

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, July 14th, 1887.

The past week has been a quiet period nearly all over, as many business men have left the town on holidays, and few can come into it in consequence of work in the country. Reports nearly all over promise a good crop in Ontario. Still, even yet, very many prefer estimates in the barns to estimates in the fields, and in this they will probably prove right. The remains of last year's crop have been moving off slowly, the decrease in stocks during last week being small. Stocks held on Monday morning were as follows: Flour, 1,783 brls.; fall wheat, 84,216 bush.; spring wheat, 60,972 bushels; mixed wheat, 10,764 bush.; oats, 22,668 bush.; barley, 24,684 bush.; peas, 36,397 bush.; rye, 4,249 bush.; being a total of 243,980 bushels of grain against 398,336 last year.

DRUGS, PAINTS, OILS AND PETROLEUM.—Drugs are quiet as usual at this season; values show but few changes on the week. Paints and oils are quiet; linseed oil has declined to 65 to 67c. for raw and 68 to 70c. for boiled; spirits turpentine also lower, selling at 55c. Petroleum, the Canadian article, has dropped to 15 to 16c. on the breaking up of the combination at Petrolia and the market is now unsettled at the decline.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The previous dullness has been rather increased than diminished. Scarcely any buyers have been met at any price, and none at figures to suit holders. After standing out nearly all week for \$3.75 for superior extra and \$3.65 for extra, holders at the end showed some inclination to accept \$3.70 for superior and \$3.60 for extra; but even then buyers were not forthcoming. The general conviction appears to be that the trade has left this place. Bran is scarce; it could probably have found a sale at about \$10.50 by car lot had any been offered, as the mills have been selling readily in tons at \$11.00 to 12.00. Cars of oatmeal have remained dull and inactive and small lots have sold very slowly at \$3.75 to \$4.25, the latter figure being for granulated.

GRAIN.—Has been dull and inactive all over. There has been scarcely any business done in wheat all week, one reason being the fact that exporters prefer to ship from the States rather than ship to them. No. 2 fall has sold at 82½c.; No. 2 spring could have found buyers at 81c., and No. 1 Manitoba hard has sold at 93c. on track, which prices would probably have been repeated at the close. Oats sold in the latter part of last week at 31½ and 31¼c. for western on track and at 29½c. for eastern to arrive and at 30c. on track; and this week western have brought 32c. on track, market closing with offerings small. Barley is unchanged; none offered and none wanted; prices purely nominal; a good crop nearly everywhere predicted. Peas are scarce and firmer: sold towards close of last week at equal to 56c. here, but at close could have found buyers at 56½ to 57c. had there been any offered. Canadian corn has sold at 53c. on track.

GROCERIES.—In this line matters are only fairly active. Sugars, however, continue to move freely, prices are firm; yellows are a little stiffer; only occasional offers are made under 5½c. Coffees dull and nominal. Teas have been somewhat more active, especially blacks; some inquiry for new Japans, but no business

of importance passing. Rice is fairly active and cars have sold at 3½c. Fresh white fish and salmon trout are firm and in good demand at 5½c; herring higher at \$1.50 per 100; British Columbia salmon scarce and firm at 15c. Oranges are scarce and have advanced to \$6 to 6.50 per box. Lemons are also higher at \$5.25 to 6.50 per box. Bananas higher at \$1.75 to 2.75 per bunch. Not much doing in dried fruit; holders are likely to be able to dispose of surplus stocks of currants and raisins in Chicago or New York where prices have advanced; currants have offered here in lots at 5½c. but nothing can be bought under 6c. by retailers. Canned salmon is firm at \$1.65; prices at the packing points have advanced five cents. Canned corn and tomatoes are moving freely at steady prices.

HARDWARE.—There is a fair sorting up trade being done but no large orders are coming in. The strike in the city and the dry hot weather in the country are to a certain extent checking sales. Indications promise a good fall trade. The continued drouth in England has affected the tin and Canada plate market and manufacturers cannot fill their orders promptly. Prices have advanced, more particularly Canada plates. The advance in these is likely to be maintained, as prices, it is claimed, have been below cost of production for some time. In fact some of last year's makers have failed and their works have not been resumed since. There is very little change in the sterling prices of bars, hoops and sheets generally. Makers appear to be actively employed. The increased duty does not appear to have checked the consumption, and the general impression is that the imports will be as large this fall as the corresponding period last year, for merchants are not disposed to place reliance on home manufacturers for full supplies in consequence of the difficulty frequently experienced in obtaining delivery in proper season.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The market has been steady all over. All green hides offered have been wanted and taken at steady prices, cured rather quiet but have sold at 8c. Green calfskins taken as before; cured nominally unchanged. Pelts have made a further advance and closed at 30 to 35c. for the best green, with offerings small. Prices of lamb-skins have risen to 40 to 45c. for the best green, but the rise is by no means satisfactory

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