

for cargoes, and of Red Winter Wheat at \$1.40. Car lots of Oats have changed hands at 39c to 40c, and Peas have been in tolerably good demand at 89c. Rye and Barley purely nominal at last week's quotations. Flour—Stocks decreasing, and holders not disposed to take lower prices, consequently not much business doing. There is still one or two steamers in port to be loaded with flour for Newfoundland and lower ports but the few transactions reported have been almost confined to supplying the immediate wants of the Quebec and local trade. Values since last Thursday have undergone but little alteration; the tendency, however, is downward.

FRUITS.—Business, as usual at this period, is all but entirely confined to Apples, which continue firm and in good demand; good winter stock quoted at \$3.50 to \$4, while really choice varieties are held for more money. Sales for the week include 1,000 brls mixed winter assortments at \$3 to \$3.25; 300 brls at \$3.50; and 150 brls at \$3.75. Receipts fair, and shipments this week will be considerably heavier than for last week, as the last steamers are expected to leave in a day or two. Dealers are commencing to store their limited stocks in cellars, and have an anxious look about them, from the lively remembrance of the large quantities of fruit caught by the frost last year while in transit to this city. The apple crop in both the United States and Canada, Eastern and Western, this year is a short one, while in Europe it is fair, much larger than last year. In Nova Scotia this year there will be 90,000 brls of apples less than last season, when the crop amounted to 200,000 barrels. The price this year will average \$1 better per barrel than last, when \$1.50 was the highest figure in Nova Scotia. The exports so far have amounted to 15,000 barrels, and it is estimated that Nova Scotia will only forward about 45,000 brls, against 100,000 brls for last season. Sales have been made in Liverpool of Canadian colored stock at 23s to 26s. The first shipment of Valencia Oranges has arrived, and under a good demand sold at \$8 to \$9 per case. Lemons continue dull at \$4 to \$4.50 per box. Almeria Grapes slow of sale, quoted at \$6 per keg.

FURS.—Owing to the continued mild weather the raw furs coming to this market are of inferior quality, and but few prime skins have come to hand. Skunks find a ready sale, at 90c for best black. Muskrats, Fall, would bring about 10c; Kits, 3c. Mink, \$1.25 to \$1.50 for dark Eastern and Northern. Western skins worth 75c to \$1. Martins, red, quoted at \$1; Lynx, \$2; red fox, \$1.75; Otter, dark, \$10; Fisher, dark, \$7; do, pale, \$5; Bearskins, from \$5 to \$12, as to quality; raccoons, 75c; Beaver, dark \$3. Manufacturers state that they have more orders than they can execute.

GROCERIES.—Teas.—There is a more active demand to be reported, especially for desirable Japans. Sales to fair extent of these have taken place at full previous figures. Inferior Teas are still much neglected. Young Hysons are rather more asked for. Black Teas quiet. Sugars.—An advance of 4th has taken place in Yellow Refined. Refined White cannot be noted as changed in price, although a firmer feeling prevails. Raw Sugars steady. Molasses.—Barbados of good quality are fairly steady. Reported sale of a cargo for this market on private terms. Syrups are active and firm. Rice dull. Coffee.—Market is a trifle firmer for Maracibo; Jamaica dull. Spices.—There is little to notice beyond a feeling towards some reduction in pepper. Other spices for the week are but little altered. A moderate trade doing. Fruit.—The safe arrival of the S.S. *Arlona* is happily to be recorded. Her cargo turns out in very good condition, and altogether beyond expectation. The pluck of the Captain deserves at least honorable mention. Valencia rather lower; say 8½c for some grades, and quite heavy lots at 9c to 9½c. Malaga Raisins about 4th lower all round. Seedless are not plentiful; Sultanas dull at

11½c to 13½c; Almonds firm; Currants are a trifle lower.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The market continues quiet, at the prices quoted last week, viz., \$8, \$7 and \$6 respectively paid to butchers, but dealers experience some difficulty in obtaining from tanners more than 50c per 100 lbs. advance on these quotations. Sheepskins, \$1 to \$1.05 each.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—Bar Iron continues firm, at 2c per lb. Tin Plates are not moving off quite so freely as they were a short time ago, but our quotations are generally well maintained; a round lot of charcoals, however, changed hands between wholesale merchants here yesterday at a price understood to be slightly under \$5.75, which was claimed last week to be the lowest figure acceptable. Notwithstanding the statement that the production in England is still in excess of the consumption, a cablegram from Liverpool dated yesterday was shown us stating that market to be "firm with an upward tendency." Ingot Copper continues strong at 17c to 18c in this market, as to the quantity, etc., while there has been a recent advance in Liverpool of 20s sterling, £70 10s. being now the lowest price there. Freight from Liverpool to New York have advanced to 15s, owing to the pressure of outward shipments and the comparative absence of homeward cargo. Sheet Zinc is worth 5½c per lb., but there is not much doing in this market. Stocks of Russia Sheet Iron are very limited, the imports this year having been light; it is quoted at 10½c to 11c per lb.

LEATHER.—With some houses business for the week has been fair, but on the whole the market has continued quiet. Although manufacturers are commencing to take stock and prepare for the Spring work, and therefore not buying except when special inducements are offered, holders of the best Sole leather report a continued good demand for it. There is also a fair enquiry for Harness leather and Calfskins, the retail dealers having apparently been busier this week, but black leathers, especially Upper and Splits, of which the supply is still excessive, remain dull, with prices by no means firm.

LUMBER.—The saw mills that have logs to cut are running day and night in order to fill contracts and get a little stock ahead; manufacturers' yards are nearly empty, and anything remaining is almost all in second hands. Pine lumber for next Spring's use is likely to be scarce. Furniture manufacturers have now to turn their attention to some other wood than walnut, which has become so expensive as to prevent its general use. In the United States mahogany takes the lead; oak, maple and birch are coming into general use. Our forests contain almost unlimited quantities of ash, birch and maple, which are very handsome in appearance, are more durable than walnut, and cost at least one-eighth the price. Birch and maple are fast replacing cherry for ebouizing; several passengers cars recently turned out of the Grand Trunk workshops with figured birch panelling rival the finest satin wood or mahogany for beauty and finish. Prices of all kinds of lumber are firm.

PETROLEUM.—Crude at Petrolia is quoted at \$1.75 per brl, f.o.b., and deliveries during the past few weeks have been heavy. Refined, f.o.b. at London, 19c; car lots in store here, 22½c; smaller lots, 1c to 3c higher according to quantity.

PROVISIONS.—Hogs are dull in Chicago, and under heavier receipts prices fell 10c per 100 lbs yesterday, quoted at \$5.90 to \$6.20 for light grades, \$5.90 to \$6.30 for mixed packers and \$6.65 to 6.70 for heavy shipping lots. Pork closed in Chicago yesterday 12½c to 15c per brl. higher, and lard also advanced 2½c per 100 lbs. The local market continues firm, under a fair jobbing demand, but no large transactions have been reported within the week. Old

Mess Pork moves off at \$20.25 to \$20.75, and new do at \$21 to \$21.50; occasionally an advance of 25c on our outside price is asked for a small lot. Lard is in fair supply and the demand continues good; there have been sales of a few carloads, in lots, at 15c in pails for Fairbanks, and other American brands. City-rendered lard is worth 14½c to 15c, in pails. Hams nominally worth 13c to 13½c, but season about over. The Egg market continues steady, at 24c to 25c for really fresh, which are scarce, in cases, and 20c to 22c, for packed. A small lot of Dressed Hogs was sold yesterday at \$7.50, quoted at \$7.50 to \$8; but few arrivals as yet, no carloads offering. The trade expect that receipts this season will be light owing to the unusually large number of hogs bought up and cut up by packers all over the country during the past summer. Tallow is scarce and higher, a large lot of rendered having been reported sold at 7½c, and rough is quoted now at 5c.

POULTRY.—Offerings in this market continue limited, owing doubtless to the continued mild weather, which is unfavorable to shipments, and consequently prices remain rather easy, at about last week's quotations: turkeys, 8c to 9c, although a case was sold yesterday at 7½c; ducks, 7c to 9c; chickens, 7c to 8c; and geese 6c to 7c per lb. Partridges command 50c to 55c per brace, and venison saddles, of which there is little in the market, are quoted at 7c to 9c, as to condition. Losses are made every year by shippers, simply because they do not observe the instructions of the trade here, which are as follows: "Do not feed for twenty-four hours before killing, pluck clean, leaving on the head and the wings and tail feathers. Entrails not drawn. Pack nicely in cases averaging from 150 to 200 lbs in weight, and mark each case with number and kinds of birds contained, gross weight and tare of case. Discount scalded poultry as it usually sells at one to two cents per lb. less than dry plucked stock."

WOOL.—The market continues firm, with a steady business doing for the time of year in small lots at unchanged quotations for all kinds. No sales of round lots of either foreign or domestic descriptions can be reported. Stocks of foreign wool rather light, and in few hands.

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

(By Special Telegraph.)

TORONTO, Nov. 17, 1881.

There has been a fair movement in general merchandise the past week, and indications point to an active winter trade. Cottons are difficult to get, and stocks of both white and grey were never as low in the history of the trade. Millinery is quiet, but furs are in rather better demand. Remittances are being met with considerable promptness, and dealers have no cause for complaint. The hardware trade is fairly active, and orders for all seasonable goods are coming in well. Prices are very firm, and British advices report advances in ingot tin and iron pipe. Groceries are in moderate request, and the demand for fish and fruit is especially active. The former are very scarce, and evince much firmness in prices. The stock market has been active and strong, with the greatest advances in Dominion, Toronto, Commerce and Imperial. The market to-day closed strong, with sales of Montreal at 200½; Ontario at 61½ and 61¾; Commerce at 146½ and 146¾; Dominion at 193½; Federal at 159½ and 159¾; Imperial at 136½; Canada Perm. at 207; and Huron and Erie at 155½.

Following are the closing bids to-day as compared with those of last Thursday: Bids for Montreal, Toronto, Merchants, Federal and Hamilton are ex-dividend.