

LEATHER.—There has been a steady demand from the city trade for seasonable goods and prices are supposed to have about reached bottom. Best *Spanish Sole, Medium, and Heavy-weights* are not plentiful, and prices are firm. Light and inferior stock continues dull and slow of sale. *Slaughter Sole* is the turn firmer in price and best stock commands outside quotations. *Upper and Harness* are still in over supply and prices favour buyers. *Medium and Heavy Splits* are scarce and firm. No change in other lines. We quote Hemlock Spanish sole No. 1 B. A. 21 to 22c; do. No. 2 18 to 19c; No. 1 Orinoco 20 to 21c; No. 2 ditto 17 to 18c; Zanibar Spanish sole No. 1 20 to 21c; do. No. 2 17 to 18c; Buffalo sole No. 1, 17½ to 19c; do. No. 2, 16 to 18c; Hemlock slaughter 22 to 23c; waxed upper light and medium 29 to 33c; do. heavy 28 to 30c; grained upper 31 to 33c; splits large 22 to 29c; do. small 15 to 20c; calfskins 30 to 36 lbs, 55 to 75c; do 20 to 29 lbs 50 to 65c; sheepskin linings 20 to 30c; harness 21 to 26c; buffed cow 13 to 16c per ft.; enamelled cow 17 to 18c; patent cow 16 to 18c; pebbled cow 12c to 15c; rough leather 22 to 22c.

OILS.—There has been a moderately good demand for *Cod Oil*, which is not in over supply, and sales continue to be made at 60 to 62½ in quantity. *Seal Oil*, pale—None in the market. *Straw Seal*, 47½ to 50c. *Refined Seal* is firm at 60c for round lots. *Menhaden Oil*, 40 to 42½c. *Olive*, 95c to \$1.10, according to quality. *Linseed*, raw, 52 to 54c; ditto, boiled, 56 to 58c. In *Petroleum* there is not much doing, but prices favour buyers. Car loads are procurable at 24 to 26c; broken lots and single barrels, 26½ to 29c.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—Receipts during the week 1772 kegs; Shipments 1623 kegs although the demand has been not very heavy, prices have advanced 1c. and 21c is now easily obtained for choice samples, now that the weather has become cool an active demand is looked for. *Cheese.*—Receipts 15,557 boxes; shipments 23,546 boxes. The market during the past week has been quite active and large transactions have taken place from 8½ to 8¾ closing quiet at 8 to 8¾; *Lard* steady fair demand at 12½ to 13¾ for tubs and pails. *Pork.*—Receipts 160 brls.; shipments 187 brls; not much doing, market closing quiet at \$21.50 to 22.00 for new mess, and \$20.50 to 21.00 for thin mess. *Tallow* 7½ to 8c for rendered and 5 to 5½ in the rough.

SALT.—Has been in good demand and some large sales of *coarse* at 55 57½c. 10 to the Ton. *Factory filled* 1.00 1.10, some fair sales within our range of quotations.

WOOL.—Business in this department is not improving, a few sales continue to be reported, but only of a hand to mouth character, but not sufficient to establish quotations. Reliable buyers could buy large lots at present at prices below what we have been lately quoting.

TORONTO MARKET.

Toronto, Aug. 24, 1876.

The trade of the past week has not developed a more satisfactory state of affairs for the present, or any better prospects for the future. Most branches of business are uniformly quiet without showing a single sign on which hopes for the removal of dullness can be built. This is in great part a result of the chief attention being turned to the harvest. What it will usher in, present circumstances do not tend to reveal. But we do not expect to see any great increase in the prices of farm productions.

CATTLE.—*Beeves.*—Receipts have undergone a considerable reduction, and the shipping demand has also fallen off. All coming in seem to be wanted, and prices are firm with signs of

advancing. First-class are scarce and in good demand at \$4.50 to 4.75. Second-class are barely sufficient and bring \$3.75 to 4.00. Third-class sell at \$3 to 3.25. *Sheep.*—The demand is somewhat in excess of the supply, and all good qualities are well sought after. First-class have advanced to \$5 and 5.25; second-class bring \$3.75 to 4.25; and third-class are not in request. *Lambs.*—The supply is below the wants of the market, and prices keep firm at \$3.50 to 3.75 for first-class, \$3 to 3.25 for second-class and \$2.50 for third-class.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—*Flour.*—Stocks in store on the 21st inst. 5,529 brls. against 5,130 brls. last week and 3,125 brls. on this date last year. The market has advanced about five cents since our last and closes firm. There is a steady demand but very little offering. No transactions are reported in Superior extra but \$5.20 has been refused. Extra has changed hands at \$4.95 and 5.00 f.o.b., and some sales have been made at equal to the latter figure. Nothing is reported in fancy and the market is nominal. Spring extra sold early in the week at \$4.40 f.o.b., but subsequently at 4.45 on the spot. Superfine is worth \$3.95 to 4.00. *Oatmeal.*—The market is quiet at \$5.90 to 4.00 for car lots and \$4.25 to 4.50 for smaller quantities.

FREIGHTS.—No rates to Lake Erie ports. Rates to Oswego remain unchanged at 1½c. American currency, and to Kingston at 1½c gold. Lumber to Oswego 90c per thousand. *Grand Trunk Railway* rates are as follows: Flour to Montreal 17½c, to Point Levis 35c, to St. John via the Intercolonial 45c, to Halifax 50c per barrel; to St. John via Portland 45c, and to Halifax by the same route 45c. *Rates by Steamer.*—Rates per the Jacques line to Montreal are 17½c on flour, and 4½c on grain; and 12½c on flour, and 4c on grain, to Kingston, Prescott or Brockville. The Royal Mail line carries flour to Montreal at 20c. *Through rates to Britain.*—Flour to Liverpool via Allan Line is nil per bbl.; or in bags 55s. od. per ton; grain, nil, exclusive of bagging; butter and cheese 65s. 6d. per ton; boxed meats, tallow, pork, and beef in barrels, 60s. od.; lard, 60s. od.; oil-cake, 65s. od. per ton. To Glasgow via Montreal, flour is nil per bbl.; wheat, nil per cental, and boxed meats and pork, 65s. od.; cheese and butter, 65s. od. per ton; tallow 65s. od.; lard 65s. od. per ton; flour and oatmeal 55s. od. per ton.

GRAIN.—Stocks in store on the 21st inst.: Fall wheat, 102,977 bush; spring wheat, 157,509 bush; oats, 6,410 bush; barley, 11,298 bush; peas, 4,078 bush; against fall wheat, 19,120 bush; spring wheat, 28,857 bush; oats, 26,308 bush; barley, 3,371 bush, and peas, 765 bush, on the same date last year. *Wheat.*—We note an advance of about three cents, since our last, but the market is almost inactive. No. 1 and 2 fall are purely nominal, but No. 3 sold at 98c f.o.b. Some transactions took place in No. 1 spring at \$1 and \$1.02 f.o.b. for car lots. At the close holders are asking \$1.07 to 1.08 for No. 2 fall, and \$1.05 for No. 1 spring. *Oats.*—Prices remain steady, but supplies are small and the enquiry not very brisk. There have been sales of car lots at 34 to 35c on the track. *Barley.*—A load of No. 2 sold at 55c. This was the only transaction since our last reference. *Peas.*—The market steady with sales of No. 1 in lots at 78½c f.o.b. For cars lots 76 to 77c would have been paid.

GROCERIES.—*Coffee.*—The movement of lots among jobbers is still of a very trifling nature and there is not much indication of improvement in the market. Prices are ruling quite low in some kinds while in the better grades past figures are pretty well maintained. A quite consumptive demand from retailers keeps up a steady flow towards the country and this is the principle business that is done. We quote Java 28 to 29½c Singapore 25 to 27c and Rio 21 to

24c. *Fish.*—The warm weather prevents merchants from laying in their supplies and there does not appear to be any kind in the market, except dry cod, which is selling at \$5.25; some might be purchased as \$5.00. *Fruit.*—But little interest is manifested in old fruits, and supplies of new, though on the way, will not arrive for four weeks to come. Layers in this market are of the poorest kind, and would be sold at low figures. In New York they are worth \$1.00 per box. Here they can be had at \$1.75, or probably less. *Valencias* are quoted at 7 to 8c. *Currants* continue to sell at 6½ to 7½c. The crop this season in the East will amount to fully 75,000 tons, or about 3,000 more than the crop of last year. *Nuts* and other fruits are quiet and unchanged. *Liquors.*—The partial failure of the vintage in France has caused a firmness in brandies, but sales are very small on this market. *Wines and whiskies* are without change and sell steadily. *Tobacco.*—The trade has not developed any new features; the movement is steady and prices are unchanged. *Sugar.*—The movement of all kinds continues quite as active as it was, and prices in some instances have advanced fully another 25c per hundred pounds. Ground is about that much higher in price, and stocks, though small, appear quite sufficient for buyer's wants. Small lots to retailers cannot be had under 11½c, and larger quantities are worth 11c. Dry crushed has been steady with moderate sales at 11½c, and larger quantities are worth 11c. Dry crushed has been steady with moderate sales at 11½c. *Scotch* continues to sell steadily at the former range 8½ to 9½c for common to bright. Bright Porto Rico is worth 8½c in small lots, but dark can be had at 8½c for dark, and 8½ to 8¾c for bright. There is some Cuba in the market at 8 to 8½c. *Tea.*—The New York market is considerably firmer, and offers that would have been accepted a couple of weeks' back are now refused. This has not tended to increase business either in that market or here. It would appear that dealers have seen the worst of the comparatively low prices. Sales continue on the hand to mouth principle to satisfy the ordinary demand, and retailers are not apparently in any hurry to make purchases or buy more than they want for immediate consumption. Low grade and medium Japans and Young Hysons are about the only kinds moving.

HARDWARE.—Business shows unmistakably the caprice of buyers. One week it will be dull, as it was last, and the following quite active. During the past few days there has been a considerable amount of goods moved, as much if not more than at this time last year. Some of these may have been sold imprudently but dealers generally are very careful whom they trust. Heavy goods of all kinds have been active, ingot tin, nails, galvanized iron, tin and Canada plates, glass &c. Shelf goods have not shewn the same satisfactory state of business, but sales are fair. There is no appreciable change to record in quotations.

HIDES AND SKINS.—*Hides.*—The trade appears to be very steady, with very little fluctuation in supplies and none whatever in price. Dealers are paying 5½c. for No. 1 steers and cows; and 4½c for No. 2 of both kinds. Cured are slightly improved in price and sales have been made at 6½ and 6¾c. *Sheepskins.*—The market is quiet and dealers are paying 55 to 60c as formerly. *Calfskins* are worth 8 and 11c. as in the past.

LEATHER.—Trade has not improved any and operations are very small. Prices have not changed and the general aspect is the same as it has been for some time. Native stocks are very quiet and sales are small. The trade is only buying what it cannot do without. And there is more stock in hand than can be sold for