

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

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The condition of our general wholesale markets is not particularly different from that of a week ago. Some houses are busy stock-takers, others opening out new goods, and a few travellers are on the road who are sending in some orders to renew assortments. Merchants generally report an increased trade in dry goods for 1881 over that of 1880, and look confidently for a large trade the coming season. Competition has been keen, but the prompt pay is an offset to the close prices. At present every preparation is being made for a large spring trade. Values generally are firm, with no quotable changes to note. The hardware trade is quiet as compared with that of a few weeks ago, but there appears to be no let-up in prices. Groceries are quiet, without change in prices. The provision trade is quiet, and active operations in packing establishments are retarded on account of the high prices and scarcity of hogs. In breadstuffs the movement has been very light, the demand apparently being restricted to car lots for millers' immediate wants. The money market has ruled quiet and firm. Call loans are from 5½ to 6 per cent., with some difficulty yet experienced by brokers in getting any quantity of money to carry bank stocks. Time loans rule at 6 per cent. Prime commercial paper is discounted at 6 to 7 per cent., with fair offerings during the week. Sterling exchange is higher in sympathy with firmer rates in New York; 60-day bills are quoted at 109 to 109½ across the counter, and demand at 110 to 110½. New York drafts are also firmer at 3-16 to ¼ premium. The stock market has been quiet, but much firmer than last week. Within the past few days sales of bank stocks comprise Toronto at 168½, Commerce at 140½, Merchants at 127½ and 126, Imperial at 136 and 135, Federal at 157½ and 156, Dominion at 194, and Standard at 113½ and 114. Loan and miscellaneous shares quiet and firm, with sales of Farmers Loan at 126, Western Canada at 183, Union Loan at 134, Building & Loan at 105½ and 105, London and Canadian at 142, and Consumers Gas at 154 up to 155½. The market to-day is irregular, with sales of Ontario at 61½ and 61½, Federal at 157½, Standard at 114½.

Following are closing bids to-day as compared with those of last Thursday:

Banks.	Bid Jan. 19.	Bid Jan. 12.	Loan Cos.	Bid Jan. 19.	Bid Jan. 12.
Montreal..	198	198	Can. Permanent	209	208
Toronto..	168½	168	Freehold.....	169	168
Ontario..	60	60	Western Can....	194	194
Merchants	127½	126	Bldg. & Loan..	105½	102½
Commerce	140	139½	Imp. Savings..	110	110
Dominion	194	193½	Farmers' Loan..	124	124
Hamilton	113½	113	Land. & Can'du	142	140
Standard..	114½	111	Harmon & Erie..	119	119
Federal..	157½	155½	Dom. Savings..	119	119
Imperial..	134	132	Ontario Loan..	119	119
Molson's..	114	114	Hamilton Prov..	114	114

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The sorting-up trade is small, but orders are fair for the spring trade. Manufacturers are very busy, and large shipments will be taking place soon. Prices are close, but payments are reported as remarkably prompt.

COAL AND WOOD.—The demand for coal is moderate and prices are still unchanged. All kinds of hard as well as the best quality of soft sells at \$7 a ton; second quality of soft \$6.50. From present stocks it is thought that these will be the highest prices of the season. Wood is unchanged at \$6 to \$6.50 a cord, the latter for good quality. Pine remains at \$4.

COAL OIL.—The condition of this market is unchanged; the movement is fair, but prices continue easy at 18½c per gallon for five to ten barrel lots and 19c for single barrels. American sells well at unchanged prices.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.—Apples.—There is little demand for car lots, and values remain nominally unchanged at \$3 to \$3.50 for choice fruit in lots of five to ten barrels, and \$2.90 to \$3 for car lots. Beans quiet and unchanged with a small jobbing trade at \$2.40 to \$2.50 per bushel. Eggs are firm; really fresh lots are scarce at 21c to 22c, and limed are worth 19c to 20c. Hogs are in good demand, scarce and higher; sales of car lots, averaging 200 lbs., have sold within the past few days at \$8.10 to \$8.20. Hops are quiet and holders firm; choice are worth 23c to 24c in a jobbing way, and mediums 18c to 20c. Onions are at a standstill, there being little or no demand; prices nominal at \$2.50 to \$2.75. Potatoes are in active demand and higher, sales of car lots being made at \$1 per bag. Poultry plentiful and prices easy at 5c per lb. for geese and 6c to 7½c for turkeys. Tallow quiet and unchanged; dealers pay 7½c to 7½c for rendered and 4c for rough.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There has been a moderate business during the week, and prices as a rule are firm. Oil Lemon is unchanged, at \$4.25 to \$4.50 per lb. Golden Seal Root at 50c per lb., and Cattle fish bone at 55c to 60c. Opium is firm at \$4.75 to \$5. Quinine steady at \$3.25 to \$3.50 per oz. Tartaric Acid is unchanged at 58c to 60c. Cream of Tartar unchanged at 35c. Turpentine steady at \$1.00. Linseed Oil steady at 79c for boiled and 76c for raw. Glycerine firm at 45c to 47c. Potass Iodide, \$2.90 to \$3.00 per lb. Potass Bromide, 43c to 48c per lb. Oil Lemon, \$3.75. Alcohol continues firm at \$2.75 per gallon. Morphia steady at \$2.75 to \$3 an ounce. Cubebs Berries, \$1. Golden Seal Root, 40c per lb. Chemicals quiet, and prices are not quotably changed.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The demand for Flour has been very inactive, and business smaller than usual for the season of the year. Holders are firm and prefer waiting, as stocks are not large. Superior Extra is worth from \$5.65 to \$5.70 and extra \$5.55 to \$5.65. The stock in store amounts to 4470 barrels as compared with 4,005 barrels last week and 7447 barrels the corresponding week of last year. Bran is quiet but firm, at about \$14 on track, with, however, no sales reported during the week. Oatmeal is nominally worth \$4.80 to \$4.85, the latter for the best brands; small lots sell at \$5 to \$5.52. Cornmeal is nominal at \$3.75 to \$3.80 for car lots.

WHEAT.—The movement in wheat has also been very small during the week. There is a moderate demand for some grades of fall, but holders are asking prices above the views of buyers, and consequently trade is restricted. No. 2 Fall is worth \$1.26 to \$1.27, but very little can be had at these prices. Spring is in fair offer, and the easiest of the two; cars of No. 1 are worth \$1.32 to \$1.33, No. 2 \$1.31, and No. 3 \$1.29. The stock in store is 223,565 bushels against 209,007 bushels last week and 136,977 bushels the corresponding week of 1881. The wheat market closes easy sales of No. 2 Fall at \$1.26½, No. 1 Spring at \$1.32 and No. 2 Spring at \$1.30.

COARSE GRAINS.—Barley.—This market is quiet, with little or no change in values during the week. Sales were made a few days ago at 90c for No. 1, 88c for No. 2 choice, and 80c for No. 3 extra. Closing quotations are the same. Barley to-day is dull and unchanged at the close. The stock in store is 289,953 bushels against 286,114 bushels last week and 411,293 bushels the corresponding week of 1881. Oats quiet and easier, with sales of a few car loads at 40c per bushel on track. The stock in store is 1913 bushels, the same as last week. Peas have been offered to such a small extent that values are almost nominal; No. 1 are worth

80c and No. 2 78c. The stock in store is 14,641 bushels against 12,216 bushels last week and 55,064 bushels the corresponding week of 1881. Rye dull and easy, cars offering at 85c without buyers; stock in store 15,753 bushels as compared with 12,242 bushels a year ago. Corn dull and nominal at about 80c on track.

FREIGHTS.—Rates firm and unchanged. Flour to Montreal, 40c per barrel; to Liverpool by Allan or Beaver lines, 34c per cental. Beef and Pork, 44c to Liverpool, and Clover Seed 40c per cental.

GROCERIES.—There has been a moderate business this week at full prices. Fish remains very firm. Sugar likewise. Quotations same as last week.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—Business generally quiet, with merchants taking stock and preparing for the Spring trade. On account of combination prices of Lead pipe and Shot are firmer. The former sells at 7c with 10 per cent. off, and the latter at 6c; in lots of five tons, 5 per cent. off. We quote: Antimony, 16½c to 17½c per lb. Babbit Metal, No. 1, 16c. Barbed Fencing Wire, galvanized, 8½c to 9c; painted, 7½c. Canada Plates moderately active and firm at \$3.35. Ingot Copper higher at 20½c to 22c; sheet, 26c to 28c. Nails are in moderate demand at \$2.80 to \$2.85 for 10 dy to 60 dy, hot cut, American or Canadian pattern; \$3.00 to \$3.10 for 8 dy to 9 dy, and \$3.80 to \$3.90 for 3 dy. Galvanized Iron unchanged at 6½c to 7½c for No. 28, and half a cent less for No. 26. Glass firm: up to 25 inches \$2.00 to \$2.10; 27 to 40 inches, \$2.10 to \$2.20; 41 to 50 inches, \$2.40 to \$2.45. Bar Iron in good demand and firm at \$2.10 to \$2.15. Pig Iron firm; Summerlee is quoted at \$27, Carnbroc at \$26, and Siemens at \$27 to \$27.50. Manila Rope is firm at 12½c to 13c. Tin Plates active and firm; 10 Coke, \$5.25 to \$5.50; 10 Charcoal, \$6 to \$6.25; 10 Charcoal, \$8 to \$8.25; 10 Charcoal, \$10 to \$10.25. Iron Wire active and firm at \$2.20 to \$2.25 per bundle for No. 6, \$2.50 to \$2.55 for No. 9, and \$2.75 to \$2.80 for No. 12.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Hides are quiet and the feeling continues easy. Cured cows are worth 8½c to 8½c. Dealers pay butchers 8c for green cows and 9c for steers, but these will probably be lowered soon. Calfskins are dull and nominal. Sheepskins are in good demand and firm at \$1.25.

LEATHER.—The market has ruled quiet during the week without change in values. The following are the quotations for the country trade. We quote: Spanish sole No. 1, all weights, 27c to 29c; Spanish Sole No. 2, 25c to 27c; slaughter sole, heavy, 28c to 30c; slaughter sole, light, 27c to 29c; Buffalo sole, 21c to 23; Harness, 30 to 35; Upper, heavy, 36c to 40c;

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