

we heard of was some car loads of Canada spring early in the week at \$1.20; the quotation to-day being \$1.20 to 1.25. *Peas* are quoted at 79 to 80c; *Rye* nominal at 89 to 92c; *Oats* are offering at 35 to 36c.

**GROCERIES—Teas.**—There appears to be more disposition on the part of buyers to enter the market, and there is now a firmer feeling. A good number of pkgs. of Japans have changed hands, none under 20c for common, ranging up to 52c for fine, very little has been done, in Black Teas, which are unchanged in value; quotations of all kinds of teas about as last quoted. **Coffee.**—Business as usual confined to job lots, Maracibo, 18 to 22c; Old Gov. Java, 23 to 28c; Rio, 16 to 19c. **Sugars.**—Market dull, and prices are in buyers' favor. Refinery prices are now: Granulated, 9½ to 9½c; Grocers' A., 9½ to 9½c; Yellow, 7½ to 9c; there has been a good deal of Scotch refined sold at 6½ to 7½c; some small sales of *Raw Sugar* are reported at 7½ to 8c. **Molasses.**—As usual before Lent, there has been a good consumptive demand, but we do not make any change in quotations. **Rice.**—Prices are steady, at \$3.95 to 4.00, but not very firm. **Spices** of all kinds maintain their values, and White Pepper is a little higher; demand fair; we quote: Black Pepper 12½ to 13½c; White do., from 20 to 21c; Allspice 15 to 16c; Cloves, 37 to 45c; Cassia 13 to 14c; Nutmegs 65 to 95c; African ginger 7 to 9c; Jamaica Ginger 17 to 20c; Mace, 70 to 80c. **Fruit.**—There is an improved demand for dried fruits and Valencia raisins are hardly obtainable under our outside quotations a pretty large sale of Sultanias took place rather under our inside figures. Currants are rather dearer, we quote, new layers \$2.10 to 2.20; loose Muscatels \$2.25 to 2.35; Valencia 8½ to 9c, Sultanias 10 to 11c; currants 6½ to 7c; figs 6 to 15c; almonds 13 to 14c; filberts 8 to 9½c; walnuts 7½ to 8½c; for Bordeaux.

**HIDES.**—Green butchers' hides are at once bought up at once at \$9, 8 and 7, and some of our dealers are buying in Toronto. Cured hides from dealers from 1 to 1½c per lb. more. *Calfskins* 10c per lb.

**HARDWARE.**—Since our last report there is no change in prices or in the state of the market. A few sales of tin plates, &c., have been made at low prices between dealers and jobbers, but the consumptive demand is light, prospects for spring are fair. We repeat last week's quotations. The slight alteration in the tariff for iron pipes and pig lead caused a little demand for these, but the market was so well discounted beforehand that our quotations still hold good: *Pig Iron* per ton, Coltness, \$20.50 to 21.00; Langloan, 20.50 to 21.00; Calder \$19.75 to 20.00; Summerlee, \$19.75 to 20.00; Gartsherrie, \$19.75 to 20.00; Eglinton, \$19.00 to 19.25; Carnbroe, \$19.25 to 19.50; Hematite, \$26 to 27; bars per 100 lbs. Scotch and Staffordshire, \$1.80 to 1.90; ditto best \$2.00 to 2.25; Swedes and Norway, \$4.50 to 4.75; Lowmoor and Bowling \$6.50 to 7.00; *Canadaplates* Swansea and Penn \$3.40 to 3.50; Hatton \$3.15 to 3.25; Arrow, \$3.60 to 3.70; Clifton \$3.40 to 3.50; *Tin plates* Charcoal IC., \$5.25 to 6.00; ditto, IX, \$7.50 to 8.00; ditto, DC, \$5.25 to 5.50; Coke IC \$4.75 to 5.00 *Tinned Sheets*, charcoal best No. 26, \$11 to 12; coke No. 26 \$10 to 11; *Galvanized Sheets* Morewoods Lion No. 28 7½ to 8c; other brands 6½ to 7c; *Hoops and Bands*, \$2.40 to 2.50; *Sheets* best brands \$2.50 to 2.75, *Steel* per lb cast 11 to 13c; Spring per 100 lb \$3.25 to 3.75; Best do \$5 to 6; Tire \$3.25 to 3.75; Sleigh Shoe \$2.50 to 2.75; *Boiler Plates* per 100 lbs, ordinary brands \$2.50 to 2.75; Best ditto \$3.00 to 3.15; Lowmoor and Bowling \$6.75 to 7.50; *Ingot Tin* \$24 to 25; *Ingot Copper* \$17.50 to 18; *Horse Shoes* \$3.75 to 4.00; *Coil chain* ¾ inch \$4.25 to 4.50; *Anchor* \$6.00 to 6.50; *Sheet Zinc* \$5.50 to 6.00; *Lead* per 100 lbs Pig \$5 to 5.50; ditto sheet \$6 to 6.25; ditto bar \$5.50 to 6; Canadian Shot \$6 to 6.50; *Cut nails* per 100 lbs. 10d and 60c (3

in and larger) \$2.60; ditto 8d and 9d (2½ to 2¾) \$2.85; ditto 6d and 7d (2 and 2½) \$3.10; 4d and 5d (1½ 1½ and 1¾) AP \$3.35; ditto 3d (¾ in.) AP \$4.10; ditto 4d and 5d CP cold cut, \$3.10; 3d ditto \$3.60; *Spikes*, pressed, per 112 lbs \$3.50 to 4.00; *Dressed nails*, per 100 lbs, \$7.25.

**LEATHER.**—The market has experienced rather more activity the past week, and though sales have been mostly in moderate sized lots, buyers have been frequently in the market, and sales, in consequence amount to a respectable average. Stocks of nearly all descriptions are in full supply and prices continue to favor buyers. Spanish and slaughter sole, light upper and harness have shared in the improved inquiry. Splits and pebble are still dull and weak at our quotations which are unchanged. We quote: *Hemlock Spanish Sole* No. 1 B. A., 24 to 25c; ditto No. 2, B. A., 22 to 23; No. 1 *Ordinary* 24 to 25; No. 2, ditto, 22 to 23c; *Buffalo Sole*, No. 1, 21 to 23; ditto No. 2, 19 to 21; *Hemlock Slaughter*, No. 1, 26 to 28; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 36 to 42; do. heavy, 35 to 40c; *Grained*, 35 to 40; *Splits*, large, 24 to 32; ditto small, 23 to 28; *Calfskins*, (27 to 36 lbs.) 60 to 80c; ditto (18 to 26 lbs.) 60 to 70c; *Sheepskin linings* 30 to 50; *Harness* 25 to 32c; *Buffed Cow* 14 to 16c. per foot; *Enamelled Cow*, 15 to 16c; *Patent Cow*, 15 to 16c; *Pebbled Cow*, 13 to 16; *Rough*, 26 to 30c.

**LIQUORS.**—No operations have taken place to warrant any change in quotations. The improvement in trade expected this month has not been realized so far; most people are busy making out their Spring orders. Stocks of leading articles are light, but sufficient for present requirements. We quote *Brandies*, Hennessy's per gal. \$4.40 to 4.60; ditto in cases, \$11.25 to 11.50; *Matignon & Co*, per gallon \$3.30 to 4.50; ditto in cases, \$8.00 to 13.00; *Boitards* per gal. \$3.00 to 3.20; ditto cases \$6.40 to 9.50. *Gin*, De Kuyper's per gal. \$2.05 to 2.15; Red cases, \$7.90; Green cases \$4.60; Ball & Dunlop's, per gallon, \$1.95 to 2.10; Red cases \$7.75; green cases \$4.50; *Booth's Old Tom*, cases 6.50 to 6.75; ditto in wood, \$3.00; *Pelee Island Wines*, \$1.44 to 1.80 per Imp. gal.; in cases \$5.00 to 6.00; *Champagnes*, Piper Heidsieck \$25 to 26; Ayala & Co., \$25 to 26; G. H. Munn's \$25 to 26; M. H. Mills La Diamont, \$18 to 20. *Ports*, Graham's \$2.10 to 4.80.

**OILS.—Petroleum.**—The market is firm at our quotations. There is a fair demand, but as the days lengthen the demand is noticeably getting less, for car lots prices remain at 24½ to 25c. Broken lots 25½c, and single barrels 26 to 27c. In other oils there has been little done worth reporting and prices are without quotable change. We still quote: *Cod oil* 60c; *Seal* pale 60c; ditto straws 50c; ditto steam refined 69 to 70c; *Lard oil*, No. 1 75c, ditto extra 85c; *Palm oil* 8½ to 9½c; *Linseed oil*, raw, 70 to 71c; ditto boiled 74 to 75c.

**PROVISIONS—Butter.**—Receipts 1148 pkgs. Shipments 6009 pkgs. There has been no shipping demand, and any business done has been with the local dealers at our quotations. Creamery 26 to 29c; Eastern Townships 20 to 22c; Brockville and Morrisburg 18 to 22c; Western 15 to 18c. **Cheese.**—Receipts 100 boxes. Shipments 11,139 boxes, although the shipments have been large it has been mostly on Western account, in our local market only a small business has been done at 12½ to 14c. **Pork.**—The market is very firm, and has advanced 50c since this day week, and mess is now quoted at \$18.50 to 19.00. **Smoked hams.**—Are the turn dearer at 12½ to 13c. **Bacon is steady at 10 to 10½c.**

**Raw Furs.**—We have no change to report in prices and nothing new has been received from the London and New York markets. Referring to the probabilities for Spring Musk Rats, the quotations we gave were for Lower Canada Rats they are larger and heavier skins than Upper Canada Rats which will probably not range more

than 15c. We continue to quote. *Winter musk* Pat, 12c; ditto Fall 8c. *Kitts* 3c; *Red Fox*, \$1.00 to 1.25; *Cross Fox*, \$2 to 3.00; *Silver Fox*, \$25 to 30.00; *Lynx*, \$1.00 to 1.50; *Marten*, 75c. to \$1.00; *Otter* \$8.00 to 10.00; *Mink*—Prime dark, \$1.00 to 1.25; *Beaver*, 2.50 *Bear*—Large prime, \$6 to \$8; ditto small \$4 to 5.00; ditto cubs, \$2 to \$4.00; *Fisher*, \$5 to 6.00; *Skunk*—Black 25 to 50c; *Raccoon*, 40 to 60c.

**Wool.**—There is a good enquiry for Canadian wool, but prices are not yet established; possibly next week we shall be able to report sales. present quotations would be quite nominal and we refrain from giving them till prices are established.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, February 24th, 1881.

The feeling in several lines of business has improved since our last. Prices of breadstuffs, hitherto declining, have steadied themselves, foreign advices proving more favorable; in provisions, prices are firm all over, and in dairy produce as well. There is a fair activity in metals and hardware while dry goods importers, whose stocks are rapidly filling up, are busy, and wholesale grocers have a steady succession of small orders. We note an advance in price of heavy chemicals. Bank stocks continue to command high prices; loan companies shares are, for the most part, steady, and other stocks quiet. Sales were made here of Bank of Montreal, on Monday, at 182, and on Wednesday at 183; Commerce brought 138½, Federal, 138, and Standard 104. Shares of the Canada Landed Credit Co sold at 137, Imperial, at 119½, London & Canadian was held one higher, while bids for Building & Loan advanced ½. Buyers and sellers are apart on Western & British America Assurance. No debentures at present offering.

**CHEMICALS.**—Activity in heavy chemicals is announced from Great Britain, and the market, there and here, is well cleared of surplus stocks of Caustic Soda and Soda Ash. Round lots of *Caustic Soda* are worth \$2.60 to 2.75 here; *Soda Ash*, we quote, 1½ to 2c per lb. in round lots; *Sul Soda* about 1½c.

**DRY GOODS.**—In this market, stocks are filling up, and the assortment, if not already complete, will very shortly be so, and in variety as well as quantity the present Spring season's display will compare favourably with any hitherto made here. Of dress materials the variety is great; in Bradford goods, large checks are a feature, and these are produced in great abundance and endless number of patterns. Buntings are likely also to be a leading line, the English article, we are told, has driven the other out of the market. In other wool dress fabrics French crepes and beiges will be popular, the former are admired for their softness and yielding texture, the beige colors are also much affected. "Grain de ponde" is another make. In cottons, the old styles of printed muslins and lawns are going to be much worn. Organdies, too, of delicate texture and pattern are to be seen in the warehouses, without the customary *nouveaute* upon the labels of them, which would be rather a misnomer under the circumstances. Among the new summer materials is the "Eldorado" print, a cotton with a gold pattern on dark grounds, a peculiarity of which is that it "will wash;" very brilliant and novel in effect these goods are. Then there is the "Vuzizama" cambric, of delicate chintz pattern, the name being one which it requires a Japanese traveller to pronounce or understand. "Watteau,"