

eries are manufacturing a second quality of granulated sugar which we quote this week. Coffee has been in better demand. The first cargo of Rice from India has arrived for the new cleaning mill, and is expected to be on the market about the end of the week. Hardware is in better demand, but the high rates of freight from England is detrimental to trade. Leather is quiet and prices favor buyers. Breadstuffs are dull and stocks of flour are accumulating.

ASHES.—*Pots*.—Receipts are falling off, but the demand has not been heavy, prices are well maintained and the market closes firm at \$5.10 to \$5.20. *Pearls* are inactive and nominal at \$8.25. The stocks at present in store are *Pots*, 1094 barrels; *Pearls*, 296 barrels.

CATTLE.—The market yesterday was fairly supplied with fair to choice cattle, but hardly sufficient for the demand which was active. Drovers were in consequence asking high prices, which they obtained. Prices for fair to choice animals ranged from 6 to 6½ per pound, while rough cattle brought from 5½ to 5¾ per pound. *Calves* were scarce and not of very extra quality sold from \$3 to \$10 each. *Sheep* are also scarce; unclipped brought from \$7 to \$9 each. *Lambs* \$3.50 to \$6.00 each. *Fat Hogs* are in limited supply and sold from 7½ to 7¾ per pound.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Transactions have been numerous, but generally composed of small lots. Heavy chemicals are arriving freely which it was anticipated would be sold at a reduction on our quotations, but in sympathy with English markets prices here are firm besides a good deal of chemicals which are arriving were sold to arrive. We have not much change to note in prices. We quote: *Bicarb. Soda*, \$3.00 to 3.25; *Soda Ash*, \$1.65 to 1.75; *Bi-chromate of Potash*, per 100 lbs., \$13.00 to 15.00; *Arrowroot*, per lb., 10 to 14c.; *Borax*, refined, 18 to 20c.; *Cream Tartar Crystals*, 29½ to 31c.; ditto ground, 32½ to 34c.; *Caustic Soda*, white, \$2.50 to 2.60; *Sugar of Lead*, 12½ to 13c.; *Bleaching Powder*, \$1.75 to 2.00; *Alum*, 2 to 2½c.; *Copperas*, per 100 lbs., \$1.00 to \$1.25; *Flowers Sulphur*, per 100 lbs., \$5.00 to \$3.10; *Roll Sulphur*, \$2.20 to 2.30; *Epsom Salts*, per 100 lbs., \$1.50 to 1.75; *Sal Soda*, per 100 lbs., \$1.15 to 1.25 *Saltpetre*, per keg, \$9.75 to 10.75; *Sulphate of Copper*, \$5.50 to 6.00; *Quinine*, \$2.75 to 2.80; *Morphia*, \$2.75 to 3.00; *Opium*, \$4.75 to 5.00; *Shellac*, 35 to 45c.; *Castor Oil*, 10 to 11c. per lb.

DRY GOODS.—Travellers are out on a sorting up trip, but they report stocks of summer goods in the country as being almost unbroken, and country retailers likely to have a large stock of winter and spring goods to carry over till next season. But as soon as farmers get through with their spring work more activity in trade is looked for. Retail traders in the city have been doing very little, the weather being rather too cool for a demand for spring and fancy goods. There is no doubt that the very backward spring has affected the volume of both the wholesale and retail trade considerably, and it is questionable if it will be made up now this season in spite of the concessions which some wholesalers are willing to make. Collections are not what they should be, which can scarcely be wondered at in the circumstances.

FURS.—The season for raw furs is now completely over and we discontinue quotations for some time.

FISH.—The only kind in stock is a little dry cod for which there is a limited enquiry at \$4.50 to \$5.50.

FREIGHTS.—The market is dull and tending to a further decline in rates. Engagements for grain have been made to Glasgow and Liver-

pool at 9d. to 1s., and to London and Bristol at 2/6d. to 3/s. Flour 1/s. per bbl. Potash, 7/6; Pearls 12/6. Butter and cheese 15/ per gross ton.

LOUR.—Receipts for the week 19,962 brls. Total receipts from 1st January 272,393 brls., an increase of 4,592 brls. on the same period of 1881. Shipments 10,168 brls.; total shipments from 1st January 125,630 brls. a decrease of 22,452 brls. on the same period of 1881. A good deal of flour has been changing hands at prices not allowed to transpire but generally believed to be a reduction on our quotations of last week. The market on 'Change for most of the week has been dull and prices, if anything, have been in buyer's favor, to-day the market was firmer, and some high grade flour was sold at advanced prices, a pretty large business was done. We quote *Super. Extra*, \$6.30 to \$6.35; *Extra Superfine*, \$6.10 to 0.00; *Fancy*, \$6.10 nominal; *Spring Extra*, \$6.10 to 6.00; *Strong Bakers' Flour*, *American*, \$7.50 to 8.00; do. *Canadian*, \$6.50 to 6.75; *Superfine*, \$5.50 to 5.60; *Fine*, \$5.00 to 5.20; *Middlings*, \$4.00 to 4.25; *Pollards*, \$3.50 to 3.75; *Ontario Bags*, medium to strong, \$2.90 to 3.00; do. do., *Spring extra*, \$2.85 to 2.90; do. do. *Superfine*, \$2.75 to \$2.80; *City Bags*, delivered, \$3.80 to 4.00; *Oatmeal*, \$5.25 to 5.35; *Cornmeal*, \$3.90 to 4.00.

GRAIN.—*Wheat*.—Receipts by canal and rail for the week, 142,590 bushels; total receipts from 1st January 1,210,957 bushels, an increase of 58,921 bushels in the same period of 1881. Shipments for the week 14,924 bushels. Total shipments from 1st January 761,564 bushels, a decrease of 122,348 bushels on the same period of 1881. Business in this grain is very quiet, only some small sales having transpired; at the close of the market prices were decidedly easier, and Canada white winter was quoted \$1.35 to 1.36; Canada red winter \$1.44 to 1.45; ordinarily good Canada Spring is worth \$1.40 to 1.42. *Maize* is quite but firm at 82c. in bond; *Peas* are selling to some extent at 99½c. to \$1.00 per 66 lbs. *Oats* are very firm, but there have not been many transactions reported, 44½c. is the present price; *Barley* nominal at 67 to 75c.; *Rye* 85 to 87c. nominal.

GROCERIES.—*Teas*.—Prices rule high in Japan; not much doing here, but all grades of Tea under 20c are scarce and enquired for. In the meantime prices here remained as last quoted. *Coffee* meets a better demand and a fair trade has been done, especially in Mocha at 29 to 30c. Rio is firm and in request holders asking 10 to 12c; all other kinds are as last quoted. *Refined Sugar* is in fair demand, prices not materially changed; second quality of granulated is now in the market and selling well. We quote granulated of first quality 9½ to 9¾c; second quality, 9¾c; *Grocers A*, 9½ to 9¾c; *Yellows* 7½ to 8½. *Raw Sugars* are in good demand; refiners are negotiating for a large lot here and were apparently anxious to buy. We quote 7½ to 8c. *Molasses*.—The market is firm; Barbadoes maintains its value at 55 to 57½; Trinidad 48 to 50c; Sugar house, 34 to 37. *Rice*.—Unmilled rice is now arriving for the mill here and the cleaned article is expected to be on the market here this week. There have been some heavy transactions in the old stock at \$3.30 to \$3.75. *White Starch* 6 to 7c. *Corn Starch*, 8½ to 9c. *Spices*.—No change in prices except for Black Pepper which we now quote 14½ to 15½. *Fruit*.—A ship from the Mediterranean has arrived in Port and we expect to hear of more doing, in the meantime business has been only of a jobbing character within our late range of quotations.

HIDES are steady at \$8, \$7 and \$6 for Nos. 1 2 and 3 respectively. *Calfskins* are quiet at 14 cents; *Lambskins* are no higher. Tanners find present prices high enough compared with the low price of the manufactured article; prices in

the U.S. are also very low. We still quote 25 to 30c. each.

HARDWARE.—A slightly better demand seems to exist for heavy goods, and some fair-sized orders have been placed with wholesale houses here. *Pig Iron* is being enquired for, for future delivery, but the utter impossibility of getting any cheap freights often hinders purchasers from coming to the price required. *Tin Plates* are advised as firmer in Liverpool and better prices are shortly expected, as at present every box manufactured shows a loss to the maker. *Canada Plates* are offered at pretty reasonable prices, but the freight interferes which has pretty well been all taken up with rails, etc., which are now being shipped from Wales, and at present shipments have to be made via Liverpool. We now quote: *Pig Iron*, per ton, Coltness, \$23.00 to 24.00; Siemens, \$22.50 to 23.00 Gartsherrie, \$22.50 to 23.00; Summerlee, \$22.50 to 23.00; Langloan, \$23.00 to 24.00; Eglinton, \$21.00 to 22.00; Carnbroe, \$22.00 to 22.50; Hematite, \$27.00 to 28.00. *Bars*, per 100 lbs., Scotch and Staffordshire, \$2.10 to \$2.15; Swedes, \$4.00 to 4.50; Norway, \$5.00 to \$5.50; Lowmoor and Bowling \$6.25 to 6.50; *Canada Plates* per box, Glamorgan and Budd \$3.25 to 3.50; Pen, \$3.25 to 3.40; Hatton \$3.00 to 3.15; Thistle and Clifton, \$3.25 to 3.35; *Tin Plates*, per box, Charcoal IC, \$5.30 to 5.50; Charcoal IX, \$7.30 to \$7.50; ditto, DC, \$4.75 to 5.00; ditto, DX, \$6.75; to 7.00; *Coke IC*, \$4.40 to 4.50. *Galvanized Sheets*, 7 to 7½c; *Tinned Sheets*, No. 26, Charcoal, 10 to 10½c; ditto Coke No. 24, 9 to 9½c; Hoops and Bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.50 to \$2.75; sheets best brands \$2.73 to \$3.00; Boiler Plate p 100 lbs. Staffordshire \$3 to 3.25; Russian Sheet Iron 12½ to 13c. *Lead* per 100 lbs.—*Pig* \$4.50 to \$4.75; Sheet \$5.50; Bar \$5 to \$5.50; Shot do \$6 to \$6.50. *Steel*, cast 11½ to 12c; Spring \$3.75 to \$4.00; Fire \$3.50 to \$3.75; Sleigh Shoe, \$2.75 to \$3.00. *Ingot Tin* 24½ to 25c.; *Bar Tin* 27 to 28c.; *Ingot Copper* 19 to 19½c.; *Sheet Zinc* \$5.50 to \$5.60; *Spelter* \$5 to \$5.25. *Horse Shoes*, \$4.25 to \$4.50. *Glass*, boxes 50 ft. up to 25 in. \$2.00, 26 in. to 40 in. \$2.10; 41 in. to 50 in. \$2.35; 51 in to 60 in. \$2.50.

LEATHER.—The business of the past week has shown no improvement, and the market may be quoted extremely quiet. Both Spanish and slaughter sole are in more liberal supply, and prices are rather easier, except for choice plump BA. Several small lots of Upper and Split have been placed within our quotations, but the market lacks strength, and round lots are difficult to move. In other lines there is no change, with only moderate business doing. Several of the shoe houses are preparing for stock-taking, which adds to the dullness. Prices as before quoted.

OILS.—*Petroleum*.—The price in London, Ont., is 16c firm. Stocks here are light, although the demand is quiet. Prices, however, are the turn dearer, and we now quote car lots 19½c. Broken lots 20c, and single brls. 21 to 22c per Imp. gal. Stocks of fish oils are very light, there having been no arrivals of new so far this season; the demand, however, is light, and holders are very firm. Prices continue to creep up. We quote *Cot Oil* Nfd. 57½c; ditto Hlx. 55 to 56c. *Seal* pale 66c; ditto straw 60c; ditto steam refined 70c per Imp. gal. *Lined Oil* is still selling at 70 to 71c for raws, and 73 to 75c for boiled.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*.—Receipts 192 packages; shipments, 96 pkgs, for the week. There is no export demand, and the market is very quiet. Arrivals are expected soon to be larger, as the pastures are much improved by the late rains. We quote Creamery 21 to 22c; and good to best dairy 16 to 20c. *Cheese*.—Receipts for the week 1,038 boxes; shipments 891 boxes. A fair steady business has been done in new cheese at 9½ to 10½c. *Pork*.—There is a good demand for this article at steady prices; for Canada Mess \$23 to