

is to be noted in prices. Butter has rather declined, but is still very high for this season of the year.

GROCERIES.—This market has ruled very quiet, there not being the slightest speculative movement in any article, but fair sales have been made to the trade at full rates. The late fall sales being so unsatisfactory, merchants have preferred holding over their stock, which, with the exception of Fruit and Wine (especially light French), are small; and although a fair amount of goods were placed at the early fall sales, still, from all the reports I can hear from the West, the country storekeepers are decidedly understocked, and that is the general impression here, so that, the money market being exceedingly easy, there is no necessity to force goods forward, or in any way sacrifice them. Such firms as have done so during the spring and summer have been so rudely shaken that they have not repeated the experiment this fall. We may look for a fair and healthy business during the winter.

DRY GOODS.—The trade is, for the present, over, and many merchants are already beginning to take stock. After New Year's we generally have more liveliness, but till then dull times must be expected.

HARDWARE.—With the close of the Canal the trade in heavy Hardware generally closes, the extra freight charged during the winter by the Grand Trunk Railroad operating against it. The demand for shelf goods has also, for the present, fallen off; but the trade, though light, is steady during the winter, the rise in freight not much affecting the cost.

Toronto Market.

During the past week snow has fallen to the depth of a few inches, and the weather has been cold and freezing. There is no sleighing yet, though in Montreal and other places east of that city, the roads are in first-rate condition, there being an abundance of snow. Navigation is now closed, with the exception of a few vessels which are engaged in the coal and wood trade. The St. Lawrence Canals and the Erie Canal are all closed for the season. As a consequence there has been no export business done. Stocks of produce left at the principal ports are pretty large. A comparative statement of the quantities in store, in Toronto, on the 1st Dec., is as follows:—

| | 1867. | 1868. |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Fall, bbls. | 1,781 | 2,426 |
| Fall Wheat, bushls. | 8,619 | 16,246 |
| Spring Wheat " | 40,986 | 15,500 |
| Oats " | 6,600 | 23,400 |
| Barley " | 25,900 | 85,500 |
| Peas " | 12,796 | 11,492 |

GRAIN.—Wheat.—Receipts light, market dull, holders of Spring ask \$1.05 to 107 without buyers. Fall dull and nominal. Barley.—There is a fair demand at \$1.25 to 128, and \$1.30 was offered for a lot, winter storage paid; sales of ears at quotations. Peas.—Quiet at 80c. to 82c. for fair to good Grand Trunk peas; sales of three cars at these prices. Oats.—Steady at 50c. to 52c.

FLOUR.—Receipts light, there is some demand for Superfine for shipment at \$4.65, holders asking \$4.75 to 4.80; sales at \$4.70. Better grades nominal.

PROVISIONS.—Butter.—A lot of 100 tubs sold at 24c. Market closed dull at 23c. to 24½; large rolls sold at 20c. to 22c. Mass Pork.—Nominal and unchanged. Hams.—A lot of 100 smoked sold at 11½c. Bacon.—Lots of new are held at 10c., no sales. Lard.—Steady at 14c. Dressed Hogs.—The market was fairly supplied; prices steady as quoted. Potatoes.—Plenty, and offering by the car load at 45c. to 55c. Apples.—Lots are offering at \$2.50 for good winter.

LIVE STOCK.—The best cattle are scarce at \$6.50 to 7.00; other kind plenty at \$3.50 to 5.00 per 100 lbs. dressed weight. Live Hogs, \$5.00 to \$5.40. Sheep—\$5.00 to 6.00 each.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Sheep skins have advanced to \$1.25 and \$1.30; no change in other articles.

Demerara Sugar Market.

The following is from Sandbach, Parker & Co.'s Circular, dated Georgetown, Demerara, Nov. 7:

We last Mail advised a severe drought from which the country had been suffering for some weeks. This has continued up to the present time, and not only is the young cultivation on the Estates seriously injured, but Sugar-making has been much retarded, owing to the scarcity of water in the navigable canals. The inhabitants have also been reduced to great straits for want of drinking water. Trade has likewise suffered severely, and we have to report a dull and inanimate market. The arrivals consist of twelve Vessels from the United Kingdom, four from United States, four from British Provinces, and ten from neighboring Colonies.

SUGAR.—The demand for Vacuum Pan, for America, has been steady during the fortnight; prices ranging from \$6 to \$6.10 for good samples up to \$6.20 for very choice. The quality of the produce during the fortnight has improved, and considerable quantities have changed hands, eleven vessels having cleared for North America since our last. Muscovado sugar is held for better rates than purchasers feel inclined to give. The shipments to America last month were larger than they have ever been.

MOLASSES.—There has been a decided improvement in this article; the demand good, and prices of Vacuum Pan have advanced; for Muscovado we have but little change to note.

RUM.—No transactions in our Market.

TIMBER.—One charter during the fortnight to load in Demerara River, but no animation whatever in the trade.

Transactions have taken place during the fortnight at the following rates:

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| SUGARS (package included) sold by 100 lbs. | |
| Dutch, 10 per cent. tare F.O.B. | |
| Muscavadoes, equal at No. 8 | |
| Dutch Standard \$3.80 @ 100 lbs. | |
| No. 10 do. \$4.00 | In hlds. |
| " 12 do. \$4.25 | of about |
| Vacuum Pan No. 12 do. \$5.50 | 1800 lbs. each. |
| " " 14 do. 5.75 | |
| " " 16 do. 6.00 | |
| " " 18 do. 6.10 | |

MOLASSES (package included, sold by Imperial gallon.)

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| Muscovado, from 20 @ 28 cents, as | In puns |
| to color and density | of |
| Vacuum Pan from 24 @ 30 cents, as | 100 gals. |
| to color and density | |
| RUM (colored, package included, sold | |
| by Imperial gal. from 35 per cent. @ 38 | |
| overproof 38 @ 40 cents. | Ditto. |
| From 38 per cent. @ 40 overproof, 40 | |
| @ 42 cents. | |

Halifax Market.

BREADSTUFFS.—Nov. 24.—Flour continues to arrive freely, supply being equal to the demand. We have no change to note in prices from last week's quotations. Canada No. 1 ranges from \$6.25 to 6.50; Strong Bakers \$6.65 to 6.70; Extra Canada \$7.50 to 8.00, Extra State still continues dull at \$6.00 to 6.40, according to quality; No. 2 in good demand at \$5.00 to 5.50. Corn Meal without change at \$4.50 for kiln dried, and \$4.40 for Fresh Ground. Oatmeal \$7.70 to 7.80. Imports from January 1st to November 24th, 1867 and 1868:—

| | Bbls. Flour. | Bbls. Cornmeal. |
|-----------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1868..... | 167,252 | 43,119 |
| 1867..... | 178,340 | 33,925 |

PROVISIONS.—Pork \$22 50.

WEST INDIA PRODUCE.—Sugars and Molasses continue in fair demand at quotations. At auction a lot of about 70 hlds, choice Vacuum Pan Sugar sold at 9½c. and 9½c. duty paid. We quote Porto Rico 6½ to 6½. Barbadoes 5½ to 5½c. Cuba 5½ to 5½. Centrifugal Cuba 6c. in Bond. Rum scarce and in demand at 70 to 75c. for Demerara and 60 to 65 for St. Jago.

FINANCIAL.—Bank drawing rate on London 60 days sight, 3½ per cent. prem. Currency drafts 22 per cent. discount. Montreal sight drafts 3½ per cent. prem. Newfoundland sight drafts 3 per cent. prem.

NEW INSOLVENTS.—The following insolvents are gazetted—Louis Forget, St. Janvier; J. G. Tait, Orillia; J. T. Beech, Washago; Dame R. S. Beers, Montreal; George Wilson, Montreal; John Boulton, Petrolia; William Griffin, Nottawasaga; John Sutherland, Toronto; Augustus Hughes, Napanee; W. Silver, Hamilton; David Hart, Aymer; Charles Connevy, Inverness; Richard Radcliff, Gederich; Wm. Kennedy, Buckingham; Joseph Griffin, Bronte; Remenes V. Clark, Brantford; Thomas L. L. Ferris, Innisfil; David Wells, Nottwa village; John S. Munroe, Wellandport; Robert Waller, Tilsonburg, and Jasper Sullivan, Nottawasaga.

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Niagara District Bank.

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The transfer books will be closed from the 20th to the 31st December, both days inclusive.

Also, that a GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders, for the election of Directors to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at the Bank on MONDAY, the 11th day of January next, at noon.

By order of the Board,

C. M. ARNOLD, Cashier.

Niagara District Bank,
St. Catharines, Nov. 26, 1868.

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THOS. M. SIMONS,
Secretary & Treasurer.

ROBT. McLEAN,
Inspector of Agencies.
Galt, 25th Nov., 1868.

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