

are for Nutmegs 70 to 90c; Jamaica ginger 23½ to 25c; African ginger 7 to 9½c; Black pepper 9½ to 11c, very firm; Pimento 15 to 16½c. **Fruit.** Stocks of Malaga fruit are limited, and prices continue to point upward, transactions have been within very narrow limits. We quote new crop Layer raisins \$2.25 to 2.50; Loose Muscatels \$2.50 to 2.75; London Layers \$2.75 to 3.00; Black Basket \$3.50 to 3.75; Valentias 8 to 8½c, but few could be had at inside figure; Sultanas 7 to 9c; Seedless 8 to 8½c; Currants 6½ to 7½c; Elemo Figs 13 to 15c; Malaga Figs 5 to 6c; Prunes, none in market. Tarragona Almonds 16 to 18c; Filberts 8 to 9c; Brazil nuts 8 to 9c; Walnuts 7 to 8.

**HIDES.**—There has been another stiff advance in Butchers hides, but as the rise has not been caused by the demand, it is not likely that present high prices will continue as Tanners will not buy at present figures and dealers will not lay in stocks till a considerable decline takes place. We now quote \$11, \$10 and \$9 for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively; *Sheepskins* are unchanged at 60 to 75c.

**HARDWARE.**—Business between merchants has been pretty lively at advanced prices, but it is rather doubtful if much of what has been bought and sold has gone into consumption. Still with the present firm condition of the market it is only a matter of a little time until the consumer finds that higher prices have to be paid. Latest cable advise all classes of heavy hardware fully up to last week and in many cases higher. We quote *Pig iron* per ton, Coltness \$28 to 30; Summerlee \$27; Langloan \$28; Eglington 26.50; Calder No. 1 \$27; Carnbrce \$26.50; Hematite \$29 to 30; *Bars* per 100 lbs. Scotch and Staffordshire \$2.00 to \$2.05; best do. \$2.30 to 2.45; Sweden and Norway \$4.75 to \$5; Lowmoor and Bowling \$6.50 to 7.00. *Canada plates*, per box, Garth & Penn. \$4.00 to 4.25; Dominion & Arrow \$4.25 to 4.35; Hat'on \$3.90 to 4.10; *Tin Plates*, per box, Charcoal I C, \$7.50 to 8.00; ditto I X \$9.50 to 10.00; ditto D.C. \$6.50 to 7.00; Coke, I C, \$7.00 to 7.50; *Tinned Sheets*, No. 26, charcoal 13 to 14c; *Galvanized Sheets*, \$8.50 to \$9.00; *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs., \$2.50 to 2.75; *Sheets*, best brands, \$2.75 to 3.25; *Boiler Plate* \$2.75 to 3.50; *Lead Pig* per 100 lbs \$5.25 to 5.50; *Sheet* \$6.00 to 6.25; *Shot* \$7.00 to \$7.25; *Steel cast* per lb 13 to 15c; spring \$3.50 to 3.75; ditto *Tire* \$3.50 to 3.75; ditto sleigh shoe \$3.00 to 3.25; *Ingot tin* \$28.00 to 30.00; *Ingot copper* \$22 to 24.00; *Horse Shoes* \$3.50 to \$4.00; *Proved Oil Chain*, \$ in \$4.75 to 5.00; *Anchors* \$3 to 7c; *Iron wire* No 6 \$1.90 to 2.00; *Cut mails* 2d. and above \$2.75; 8s and 9s \$3.00; 6s and 7s \$3.25; *Shingle* \$3.50; *Lath* \$4.25.

**LEATHER.**—The market has been moderately active the past week, and sales have been fair in nearly all lines. Prices continue steady, and will probably remain so for some time, as with the present high price of hides, the margin for profit to the tanner is remarkably fine. Stocks are fairly assorted in most descriptions of stock, though buff and splits are barely in sufficient supply for the present wants of the trade. We quote. *Hemlock Spanish Sole*, No. 1, B.A., 24 to 25c; ditto No. B.A., 22 to 23c; No. 1. *Ordinary* 23 to 24c; No. 2 ditto 21 to 22c; *Zansibar*, ditto No. 1, 19 to 20c; ditto No. 2, 18 to 19c; *Buffalo Sole* No. 1, 20 to 21c; ditto No. 2, 18 to 19c; *Hemlock slaughter*, No. 1, 24 to 27c; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 37 to 40c; ditto, heavy, 36 to 38c; *Grained*, 36 to 40c; *Splits*, large, 26 to 33c; ditto, small, 24 to 28c; *Calfskins*, (27 to 36 lbs.) 50 to 70c per lb., ditto (18 to 26 lbs.) 50 to 60c per lb; *Sheepskin linings*, 25 to 40c; *Harness*, 24 to 30c; *Buffed cow*, 14 to 16c; *Enamelled cow*, 15 to 16c; *Patent cow* 15 to 17c; *Pebbled cow* 12 to 16c; *Rough* 23 to 25c.

**OILS.**—There is a good demand for *Cod Oil*, and prices are likely to advance still further, we advance our quotation for Newfoundland to 40 to 42c. and Halifax 36c; *Seal*, pale, is worth 37 to 40c.; ditto straw 30 to 32½c; ditto steam refined 42½ to 45c; *Linseed Oil* keeps very firm. Raw 66 to 68; ditto boiled 70 to 72c; *Palm Oil* 8½ to 8¾c; *Olive Oil* 95c. to \$1.10; *Petroleum* is in good demand, and prices have an upward tendency, but are not quotably changed, and we continue to quote car lots 12 to 12½c. five brl. lots 13 to 13½c. and single brls. 14c.

**PROVISIONS.**—*Butter*.—Receipts for the past week 8514 pkgs; shipments 8947 pkgs. Market firm and active, prices favorable to holders, and about 2 to 4c. higher than this day week, stocks are light and hardly equal to the present demand. We quote Creameries 24 to 27c; Eastern Townships 20 to 24c; Brockville and Morrisburgh 17 to 22c; Western 13 to 16c. *Cheese*.—Receipts during the week 22743 boxes; shipments 6,661 boxes, market has been quiet, and prices are almost nominal at 11 to 13c. for August and September make. *Pork* is very firm and is now held from \$14.50 to 15.00 for Chicago mess; and \$15.50 to 16.00 for Montreal inspected. *Lard* 9½ to 10½c. *Bacon* 8½ to 9c. *Smoked Hams* 11 to 12c.

**SALT.**—The business is nearly over for the season prices are very firm and higher than this day week. Coarse is now quoted 60 up to 62½c. for small lots 10 to the ton; factory filled \$1.00 to 1.10 for well known brands.

**WOOL.**—Market is quiet, few sales of any large amount transpiring. Canada pulled 23 to 25c; Super about 25 to 26c.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, 30th Oct., 1879.

The upward movement in breadstuffs, which has made matters extremely lively in that trade for some weeks, has this week received a check, a decline of 4/- to 5/- per quarter on wheat beid declared since our last, and Western markets having fallen. When we learn the amount of grain pouring into the British islands this check is not so wonderful.

Wheat exports from the Atlantic Seaboard in August and September were 37,224,760 bushels of wheat, 5,881,532 bushels in flour, making a total of 40,086,292 bushels, and from the Pacific coast 2,800,000 bushels, says the *Economist* of New York.

Beerbohm gives the amount of grain on passage for the United Kingdom exclusive of steamshipments from America and the sail and steamer shipments from the ports of the Baltic and those of Northwestern Europe as follows:—

Date—	Wheat,	Flour,	Maize,	Barley,	Beans,
qrs.	qrs.	qrs.	qrs.	qrs.	qrs.
Oct. 9 '79.	1,900,000	480,000	492,000	282,000	19,000
Oct. 10 '78.	1,434,000	36,000	429,000	68,000	14,000

Dornbush makes the amount of grain on passage for the United Kingdom as under:—

Date—	Wheat,	Flour,	Maize,	Barley,	Beans,
qrs.	qrs.	qrs.	qrs.	qrs.	qrs.
Oct. 9 '79.	1,961,082	78,846	431,350	215,383	23,726
Oct. 10 '78.	1,488,453	44,530	477,247	88,607	13,133

The Milwaukee wheat market, according to McLaren's circular of the 25th is still entirely under speculative control, and far ahead of Eastern and foreign markets, and that interest "to be both willing and able to control prices, regardless of present supply and demand."

**BOOTS AND SHOE.**—A further advance is declared on some lines since we raised the prices three weeks ago. This is occasioned by a continued rise in materials, notably sole and

foreign leathers, and also, within the week, of a ten per cent advance in wages to employers in this line. The increased price is more noticeable on staples, heavy and coarse wear, for into these the greatest weight of material enters. Business is active, and a good deal of attention is being paid to the standing of customers as to payments. Within these eight or ten days past, remittances have begun to improve.

**DRY GOODS.**—Manufacturers' agents are taking large orders for Canadian tweeds for spring wear. The samples vary in quality from the rough home-spun to the beautifully finished compeers of the traditional Scotch and English goods. Great improvements have been wrought in the finer grades of cloths. They are now firmer and it is stated will retain their shape when in use. The colorings are admirable. Many of the Canadian textile fabrics are now commanding the home market to the exclusion of foreign goods of the same kinds; such as white and grey cottons, sheetings, tickings &c.

The large stocks of staples bought in anticipation of the new tariff are becoming thinned out. The advance in price which must inevitably follow the reduction of the large stocks carried for the past nine months is causing activity in several of the leading lines of goods. After another fortnight it will probably be impossible to repeat goods at anything like old prices. The buyers of leading houses are en route for Europe, or preparing to go. Their role will be a difficult one for several years to come as the European claims for supremacy in the production of many fancy as well as staple goods are being successfully contested by Cis-Atlantic skill.

The gloom of past years is gradually departing. A better order of things is indicated by a general desire to move smaller amounts at shorter dates, and it is pretty well understood that the principal houses, both east and west, will reduce their maximum terms of credit to four months, after the turn of the year.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—The rise in prices has affected this line of goods, as our last week quotations shewed.

*Caustic Soda* is firmer, having advanced abroad £2 per ton as per cable of 28th inst.

*Oils, &c.*—Linseed oil is firmer, advanced last week to 70 to 72c for raw and 74 to 76c for boiled. *Lard*, steady. *Cod* and *straits* unchanged. *Seal*, firm, *Whale*, looking upward.

**FUEL.**—The supply of coal in the United States is now believed to be less ample than previously indicated. Prices here are therefore firm: Egg and nut \$4.50; soft \$5.50 for best American, and \$5.00 for Intercolonial of Nova Scotia. Reading Company's November prices for coal was announced at Philadelphia on Monday as follows: Hard white ash, \$3.15; lump and steamboat, \$3.00; broken and egg, \$3.25; stove, \$2.65; chestnut, \$2.00.

**SALT.**—Advanced rates of freight have increased the price of Liverpool *coarse*, which we now quote 75 to 80c. Canadian 95 to \$1.00. *Stoved* \$1.30 to 1.50.

**SEEDS.**—The seed trade is quiet, not much offering at this season. The nominal price of *Timothy* seed \$6.50 to 6.75 per cental here; *Clover* from \$7.00 to 7.50 per cental. *Flax* seed \$2.75 to 3.00 per cental.

**FLOUR.**—Stocks in store 5,900 brls, against 5000 brls last week, and 2,800 brls on like date last year. An error in the return made the stocks 500 instead of 5000 bushels. A fall has taken place during the week equal to 10 to 20c. on the different grades. Millers have been holding back expecting a further advance, so that not much has been done since we last wrote. At present the market is weak, buyers and sellers being apart, holders do not feel like "accepting the situation" and buyers are in no hurry. *Oatmeal*.—Unchanged and without activity at present. *Cornmeal*.—Nominal.