

LEATHER.—The amount of sales this week has not been very large, and quotations are firm, but unchanged. French calf is steady at \$1.10 to \$1.20. Receipts of all kinds are light, and there is no surplus stock on hand.

NAVAL STORES.—An advance was looked for in spirits of Turpentine which have been in good demand at 50c., being the same rate as last week, higher prices are, however, looked for. Rosins are active at \$3.00 to \$7.00 for common to sale; Coal Tar and Pitch, \$3.00 to \$3.25 for American; Pine Pitch and Tar, \$3.50.

OILS.—Market for fish oil has been rather quiet; Cod Oil is quoted, 60c. to 62c., several lots being placed within range; Straw Seal, 59c. to 62c.; Pale Seal, 65c.; Steam refined Seal, 68c. to 72c.; Lard Oil, No. 1, \$1.05 to \$1.10; ditto, No. 2, 95c.; there is no Whale Oil in market. Petroleum is quiet with small sales at 26c. to 27c.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*—Receipts, 3,669 kegs; shipments, 2,440 kegs. Business has been active for shipping lots, which were taken readily at 20c. to 21c. *Cheese*—Receipts, 4,254 boxes; shipments, 5,505 boxes; there has been fair enquiry at last weeks rates, which are unchanged. *Pork*—Receipts, 210 brls.; shipments, 239 brls.; market has been firm all the week, but business has been very limited at last weeks quotations. *Lard*—has been quiet with small sales at 14c. *Beef*—quiet and unchanged.

RICE.—Market firmer, and sales to some extent have been made at \$3.90, and \$4.20, from fair to choice samples.

SALT.—Coarse is moving slowly at 55c. Fine is quiet at 87c. Factory filled \$1.50 to \$1.60. No wholesale transactions are reported.

TOBACCO.—A considerable deficiency in the American stock is looked for, and an advance in that market is expected; at present, the market here is unchanged, with very few large transactions taking place.

WOOL.—Market has been active and considerable sales of pulled supers are reported from 26c. to 28c., but principally at the outside quotations.

TORONTO MARKET.

The wholesale trade of the past week has not been marked by any special features of interest. Some business has been done, rather more perhaps than has been usual at the corresponding period of previous years, but there has not been any noticeable activity in any branch of trade with perhaps the single exception of provisions, in which there has been a good deal more life. The weather has been generally dry and favourable for harvesting operations, with which farmers are now everywhere busily engaged. The crop prospects, on an average, are good, and provided prices are maintained, the profit to the country will be unusually large.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Business continues fairly active, with goods moving off pretty freely. Prices are firm, and some advance is not unlikely as nearly all kinds of leather are advancing in value.

DRY-GOODS.—The seasonable inactivity which has prevailed for some time still continues without much appearance of an immediate change for the better. A few weeks, however, will now make a great change, and as harvesting generally will be finished perhaps a fortnight earlier than usual, we may look to see a good many buyers here at a correspondingly early period.

DRUGS.—Business has been very quiet, and but few changes in prices are to be noticed. *Opium*—is again lower, and may now be quoted \$9.75 to \$10, a further decline of 75c. to \$1. Last week, a printer's error made us report a decline of 50 per cent. instead of only 50c. as written.

GROCERIES.—Business has been of a somewhat irregular nature, some houses reporting a fairly active trade for the season, while others tell of

very great dullness. On the average, we presume, there cannot be said to be very much doing, and transactions are usually of a comparatively retail nature and principally to sort up stocks. *Coffee*—is quiet, and may be bought at something less than our recent quotations. *Fish*—Dry Cod is still scarce and prices are firm at quotations. Nothing doing in Herrings. *Fruit*—of all kinds is quiet, though prices are generally firm. We quote Raisins, Layers, \$2.65 to \$2.75, M.R., \$2.50 to \$2.55; Valentias, 8½c. to 8¾c.; Currants, new, 6½c. to 7c., old, 5½c. to 5¾c. *Molasses*—entirely neglected, and very difficult of sale. A steady demand exists for refined syrups, at refinery quotations. *Rice*—has been in fair demand at unchanged prices, the tendency, however, being to greater firmness. *Spices*—are in very light request and quotations are unaltered. *Sugar*—Some business has been done in grocery sorts of Cubas. Medium to bright quality at about quotations. The market is firm, holders looking for slightly higher prices. We hear of a considerable quantity held in Montreal in anticipation of an advance, and it is likely that all bright sugars as well as refined goods will show some improvement before long. For the present, however, all grades are as previously quoted. *Teas*—There has been some enquiry for lower grade Young Hysons and Japans, which are now in better supply. Choice grades of Young Hyson, however, are scarce and very difficult to obtain. The demand from the general trade is just now very light, but any round lots offering could readily be placed at full figures. *Tobacco*—is unchanged both as to price and demand.

HARDWARE.—The past week has been one of extreme dullness, and prices are without change.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The supply of *Hides* is more nearly equal to the demand, and prices remain as last quoted. *Calfskins* cured, are firm and sales reported at 12½c. *Lambskins* and *Sheepskins* are higher, 50c. being now paid.

LEATHER.—There has been a good enquiry for all kinds, but business has been limited by light receipts. An advance in *Spanish sole* is reported to have taken place in Montreal, but there has as yet been no corresponding advance here. *Upper and Harness* are in very light stock, the supply being quite unequal to the demand, and prices are fully 2c. higher. *Patna Kip Skins* have also advanced, and may now be quoted at 35c. to 40c.

LUMBER.—The past week has shown a marked decline in the Toronto shipments occasioned by the growing demand for vessels for the grain trade. Last week two millions feet only were shipped, and some uneasiness is being felt by the shippers and Railway Company owing to the scarcity of vessels and consequent accumulation of lumber at the docks. Albany prices for all grades are looking up and doubtless before another week, wholesale prices here will be higher. Shingles are in good demand at last week's prices particularly in the retail trade, the local demand being much in excess of anything before experienced here. Split shingles have entirely given place to those of sawed manufacture. Clear, \$22.00; Com., \$9.00; Culls, \$6.00; Lath, \$1.50; Shingles, No. 1, \$2.60; No. 2, \$2.25.

PAINTS AND OILS.—Business has been quiet, and prices generally are unchanged. Extra *Lard Oil* has advanced, and is now held at \$1.45; *Pale Seal* has declined 2½c. is now offered at 77½c. to 82½c.

PETROLEUM.—Business remains entirely as last reported. A fair demand for local consumption exists at unchanged prices, but no large orders whatever are being taken.

PRODUCE.—During the past week, the market for breadstuffs has been very dull and steadily declining, until now nearly the entire advance caused by the European complications has been lost. Holders, however, are not pressing to sell, and transactions have been so few and irregular that quotations are little more than nominal, buyers and sellers being a long way apart in their calculations. *Flour*—Stocks are light and holders

generally are quite unprepared to accept present obtainable prices, thinking for the most part, notwithstanding the successes which have hitherto attended the Prussian arms, that the war cannot be of very brief duration and that an upward movement in the English markets must inevitably take place before long. Meanwhile sales are of the most limited character, and made at very irregular rates. The reported sales are chiefly 300 bbls. Fancy at \$6.00 f.o.b.; 200 bbls. choice Superfine at \$5.50, and 100 bbls. Extra at Frenchman's Bay at \$5.90. Stock in store on the 15th, 7,720 bbls. *Wheat*—There has been but little doing during the week, and prices have given way considerably. At the close sales could not be effected at a very great reduction from last week's quotations. The only sale reported worth noting was of some 4,200 bush. Spring at the close at \$1.04. No transactions in Red or White. Stocks larger, being on the 15th, 118,230 bus. Fall, and 103,884 Spring. *Barley*—Has been nearly neglected, and quotations are almost nominal. Latest sales were at 68c. to 78c. Receipts of new are very light, and samples are irregular in quality. *Oats*—are weak and attract little attention. The small business passing has been at 39c. to 40c. *Peas*—Nothing doing, and prices nominal in the absence of transactions. *Rye*—nominal at 60c. *Hay*—\$11 to \$12. *Straw*—\$4 to \$7.

PROVISIONS.—There is a good deal of activity in the provision market, and prices generally are higher. *Butter* meets with an active demand, and though quotations are as previously given, all desirable lots offered meet with ready sale at outside prices. *Cheese* is in request, and sells freely at 12c. to 13c. to meet the ordinary consumptive demand. Stocks at the factories have been pretty much cleared out at from 11c. to 11½c. *Eggs* are dull; lots coming in are generally in bad order, and sellers forced to take whatever they get. Nothing doing in shipping lots. *Pork* is in very limited supply. *Bacon* and *Hams* are active and changed hands at advanced quotations. *Dressed Hogs* are beginning to come in, and the few arriving are taken at \$7.50 to \$9 for medium to heavy. *Lard* is in demand, selling readily at 13½c. to 14c. for kegs, chiefly for local consumption. Stock is not large, and held in few hands.

SALT.—No change to note in prices or demand, sales being chiefly confined to retail lots.

WOOL.—The market is quiet, and receipts have greatly fallen off. Such lots as offer are principally taken at 29c. Selected clothing qualities would fetch 30c., but there is little or none coming forward.

MONEY.—Sterling Exchange, 60 days' sight, or 75 days' date, 110½. Gold drafts on New York 4 premium. Currency drafts on New York and Greenbacks, 84½ to 85½. American silver, large 5½ to 6½; small 6 to 10 discount. Gold in New York has not varied much during the week, declining to 116½, but rallying a little and closing at 117½.

FREIGHTS.—Grain 2c., greenbacks to Oswego, and 2c. gold to Kingston by sailing vessel; from Kingston to Montreal, by barge 4½c. Steamers have advanced, but freights offering more abundantly. We quote for flour, 15c. to Kingston; 17½c. to Brockville and Prescott, 25c. to Montreal, and 20c. gold to Oswego and Ogdensburg. Apples are taken at 30c. per brl. to Montreal. Railway rates are without change. Per G. W. Railway:—Flour, from Detroit to Toronto 35c. per brl.; grain, 18c. per 100 lbs. From Sarnia, 30c. per brl.; grain 15c. per 100 lbs. From the Suspension Bridge, 25c.; grain, 13c. In consequence of the war, ocean freights are at present so uncertain that reliable quotations can not be given. Should the war continue, a very considerable advance may be looked for, as homeward rates from New York have already very greatly advanced. The following are the current rates of the Grand Trunk Railway: to Halifax 75c. for flour and 38c. for grain; to St. John 75c. flour, 38c. grain. The