FINANCE AND COMMERCE

WEDNESDAY, April 20.

At Montreal to-day sterling exchange stood at 108¾ to 109 for round amounts between banks, and 109½ over the counter. Gold drafts ⅛ to ¾ premium.

At New York to-day sterling exchange was unchanged at $4.81½ for demand notes, and $4.82 for sixty-day bills.

London, 5 p. m.—Consols, 100 11-16 for money; 100 13-16 for account. Bonds—New 4's at 16½; new 5's at 1½; Erie at 47¾; Illinois Central at 139½.

STOCKS.

The market was active and prices were firm nearly all over to-day. Merchants' was offered ¼ with bids ¼ lower. Commerce was weak; sold at 142½ and closed with sellers ¼ and bids ¼ lower. Dominion sold at 162 and closed with sellers 1 and bids 1½ up. Federal sold at 146½ and 147, closing with sellers ¼ and bids 2 higher. Imperial was held ¼ higher. All others as before.

Miscellaneous stocks varied. Bids for British America rose 1, with none offered. Western was offered at 222, with bids up 1, or to 220. Consumers' Gas sold at 141, but closed at a fall of 3. Dominion Telegraph was held 1 higher, with bids 1 lower. Montreal Telegraph was offered 3 lower.

Loan and Savings stocks were firm. Freehold sold at 163, and closed with bids up 1. Bids for Western rose 1. Union was ¼ higher. Landed Credit sold at 141, closing with bids advanced 1, or to 140, with sellers at 141. Building and Loan sold twice at 102½, closing with bids up ½. Imperial was offered ½ lower. Farmers' was offered at 134, without bids. People's was held 1 higher, or at 113, with 110½ bid. Huron and Erie sold twice at 164, closing with sellers at that figure, and 163 bid, being a rise of ½. Dominion was held ¼, with bids 1 higher. Bids for Ontario fell ¾. Canadian Savings was offered at 131, with bids as before at 127. London Loan not offered. Hamilton Provident sold at 134, at 133, and 133½, closing with sellers 1 lower and bids ½ higher. Bids for Real Estate fell ½, with no sellers.

The following is the official report of the Toronto Stock Exchange for Wednesday, April 20:—

Stocks.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Trans.
Montreal	185	184	.....
Toronto	150	149	.....
Ontario	102	101½	.....
Merchants	122½	122½	.....
Commerce	143	142	10 at 142½
Dominion	163	161¾	20 at 162
Hamilton	120	118½	.....
Do. 50 per cent	.....	108½	.....
Standard	.....	106½	.....
Federal	147½	147	.....
Imperial	122½	122	.....
Commerce	109	.....	.....
Consolidated	.....	138	.....
Insurance, &c.			
British America	151	.....	.....
Western Assurance	222	220	.....
Canada Life	.....	333	.....
Confed. Life Association	.....	210	.....
Consumers' Gas	141	138	10 at 141
Dominion Telegraph	93	90	.....
Montreal Telegraph	125	.....	.....
Globe Printing Co.	.....	.....	.....
Railways.			
Toronto, Grey, and Bruce	.....	.....	.....
Toronto and Nipissing	.....	.....	.....
Loan and Savings Cos.			
Canada Permanent	.....	206	.....
Freehold	.....	163	10 at 163
Western Canada	.....	170	.....
Union	155	151	.....
Canada Landed Credit	141	140	100 at 141
Building and Loan	102½	102½	.....
Imperial Savings	120½	119	.....
Farmers' L. and Savings	134	.....	.....
London and C. L. & A. Co.	153	150	.....
National Investment	.....	110½	.....
Peoples' Loan	113	110½	.....
Montreal Loan	125	.....	.....
Huron and Erie	164	163½	.....
Dominion Sav. and Loan	123½	122	.....
Real Estate Loan and Deb.	134	133	.....
Canadian Sav. & Loan	131	127	.....
London Loan	.....	112	.....
Hamilton Provident	134	133½	.....
Real Estate	.....	102½	.....
Brant Loan	103	.....	.....
London & Ont. Invest	.....	115	.....
Debentures, &c.			
Dom. Gov. Stock, 5 p.c.	107½	.....	.....
County (Ont.) Stock, 6 p.c.	.....	110	.....
Do. (Ont.) Stock, 5 p.c.	.....	106	.....
City Toronto 6 p.c. Stock	.....	118	.....

Dominion, xd, 20 at 162. Federal, 10 at 146½; 10 at 146. Building and Loan, 40 at 102½; 10 at 102¾. Huron and Erie, 20 at 164; 20 at 164. Hamilton Provident, 31 at 134; 7 at 133; 6 at 133½.

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS—WEEKLY REVIEW.

THURSDAY, April 21.

PRODUCE.

The market has been decidedly quiet all week; indeed the general feeling has been of a holiday character. Offerings have generally been small, and holders have been firm, save in barley, and in all else prices have been fairly well maintained. Still the only grains for which anything of importance can be said to have prevailed are peas and rye, which have been wanted for England and the States. Stocks have shown but little change during the week, and stood on Monday as follows:—Flour, 10,241 bbls.; fall wheat, 134,128 bush.; spring wheat, 112,428 bush.; oats, 700 bush.; barley, 170,050 bush.; peas, 92,877 bush., and rye, 13,605 bush.; against on the same date last year—Flour, 13,065 bbls.; fall wheat, 182,202 bush.; spring wheat, 131,740 bush.; oats, 23,050 bush.; barley, 72,746 bush.; peas, 70,623 bush., and rye, nil bush. English advices show markets, after having been quiet for several days, taking a turn yesterday towards activity and higher prices. Cargoes advanced 3d. to 1s. per quarter. Trade last week was very quiet in consequence of the holidays; a great many cargoes arrived early in the week, but none sold up to Thursday. Receipts showed some increase, but were still small, with the total supply still below the consumption. The imports amounted to 235,000 to 240,000 qrs. of wheat, and 135,000 to 140,000 bbls. of flour, and home deliveries to 125,441 qrs., making a total supply equal to 436,331 to 441,191 qrs. of wheat, against an average weekly consumption of 451,000 quarters. The quantity of wheat and flour in transit on the 14th inst. was 2,550,000 quarters, against 2,631,000 quarters on the 31st ult., and 2,247,000 on the corresponding date last year. Continental advices state that in France the wheat trade though not active was firm, the prices in country markets still tending upwards and supplies small. The week closed with the markets in the neighbourhood of Paris, and in north-west, north, and north-east, again generally dearer and firm for wheat, but in the east and south-west more quietness. Rye was becoming very scarce and continued in active demand. At Paris flour for consumption was unchanged but firm; and "term" wheat was firm but not active. The stock of flour in Paris on 31st March was 145,517 qtls., against 134,141 qtls. last month, and 304,230 qtls. on March 31, 1880. Of eight marks the stock (comprised in the above) is 44,173 sacks, against 146,387 sacks last year. Of wheat the stock is 89,837 qtls. against 88,051 qtls. last year. At the ports there had been some depression, but markets generally closing with an improvement. At Marseilles transactions on the 31st ult. in wheat were completely *nil*. At Bordeaux prices remained firm for both wheat and flour. Nantes was quiet, but Havre quoted prices firm at 50c. to 50c. 6d. per 480 lbs. for red winter, free on railway waggon. At Marseilles the imports of wheat during the week were small, viz., 29,500 qrs.; at Havre 23,500 qrs., and at Bordeaux *nil*. At Marseilles the stock in the docks decreased to 174,000 qrs., against 210,000 qrs. last year. Belgian advices report Antwerp firmer, red wheat closing at 47s. to 48s. 3d. per quarter, and rye steady. At Amsterdam both wheat and rye, to arrive, closed rather lower on the week. German markets seem to have been quiet on wheat, but improving on rye. At Berlin, on the 1st inst., stocks of wheat were 5,301 tons, against 14,206 tons last year; and those of rye 514 tons, against 13,419 tons. At Hamburg there occurred a sharp frost, retarding sowing operations. Wheat met a slow sale at unaltered prices. Holstein and Mecklenburg, 50s. 6d. to 52s. per 504 lb. f.o.b. Red American winter 47s. 6d. to 48s. per 480 lb., delivered. At Danzig and Konigsberg business remained on a very limited scale, but navigation was partly reopened for steamers. In the leading Austro-Hungarian markets prices seemed steady. At Vienna with small supplies, higher prices were asked and obtained. At Pesth the tone was firmer, with higher prices. At Trieste business was rather more active, but prices were lower. At Odessa the supplies of wheat were insufficient for the demand, and prices were rather higher. In flour a better trade had been done. Russian advices say that in the first five months of the current year cereal season, say from August 1st to December 31st, the exports of wheat have been only 1,827,000 qrs., and those of rye, 1,448,000 qrs. According to the last reports from South Russia, the further exports this season are expected to be quite insignificant. From Egypt and India, the recent shipments have been small, and from South Australia they are also proceeding slowly. States crops reports leave no doubt that considerable injury has been done to the western wheat, but not such as to have any danger of a general failure, while it is thought by some that increased average may compensate for a decreased yield. California advices are uniformly unfavourable. Rail freights from Western ports on grain have been reduced on the basis of 25c. per 100 lbs for grain from Chicago to the seaboard. This move is expected to increase the seaport receipts of grain, of which, with the small stocks and free weekly outward movement to Europe, there is an immediate necessity. There is still quite a free movement of grain down the Mississippi, and New Orleans exports seem to be on the increase. The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports, and on rail from Western lake and river ports, and frozen in on New York canals on the dates indicated, was as follows:—

	1881.	1881.	1880.	1879.
	April 9. bush.	April 2. bush.	April 10. bush.	April 12. bush.
Wheat	20,723,131	21,752,369	23,838,359	18,187,114
Corn	13,469,444	14,396,409	15,877,576	12,668,245
Oats	2,948,583	3,211,930	2,223,504	2,129,415
Barley	1,766,072	1,979,208	1,689,128	2,205,609
Rye	447,491	438,201	637,073	1,003,715
Total	39,354,721	41,678,707	44,275,690	36,194,098

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

	April 14 5 p.m.	April 15 5 p.m.	April 16 5 p.m.	April 18 5 p.m.	April 19 5 p.m.	April 20 5 p.m.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Flour	11 0	.....	11 0	.....	11 0	11 0
S. Wheat	9 2	.....	9 2	.....	9 2	9 2
R. Wheat	9 9	.....	9 9	.....	9 9	9 9
White	9 9	.....	9 9	.....	9 9	9 9
Club	10 0	.....	10 0	.....	10 0	10 0
Corn	5 4½	No report	5 4½	No report	5 4	5 4
Barley	5 3		5 3		5 3	5 3
Oats	6 2		6 2		6 2	6 2
Peas	6 10		6 10		6 10	6 10
Pork	68 0		68 0		68 0	68 0
Bacon	44 6		45 6		45 6	45 6
Beef	75 0		75 0		75 0	75 0
Lard	56 0		57 0		58 0	58 9
Tallow	34 0		34 0		34 0	34 0
Cheese	60 0		60 0		60 0	60 0

FLOUR—Has been inactive but steady all week; buyers could readily have been found had holders consented to make slight concessions, but this they firmly refused to do. Superior extra sold on Tuesday at $5 f.o.c., and extra brought equal to $4.90 yesterday, when anybody wanting any more of either grade must have paid these prices. Spring extra has been nominal.

BRAN—Steady, with sales of cars at $14.50.

OATMEAL—Car-lots quiet but firm; holders ask $4.30 to $4.40, with buyers at about ten cents less. Small lots firm at $4.50 to $4.75.

WHEAT—Has been quiet all week; the demand for all sorts seems to have fallen off, but holders have remained steady. No. 2 fall has been worth $1.12 to $1.13; and No. 3 fall has sold at $1.10 f.o.c. No. 1 spring quiet, but held firmly, and brought $1.20½ f.o.c. on Tuesday; No. 2 spring inactive, with buyers not inclined to pay over $1.17. There was no improvement yesterday; indeed it seems probable that nothing over $1.12 would have been paid for No. 2 fall. On street fall has sold at $1.07 to $1.10, and spring at $1.12 to $1.20.

OATS—Scarce, firm, and wanted, with sales of cars on track daily at 40c., and once on Tuesday at 38½c. On Thursday there was a lot of 5,000 bushels offered for May delivery at 40c. on track, with 40c. bid for it in store. Yesterday there were 5,000 bushels offered for May delivery at 40c. on track, or 40c. f.o.c., with a cent less bid, and two cars sold at 40c. on track. Street prices 40 to 41c.

BARLEY—Inactive, with no orders in the market, and prices weak and declining. No. 1 has been offered at 96c. and No. 2 at 88c. f.o.c., without buyers, and extra No. 3 sold on Monday at 80c. f.o.c. There was no improvement yesterday; no enquiry heard for any sort, nor did holders seem to think it any use to offer to sell. Street receipts small, and prices down to 70 to 85c.

PEAS—In steady demand at former prices, but with an advance asked and refused. On Thursday a lot of eight cars sold at 76c. May delivery, and on Tuesday a mixed lot, partly delivered, partly thirds No. 2, was offered at 75c. with 75½ bid and refused. No movement yesterday worth noting, but values remained firm. Street receipts, 65 to 75c.

RYE—In active demand at advancing prices; on Monday and Tuesday considerable sales were made at $1.00 f.o.c.

SEEDS—Quiet and easier at $1.40 to $1.50 for clover, and $2.70 to $2.80 for timothy, in small lots, from dealers. Other sorts inactive and almost nominal.

HAY—Pressed has remained inactive and nominal. Offerings on the market have been rather small, but seem to have been fully sufficient; prices have ranged from $9 to $13, with the general run from $10 to $11.

STRAW—Has been quiet and easy at $6.50 to $7.50 for oat and rye straw in sheves, with receipts equal to the wants of buyers. Yesterday one load sold at $8.

POTATOES—All offering wanted, and readily taken at advancing prices; cars have sold at 65c. to 70c. per bag.

APPLES—Quite nominal; street receipts fair and prices steady at $1 to $1.50 per bushel.

MUTTON—Offerings small, and all readily taken at firm prices, as would more were it in. Mutton has sold at $6 to $6.50 per cental, and yearling lamb at $9 to $10, with a good demand.

POULTRY—Scarce and firm, at 65 to 75c. for fowl and $1.00 to $2.25, or 15c. per lb. for turkeys. No other sort offered.

FLOUR, f.o.c.	
Superior extra, per 196 lbs	$4 95 to $5 00
Extras	4 85 " 4 90
Fancy and strong bakers	5 10 " 5 20
Spring wheat, extra	4 80 " 4 85
Superfine	none.
Oatmeal, per 196 lbs	4 20 " 4 40
Cornmeal, small lots	2 80 " 3 00
BAG FLOUR, by car-lots, f.o.c.	
Extra, per bag	2 40 " 2 45
Spring wheat, extra, per bag	2 35 " 2 40
GRAIN, f. o. b.	
Fall wheat, No. 1, per 60 lbs	1 15 " 1 16
" No. 2	1 12 " 1 13
" No. 3	1 09 " 1 10
Red winter	none.
Spring wheat, No. 1	1 20 " 0 00
" No. 2	1 17 " 0 00
" No. 3	1 10 " 1 11
Oats (Canadian), per 34 lbs	0 39 " 0 40
Barley, No. 1, per 48 lbs	0 85 " 0 86
" Choice No. 2, per 48 lbs	0 80 " 0 81
" No. 2, per 48 lbs	0 85 " 0 87
" Extra No. 3	0 80 " 0 82
" No. 3	0 70 " 0 72
Peas, No. 1, per 60 lbs	0 78 " 0 00
" No. 2	0 76 " 0 00
Rye	1 00 " 0 00
PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGGONS.	
Wheat, fall, new, per bush	$1 07 to $1 10
Wheat, spring, do.	1 12 " 1 20
Barley, do.	0 70 " 0 85
Oats, do.	0 40 " 0 41
Peas, do.	0 65 " 0 75
Rye, do.	none
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs	7 50 " 8 00
Beef, hindquarters, per 100 lbs	6 00 " 7 00
Mutton, by carcase, per 100 lbs	7 50 " 9 50
Chickens, per pair	0 60 " 0 70
Ducks, per pair	none.
Geese, each	none.
Turkeys, each	1 25 " 2 25
Butter, pound rolls	0 22 " 0 25
Do. large rolls	none.
Do. tub dairy	0 17 " 0 20
Eggs, fresh, per doz	0 14 " 0 17
Potatoes, per bag	0 65 " 0 70
Apples, per bbl	1 00 " 1 50
Onions, per bag	2 00 " 2 50
Cabbage, per doz	0 50 " 1 00
Celery, per doz	0 30 " 0 50
Turnips, per bag	0 25 " 0 30
Carrots, per bag	0 40 " 0 45
Beets, per bag	0 40 " 0 45
Parsnips, per bag	0 50 " 0 60
Hay, per ton	8 00 " 13 00
Straw, per ton	6 00 " 7 50
Wool, per lb	0 28 " 0 00

PROVISIONS.

TRADE—Has been generally active at firm prices.

BUTTER—Is the dullest article in the trade. Offerings have been small but sufficient, for the demand has been for the local market exclusively, and rather slack even for it. The only movement here has been in choice tubs, which have usually sold about 18c., and good rolls, which have brought 16 to 18c. The demand for culls which prevailed in the previous week seems to have disappeared, and medium is purely nominal. Street receipts small, and prices unchanged at 22 to 25c. for pound rolls, and 18 to 19c. for choice tubs and crocks.

CHEESE—Quiet and unchanged, at 13¾ to 14c. for small lots; stocks seem to be running low, but to be sufficient.

EGGS—The demand was very active in the latter part of last week, but since then it has fallen off somewhat, though all offering yesterday were wanted and readily taken at 13c. Street receipts small, and prices from 14 to 15c.

PORK—Sales small, but prices advancing in sympathy with outside. Some small lots have sold at $20.50, but $21 was the price generally asked yesterday.

BACON—Has been active at still advancing prices. Long-clear has been wanted at an advance; one lot of 1,000 sides sold here at 10c., and several cars outside were bought at equal to 10½c. here; tons and cases are usually held at 10½c. Cumberland quiet but firm, at 9½c. for tons and cases. Rolls quiet at 11½c., and bellies at 13c. No other sorts offered.

HAMS—Fairly active at steady prices. Smoked have continued to bring 13 to 13½, though a few long cut sold at 11c. Canvassed have begun to move to a small extent at 12½c. Pickled firm, with a sale of 60 tierces at 10½c.

LARD—Still firm and in good demand, a lot of 100 large pails, 50 lbs., sold on Tuesday evening at 13½c.; small lots of pails have usually brought 14c., though for small pails 14½c. is sometimes sought. Tinnets have been worth about 16¾ to 14c., and tierces have been inactive at 13c.

HOGS—Receipts have been small, and all wanted at steady prices, the usual price being $7.75, though a few have gone 25c. lower and higher.

SALT—Goderich has been selling well at the late decline, or 85 to 90c. for cars, and $1 for small lots; hand-salt for $2.50, and clean salt for $3.00 per ton at the works. Liverpool has been quiet and unchanged; cears are held at 75c.; small lots usually bring 85 to 87½c.; dairy has ranged from $1.25 to $1.40, according to quantity and quality of the bags.

DRIED APPLES—Country lots have been quiet and easier at 4c., and dealers have been selling barrelled as before at 4¾ to 5c. for small lots.

HOPS—There has been a limited movement in small lots, but brewers are buying only from hand to mouth. A few small lots of fine new sold at 18c. and 19c., and once something extra brought 20c., but all else has been neglected and nominal.

GROCERIES.

TRADE—Very dull and much of a holiday character.

TEA—Scarcely any movement has been reported in lines all week; and in the absence of transactions it is difficult to say much about prices. Small lots, however, have been selling fairly well and steady. No sales of green in lines reported, but low-grade Japan has sold at 25c., and fine Congou at 44c. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers' lots:—Young Hyson, common to fair, 25 to 35c.; medium to good, 38 to 45c.; fine to choice, 48 to 60c.; extra, firsts, 65 to 70c.; Twankays, 25 to 30c. Gunpowder and Imperials, common to good, 30 to 45c.; fine to extra choice, 50 to 80c. Blacks—Congous, 25 to 70c.; Souchongs, 40 to 55c.; Scented Pekoes, 38 to 55c.

COFFEE—There was a lot of Government Java sold on p.t., and Plantation Ceylon at 24c., but the market generally is quiet. Quotations are as follows, outside figures being for retailers' lots:—Government Javas, 27 to 31c.; Singapore, 20 to 22c.; Rio, 15 to 18c.; Mocha, 30 to 33c.

SUGAR—There has been scarcely anything doing save in Canadian yellows, which have sold in job lots at from 7¼ to 8¼, according to quantity and quality. Granulated easy with sales at about 9¾c. Raws inactive; a few hogsheads of Porto Rico sold at 7½c., but they will be dull until receipts of the new crop are in. Scotch on hand but nominal. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers' lots, and all sugars now being sold at sixty days:—Porto Rico, per lb., 7 to 7½c.; Barbadoes, 7 to 9c.; Scotch, low grade, 7 to 7½c.; medium, 7¾ to 8½c.; bright to choice, 8¾ to 9c.; Canada refined, 7¾ to 9c.; Paris lumps, 10¾ to 10½c.; granulated standard, 9¾ to 9½c.

SYRUPS—Job-lots inactive and nominal, but small lots selling freely at steady prices. Quotations stand as follows, per Imperial gallon:—Common, none; medium, 50 to 55c.; and choice, 62 to 65c.; sugar-house molasses, none; and West India, in hhds., 37 to 40c.; in bbls., 40 to 42c.

FRUIT—Has been stirring somewhat. A lot of 7000 boxes of Layers and Muscatelles sold for shipment to New York on p.t., but admittedly at a good figure. Valencias inactive, but held firmly. Sultanas steady, with a sale of 250 boxes at 10½c. Currants very inactive, with small sale at 6½c. Prunes have been selling in lots at 5½c., but are scarce. Quotations are as follows, the outside prices for retailers' lots:—Raisins, layers, $2.30 to $2.50; London, do., new, $2.75 to $3; loose Muscatelle, $2.50 to $2.65; Valencias, 8¼ to 8¾c.; seedless, 10 to 10½c., in kegs; Sultanas, 10½ to 11c.; currants, 1876, ordinary to fine, in barrels, 6½ to 7½c.; filberts, 8½ to 9c.; walnuts, 8 to 8½c.; almonds, Ivica, 14 to 15c.; Tarragona, 16 to 17c.; pecanes, 9¾ to 8c.; Brazil nuts, 7 to 8c.; lemon peel, 15 to 20c.; orange do., 19 to 20c.; citron do., 35 to 38c.

RICE—Inactive; round lots not offered, but small selling at $4.25 to $4.37.

FISH—Scarcely anything beyond cod in the market, and it selling quietly as before; quotations for other sorts may be regarded as nominal. Quotations stand as follows, the outside prices being for retailers' lots:—Herrings, Labrador, No. 1 bbls., $6.25 to $6.50; No. 2 do., $5.25 to $5.50; splits, bbls., $5.75 to $6; half-bbls., round, $2.75 to $3; bbls., $4.50 to $4.75; salmon, salt water, none; codfish, per 112 lbs., $4.50 to $4.75; boneless, per lb., 4½ to 4¾c.; trout, none; whitefish, lake superior, per half-bbl., $4.25; half-bbls., $3.25 to $3.50; sardines, ¼s, 11 to 12c.; do. ½s, 19 to 20c.

POTATOES—Quiet and unchanged at last week's fall, with no sales of round lots reported. Quotations are as follows:—Blacks, 10's, in boxes, 33 to 36c.; ⅛s, 6's, and 5's, in catties, 36 to 40c.; brights, new, 2's, 3's, and 5's, 39c.; solaces, 35 to 43c.; extra brights, 58 to 65c.

LIQUORS—No change reported; markets generally steady as before. All sorts are now sold by the Imperial gallon. Quotations are as follows:—Pure Jamaica rum, 16 o.p., $2.75 to $3; Demerara, $2.45 to $2.75; gin—green cases, $4.25 to $4.50; in bulk, $2 to $2.50; whisky—proof, $1.50; fine, $2.40 to $5.40; sherry, $1.50; fine, $3.60 to $5.40; champagne, per case, $14 to $26.50; brandy, in wood, Hennessy's, Otard's, and Martell's, $4.75 to $5.50; second-class brands, $3.00 to $4.20, according to age; in case, Sazerac, $8 to $8.50; do., Otard's, $9 to $9.50; Central Society, $3 to $8.50; do., Hennessy's, $11.50 to $12; Martell's, $10.75 to $11.25; do., Juin-Robins, $8.75 to $9.25; Dubouchet, Vino-Growers Co., $9 to $9.50; do., Jules Bellerive, $7.50 to $8. Whiskey—The following are Messrs. Gooderham & Worts' prices, on which merchants charge an advance of 5 per cent.:—Alcohol, per Imperial gallon, $2.53; pure spirits, 65 o.p., $2.45; 60 o.p., $2.38; 65 u.p., $1.98; 60 u.p., $1.16; family proof whiskey, $1.28; old Bourbon, $1.28; old rye, toddy, or malt, $1.20; domestic whiskey, 32 u.p., $1.08; rye whiskey, 4 years old, $1.50; do., 5 years old, $1.60; do., 6 years old, $1.70; do., 7 years old, $1.80.

HIDES, SKINS, AND WOOL.

TRADE—Has been quiet all over.

HIDES—Green offering slowly and selling as before. Cured quiet, but have sold at 8½c. for No. 1 and 9c. for steers, with more offering at the same figures.

CALFSKINS—Have been in fair supply and selling as before, but a fall seems probable.

SHEEPSKINS—Very few have been offered or wanted; prices have been easy at $1.40 for clean, $1.65 for green, with a few still bringing $1.75; dry inactive and nominally unchanged.

WOOL—Has shown no improvement; there has indeed been some demand for factories, and some sales to them at 30 to 31c. for super, and 35 to 36c. for extra; but dealers are not buying, and bid one to two cents lower than these figures. Fleece is nominal, with buyers and sellers apart; if pressed on the market it would not be likely to bring over 27c., and holders usually want 30c.

Quotations stand as follows:—No. 1 inspected, $8.00; choice No. 1 steers, $8.50; No. 2 inspected, $7.00 to $7.50; No. 3 inspected, $6.00 to $6.50; calfskins, green, 15 and 18c.; calfskins, cured, 16½c.; calfskins, dry, none; shearlings, 25 to $1.75; wool, fleece, 29c.; wool, super, 28 to 29c.; extra super, 34 to 35c.; wool, pickings, 11 to 12½c.; tallow rough, 3½c.; rendered, 6 to 6½c.

CATTLE.

TRADE—Is a trifle better, but the supply in various lines equal to the demand.

BEEVES—No change is noted in prices, but the local market was stiffer yesterday. Some were picked up when offered, but both the demand and supply were light, those suitable bringing from $5 to $5.25. Lighter steers and heifers could be had for $4 to $4.50, and from $4.75 to $5.25 was paid for the Montreal market. Third-class remained at the old figure, and a good number changed hands at from $4.25.

[NOTE.—The rules governing the sale of cattle for the Toronto market are as follows:—Export cattle are required to weigh no less than 1,300 lbs.; first-class butchers' cattle from 1,200 to 1,300; second-class from 1,100 to 1,200, and third-class from 900 to 1,050; but in the fall the third-class are not expected to reach so high a standard. These when sold live weight are taken at 5 per cent. off, or twelve hours' fast.]

SHEEP—Were scarce, but equal to the demand, those for export and suitable for export, averaging 150 lbs. live weight, bringing $5.50 per cental. First-class, for the local market, were worth from $7.50 to $8.50 per head, and second-class from $5 to $7, the latter being an exceptional price.

LAMBS—Spring lambs were in fair demand, as the prices are still too high. A few offered and found purchasers at from $4 to $5.

CALVES—Were coming in more freely, and choice first-class, dressing from 125 to 150 lbs., brought from $8 to $10. Second-class, dressing from 100 to 125 lbs., sold from $6.50 to $7.50, and third class were taken up from $3 to $4.50, very few being offered or wanted.

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MONTREAL.

April 20.—Flour—To the near approach of navigation the market is rather more active, there being more enquiry mostly for straight grades at full current prices; spring extras are scarce. Sales—200 bbls superior extra, $5.32½; 100 bbls. extra superfine, $5.25; 250 bbls. spring extra, $5.20; 125 bbls. choice, $5.25; 60 bbls. do., $5.25; 125 bbls. do., $5.15; 125 bbls. do., $5.17½; 120 bbls. medium bakers', $5.35; 130 bbls. middlings, $4; 500 Ontario bags, $2.60; 500 do., $2.65; 200 do., $2.60. Quotations—Superior extra, $5.32½ to $5.35; extra superfine, $5.22½ to $5.25; fancy, $5.10 to $5.15; spring extra, $5.10 to $5.20; superfine, $4.70 to $4.85; strong bakers', $5.55 to $6.20; fine, $4.30 to $4.40; middlings, $4 to $4.05; pollards, $3.60 to $3.70; Ontario bags, $2.55 to $2.70; City bags, delivered, $3.05 to $3.07. Corn—86c. Barley—Nominal. Oatmeal—Ontario, $4.50 to $4.60. Rye—Nominal. Oats—38 to 39c. Peas—86c. Cornmeal—$3. Butter—Old, nominal for export; Western, 12½ to 14c.; Brockville, 14 to 15c.; Morisburg, 16 to 17c.; Eastern Townships, 18 to 18c.; creamery, 20 to 21c.; new, sells 19 to 22c. Cheese—13 to 14c., according to quality. Lard—15 to 15½c. for pails. Pork—Heavy mess, $20.50 to $21.50. Hams—Uncovered, 13 to 13½c. Bacon—11 to 12c. Eggs—16c. Ashes—Pots, $3.30 to $3.35 per 100 lbs., for firsts. Timothy seed—$2.50 to $2.65 per 45 lbs. Clover seed—$4.60 to $4.70 per 60 lbs.

HAMILTON.

April 20.—Wheat—Spring, $1.11; red, $1.16 to $1.17. Oats—37 to 38c. Corn—58 to 60c. Peas—80 to 75c. Barley—60 to 80c. Clover—$4.00. Timothy—$2 to $2.50.

BRANTFORD.

April 20.—Flour, $2.75 to $2.90. Wheat—Fall, $1.06 to $1.07; fall, red, $1.06 to $1.07; Fife spring, $1.10 to $1.15. Oats, 35 to 36c. Barley, 70c. Rye, 70c. Peas, 65 to 70c. Corn, 55 to 65c. Clover seed, $4.50 to $4.80. Hay, $9 to $11.00. Straw, $6 to $8. Butter, 20 to 22c. Cheese, 12 to 13c. Lard, 13c. Eggs, 14 to 15c. Turkeys, 60 to 65c. Potatoes, 65 to 75c. Apples, 40 to 50c.; dried, per bush., 80 to 85c. Bran, $14.

OTTAWA.

April 20.—Apples, $2.25 to $2.50 per bbl., according to quality. Hay, per ton, $9.50 to $11. Straw, per ton, $7. Poultry—Fowls, per pair, 50c.; live fowls, 70c.; chickens, 45c.; turkeys, 75c. to $1.25 each; live turkeys, 75 to $1.25; ducks, per pair, 50c.; geese, 40 to 50c. each. Butter, prints, per lb., 25c.; rolls, 20c.; tub, 15 to 18c.; pails, 20 to 22c. Eggs, 13 to 14c. Live cattle scarce, but wanted. Beef, per 100 lbs., $7.50. Mutton, per lb., 6 to 7½c. Pork, family, per lb., 6 to 7c. Hogs—Live, scarce; dressed, $8.25 per 100 lbs. Mess pork, new, $21. Hams, 12½c. per lb. Smoked bacon, 12½c. per lb.; smoked rolls, 12½c. per lb. Dry salted bacon, 10c. per lb. Spring wheat, per bush., $1.26. Seed wheat, $1.70. Buckwheat, none. Oats, per bush, 34 to 35c. Corn, 55c. Peas, per bush, 75c. Rye, none offered. Beans, per bush, $1. Flour, double extra, per bbl. $7.50; extra, $7; No. 1, $6.25. Oatmeal, $4.50. Cornmeal, $3. Cracked wheat $7. Provender, per cwt., $1 to $1.25. Bran, per ton, $20. Buckwheat flour, per bbl., $4.50. Shorts, Canallie, per cwt., $1.25.

LONDON.

April 20.—There was nothing much on the market to-day. The butchers now wear smiling faces over their recent increase of prices. They have all signed the bill of fare with one exception. Eggs still hold out at 13 cents, but butter took a sudden weakness, and fell this morning to 16c. Dressed hogs are remarkably scarce; what few appeared were snapped up lively at $17. Potatoes have dropped as low as 75c. per bag, and hay sells freely at $10 and $10.50, especially the best qualities. Wheat, spring, per 100 lbs., $1.05 to $1.07; Diehl, $1.08 to $1.12; Treadwell, $1.17 to $1.24; Clawson, $1.74 to $1.82; red, $1.72 to $1.88. Oats, per 100 lbs., $1.02 to $1.10. Corn, 98c. to $1.02. Peas, $1 to $1.20. Barley, $1.12 to $1.60. Rye, 86c. to $1. Clover seed, $4 to $4.25. Timothy seed, $2.50 to $3. Produce—Eggs, retail, 12½ to 13c.; per basket, 13 to 14c. Butter, per lb., 16 to 20c.; crock, 18 to 20c.; tubs, 15 to 18c. Cheese, 12 to 14c. Lard, 11 to 13c. Maple sugar, 12½ to 14c. Skins and hides—Sheep and lambskins, each, $1 to $1.60; calfskins, green, No. 1, per lb., 12 to 12½; dry, 15 to 17c. Hides—No. 1, per lb., 8c.; No. 2, 7 to 7½c.; No. 3, 6 to 6½c. Flour and feed—Fall flour, $3 to $3.25; spring flour, $2.75 to $3.25. Oatmeal, fine, $2.30 to $3; granulated, $2.75 to $3.25. Graham flour, $2.75 to $3. Cornmeal, $1.60 to $2. Shorts, $14 to $18.70. Bran, $12 to $14.50. Hay, $8.50 to $10. Wool, 25 to 27c. Potatoes, 85 to 90c. Apples, 40 to 60c. Onions, 90c. to $1.20. Carrots, 13 to 25c. Turkeys, $1.75 to $2. Chickens, 40 to 50c. Ducks, each, 35 to 50c. Dressed hogs, $6.50 to $7.25. Beef, 6½ to 7½c. Mutton, 8 to 9c. Oil—Refined, coal-oil, 20 to 21c.; small lots, 22 to 23c. Paraffine candles, 17 to 18c. Oleine oil, 18 to 20c.

ST. CATHARINES.

April 20.—Flour—No. 1 superfine, $5.25 to $5.50. Fall wheat, $1.08 to $1.10; spring do., $1.10 to $1.12. Corn, 56 to 58c. Barley, 85c. to $1. Peas, 90c. Mutton, per lb., 6 to 7½c. Pork, family, per lb., 6 to 7c. Hogs—Live, scarce; dressed, $8.25 per 100 lbs. Mess pork, new, $21. Hams, 12½c. per lb. Smoked bacon, 12½c. per lb.; smoked rolls, 12½c. per lb. Dry salted bacon, 10c. per lb. Spring wheat, per bush; $1.26. Seed wheat, $1.70. Buckwheat, none. Oats, per bush, 34 to 35c. Corn, 55c. Peas, per bush, 75c. Rye, none offered. Beans, per bush, $1. Flour, double extra, per bbl. $7.50; extra, $7; No. 1, $6.25. Oatmeal, $4.50. Cornmeal, $3. Cracked wheat $7. Provender, per cwt., $1 to $1.25. Bran, per ton, $20. Buckwheat flour, per bbl., $4.50. Shorts, Canallie, per cwt., $1.25.

GUELPH.

April 20.—Flour, per 100 lbs., $2.75 to $3.00. White wheat, new, per bush., $1.04 to $1.