but as before noted for Barbados in price. Other kinds dull. Syrups are reduced ¼ cent the pound. **Coffee.**—No change and moderate business. **Rice.**—Fairly steady. **Spices.**—Pepper still at full prices. White Pepper small stock. Nutmegs, Cloves quiet. Common Ginger rather higher, as also Cassia. **Fruits.**—Valentia of prime quality held 7½c to 9c as to quantity, some off grade on heavy lots offered a shade below. Malaga Raisins not active. Currants without change here but firm in Greece owing chiefly to French demand. Sultanina 11½c to 12½c. Figs—Malaga Mats, 5½c to 6½c. Blème, 15c to 17c. Taragona Almonds and Filberts rather lower. Walnuts scarce.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—The volume of business is well maintained; a good steady trade is being done by the travellers in all lines, and, as usual towards the close of navigation, the leading houses are getting busier. Remittances generally satisfactory, though there have been rather more requests for renewals from some country sections. The anticipated advance for iron, foreshadowed in our last report, has been established it is owing, as stated by leading firms in their circulars, to the decided advance in English markets, together with the rise in freight rates, which promise to advance further after the close of navigation. **Bar Iron** has advanced 25c per 100 lbs., \$2.25 now being firmly asked; prices for *Hoop* and *Sheet* iron are proportionately higher. The nail manufacturers also, at their monthly meeting last Tuesday, advanced prices 10c per keg all round, except for *clinch*, *heavy clinch*, *flat* and *sharp pressed nails*, which are quoted on the list as before. This action is ascribed to the stiffening of prices in England and advance of about 25 per cent. in ocean freights, as well as by an increased demand. *Ingot Tin* has declined about 1c per lb. in New York, but this market has not been affected thereby. No change to note either in *Copper*, *Tin Plates* or *Canada Plates*; the movement in these metals is rather light, as usual at this period. The *Pig Iron* market also remains unchanged; numerous enquiries have been received, but for want of supplies dealers are generally unable to fill orders, and the high prices in Great Britain, together with the cost

of freight, prohibits importations. Sales of fair sized lots of *Calder* iron are reported by the local agents to have been made at equal to \$25 on spot for No. 1, and equal to \$23.50 for No. 3.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Market for native hides is reported easy, at last week's prices. The demand from tanners is less active if anything, but dealers still command \$10, \$9 and \$8 per 100 lbs. respectively for Nos. 1, 2, and 3, inspected. The demand for Western States hides continues firm, with sales of car lots regularly at 10½c to 10¾c for No. 1 and 8½c for No. 2, Buff. Offerings of *Sheepskins* fairly large, and prices steady and firm at 85c to 90c each. An advance is expected next week.

HOPS.—As previously reported in these columns, the demand from England this season for American and Canadian hops is unprecedented, and prices have advanced to figures never before witnessed on this continent. The New York market has been decidedly excited all this week, and yesterday a further advance of 5c per lb. to \$1.05 for state hops was established; and within the past fortnight prices have advanced in that market fully 20c per lb. The local market is also more or less excited in sympathy; city brewers have not generally laid in their winter supplies, and are for the present restricting purchases to immediate requirements. Holders are very firm, asking 90c per lb. for choice grades, with every probability of an early advance to \$1. Latest English advices state: "The Hop crop has been all gathered in, and the result has proved most disappointing even to the most favored planters, coming short by one-third of what they were set at at the end of August by most judges, and by half of what very many who ought to be judges called the crop. The final return may now be given as 30,000 acres producing nil; 10,000 acres, half cwt. to the acre; 15,000, one cwt.; 5,000, two cwt.; 3,000, three cwt., and 2,000, five cwt., or a total of 49,000 cwt., or £24,500 old duty. This is hardly one-twelfth of our consumption. The latest advices from the Continent and America all agree that they do not grow enough this year for their own consumption, and the markets are steadily advancing."

LUMBER.—Large quantities of lumber now arriving, to be stored up for winter and spring. There will be a full stock of lumber for all purposes, and prices are likely to be as low if not lower next Spring, so that this is a favorable time to prepare for building. Owing to the continued increase in the cost of producing lumber, much cheaper than present rates cannot be expected, especially as the demand and consumption are continually increasing.

PETROLEUM.—Market firm at 17c f.o.b. London, equal to 20½c here in store for car lots, and the market seems likely to advance. It appears that some producers held a meeting at Petrolia on Monday last, to consider their prospects, and that a committee was appointed to consider and report as to further action; a "combination," however, in this business is now practically impossible, there being too much competition. Prices here, cars 20½c in store. Small lots 22c to 24c, according to quantity.

WINES AND LIQUORS.—Importers state that a good steady business continues to be done with the jobbing and country trade in all leading brands of liquors at firm but unchanged quotations. As previously stated stocks are extremely light, and values will likely be fully maintained during the winter. Payments generally reported good.

LEATHER.—This is the usually dull period in this branch, and little of interest that is new can be written. Manufacturers are not requiring much leather, consequently their purchases for the week have been small and comparatively few. A good steady demand, however, for the best lines of *Sole* continues to be experienced,