

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—A good enquiry exists in this market for the finer qualities of *Butter*, but the poorer grades are difficult to move. There is an impression among the trade that fine butter will be scarce during the coming season, and that lower prices will not rule. There has been rather more business done in the Eastern townships this week, and as high as 20½c has been paid, but in exceptional cases, as 20c is the general price paid for selected lots, while 18c is quoted as the average figure for straight dairies. One or two Manitoba buyers have been in the market, and one purchase of 358 packages Eastern Townships at 2½c was made for Winnipeg. For creamery 24c has been bid at the factory, for choice September make, but holders ask 25c. The local *Cheese* market rules dull; 11½c to 11½c has been paid in the country during the week, but in the city, August make is quoted at 10½c to 11c for good to choice, and September at 11c to 11½c. A fine lot of July *Cheese* was offered yesterday at 10c, but not taken. At Ingersoll this week fifteen factories offered 6,895 boxes *cheese*, August make. The market assumed the same dull appearance as for the past few weeks, and no transactions were reported. Advertisers from the foreign markets are not of a very encouraging nature, and buyers showed no anxiety whatever to operate, although salesmen were willing to still recede in their views, and no doubt eleven cents would have bought all that was offered. The cable has declined sixpence since last report, now being quoted at 55s. 6d. At Little Falls, 25th Sept.—Sales were 3,000 boxes; 5,000 at 11c.; 1,000 at 11½c.; few at 11½c.; balance under; sold up to 1st Sept. make. At Utica, 25th Sept.—Sales were 6,250 boxes at 11c. to 11½c.; ruling price, 11c.; 1,934 consigned. In New York *Cheese* is firmer, with choice quoted at 11½c. "The country reports are not quite so strong, and this encourages shippers somewhat, but receivers prefer standing off until they have the stock in hand to exhibit, on the belief that where perfection of quality is developed quotations can be maintained. *Butter* goes out to the home trade in about ordinary form and volume, with strictly fancy table grades scarce enough to prevent an accumulation and maintain values."

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The amount of business doing is only moderate for the season. Prices are steady, with a feeling that the increase in freights will tell surely ere long, especially in cheaper classes of goods. In England the market has a firmer tone, and manufacturers show a bold front, but are not met in a cordial spirit by purchasers. Large orders have been offered at less than makers' prices but have not been accepted. Exports of Alkalis from Liverpool to Canada for August, 1882, 14,699 tons, against 12,569 tons for August, 1881.

FISH.—The first cargo of Labrador herrings arrived in port per the SS. *Commodore* Tuesday morning; it consisted of 2,800 brls. The catch is now over, and was short, consequently holders are very firm. Several orders from Chicago have been received, and the demand from the West is expected to be large. The asking figure here is \$6.50 per brl. Cape Breton herrings selling in round lots at \$5.75; market strong for choice stock. Nothing doing in other kinds.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—The British Breadstuffs markets have continued in a depressed condition all week, with values for wheat tending steadily downward. Liverpool spot offering showed a decline yesterday of 1d per cental for red winter, and ½d do for Western mixed corn. Imports in the United Kingdom for the week show a decrease of 165,000 qrs wheat, 55,000 qrs. corn and 75,000 brls flour, as compared with the week previous. The Chicago wheat

market has been weak and irregular, but to-day it is reported about steady at yesterday's closing prices. The local grain market has been generally dull and demoralized, but business has been rather more active the last day or two. Canada White Winter Wheat has been sold in car lots at \$1.07 and sales of Canada Red Do on track at \$1.10 are reported. Offerings of Canada Spring light and not much doing; quoted at \$1.10 on track. Oats worth 37½c, and peas 93c to 95c per bush, but no quotable movement in coarse grains. The *Flour* market has ruled dull, but the demand was rather more active to-day, at a somewhat lower range of values.

FRUITS.—The only changes to note this week are for *Peaches* and *Canadian Grapes*. The former are scarce, and selling at \$4 per crate. Receipts of grapes more liberal, and prices range from 4c to 6c per lb.

GROCERIES.—*Sugars.*—Quite an active turn to note; Granulated in New York is 9½c, partly owing to a fire in a large refinery, as well also as to a firmer and advanced market for Raw Sugars. With us Yellow Refined is about ½c up, and Granulated firm without being positively higher. W. J. Grocery Sugars at least ½c higher. *Molasses.*—Large sales about 2,000 puncheons, made at figures much as for some time current. Market is, however, advanced in ordinary way, say 1c to 1½c for Barbadoes. Antigua is selling more freely. Syrup firm and scarce. *Teas.*—There is not much activity. Ordinary business doing at prices almost as before for all kinds. *Coffees*, no change, moderate demand. *Rice* is steady. *Spices.*—Pepper does not further advance. Pimento a trifle easier. Other spices quiet. *Fruits.*—S½c to 9½c for Valentia, some large operations to arrive about 8 cents. In Malaga fruit trade is light, and new crop not yet offering in any quantity. *Figs.*—Eleme all come out at high cost. Malaga not much different from last year. Sultanias steady. Prunes, none yet arrived. Almonds the turn easier. Walnuts scarce. Filberts not plenty, offering rather lower to arrive.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—Trade is moderately active. The majority of travellers have left on their second trip, and are already forwarding a fair number of orders for general assortments of goods. Remittances quite satisfactory. *Bar Iron* is firm at \$2 as the lowest asking price; large lots have been sold to consumers during the week, however, at a shade under this figure. The market for *Pig Iron* rules very firm, in sympathy with Scotch and English markets where prices are higher and decidedly firmer. This together with the great difficulty in obtaining freight from Glasgow has made holders here very firm in their views. Some round lots of English iron have been sold here during the week at full prices, but stocks are light and not much offering. *Tin Plates* quiet and unchanged, demand light. *Copper* and *Tin* firm, but prices unaltered.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The demand for foreign hides is reported good, at firm prices, but stocks here are light; car lots of Western have been sold during the week at 10½c for No. 1 Buff, and 8½c to 9c for No. 2. Receipts of native hides reported rather small, yet about sufficient for the wants of the trade. Prices are scarcely so stiff as last week, some dealers paying 9½c and others 10c for No. 1, 8½c for No. 2, and 7½c for No. 3. *Sheepskins* getting more plentiful, and demand good, at 85c to 90c each. Nothing doing in *calfskins*. Dry hides are again reported firmer in Boston and New York.

LEATHER.—Business has been more active with some houses than with others, but on the whole the market has continued rather quiet. The wants of the wholesale shoe trade are light at the moment, but manufacturers buy whenever a bargain is offered. The demand from

the country trade is fair. Good plump *Sole* leather continues very scarce, and the tendency in values is still upward; sales of it are small, but several round lots of *Pebble* and *Split* have changed hands at 13c to 14c for the former, and 23c to 25c for *Splits*. Of the latter six tons in two lots were sold to one purchaser at 20c to 24c; another lot of two tons light quality at 19½c, and another of 1,000 at 28c. A good enquiry for *Buff* is also reported, with recent sales of round lots at the late advance of 1c; now quoted at 15c to 17c. A considerably improved enquiry for *Splits* is reported in England, at an advance of 5 to 10 per cent. on prices ruling two months ago. Prime *Upper* is in limited supply, but not much wanted. A round lot of light Spanish *Sole* changed hands.

OILS.—No changes to note in quotations for *Seal* or *Cod* oils. The market remains steady and firm, under a fair jobbing demand. Stocks are not large, and no sales of round lots reported. In *Lined* business is commencing to improve, but no quotable transactions as yet.

PROVISIONS.—A decline of 6d. per cwt., for *Lard* occurred in Liverpool yesterday. The hog market in Chicago opened lower; the exports of hog products from four Atlantic ports for the week ending 23rd Sept. inst., show an increase of 1,233 brls. pork, and 154,463 lbs. lard, and a decrease of 5,139,372 lbs. bacon. In this market business has continued quiet, the only recently reported transaction being a lot of Fairbanks' *Lard* in pails at 12½c. *Tallow* is firm and higher, at 11c to 11½c for rendered. *Eggs* also firm, at 21c to 22c for the best, sales being recorded at both these figures. The New York market is higher, quoted at 26c to 27½c per doz. *Mess Pork* quiet and unchanged, at last week's quotations.

PETROLEUM.—Is reported firmer, at 15½ cents London, equal to 18½c here, and prospects are good for a further increase at 1st October. Holders of crude asking \$1.50. A lot of 1,200 brls. sold under the hammer brought \$1.47½. Drilling active.

WOOL.—The home market rules firm, under a steady demand for fine foreign descriptions. There have been sales of round lots of *Greasy Cape* at 18c for ordinary and 20c for fine qualities. In *Australian* no movement reported, hence quotations remain unchanged.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

Boston, Sept. 28.—*Flour*, moderate demand; market quiet. Sales of Superfine at from \$3.75 to \$4; Extras from \$4.50 to \$5; including choice bakers' from \$5 to \$7. Winter Wheat from \$5.25 to \$6.40; roller straights from \$5.75 to \$6.25. Old Spring Patents scarce at from \$8.25 to \$8.75; Winter Wheat range from \$6.25 to \$7. Cornmeal sold at from \$3.70 to \$3.75. *Oatmeal* scarce, prices nominal. *Hay*, choice old in demand at from \$20 to \$21; new selling at from \$18 to \$19. *Butter*, moderate demand, tendency to lower; sales of choice at from 29c to 31c, fair to good at from 24c to 28c. *Cheese*, in steady demand at from 11½c to 12c for choice, and 10c to 11c fair to good. *Eggs* in moderate demand, sales of Canada and Eastern at from 23c to 24c. *Canada Peas* selling at from \$1.25 to \$1.30. *Potatoes* in fair demand at from 85c to 85c per bush.

Chicago, 2.00 p.m.—Wheat, Oct., 93½c. Nov., 93½c. Corn, Oct., 59½c; Nov., 58½c. Oats, Oct., 31½c; Nov., 31c. Pork, Oct., \$12.30; Nov., \$20.90. Lard, Oct., \$12.62½; Nov., \$12.25.

New York, 2.00 p.m.—Wheat, Oct., \$1.07½; cash, \$1.05½; Nov., \$1.07; Dec., \$1.08½. Corn, Oct., 69½c; cash, 67½c; Dec., 63c.

Milwaukee, 2.00 p.m.—Wheat, Sept., 95½c; cash, 95½c; Oct., 93c; Nov., 93½c.