

under our quotations; Barbadoes 51 to 53c.; Antigua 40 to 50c. and Trinidad 47 to 48c. Spices are firm with only a small movement. Black Pepper is the turn dearest and owing to small supply our inside quotation for cloves is raised; Cassia, 12 to 14c.; Cloves, 26 to 28c.; Nutmegs, 60 to 90c.; Jamaica Ginger, 17 to 23c.; Pimento is easier, 10½ to 12½c.; Black Pepper 16½ to 17c.; White Pepper, 25 to 27½c.; Mace, 60 to 85c. Fruit market is steady with a fairly active demand at our quotations. We quote Layer Raisins, \$1.90 to \$2.00; Loose Muscatels, \$1.85 to \$2.00; London Layers, \$2.50 to \$2.65; Valencia, 7½ to 7¾c., according to quality; Sultanias, 10 to 11c.; Currants, 6 to 7c.; Smyrna Figs, 15 to 16c.; Prunes, in kegs, 6½ to 7c.; Tarragona Almonds, 13 to 14½c.; Sicily Filberts, 9 to 9½c.; Barcelona ditto, 8 to 8½c.; Walnuts, 8½ to 16c.

HIDES are in steady demand at \$8, \$7 and \$6 for Nos. 1, 3 and 3, green butchers'. Sheepskins are steady at \$1.00 to \$1.10.

HARDWARE.—Since last week there has been no change in prices beyond those noted in our remarks of that date. Orders for the time of the year are pretty fair, both in size and number and after the holidays an increase is expected. We continue our late quotations:—Pig Iron per ton—Coltress \$26.50 to \$27.50; Garthsherie \$26 to 26.50; Summerlee \$26.50 to 27.00; Langloan \$26.50 to 27.00; Eglinton \$24.25 to 24.50; Calder \$26 to 26.25; Carnbroe \$25.50 to 25.75; Hamatite \$27.50 to 28.00 Bars per 100 lbs, Scotch and Staffordshire \$2.15 to \$2.25; best ditto \$2.40 to 2.45; Swedes \$4.75 to 5.00; Norway, \$6.00 to 6.25; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.75 to 7.00; Canada Plates per box.—Swansea, \$3.15 to 3.25; Penn, \$3.25 to 3.30; Neutgwyn, \$3.25 to 3.30; Hatton, \$3.00 to 3.15; Thistle and Clifton, \$3.25 to 3.30; Tin Plates per box—Charcoal IC \$5.50 to 5.75; Charcoal IX \$7.50 to 7.75; Charcoal DC \$4.50 to 5.00; Charcoal DX \$6.50 to 7.00; Coke IC \$4.45 to 4.50. Tinned Sheets No 24, Charcoal, 9½ to 10c; ditto Coke No. 24, 9 to 9½c; Galvanized Sheets, 28 best, \$7.40 to 7.50; Hoops and Bands per 100 lbs., \$2.50 to \$2.60; Sheets, best brands, \$2.75 to 2.80; Boiler Plate, Staffordshire, \$2.75 to 3.00; Russian Sheet Iron, per lb., 11 to 12c; Steel, cast, per lb., 11½ to 12c; Spring, per 100 lbs., \$3.75 to \$4.00; Tire ditto, \$3.50 to \$3.75; Sleigh Shoe, \$2.75 to 3.00; Ingot Tin, 25 to 26c; Bar Tin, 27 to 28c; Ingot Copper, 20 to 20½c; Sheet Zinc, per 100 lbs., \$5.50 to 5.75; Spelter, \$5.00 to 5.25; Horse Shoes, per 100 lbs., \$4.25 to 4.50; Proved coil chain, 3 inch, \$5.50; Iron Wire, No. 6, per bbl., \$1.75 to 1.80. Lead: Pig, per 100 lbs., \$4.50 to \$4.75; Sheet, \$5.50 to 6.00; Bar, \$5.00 to 5.25; Shot, \$6.00 to 6.25.

LUMBER.—Trade is pretty slow just now, most dealers are stock taking. The manufacturers of hardwood in the townships are hard at work and no doubt the supply for next season will be equal to the demand. Prices are unchanged as under: Pine, 1st quality, per M., \$35 to \$40; ditto, 2nd quality, \$22 to \$24; Pine Shipping Culls, \$14 to \$16; Pine, 4th quality deals, \$11 to \$12; Pine Mill Culls, \$10 to \$12; Spruce, \$10 to \$13; Hemlock, \$9 to \$10; Ash, run of log, culls out, \$20 to \$25; Bass, ditto, \$17 to \$20; Oak, \$40 to \$50; Walnut, \$60 to \$100; Cherry, \$60 to \$80; Butternut, \$35 to \$40; Birch, \$20 to \$25; Hard Maple, \$25 to \$30; Laths are scarce at \$1.75; Shingles, 1st class \$3.00; ditto, 2nd, \$2.50.

LEATHER.—The business of the week has been quite small, and trade will be quiet until the beginning of the year, when it is expected the shoe factories will be in full operation again. Prices are steady as under: Hemlock Spanish Sole B. A. 26 to 27½c; ditto No 2B, A 23 to 24c; No. 1 Ordinary Spanish 26 to 26½c. No. 2 ditto 22½ to 23½c; Buffalo Sole No. 1, 21½ to 23c; ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 26 to 28c; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 37c; ditto ditto heavy, 33 to 35c. Grained, 34 to 38c Spits, large, 21 to 28c ditto small, 15 to 21c. Sheepskin Linings, 25 to 50c; Harness, 24 to 34c; Buffed Cow, per ft., 13 to 17c. Enamelled Cow, 15 to 16c. Patent Cow, 15 to 16c. Pebbled Cow, 11 to 15½c. Rough, 22 to 27c.

OILS.—Business has been at a standstill in most kinds of oil, the demand for Petroleum would be larger if the river roads were made and in a state for sleighing. Cod oil, Nfd. 67½c; ditto Gaspe, 66c; ditto Hlf., 65c. Seal pale 75c; ditto straw 70c; ditto steam refined 87½ to 90c. Linseed Oil is a shade stronger sympathize with the English report raw at 65c, and boiled at 69c. Olive Oil \$1.15 per imp. gal. Petroleum is in fair consumptive demand: in

car lots 19c.; broke up lots 19½c. and single brls. 20 to 21c. per imp. gal.

PAINTS.—There has been a slight advance in the price of lead in England, and the market here is firmer, but there have been no transactions on which to base any change on our last quotations which we repeat. We quote White Lead genuine \$6.75 per 100 lbs.; ditto No. 1 \$6.25; ditto No. 2 \$5.75; ditto No. 3 5c. per lb. Dry White Lead 6c. per lb.; Dry Red Lead 5c. per lb. Turpentine 90c.

PROVISIONS.—Butter. Receipts for the past week 2,226 pkgs.; shipments 2,857 pkgs. Then has not been much doing the past week and shippers do not expect to be busy till after the New Year there has been very little fluctuation in prices since the date of our last report. We quote Creamery 23 to 27c.; Eastern Townships 20 to 21½c.; Morrisburg 18 to 21c.; Brockville 17 to 20c.; Western 15 to 18c. Cheese. Receipts for the past week were 10,740 boxes; shipments 20,588 boxes. The market is decidedly stronger and September and October make are selling from 12½ to 13c.; August make 10½ to 11½c. Pork a fair jobbing demand exists for Western Mess at \$21.50 to \$22.00. City cured Hams 15 to 15½c. Bacon 14 to 15c.; Lard in pails is easy at 13½c.; Dressed Hogs \$8.50 to \$8.75. Eggs are scarce and in demand at 28½ to 30c. Salt is fair demand at 65c for coarse and \$1.40 to \$1.50 for factory filled.

WOOL.—There is an improving demand for foreign wools and some considerable sales continue to be reported within our range of quotations. We quote the market as stronger at the following quotations, Cape wool 17½ to 19c.; Australian 22 to 30c.; Canadian wool steady A Super 33 to 34c.; B Super 29 to 31c.; No. 1 27 to 28c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, 28th Dec., 1882.

If crowded streets were an indication of active business at wholesale, Toronto must have accomplished a large turnover since we last wrote. But the holiday flutter was largely around retail stores. Christmas cards, toys, books, and ornamental wares sold "like hot cakes;" and the wholesale trade, beyond the express orders incidental to the holiday season, or a few sorting orders, was not busy selling. Many were busy stock-taking, however, and some of those who have finished report a pleasing state of affairs.

Breadstuffs have been exceedingly dull; provisions quiet, except poultry and butter; live stock, the movement languid, every one being supplied; hardware, steady, with a brisk movement in skates; groceries, moderately active with small orders; dry goods, as above described; hides and leather, inactive and drooping; drugs, without feature; petroleum, unchanged. The money market is not stringent, except to borrowers for stock operations.

GRAIN STOCKS AT TORONTO.

The quantities of grain in store at the various wharves of this city on the 25th inst. were as under:

	Dec. 25, 1882.	Dec. 18, 1882.	Dec. 26, 1881.
Fall wheat, bush..	143,179	135,313	137,941
Spring " "	58,515	50,281	39,361
Oats " "	2,158	2,222	3,523
Barley " "	172,623	175,163	293,743
Peas " "	5,051	4,289	8,384
Rye " "	5,419	5,242	12,145
Total	386,945	372,488	475,097

The total is thus 386,945 bushels, an increase on the 372,488 of the previous week, but much less than the 475,097 bushels of a year ago, or the 597,269 bushels of two years ago. Of flour, there are but 125 bushels stored, and that in the Northern elevator. Last year at this time there were 2,865 barrels on hand, and the year before 6,200 barrels.

DRY GOODS.—The weather hereabout, which has baffled the predictions of weather-prophet and Bureau, declines to grow cold, and slushy streets with soft country roads are common. In some parts of the province they have sleighing, which has helped remittances. Woollen goods are unchanged in price, heavy stuffs are not in request, as we write but the sale of these in the country has thus far been better than up to Christmas of last year. In linens it is to be remarked that while hollands and coarse wares of this material are to be had at former prices, shirt linens and fine handkerchiefs are higher.

This is not because material has advanced but because, owing to emigration from that quarter of Ireland, skilled labor is more difficult to obtain and therefore dearer. Jutes, Hessians and other Dundee goods are steady. There is an easier tendency in cottons, arising from the scarcity of business rather than from any reduction in the price of the staple.

GRAIN.—Scarcely any movement in any grain during the week; Wheat has sold in but very small quantity since our last at 90c. for No. 2 Fall and 88c. for No. 3. Spring Wheat No. 2 brought 92c. on Saturday, we hear of no transactions to-day. Barley is steady at slightly lower prices than quoted last week. Oats have been in request and we hear of sales at 39 to 40c. for Western on track; Eastern do not sell so well. Peas are dull and easy at probably 73c. for No. 1. Nothing doing in Corn, nor yet in Rye.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Flour.—Not much doing, buyers being less anxious, apparently, than sellers. On Saturday last Superior Extra sold at \$4.25 to 4.30. We now quote Superior Extra \$4.25; Extra \$2.15 to 4.20; Spring Extra \$4.20; while strong baker's commands from \$4.40 to 4.70. Oatmeal.—The market is quiet and steady, small lots bring \$5.00 to 6.20, a car lot is said to have changed hands at \$4.70. There are sales of Bran, we understand, at \$12.50 per ton.

GROCERIES.—The week has been a quiet one, but a little enquiry is reported in teas. The market for teas has been lower, during these past three weeks, it is claimed, than it ever was before. A rise is looked for in New York, and dealers here are confident the demand after New Year's day will become active and prices improve. Fruit is improving in price, especially Valencia raisins, 4000 packages of which are reported to have changed hands here within the week at 7½c.; offers have been made to purchase round lots at same figure, while for limited lots 8c. is readily obtained and for selected 10c. The consumption of Valencia is greater, we are told, this year than ever in any former year. Sugars continue steady.

HARDWARE.—There is a lull just now in sales of everything but skates; these are still going off briskly, and it appears that wholesale stocks of them are well sold, and retail ones have also been greatly reduced. A very fair movement is reported for the month in shelf goods. The rise in price of heavy goods since navigation closed has not altered shelf goods perceptibly. There is a good demand for cut nails, manufacturers of these are slow in filling orders and have no large supply; the summer combination still holds. A change in the prices of axes may be seen in our price list; this has been effected by a combination of the makers at Montreal, St. Catharines, Galt, &c., as well as by the rise in price of steel. Tin plates, the failures noted last week have made charcoals 1/6 to 2/ per box higher in Britain, but prices are not altered here, but orders would not be taken for forward delivery at present figures. Cokes we quote higher, say \$4.75 to 5.00.

A meeting of the Canadian barbed-wire makers was held last week in Montreal, when the price of wire delivered in Winnipeg was made 8½c. per lb. in car load lots instead of 8c. The price for Ontario and Quebec continues to be the same, but one may now spread his ten ton purchase over the entire season instead of confining his purchases into four months. Of pig iron there is no great supply in market, indeed it is principally in one hand. A sizable parcel of Longloan would be sold to a good customer at \$27.00, but some will have to pay 27.50. Summerlee we quote 26.50 to \$27.00; Carnbroe and Dalmellington, none in market but expected within the week. Bars ordinary are firm at \$2.20 to 2.25; Nova Scotia \$2.60. Payments during most of the year have been good; indeed, if a hardware dealer does not meet his notes it is looked upon as a sign that his condition needs looking into.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The supply of green hides is sufficient, and parcels of cured continue to move at 8½ to 8¾c. for cows, a car sold at 8½c, steers bring 9½ to 9¾c. Sheepskins are plentiful at former prices, only the best bring \$1.20. Tallow, the feeling is not weak although the supply is larger, rendered sells for 8½ to 9c.

LEATHER.—The feeling is neither strong nor hopeful, now that the market is dull from the slackening-off of the factories, still, tanners are doggedly unwilling to concede in prices because they must lose money if they do. Therefore our price-list is in the main unchanged.

PROVISIONS.—We have to note a very quiet week's business. Stocks of hog products are accumulating, and at present the demand is only