

also further claim that they can get 80 per cent. of pure oil from our crude petroleum. A report is current here that the oil operators of New York have entered into a combination not to touch our Canadian oil, as it seriously interferes with their trade. This may be a refiners' *canard*, but if it is true, it will only make this difference, that the exporters will have to export their own oil, instead of selling it in New York as they now do.

There is to be a meeting in London to-day for the purpose of getting every refiner to join in a petition to the Legislature, to have the duty on refined oil removed.

The McDougall well is still flowing about twelve barrels per day. There are some six new wells going down near it.

The Titusville oil men who came over last week have made several purchases, and are now actual operators. They speak very favorably of all they have seen, and say that our territory offers many more inducements for the production of oil than the Pennsylvanian. No new wells completed since last week.

Crude Oil, \$1.40 to \$1.50; Refined, 23c. per gallon. M. P.

#### Toronto Market.

Ever since the commencement of the year the general trade of the city has been quiet, and there are as yet no noticeable indications of revival.

**GROCERIES.**—Prices are very steady as quoted, and trade is quiet. *Sugars*—Raw is heavy; in New York prices declined  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  c last week. The new crop sugars arriving in that market are reported offering freely at low prices, and are of poor quality. *Teas*—There is no special movement to notice in this market. A telegram from Hong Kong of Dec. 13 gives the total shipments from China and Japan at 119,000,000 lbs. against 121,000,000 lbs. to Dec 5th the previous year. The stock of teas in New York on January 1st was made up thus:—Greens, 3,394,386 lbs.; Oolong and Pouchongs, 4,612,003 lbs.; Japans, 1,525,950 lbs.; Congo and Souchong, 541,865 lbs.; total stock January 1, 1879, 10,074,204 lbs. The stock on the 1st January in the two previous years was, January 1, 1869, 10,031,874 lbs.; Jan. 1, 1868, 8,046,267 lbs.

**PROVISIONS.**—Butter is dull and tending downward; little doing. *Cheese* is reported firm and in better demand in Liverpool. *Bacon*—A sale of 100 boxes at 11c. is reported. *Hams*—Some business done at 11c. *Pork*—Two cars of mess sold at \$25.50, showing a decline on previous quotations. *Lard* is firm, under advices of a better market in Liverpool. *Dressed Hogs*—A good business was done; sales of lots are reported at prices ranging from \$8.10 to \$8.50.

**LEATHER.**—We have no changes of consequence to note in prices; business drags since the beginning of the year.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—The hide trade is very quiet; a fair business is being done in sheepskins; the demand is good, absorbing all that arrive. The figures quoted in our list show a reduction in the case of a number of articles on the prices lately paid.

**FLOUR.**—It appears from statistics that have been published that the receipts of flour from the Upper Provinces at St. John were:—

	1869.	1868.
By water, barrels.....	143,053	167,651
By railway ".....	14,458	10,000
Total Canadian.....	157,511	177,651
American received.....	55,470	33,050

212,981 215,701  
The receipts of flour at Toronto for three years were, 1867, 117,953 brls.; 1868, 112,187 brls.; 1869, 145,747 brls.; but this latter amount includes a pretty large allowance for receipts through other than the ordinary channels, and is probably above the mark. There were sales of No. 1 superfine at \$3.55 to \$3.60; of fancy at \$3.80 to

\$3.85, and of extra at \$4.00—during the past week.

**GRAIN.**—*Wheat*—The receipts of wheat at Toronto for three years are given thus:—

	Fall.	Spring.
1867, bushels.....	276,685	553,554
1868, ".....	244,025	414,174
1869, ".....	262,183	367,262

The market has been quiet for the past week, with few sales at quotations. The quantity of wheat in store and in transit in the principal American markets on the 15th was 10,544,619 bushels; on the 8th, 11,340,428 bushels; on the 1st January, 1870, 11,348,839 bushels, showing a steady falling off, which movement will probably continue as the season advances. *Barley*—The receipts of barley at Toronto for four years were:

	1866, bushels.....	1,218,767
1867, ".....	1,009,013	
1868, ".....	1,009,510	
1869, ".....	1,514,477	

The destination of our shipments of barley the two last years was as follows:—

Received at	1869.	1868.
Chicago.....	373,951	92,017
Milwaukee.....	15,013	
Detroit.....	40,255	113,060
Toledo.....	341,151	503,227
Cleveland.....	244,086	194,851
Sandusky.....	25,438	20,358
Erie.....	188,091	12,516
Buffalo.....	618,696	544,195
Suspension Bridge.....	76,546	65,236
Charlotte.....	33,445	14,657
Oswego.....	3,167,023	2,031,385
Cape Vincent.....	16,243	30,800
Ogdensburg.....	85,000	54,293
Total.....	5,389,925	3,691,608

**HOPS.**—The total production of hops in 1869 in the United States and Canada is estimated as follows by a New York merchant:—New York State, 50,000 bales; Wisconsin, 20,000 bales; Michigan, 4,000 bales; other Western States, 2,000 bales; Eastern, 5,000 bales; Canada to New York State, 4,000 bales; total, 85,000 bales.

#### Stocks of Grain and Flour at British Ports.

The following statement shows the stocks of flour and grain in store at the ports of Liverpool, Hull, Bristol, Newcastle, Leith, Glasgow, Dublin, Belfast, Londonderry, and London at the end of December in 1869 and 1868. From it we take the totals, which are as follows:—

	1869.	1868.
Flour, brls.....	325,778	85,690
Flour, sacks.....	173,125	142,028
Wheat, qrs.....	1,936,555	789,861
Barley, qrs.....	158,806	157,848
Maize, qrs.....	316,778	101,034
Oats, qrs.....	479,099	440,521
Beans, qrs.....	29,264	59,158
Peas, qrs.....	23,296	43,132

#### Petroleum.

The following table shows the exports of Petroleum from the United States from January 1 to January 18:—

	1870.	1869.
From New York.....galls	1,158,958	1,592,347
Boston.....	19,228	105,699
Philadelphia.....	892,259	1,199,428
Baltimore.....	9,475	7,000
Portland.....		
New Bedford.....		
Cleveland.....		270,000

Total Export from the U.S.	2,074,820	2,906,074
Same time 1867.....		2,782,745
Same time 1869.....		2,297,247

#### Pennsylvania Oil Wells.

The following table shows the production during December, the average per day, the production previously reported in 1868, and the average per day since January 1st; the product from Janu-

ary 1st, 1868, to January 1st, 1869, and the average per day for the same time:

	BBLs.
Total shipment of crude for Dec. of bbls. of 45 gals. each.....	369,282
Add to reduce to bbls. of 43 gallons each.....	16,412
Total shipment bbls 49 gals.	385,694
Stock on hand Dec. 1st.....	337,658
Stock on hand Jan. 1st.....	340,150
Add increase on Jan. 1st....	2,492
Add estimated leakage and shrinkage bbls.....	10,000
Total production during Dec.	398,186
Average per day.....	12,844
Production reported 1869....	3,846,956
Production since Jan. 1st....	4,215,142
Average per day.....	11,548
Total production same time last year.....	3,715,741
Average per day same time last year (366 days).....	10,152
Average per day during Dec.	9,737

#### Visible Supply of Cotton.

The following table shows the quantity of cotton in sight at the latest dates of each of the two past seasons.

	1870.	1869.
Stock in Liverpool.....bales	341,000	295,000
" London.....	115,671	149,093
" Glasgow.....	250	250
" Havre.....	72,700	75,300
" Marseilles.....	4,150	5,100
" Bremen.....	2,700	8,750
Stock rest of Continent.....	38,000	20,000
Afloat for Gr't Britain (Am.)	141,000	130,000
Afloat for Havre (American)	56,000	45,112
Total Indian Cotton afloat for Europe.....	86,978	167,500
Stock in United States ports	483,636	341,793
" Inland towns.....	101,700	62,000

Total..... 1,438,815 1,299,893  
These figures indicate an increase in the cotton in sight, of 138,917 bales, compared with the same date of 1869.

**COST OF WATER WORKS.**—The following statement of the prices of Water Works materials and work as laid down in Hamilton, is published in a Peterboro paper: 12 in. main, laid complete, per foot \$2.93; 6 in. main, laid complete, per foot \$1.34; 4 in. main, laid complete, per foot 85c. One 12 in. stop-valve, with chamber complete \$139; one 6 in. stop-valve with chamber complete \$70; one Hydrant with chamber complete \$60. Depth of cover on main 5ft 6 in. To get good fire pressure the head should not be less than 100 feet.

The following gentlemen were elected Directors of the Edwardsburg Starch Company, at the meeting held on the 8th inst., viz.:—Walter Shanly, Esq., M.P., Peter Redpath, Esq., John McLennan, Esq., John Fairbairn, Esq., Warden King, Esq., Henry J. Tiffin, Esq., and W. T. Benson, Esq.

The following gentlemen have been elected officers of the Dominion Telegraph Company:—Hon. J. McMurich, President; Mr. J. J. McKenzie, Vice-President; Mr. H. I. Colles, Secretary; Mr. James Mische, Treasurer; Hon. J. H. Cameron, Consulting Counsel; Hon. M. C. Cameron, Solicitor.

The hull and machinery of the steamer Lake St. Peter, burned some time ago, was sold at auction yesterday for \$3,150.

The imports of dutiable goods at Halifax for the past year, were \$4,652,915, and of free goods 1,811,224. Over three millions of the dutiable goods were from Great Britain.