Toronto Market.

DRY GOODS.—The season is now open, quite a number of buyers having presented themselves, during the past week. For two days past the weather has been unfavorable to business. Buyers are operating cautiously, preferring to supplement their purchases, as they find it necessary, to taking in an extensive stock at the start. Goods have been rapidly withdrawn from bond within a few days, giving large receipts at the Custom House. Cottons meet with a good demand, and are firm; woolens are selling low, the commoner kinds especially, really fine goods maintain their value. Fancy goods are probably better assorted than ever before in this market; the number of enterprising houses, now in this line, assures to the buyer ample stocks to select from, and all the advantage in respect to price, which a close competition insures.

PRODUCE.—It is now pretty definitely ascertained that the wheat yield of England will be about twenty-five to thirty per cent. under last years crop, thought this deficiency will in some degree be made up by the increased acreage under wheat. The latest reports of the agricultural Bureau, of the United States, puts the probable yield of corn at 30 per cent. under the average; in the other states, except Texas, 12 to 20 per cent. under, and in Texas, 25 per cent. above the average. The English market has steadily improved during the past week, making the important rise of 6d. to 9d. on flour, though within the last day or two most of that advance was lost.

The Hamiton Produce Exchange have published a report on the grain trade of that city. During the year ended Aug. 15th, the shipments of grain were:—Fall wheat, 27,000 bush., spring, 43,000, red winter, 273,000, peas, 200,000. barley, 411,000 bush. The barley went to the following points:—To Oswego, 280,000, Toledo, 30,200, Chicago, 28,800, Buffalo, 16,080, Cleveland, 14,100, Sandusky, 3,000, Erie, 5,000, Quebec, 8,900, City consumption, 25,000; Total, bush., 411,000. A statement of the stocks, of grain, at Montreal, shows that on Sept. 1st, there were 205,275 bush. of wheat, against 8,750 bush. last year; and 41,166 brls. of flour, against 26,912 brls. last year. *Wheat*—Receipts 1900 bush., the market opened firm but closed dull; two lots of Spring, 1,000 bushels each, sold at $1.10 f.o.b., and two cars at $1.08. A small lot of Fall sold at $1.11. The market closed nominal with a downward tendency. *Barley.*—The first cargo from this side has reached Oswego, still the season has not fairly opened; 1 car sold on Friday at 75c., on the street 73c was paid. *Oats.*—Have declined 5 to 7 cents, and are offering at 45c., without buyers. *Peas.*—are nominal, on the street 65c. was paid. *Rye*—sells on the street at 56c. per bushel.

FLOUR.—Receipts 700 brls; long in the week No. 1 Superfine sold at $4.85, and afterwards at $5.00. The supply is light and prices have fallen to $4.90, the market closing nominal. A lot of fancy sold on private terms.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*—Continues active at last week's prices; a car load sold at 17c.; on the cars, this is a higher figure than could be obtained for small lots. *Pork.*—Mess is firm, and a continuance of high prices is anticipated. The comparative failure of the corn crop, noticed above, must have important influence on the future of prices; the stock here is very light. *Bacon.*—Is dull and unchanged, stock light. *Hams.*—Are in good supply, and selling at 14½ to 15½. *Eggs*—Are advancing and are now worth 10½ to 12½c. *Cheese*—Only a small local jobbing trade is being done, the business is mostly with the makers direct, prices are steady.

HIDES.—*Skins.*—The market is quiet, green inspected No. 1 sell at 7c. and No. 2 at 6c. Cured and inspected are held at about 7½ to 8c. No sales. Sheepskins and pelts are worth 60 to 75c.

WOOL.—There is nothing whatever doing; no receipts and stocks are pretty well cleared out; prices remain as quoted in our list.

PETROLEUM.—The market is firm, and fully 1 cent better on refined.

MONEY.—Greenbacks, 74 to 74¾; silver, large, bought at 3, sold at 2½; small bought at 4½ and sold at 3½ discount. Sterling Exchange 8¼.

FREIGHTS—Rates by vessels and steamers unchanged. Grain to Oswego, 3c. U. S. cy.; to Kingston, 2c. gold, do by barge, Kingston to Montreal 4c. The steamer *Her Majesty* sails for Halifax on the 11th with a cargo of flour; rate 65 to 70c. to lower ports.

The following are the Grand Trunk Railway Company's summer rates from Toronto to the undermentioned stations, which came into force on the 19th ult.:—Flour to all Stations from Belleville to Lynn, inclusive 25c; grain, per 100 lbs., 13c; flour to Prescott, 30c; grain 15c; flour to all stations between Island Pond and Portland, inclusive, 75c; grain, 38c: flour to Boston, 80c, gold; grain 40c; flour to Halifax, 90c; flour to St. John, 85c.

The Grand Trunk rates to Liverpool are:—Flour 4s. stg. per bbl.; wheat 8s. 6d. stg. per quarter; and boxed meats 55s. per ton.

Halifax Market.

BREADSTUFFS.—Aug. 31.—We have to report a further decline of 10 cents for the past week, and a continued downward tendency. The demand for Supers continues active and stocks are not in excess, but the disposition is to realize, showing a want of confidence in present prices. Extras are entirely neglected, and with good stocks rates continue nominal. Fancy is in limited request at quotations. No 2 dull and nominal, with small stocks of Canadian. Cornmeal dull and unchanged. Oatmeal continues inactive and nominal, with large stocks.

FISH AND OIL.—Codfish are in better demand; quotations unchanged. Herring dull and nominal at $4.00 for Shore Split. No. 3 Mackerel are moderately active at improved rates. Cod Oil in request; holders are firm at 55c., buyers offering 50c. Seal continues nominal and unchanged. Petroleum in large supply with increasing stocks, nominally at 30c. for better class of Canadian.—*R. C. Hamilton & Co.'s Circular.*

English Hop Crop.

Aug 6.—The market is exceedingly quiet, nor can this be wondered at when we look at the present state of the plantations. In many grounds it is said that improvements have taken place, but from the strength of the vine this might have been expected. On Wednesday we paid a visit to Mr. Coles Child's gardens at Bromley, and found the Early Prolifics very forward and full of condition for the season. The hops were pretty thick, very clean, and appeared to be all that could be wished. The four kinds were throwing out burr freely. The Farnham and Hampshire grounds are looking well, and the remark is, "There will be more hops than people imagine." These matters will account for the quietness now prevailing.

Pennsylvania Oil Wells.

The number of wells in process of drilling increased slightly during July, and on August first the total number was 310, an increase of five. Besides the above there were about 60 leases on which operations had been commenced with a view to sink wells.

Under continned large shipments, the stock of oil underwent a further decrease during July, and on Aug. 1st the total was 307,136 barrels of forty-three gallons. During the second two weeks of the month the shipment was light and the stock accumulated rapidly, but during the last week the shipments by all routes were greatly enlarged.

The following table shows the production during July, the average per day, the productiot previously reported in 1869, and the average per day since January 1st; the product from January 1st to August 1st last year, and the average per day for the same time:—

		BBLS.
Total shipment of Crude for July of bbls. of 45 galls. each		353,281
Add to reduce to bbls. of 43 galls. each		16,436
Total shipment of bbls. 43 galls. each		369,717
Stock on hand July 1st	314,246	
Stock on hand Aug. 1st	307,136	
Deduct decrease on Aug. 1		7,110
Total production during July		362,607
Average per day for 31 days	11,697	
Production from Jan. 1st to July 1st		1,893,381
Total production since January 1st		2,255,988
Average per day for 212 days	10,641	
Total production same time last year		1,021,290
Average qer day same time last year, (213 days)		9,489
Average per day during June last year		10,698

The following were the shipments from Jan. 1st to July 1st.

	BRLS.
To New York	498,847
Cleveland	509,146
Boston	60,932
Philadelphia	87,970
Pittsburgh	405,564
Portland	16,844
Other points	113,208
Total	1,692,511
Difference between Crude and Refined shipped	60,330
Shipment of Crude equivalent	1,752,841

—*Titusville Herald.*

Customs Returns.

The duties collected at the port of Toronto for the month of August, 1869, and the corresponding month of 1868 were as follows:

August, 1869	$122,320 28
" 1868	100,723 69
Showing an increase for the past month of	$21,596 59

Coal.

A sale by auction of Scranton Coal by the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western R. R. Co., took took place a few days ago. The prices obtained were—

10,000	tons lump	$6 12½	@	$6 70
12,000	" steamboat	6 27	"	6 52½
13,000	" grate	6 50	"	6 62½
10,000	" egg	6 80	"	7 00
25,000	" stove	7 15	"	7 75
10,000	" chestnut	6 35	"	6 50
80,000				

The following are the figures of the previous sale, which took place in April:

Lump	$4 05½	@	$4 80
Steamboat	4 55	"	4 75
Grate	4 65	"	4 70
Egg	4 75	"	4 77½
Stove	5 05	"	5 25
Chestnut	4 57½	"	4 62½

The Cotton Crop.

Up to the present time the reports with regard to the growing crop have continued favorable. The rains which succeeded the drouth along the Atlantic coast, and which at one time it was feared would be excessive, have in most sections been followed during the past ten days by bright warm weather—just what was needed for the further development of the plant. Nothing is more to be dreaded now than a long continued rain. If the weather remains dry little fear of the caterpillar is felt, although they are reported as having appeared in very many portions of the South. But with two weeks of rain, fresh growth would be made and these pests of the cotton plant be multiplied