

of 60, which dressed at 70 lbs., for \$6.00 per head; firsts, we quote, \$5.00 to 5.50; seconds, \$4.25 to 4.75. For *Lambs*, a better demand exists: firsts range from \$3.75 to 4.50 according to weight; seconds, \$3.00 to 3.50. *Calves* bring from \$10 up to \$28 if fattened for Christmas; ordinary first class sell at \$7.50 to 9.00 each.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—*Flour*—Stocks in store 15,050 bbls., against 11,300 lbs. last week, and 7,680 bbls. on like date last year. The market is quiet and steady, with no change except a trifling advance in extra and a little better enquiry for all grades for export and on speculation. We quote extra \$5.65 to 5.70; other grades as last week. *Oatmeal*—Quiet, but unchanged in price. *Cornmeal* coming in but slowly, retail lots \$3.35 to 3.50.

GRAIN.—*Wheat*—Fall, stocks in store 153,173 bush. against 145,659 bush. last week, and 41,948 bush. on like date last year. To-day's market is the strongest of the week. Last week's advance is fully maintained, and in fall there is a slight advance. There are no large transactions, holders not offering. The Liverpool advices of yesterday showed 6d. advance; same day, Mark Lane, quiet but firm at 57/10 to 57/6. *Wheat*—Spring.—Stocks in store 115,998 bush. against 106,986 bush. last week, and 75,914 bush. on like date last year. Prices in the west are firmer than for some little time, closing strong on Tuesday and opening strong on Wednesday. Holders here ask a cent advance on our quotations of last week; but no transactions transpire to justify higher figures. *Oats*—Stocks in store 2,750 bush. against 1,760 bush. last week and 12,000 bush. on like date last year. This grain quiet and steady, at unchanged quotations. *Barley*—Stocks in store 161,282 bush. against 153,920 bush. last week, and 153,920 on like date last year. Rather more on hand this week. No. 1 and No. 2 steady in price, others dull and declining. We quote No. 3 extra 55 to 56c, and No. 3 say 48 to 50c. Sales have been small, and to local malsters of lower grades. *Peas*—Stocks in store 30,953 bush. against 27,821 bush. last week and 17,453 bush. on like date last year. The market is unchanged and quiet. *Rye*—About the only buyers here are Gooderham & Worts; the price this week is several cents higher the advance being probably caused by the export demand and a scarcity.

GROCERIES.—The feature of the week in this line has been the rise in the price of currants, and the stiffer feeling in all descriptions of raisins. Currants which have been bought at 15/- are now quoted in Greece at 26/-. The rise in New York is equal to 3c. per lb. and we advance quotations here slightly. There is but little movement in *Sugars*; prices are not changed here. Redpath's refinery is closed for a while to clean up, and stocks are meantime limited here. *Fish* continues to be in short supply and prices are maintained. Orders from the country continue to be frequent though small, and payments moderately good.

HARDWARE.—Changes in prices are but few this week, we note a few below. Montreal manufacturers agreed to advance list prices of cut nails, and at a meeting held a few days since 60 cents per keg advance over former list was agreed upon for all sizes. Nails here are now quoted at \$3.15 to \$3.25 for 3 in. and upwards. The new Toronto prices of cut nails are as under: Hot cut American or Canada pattern—rod to 60d, \$3.15 to 3.25 per keg of 100 lbs; 8d and 9d, 25c extra; 6d and 7d, 50c extra; Hot cut American pattern—4d and 5d, 75c extra; 3d, \$1.50 extra. Cold cut Canada pattern—4d and 5d, 50c extra; 3d, \$1.00 extra. Stocks of *Glass* are said to be getting very low in this city, and higher prices are anticipated. We quote, \$1.65 to 1.70 for 25 and under, \$1.85 to 1.90, \$2.25 to 2.30, and \$2.55 to \$2.60.

HAY AND SEED.—The market is well supplied with *hay*, and ranges from \$10 for choice to say \$7.00 for inferior. *Straw* offered freely while

the weather was hard, selling at \$5.00 to \$7.00. *Clover seed* has been moving freely, quite a few cars have been taken during the past ten days for export at points in Western Ontario, at from \$5.15 to 5.25; in this market \$4.75 to as high as \$5.00 for best samples has been paid on the street. As we write, foreign orders are scarce, and the feeling is weak. Nothing doing in *timothy*, none offers, \$2.00 to \$2.75 is a nominal quotation.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The see-saw in prices of green *hides* continues, last week 9½c was paid, this week 10c is being paid, and the unfriendly competition is keeping all dealers out of profit, for sales are being made at 10c, a car having sold to-day at that, some small lots have brought 10½c, but these were selections. All that offer are taken, but tanners do not buy more than they can well help at a time, hoping, each time, that next week's price will be lower. *Calfskins*, being out of season are dull. *Sheepskins*, as high as \$2.00 has been paid for choice skins, the general run being \$1.40 to 1.75. *Tallow*, rough, we quote 4c; rendered 6½ to 6¾c. A car sold last week at 6½c.

LEATHER.—Higher prices for sole and upper are settled facts; there is an active demand for these kinds and for russets, with a fair request for most descriptions of stock. Round lots Sp. sole, 1000 sides, have moved within the week on p.t., but at figures which we take to be between 28 and 29c. We quote No. 1 say 29 to 31. *Laughter* 29 to 31c. Buffalo No. 1 24 to 25c. The Boston shoemen have made strong but so far ineffectual efforts to break the market. Sales of 50,000 sides and 25,000 sides B. A. have been made there at firm prices. We advance prices for best upper. Holders are asking 40c for quantities of prime light, and 38c has been paid for heavy. *Buff* is firm, and 16½ cents cash has been paid, we are told, for a case of No. 1. *Oshaw pebble* has brought 15½c by the case, 16 to 19c is the quotation this week for buff and pebble. *Harness* is by no means plentiful, and brings full prices. *Russets* in very active demand at higher figures, the stock is short, we quote 35 to 40c. In *French calf* the advance is sharp, consequent on the rise in France, and quotations for prime skins must now be \$1.25 to 1.50. Goods which were offered in New York last September at 90c are now held firm at \$1.07½, which means \$1.32 laid down here. Fisher & Levy skins are quoted in Paris at 11 francs per kilo. The rise in raw skins in France amounts to between 20 and 30 per cent.

SALT.—The market for foreign is higher, Montreal prices having advanced, we quote Liverpool 85c to \$1.00; stoved is also higher, say \$1.40 to 1.60. *Cagliari* is much higher and firm, \$1.50 is now quoted.

PROVISIONS.—A considerable supply of hog products is coming forward, and after the new year the market is likely to open with a good stock. Meantime but a retail trade is being done. The Chicago market is higher, and prices here show a rise. We quote *Mess pork* \$14.50 to \$15.50, and firm, car loads have brought \$14 at London, and \$15 is asked for cars here. *Bacon*, long clear 8½ to 9c; C. C. the bulk of the stock is in the hands of one firm, who hold it out of market; 7½ to 8c will probably represent what small parcels are moving. *Hams* are quiet and steady. *Lard* in tierces, 9c; tinnets, 9½c; pails, 10 to 10½c. *Eggs* more scarce, quotations vary; one firm quotes 19 to 20c, another 17 to 18c. A good many dressed hogs are offering, especially during the cold snap early in the week. The feeling is easier to-day in consequence of the weather, \$6.00 being paid. *Butter*—Export demand having ceased, the market is easier if anything; rolls are more plentiful, and we do not alter quotations. There is an upward feeling in *Cheese* still; there are some low grades of old in market at 10 to 10½c, but

all the fresh is held at 12c or over, and 13 to 13½ is quoted for some makes, though buyers do not seem so willing to give these figures. *Dried Apples*, firm at 6½ to 7½c. *White Beans*, \$1.45 to 1.50 per bushel of 60 lbs. *Hops*, yearlings, 7 to 15c, according to quality, for new; 22 to 25c is paid, and sales have been made by dealers here at 30c.

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