

and declining and nothing has been done in grain of any kind. Provisions are quiet; ashes steady. The weather has been very warm and is fast bringing the crops in this region to maturity.

ASHES.—*Pots.*—Business this week has been moderately fair, and prices although not quotably higher have been in favour of holders, most of the sales having been at our outside quotation. Firsts have sold from \$4.07½ to \$4.12½ according to tares, markets closing steady at these prices. A few seconds have been placed at \$3.50. Thirds \$2.80. *Pearls* have been sold to a small extent at rather easier prices, from \$4.50 to \$5.00 closing at these figures. The stock at present in store is *Pots* 3503 bils. *Pearls* 725 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The fall demand is now beginning to open up and manufacturers are busy on orders which has been received, prices although firm are as yet without any quotable change. Prospects are considered as being good for the fall trade, as stocks in the hands of country dealers are well worked down.

DRY GOODS.—This trade during the past week has been quite active. A large number of orders have been coming in from travellers and everything bids fair for a large business being done, the good prospects for the harvest has made the country merchants more confident in laying in stocks. Indications are that the large importations this year will be well reduced before the close of the season; we do not hear of any complaint about remittances.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business still keeps quiet, and little disposition is yet shown to go in for large lots which would probably be sold rather less than our quotations, but holders in the meantime do not seem disposed to press sales. There have been small transactions at the following quotations. *Bi Carb* \$3.25 to \$3.50; *Sal Soda* \$1.10 to 1.35; *Soda Ash* \$1.75 to 2.00; *Caustic Soda* \$3.15 to 3.35; *Alum.* \$1.75 to 2.00; *Copperas* 1c; *Blue Vitriol* 6 to 7c; *Epsom Salts* \$1.85 to 2.00; *Sulphur* \$3.25, firm. *Brimstone* \$2.50 to 2.75; *Bleaching Powder* 1½ to 2c; *Madder*, 9 to 10c; *Borax*, 12 to 14c; *Cream Tartar Ground* 30 to 31c; do *Crystals* 25 to 26c; *Saltpetre* \$8.50 to 9.50.

FISH.—The only business just now is in *Dry Cod* at \$4.50 none of which is in the hands of importers. Other kinds of fish in the absence of any demand are nominal.

FREIGHTS.—Rates have been firm with a better demand than has existed for sometime past. There have been engagements during the week for heavy grain to Liverpool and Glasgow by steamers and iron clippers at 4/3 to 4/9. The nominal rate to Cork for orders is 5/6 but there have been no transactions. Rates for ashes and *Pots* 20/- to 22/6 *Pearls* 27/6 *Butter* and *Cheese* 45/-.

FLOUR.—The stock in store and in the hands of millers on the first of August were 51,566 bils; against 46,204 bils; on the 15th, and 57,630 bils; on the 1st of Aug. 1876. Receipts during the past week 21,344; Total receipts from 1st January to date 347,215 lbs, being a decrease of 111,832 brls. Shipments during the week 17,755 brls. Total shipments from 1st of January to date 235,019 brls. The market has been very dull all week with a strong downward tendency, business has been entirely confined to the supply of local wants, and notwithstanding that the market continues to favor buyers they appear to hold off in expectation of a still further decline. The following were the quotations at the close of the market *Superior extra* \$7.70 to 8.00; *Extra superfine* \$7.60 to 7.70; *Fancy* \$7.20 to 7.30; *Strong baker's flour* \$7.20 to 7.40; *Spring extra* \$6.75 to 6.80; *Superfine* \$6.56 to \$6.60; *Fine* \$6.15 to 6.30; *Middlings* \$5.40 to 5.75; *Pollards* \$5.00 to

5.25; *Oatmeal* \$5.80 to 5.95; *Cornmeal* \$3.00 to 3.15.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st Aug. were 55,281 bush., against 68,669 bush. on the 15th ult., and 284,527 bushels on the 1st of August, 1876. Receipts during the week 65,876 bushels, total receipts from 1st January to date 810,273 bushels, showing a decrease of 2,692,763 bushels on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1876. Shipments during the week 42,965 bushels. Total shipments from 1st January to date 530,568, being a decrease of 2,204,094 bushels. The grain trade is still in a very unsatisfactory state, and transactions have not been worth reporting, prices of all kinds of grain are nominally unchanged since the date of our last report.

HARDWARE.—There is still a lack of animation in this branch of trade. The fall trade has not commenced yet. There has been an advance in Tin Plates in England, but as stocks held here are beyond the requirements of trade, there has been no corresponding advance in prices. Pig iron has not been enquired for, but a few small sales of Bars have been reported at our late quotations which are still unchanged.

LEATHER.—Business in this line has been on the whole fairly active, and some firmness has been shown in some lines such as Slaughter Sole and Measured Leathers; our quotations in the meantime are without material change. We quote: Hemlock Spanish sole No. 1 B. A. 23 to 24c; do. No. 2, 21 to 22c; No. 1 Orinoco 22 23c; No. 2 ditto 20 to 22c; Zanzibar Spanish sole No. 1 21 to 22c; do. No. 2 19 to 20c; Buffalo sole No. 1, 21 to 22; do. No. 2, 19 to 20c; Hemlock slaughter 26 to 27c, waxed upper light and medium 35 to 37c; do. heavy 32 to 34c; grained upper 34 to 37c; splits large 25 to 30c; do. small 16 to 22c; calfskins 27 to 36 lbs., 55 to 70c; do. 18 to 26 50 to 65c; Sheepskin Linings 20 to 30c; Harness 22 to 30c; Buffed Cow 14 to 16c; Enamelled Cow 17 to 18c; Patent Cow 16 to 18c; Pebbled Cow 13 to 16c; Rough 22 to 26c.

GROCERIES.—*Teas.*—Holders of old crop Japans are now more disposed to press sales, and prices are in buyers favor. Importers are now sanguine that the concession may lead to more business. We quote the range for this description of teas from common to fine from 20 to 45c. The teas showing good value for the money. *Coffees.* Prices are unchanged with little demand except for very low priced of which there is very little in the market. *Sugar* has been in better demand than during the previous week. Yellow is unchanged in price, but white is about a ½ cent lower; there has been a moderate demand for raw sugar, holders asked from 8½ to 9½. *Molasses.*—Stocks are low and very little coming in, our quotation is still 50 to 52½c for Barbadoes, but probably it could be had a shade under these rates. *Rice,* the market is quiet, but firm at \$4.20 to 4.25. *Spices.*—The market is dull and unchanged. Black Pepper 8½ to 9½c; white pepper, 18 to 21c; nutmegs 75 to 90c; cloves 40 to 42½; cassia, 15 to 18; mace 85 to 90c; Jamaica ginger, 19 to 21c. **FRUITS.**—No appearance of any improvement in this branch of the trade, and the demand for all kinds of fruit has been of the most meagre description. Prices as a rule favor buyers, *Layers*, \$1.20 to 1.25; *Valencias*, 3½ to 4c; *Sultanas* 7½c; *currants*, 5½ to 6; new figs, 6 to 8c; *prunes*, 5½ to 6c; *Tarragona almonds*, 10 to 12c; *filberts*, 6½ to 8c; *walnuts* 11 to 12c for new crop.

OILS.—There is very little enquiry at present, but prices as a rule are well maintained for all kinds of oils, transactions this week have been small and within our range of quotations. We quote *Cod Oil* of Newfoundland 55½c, other kinds 52½c; *Seal* pale 52½c, nominal; ditto straw 50c; ditto steam refined 55 to 57½c; *Linseed* raw 70c. ditto boiled 85c; *Olive Oil* 95c to

\$1.05; *Petroleum.*—Holders are asking an advance of ¼c. but as yet no change has taken place, and cars and part cars are still obtainable at 13½ to 14½c; single barrels 15 to 16c. per gallon.

HIDES AND P. LRS.—Prices are steady but there is very little doing. No. 1 hides, \$7; No. 2, do \$6; No. 3, \$5.00. *Lambskins* are still quoted 45c to 50, but the usual monthly advance will take place before our next report.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—Receipts during the week 3633 pkgs.; shipments 1536 pkgs. There has been a moderate demand this week for butter at from 15 to 19c. *Che se.*—Receipts 21,054 boxes; shipments 31,405. Market steady, with moderate demand from 9½ to 10c., with fair sales within that range. *Lard* 11 to 11½c. for tubs and pails. *Pork.*—Receipts 925 brls.; shipments 181 brls.; market quiet at \$16.50 to 17.00 for mess; and \$15.50 to 16 for thin mess.

SALT.—Our sales of small job lots of coarse reported at 52½c; factory filled, 95 to \$1.

WOOL.—There is nothing doing in Canadian wool, and the price for fleece is still 25c., but nominal in the absence of transactions.

TORONTO MARKETS

TORONTO, 2nd Aug., 1877.

Money continues easy; call loans are not wanted; time loans command 6 to 6½; gold steady at 58. Sterling Exchange 60 ds. \$4.86; demand \$4.87½. There seems to be a disposition on the part of investors to pick up the low priced bank stocks. Seventy-five shares of Ontario sold outside to-day at 99, although no sales were made on the board at that figure. Federal, no sales, but 101 is bid, and 102 asked. Imperial sold within a few days at 3¼ to 3½. Dominion Savings Co., 200 shares sold at 122; other savings stocks quiet.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—It seems to have entered into buyers heads that there are ground in the incoming crops, and the good price prevailing, for a greater freedom in purchasing. Accordingly orders are coming in a little better. Money, too, is somewhat freer in the way of remittances during the past week. The amount of goods sold thus far this season, is not equal to last, for the reason that buyers who last year brought on the strength of the June promises of crops, this year defer till harvest time.

The *Shoe & Leather Reporter*, in its last issue thinks it necessary to explain that the convention of shoe dealers did not play anything so improper as whilst on the 4th of July; they only played base ball. It is thus explained:

"Our proof reader, by the substitution of 'whist' for 'which,' unconsciously made game of the shoe dealers who congregated in the Lindall House, at St. Louis, on the 4th of July. It is sufficient to say the gentlemen who composed the St. Louis convocation did not hold 'a levee at whist,' but 'a levee at which seemingly all the buyers of fine shoes were present,' and some business was done, followed by a base ball match."

CLOTHING.—Stocks in this line are pretty full and well assorted. Reports of travellers now out are satisfactory; they are gathering fair orders and say that a better feeling prevails in the country. The variety of styles is considerable, superior, indeed to that of former seasons, and merchants are looking forward to a moderate and healthy fall trade.

DRY GOODS.—The present being "between seasons" there is no great pressure of business. Orders are coming in from travellers to a limited