

Harness shows no improvement and will likely rule dull for some months to come. *Russetts* are neglected. *Buff* and *Pebble* move slowly at former quotations. *Patent* and *Enamel* are not much wanted, a better enquiry is looked for in a week or two. We quote Hemlock Spanish sole No. 1 B. A. 23 to 24c; do. No. 2, 21 to 22c; No. 1 Orinoco 22 to 23c; No. 2 ditto 20 to 21c; Zanzibar Spanish sole No. 1 20 to 21c; do. No. 2 17 to 18c; Buffalo sole No. 1, 20 to 20c; do. No. 2, 17 to 18c; Hemlock slaughter 22 to 24c, waxed upper light and medium 34 to 38c; do. heavy 32 to 35c; grained upper 33 to 36c; splits large 24 to 30c; do. small 15 to 22c; calfskins 27 to 36 lbs, 55 to 70c; do 18 to 26c; lbs 50 to 65c; sheepskin linings 20 to 35c; harness 22 to 27c; buffed cow 13 to 16c per ft.; enamelled cow 17 to 19c; patent cow 16 to 18c; pebbled cow 12c to 16c; rough leather 23 to 26c.

OILS.—Stocks of fish oils are light, demand is small but prices maintain their wonted firmness. *Cod oil* 62½ to 65c; *Seal oil* pale 62½c ditto straw 57½c; ditto steam refined 65c; *Linseed* is firm but unchanged. *Palm oil* 8½ to 9c per lb. *Petroleum.*—There has been a pretty fair demand for this article, and sales of car loads at about 32½c, while 34 to 35 is paid for broken lots and single barrels.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—Receipts during the week 3,693 kegs; shipments 7,238 kegs. Business done in butter this week has been very limited, but prices have been well sustained. For Eastern Townships, in shipping lots, 25½c is paid; Brockville and Morrisburg ditto 24½ to 24c; Western ditto 20 to 21½c; market closing active. *Cheese.*—Receipts 6,800 boxes; shipments 12,199 boxes; market has been moderately active with decided upward tendency, closing firm at 12 to 12½c for August make, and 13 to 13½ for September and October. *Pork.*—Receipts during the week 300 barrels; shipments 177 bbls: market quiet, prices tending downward. Mess Pork \$18.75 to 19.00; Thin Mess \$8.00. *Lard* 12 to 12½c for tubs and pails. Tallow rendered 8½c, ditto rough 5½c.

SALT.—The salt market is firm, but there is not much doing; coarse 57 to 60; factory filled \$1.10 to 1.20.

WOOL.—The demand for Canadian wools is improving, and, although the orders coming in are for small lots, they are fairly numerous. We quote unassorted 26 to 27c; super 28c.

TORONTO MARKET.

TORONTO, Dec. 7, 1876.

The principal activity shown this week has been in the Flour and Grain trade. The English market, and following that, those of New York and Chicago, advanced, which was responded to by our dealers who have done an active trade all week. The dry goods trade is not over brisk, but buyers are generally prudent, and will buy no more than present needs indicate. The wholesale stocks are pretty well assorted, though less heavy than has been customary; while the City retail trade has been stimulated by the cold weather and the hardened roads. Hardware prices show no change although there is a hardening tendency, owing partly to the advance abroad, and also to the increased freights of the winter season. Leathers are quiet, but firm in price. Groceries move slowly.

The New York *Financial Chronicle* of the 1st inst. says with respect to the money market and financial situation: "One of the noticeable features was the decline in gold to 108½, the lowest figure reached since the exceptional depression in the panic of 1873. It is quite generally conceded that our national affairs are in a disturbed condition, which would tend under ordinary circumstances to advance the price of gold rather than depress it; and it is also true

that the imports of specie, however significant as an index to the present condition of the foreign exchanges, are not really sufficient in amount to affect permanently our gold market. It is, therefore, believed by many of our bankers that this decline in gold is owing almost entirely to present market influences, and has no general significance as indicating a genuine move in the value of our currency towards the specie basis; and while any step toward specie payments, based on good and substantial grounds, would be hailed with satisfaction by nearly all, it is impossible to see any causes for rejoicing in a temporary fluctuation in gold, arising from the immediate influences on the market which affect the supply and demand."

It is worthy of note, in recalling the stock troubles in Montreal, that Messrs. Strathy have issued a circular, stating that in future they will take no unaccepted cheques in payment of claims arising from stock operations.

American currency is buying at 91½ and selling at 92½. New York drafts at same figures. Gold 108½.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Some manufacturers are busy preparing for stock taking, and are working up what stock they hold, buying but little; others are getting up samples for spring trade. Sorting up orders continue to come in, and payments are fully up to the average. There is little if any change in prices.

In speaking of the boot and shoe market, the *Boston Advertiser* says:—"There has not been a season for many years when there were so few goods in manufacturers' hands. It looks now as though the spring trade would open late, as buyers will be loth to pay the necessary advance."

CATTLE.—Poor animals continue to come in freely, and more offer than dealers care to buy at full prices. Good *Reeves* are, as before, scarce and in demand; really good will bring close to 5c. Christmas cattle vary from 4½c to as high as 7c. The Guelph monthly fair is held to-day and this day week the fair for Christmas cattle takes place at that point. Five car loads of heavy steers from the back country have been shipped to Montreal since our last. Good *Lambs* sell readily. *Sheep* too are wanted if of first quality; the advance in price, though slight, is already certain and will improve.

DRY GOODS.—In addition to what we have remarked above, we may note that the trade in Canadian *tweeds*, in which there has been too much cutting and slaughtering, is getting healthier. Manufacturers appear to be adhering to the principle of making no spring goods unless they have orders in hand, which tends to shorten the supply, and thereby to make prices firmer.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—*Flour.*—Stocks in store on 4th inst. 4,173 bbls. against 3,373 bbls. the previous week, and 5,970 bbls. on 6th Dec. 1875. The market has been active during the week, considerable quantities changed hands. There were sales of superior extra at \$6.00 on Tuesday and Wednesday. For extra \$5.50 is paid, with a steady demand. In fancy there were transactions at \$5.25. Spring wheat extra sold at \$5.00 at which figure it is firm. Superfine we quote \$4.65 at which price we note sales. It is noticeable that in all lines there is but one figure named, and this is readily obtainable. *Oatmeal* is firm at our last weeks quotations, say \$4.75 to 5.00, and there is but little in hand. *Cornmeal* is as usual \$2.75 to 3.00 for small quantities.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—Stocks in store December 4th, Fall 52,535 bush., against 52,601 the previous week, and 118,567 bush. at the corresponding date in 1875. This week opened with a brisk demand for all grades, and an advance in prices, which is maintained up to to-day. No 1 fall is wanted at \$1.25 to 1.27, but little offering; Nos. 2 and 3 fall are selling in small lots

at \$1.22 and 1.17 respectively, indeed as high as 1.23 was paid for No. 2; Spring, stocks in store December 4th, 80,741 bush. against 85,689 bush. the previous week, and 119,587 bush. on the corresponding date last year. Buyers offer 1.19 for No. 1 spring, sellers holding out for 1.20. For No. 2 we quote \$1.17 to 1.18, with but little of either grade offering. *Barley.*—Stocks in store on 4th instant, 467,242 bush., against 481,008 bush. last week, and 65,970 bush. corresponding date last year. The market is dull, and shows a decline of about a cent. Sales were made to-day of No 1 at 80 and 81c No. 2 brings 68 to 70; *Oats.*—Stocks in store 7,098 bush against nil on 27th. November, and 5600 bush., on corresponding date 1875. There is no activity, and the price has fallen to 41c. at the outside. *Peas.*—Stocks in store 15,015 bush., against 16,534 bush., last week, and 17,094 bush., at a like date last year. A slight improvement in price is noted say 73 and 75c, for Nos. 2 and 1 respectively. *Rye.*—*Nil* in store, against 2,570 bush. last year. *Corn.*—800 bush. in store against 500 bush last year.

GROCERIES.—*Coffees.*—Rio is firmer; Java and Laguayra steady at our quotations. *Fruit.*—Sultana raisins have declined to, say, 10½ to 11c; New Valencias 7½ to 8c, but 7½c would bring a round lot. There are no old in market. Currants are firmer in Greece, as well as in New York, but continue to be sold here at 6½ to 6¾c for round lots of new. *Molasses*, has not partaken, to the extent expected, of the advance made in sugars. The advance we quoted formerly, of 5c all round, has not been maintained. We now quote, Standard 40 to 50c; Golden 50 to 55c; Extra 56 to 60c; Amber 62 to 70c. *Spices*, are steady at prices quoted; nutmegs can be had at 80c to \$1.20. *Sugars*, are fully holding their own and but for the quietness prevailing would not be sold here at present prices, when the short stocks and increased quotations elsewhere are considered. English and Scotch refined yellows are sold at 10½ to 12c, which last figure would be shaded ½c for a round lot; but this same grade would now cast 12 to 12½c to import. *Teas* maintain former prices, no large lines are selling; the fact that New York markets are open to the Western dealers tends however to weaken prices. *Liquors* are steady and no change in prices is observable.

—California sends East about 150 car loads of fruit annually of which, say one-third comes to New York, sixty to Chicago, a dozen to Philadelphia, and seven to Baltimore. England now calls for Nova Scotia apples which have a good reputation in that market where they always command the best ruling price. As the apple crop in England is very far short, there is a good opening for the surplus apples of Canada.

HARDWARE.—Business is better in this line since the roads have frozen; prices are generally firm, but the complaint is still made that payments are less satisfactory than they might be and renewals are still to frequent. *Cut Nails* and horse nails are as last quoted. *Metals* generally, and especially *tin plates* are firm.

HIDES AND SKINS.—In this line goods still keep up their price, and the weakening looked for has not taken place. *Sheepskins* have advanced to \$1.25, and are not very plentiful even at this figure.

LEATHER.—Business is very quiet, and likely to remain so until after the holidays, boot and shoe manufacturers buying nothing beyond their every day needs, in anticipation of stock taking. Prices are firm in every grade. *French calf* shows an upward movement in foreign markets so pronounced as 7½ to 10 p c, which affects *Calf Kids* and such fine goods, but *French linings* are not affected, or at least not so much. Prices