

being received this season by mail; which shows that stocks in the country are not large, while there is, at the same time, a steady demand for goods. This is the best possible state of affairs, in the interest of importers. *Fig Iron*.—There has been rather more inquiry here during the week, and sales have been more numerous, and of larger lots, from 50 to 150 tons each, at prices slightly under our quotations. Commerce has sold in round lots at from \$19 to \$20; and it is reported that a manufacturer sold a round lot of Eglinton for shipment to Western Canada at \$17.50. Our quotations represent what consumers must pay to whole-sale dealers. There is no business whatever doing between any of the large houses. Future prices here will have been pretty fully determined by the end of the next fortnight. Cable advices received on Wednesday last quoted Scotch warrants a shade lower than last week, at 49s. 6d. Remittances continue good.

HATS AND CAPS.—The manufacturers of hats are now preparing for their spring trade, and, in view of the approaching demand which is estimated from the large business done this season in Canadian-manufactured hats and caps, some of the large dealers have increased their producing facilities three-fold. We referred a few weeks ago to the establishment of a new industry in Montreal, the first in Canada, for the manufacture of fur felt hats, and it is pleasing to be able to note that Canadian manufacturers, in this line of goods, have already superseded American goods, being equal in quality and sold at lower prices.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The demand from tanners for green hides continues fully equal to the supply, and receipts from butchers during the past week have been as large as usual, say about 1,000 hides. All offering were readily disposed of at \$10, \$9, and \$8 respectively, for Nos. 1, 2, and 3. Stocks in New York are reported heavy, but none to speak of are held over in this market. *Lamb-skins* have further advanced during the week, and the average range of quotations now is from \$1 to \$1.10. Receipts for the week are very fair, comprising about 4,000, and the skins offering now are larger and contain more wool than at any time during the season. The demand, therefore, is quite keen, and for very choice lots as high as \$1.15 and \$1.20 has been paid. *Calf skins* nominally quoted at 12c. per lb.

LEATHER.—Trade for the week is reported quiet and steady; a fair amount of business has been done, chiefly with shoe manufacturers, who are only buying small lots of various descriptions from time to time, as their immediate wants shall render necessary. There is an entire absence of speculation in the market, and no large sales could be made, except at considerably reduced prices. Stocks of nearly all descriptions are ample for all requirements, light harness and light upper, being the exceptions. The best sole leather is not over-abundant, and prices therefore remain firm but unchanged. Shipments of Buffalo sole to England continue to be made regularly from this market, but last accounts report the English market a shade easier if anything. Remittances are good, as is usual at this season of the year.

LUMBER.—Almost all the lumber now at the mills is bought up by American dealers, who are holding it for advanced prices, which is a great relief to the manufacturers, as it is generally settled for at a certain date from purchase. Every available barge is now busy removing lumber from the mills, and shipments by rail will continue all winter as through rates are made almost as cheap as by boat.

PROVISIONS.—The market is reported quiet and steady, for most articles, but prices for some kinds of goods have undergone important changes during the week. The demand for *mess pork* has fallen off materially, and values are easier; sales now comprise only jobbing lots at \$18.50 to \$18.75. *Lard* is considerably

firmer; stocks in Chicago have been reduced to a very low point, and are accordingly quite light here. Prices, therefore, have advanced within the last couple of days, and Fairbanks is now quoted at 12½ to 12½; and other brands at 11½ to 11½. About 1,000 barrels of Fairbanks, in small lots, changed hands last Tuesday at 11½, prior to the advance. *Eggs* are in small supply, too, and, under a strong demand, the market rules firm, with an upward tendency. Prices have advanced about 2c. per doz. since our last issue, and sales of jobbing lots are now reported at 18c. The quotations asked are 17 to 18c., though for a good round lot probably less money would be accepted. Seven carloads have been shipped by dealers here to the American markets during the week; in New York Canadian eggs are worth 22½c. per doz. *Beef* dull and neglected; no *hams* in the market. *Tallow*, owing to the opening of two new rendering factories here, has advanced; rough tallow is now quoted ¼ to 2c. per lb. higher than last week, at 5c. and in some cases, we are told, even more has been paid, for choice clean qualities. Chandlers have, in turn, been obliged to put up the prices for rendered tallow, which is now quoted at 6½ to 7½c. as to quality.

SEEDS.—The season is now over, and prices remain merely nominal. A good deal of Timothy was sold during last month, but not much clover, which is not usually in demand in the fall of the year. There will be very little done in seeds here now until about next April; when the snow commences to melt away there is always more or less sown. There has been some little enquiry for clover on export account, but as yet there has been very little threshed out, and no considerable quantities can be shipped before some time in December. Meanwhile clover is quoted at 7½ to 8c. per lb., or \$4.50 to \$4.75 per bushel, and Timothy nominal at \$2.50 to \$2.75.

TOBACCOS.—Manufactured goods, both Blacks and Brights, continue in good demand, at steady and uncharged quotations, which will be found in our list of "Prices Current." The crop prospects in the United States this year have been fair, and the yield and quality are said to be equal to last year's crop. *Cigars*.—The first shipments of the new crop of Havannas have been received, and the quality is superior to that of last year; the yield has been light, and prices will likely be advanced. Cigars made lately from last year's crop show an improvement in burning quality, as compared with earlier productions. According to the new Act, passed during last session, a specific duty of 20 cents per lb. must be paid on all manufactured tobacco, plug or cut. Not a single ounce can be sold over the counter, except in plugs or package, sealed with the stamp of the Inland Revenue department, pasted on each package or box, as dealers are not now allowed to break bulk at all. The penalty for the first offence against the new law is \$200, and for the second, \$500.

WOOL.—The home market is still reported rather quiet. The demand for domestic descriptions is quite limited, and sales include only moderate-sized lots. Up to the present manufacturers have been pretty well stocked. Prices remain steady, at: for fleece, from 28c. to 31c., according to quality; for unassorted pulled, 28c. to 30c.; super, 27c. to 35c.; extra do., 35c. to 37c.; B super, 32c. and C do., 27c. A good deal of domestic fleece is held by dealers in Toronto, and in towns west of that city, which has been bought up at 30c. to 32c., at which figures many of the holders would doubtless be glad to part with it to-day. In foreign wools there has been considerable enquiry here during the week, and there have been sales of small lots of nearly all kinds at about our quotations. A small lot of Cape changed hands yesterday at 19c., and New Zealand scoured has sold in small lots at 60c. Several buyers are holding off for the arrival in this market of a cargo of Cape wool, now due at Portland, and an increased movement may be expected in this grade next week. A letter received to-day from a New

York dealer by a local firm, says: "We think Australian wool will be much dearer later on, and are not quite sure we may not see another 'boom.' Manufacturers have kept out of the market far too long for their own good; especially as the consumption of woollen goods was never larger."

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

(By special Telegraph from our own Correspondent.)

TORONTO, OCT. 7TH, 1880.

TRADE continues steady, with an average amount of transactions. Owing to shipments of breadstuffs the wharves and railway depots are scenes of marked activity. The dry goods trade is moderate, the principal business being in sorting up orders. Cotton and dress goods are in good demand, with firm prices; woollens in fair demand. Remittances, fair to good; hardware active with steady prices; groceries active; sugars quiet; leather active; provisions brisk.

FINANCE.—Towards the middle of the week stock market was active and firm, with largest business in Loan and Savings shares. Bank shares improved in bids except Merchants', which was 1 lower than on Tuesday. Montreal was wanted at 163. Toronto and Ontario rose ¼ in bid, but without sales. Commerce sold at 129 for twenty shares, and Standard at 93½ for ten shares. Dominion firm, with advanced bids of 1 per cent., but held at 135. Molsons was wanted at 97. Loan stocks in good demand and firmer. Freehold sold 162½, and Union at 135½. Building and Loan declined ½ in bid Imperial Savings, slight advance, and Farmers' Loan sold at 123 for ten shares, closing at 123 bid. London and Canadian advanced ¼, and Ontario Savings was higher, with a sale of 20 shares at 130, an advance of 1. London Loan rose ½. Western Assurance sold at 106½ for 6 shares. Canada Life advanced ¼, and Confederation Life ½ in bids. Consumers Gas declined ½, without sales. Debentures firm and higher; in some instances Ontario County 6s rose ¼ in bid. Townships without sellers.

COAL.—Fair trade is doing as the season advances. The feeling being that prices will fall, consumers are buying only for immediate wants. Prices as last quoted.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.—*Apples*.—An active market, but prices continue low on account of large receipts. Common are offered at 40c. to \$1 per barrel; good to better, from \$1.25 to \$1.50. *Eggs* are in good demand, and all coming forward are readily sold at 15½ to 16c. per dozen. Shipments to the United States active. One car left here Wednesday. *Potatoes*.—Fair trade only, on account of the large stock. Prices 45c. per bag and 40c. for car lots.

DRUGS.—Trade fair; market steady. Opium remains steady at \$9.50; Morphine firm at \$4.20; Quinine unchanged at \$3.75 to \$4. Camphor and Borax former quotations. Mercurials unchanged; Orange Shellac 50c. a pound for small quantities. Turpentine, still higher at 64c. per imperial gallon by the barrel. Linseed oil unchanged; raw quoted at 64c., and boiled at 67c. Senega root, 80c. Trade in heavy chemicals quiet; prices unchanged. Dye stuffs quiet, without change in prices.

FISH.—*Codfish*.—Prices unchanged. We quote New per 112 lbs \$5 to \$5.50; boneless, per lb, 5c to 6c; Sardines, 1s, 10½ to 11; do, ½s, 18½ to 19c; canned lobster, \$1.50 to \$1.80; Salmon, \$1.75 to \$2.10.

FLOUR.—Prices firm, with market very dull, and slight concessions would have to be made to effect sales. The latter part of last week there was moderate demand, and sales of Superior Extra were made at a bid to \$1.80, closing on Saturday with a sale at \$1.75. Choice Extra