FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19.

ENGLISH GRAIN TRADE LAST WEEK.

A leading Liverpool grain circular of Friday reviews the trade of the preceding week as follows:—"The wheat markets during the past week have been firm, but the demand was inactive, buyers acting cautiously, pending the crisis in France and the East. On the spot, and in the neighbouring districts, since Tuesday, there has been a tolerably fair business in wheat and maize, at that day's prices. At this market, to-day, there was a moderate consumptive demand for wheat, generally at the currencies of Tuesday, but spring was in some cases 1d per cental cheaper. Flour was slow and unaltered. For corn there was less than the usual demand. The last quotations were barely supported."

ENGLISH GRAIN AVERAGES.

According to the official returns, the sales of English wheat in the 150 principal markets of England and Wales amounted during the week ended November 24, to 39,524 quarters, against 50,713 quarters last year; and in the whole kingdom it is estimated that they were 158,200 quarters, against 203,000 quarters. Since harvest the deliveries in the 150 principal markets have amounted to 617,957 quarters, against 694,520 quarters; and in the whole kingdom it is computed that they have been 2,472,000 quarters, against 2,778,100 quarters in the corresponding period of last year. The deficiency amounts, therefore, to 306,000 quarters, and a comparison of the produce is, in addition, unfavourable to the current year. Without reckoning the supplies furnished ex granary, it is computed that the following quantities of wheat and flour have been placed upon the British markets since last harvest:—

	1877. Cwt.	1876. Cwt.	1875. Cwt.
Imports of wheat	15,307,446	9,407,005	17,593,869
Imports of flour	1,794,121	1,565,666	1,540,449
Sales of home-grown produce	10,711,500	12,038,500	10,708,000
Total	27,813,067	23,011,171	29,842,318
Deduct exports of wheat and flour	567,727	317,604	74,418
Result	27,245,340	22,693,567	29,767,900
Average prices English wheat for the season	55s. 4d.	47s.	47s. 3d.

MOVEMENT OF BARLEY.

Receipts of barley at lake ports from the opening of the harvest year to the 8th inst., have amounted 6,064,523 bushels against 5,222,125 bushels in the corresponding period last year; receipts at Buffalo and Oswego in the same time have been 5,053,536 bushels against 4,263,351 bushels last year; and those at seaboard ports have been 5,890,271 bushels, against 4,787,525 bushels last year. The export clearances from seaboard ports for the week have been 243,118 bush., vs. 194,816 bushels the previous week. The exports from New York from Sept. 1 to Dec. 8 were 1,224,806 bushels, and those from Montreal 751,000 bushels. Stocks at New York in store and afloat on the 8th inst. were 2,090,700 bushels, and the visible supply Dec. 8, 1877, was 4,704,757 bushels, vs. 5,262,009 bushels the previous week, 4,397,701 bushels Dec. 9, 1876, and 2,632,067 bushels Dec. 11, 1875.

NEW YORK BREADSTUFFS MARKET.

The N. Y. *Bulletin* of Thursday reviews the state of the above market during the preceding week as follows:—The market for the whole list of breadstuffs the past week has been on the upward incline under the stimulus of purely local and speculative influences, as regards the chief staples of speculation, wheat and corn, the stocks of which are so completely in the hands of two or three parties as to be wholly under their control, and, as they are the owners as well as receivers of it, they are using their whole resources to advance prices. The speculative interest outside of the large holders is small and steadily growing smaller, as no one dares sell wheat or corn short, however much too high they may be, when he will be obliged to buy of these parties to cover his contracts or bring from the West by rail. On the other hand, the further up prices are forced without export markets responding, the more dangerous it is for speculators to go long, hoping to make a profit, as there are contingencies liable to arise at any hour in Europe that will seriously affect the values of both these staples. Should peace be arranged between the Eastern European Powers then corn and wheat would both be let out from the Black Sea so freely as to control the prices of these staples during the balance of the winter or the close of navigation. This movement would be as much larger than usual at this season, as the financial necessities of both Turkey and Russia are greater than before, owing to the war and the prolonged blockade of the Black Sea. So great are these that there is no doubt, in the event of peace, that these staples would be rushed upon the British and Continental markets at whatever price they would command. This would virtually shut us out of their markets, except at competing prices, which would of course be much below the present range of values. On the other hand, should the arrogance of Russia be increased by her latest successes and demand as conditions of peace those which Great Britain has declared officially in advance that she will not permit, then the opposite influences would intervene to still further enhance values, and speculation would at once seize upon the prospect of England's involvement in the war, with the contingency of a general European war, which would then no doubt be again discounted, as it was last spring. Thus it will be seen that the future of the markets is not wholly devoid of risks that men of small means are not willing to assume; and the prospect is that these large holders will have the market all to themselves, except so far as shippers' necessities upon a hand-to-mouth policy require them to buy. In this state of the market prices will be marked up or down to suit the interests of these speculative holders. Should, however, any decisive developments occur soon in European politics, as now appears more probable than ever, this state of affairs may be as suddenly changed also, and we may see either a decline or a steady market held up without business or a sharp speculative advance. The latter contingency appears much less probable than the former, judging from the latest advices from Europe and the tone of the leading English journals upon the situation as changed by the late Turkish reverses. This is all there is to be said of the position of corn and wheat; with rye and flour in sympathy so soon as the advance in these staples shall be equalized with that in wheat. There has been very large business in shipping flours the week past at prices at which they cannot be reproduced, and the supply became so reduced at the close that an advance of 10 to 25c was established on all the lower grades, while trade brands were more steady, with high grades neglected and weak, being relatively too high.

Barley has been again active on home and export account at full former prices, and in some cases more.

The following is the official report of the Toronto Stock Exchange, Dec. 19th, 1877:—

Banks.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Trans.
Montreal	158	157	......
Toronto	141	139	......
Ontario	97	96½	......
Merchants'	....	65	......
Commerce	115	114½	ex div.
Consolidated	78½	77½	......
Dominion	....	121	......
Hamilton	100	....	......
Standard	76	75	ex div.
Federal	101	100½	......
Imperial	....	102	ex div.
Molson's	....	....	......
Loan and Savings Co's.			
Canada Permanent	....	175	......
Freehold	....	141	......
Western Canada	....	144	......
Union	135	134	......
Canada Landed Credit	....	130	ex div.
Building and Loan	119	117	ex div.
Imperial	....	106	ex div.
Farmers'	110	109	......
London and C. L. and Agency Company	132	129	......
Huron and Erie	....	....	......
Dominion Savings and Investment Society	....	....	......
Ont. Sav. and Inv. Soc.	....	....	......
Hamilton Prov. and L.	....	....	......
Insurance, &c.			
British America	116	....	......
Western	141	140	......
Isolated Risk	75	....	......
Canada Life	....	....	......
Consumers' Gas	....	136	......
Dominion Telegraph	85	....	......
Railways.			
Toronto G. & B. Stock	....	....	......
6 p. c. 5 yrs. stg. Bonds	....	....	......
T. & N. 8 p. c. 5 yr. Bonds	55	....	......
Debentures, &c.			
Dom. Gov. stock, 6 p. c.	....	100	......
Dom. Gov. stock, 5 p. c.	....	99	......
County (Ont.) 20 y, 6 p. c.	101	....	......
Tn'p (Ont.) 20 y. 6 p. c.	96½	....	......
City Toronto 20 y. 6 p. c.	....	98½	......

BUSINESS PROSPECTS.

The Montreal *Herald* of Tuesday has the following remarks on the prospects of Canadian trade during the coming year:—There are, we consider, indications, that 1878 will bring for us an improved condition of mercantile affairs, and that the dark cloud which has so long overshadowed the commercial horizon, will at last begin to break and show us at least a portion of that silver lining which is popularly supposed to lie concealed in every cloud. Though failures, and some of them of a character that cannot be claimed as anything but fraudulent, are unhappily still too common in all branches of trade, they are in the main the outcome of the long credit system which prevailed in times of wild and exciting prosperity, but which is now to a great extent dying out, partly owing to the good sense of the business community, who were not slow in perceiving where a great portion of the evil lay, and partly owing to the necessities of the times, which have made a system of shorter credit, if not a cash basis, an actual necessity. Recent failures then may be regarded as the elimination of the decayed and decaying leaves from the plant, which will bloom with renewed vigour when rid of their encumbrance. Though trade and commerce are at present unusually quiet, and no great results are at present apparent, yet we believe there is a gradual return of that confidence which is one of the strongest ties that bind together the various elements of the commercial whole. Under these circumstances, it becomes the duty of every business man to do his best to assist in the revival of an improved condition of affairs. Let each exercise due caution in his particular branch of trade. Do not sell goods to any but those who you are sure can and will pay you; in dealing with unstable firms, you not only run the risk of losing your own money, but you help to load the country with that incubus of bankrupt stock which has done so much to fetter legitimate enterprise and cripple the resources of the country. It is better to do no trade than a losing one, for at least you have your stock remaining to you, but, by selling to non-paying houses, both goods and money are lost. A system of prudence and caution may have a repressing influence on the volume of trade, but it will confine the stream of commerce within its banks, and prevent a recurrence of that overflow which washed down so many paper houses that, in their turn, have involved in ruin establishments of former strength and stability. With a better system we can look forward to better times.

English Markets.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19.

London—Floating cargoes—Wheat, at opening, the market seems improving; corn, the market seems improving; cargoes on passage and for shipment—Wheat, at opening, the turn dearer; corn, firm; quotations of fair average quality No. 2 Chicago spring wheat, for shipment during the present month and following one, per sail to Queenstown, for orders, per 480 lbs., American terms, 50s to 50s 6d; quotations of good cargoes mixed American corn, off the coast, per 480 lbs., tale quale, less usual 2½ per cent. commission, 30s 3d. Imports into the United Kingdom during the past week:—Wheat, 280,000 to 285,000; corn, 85,000 to 90,000 qrs.; flour, 85,000 to 90,000 bbls. Liverpool—Wheat, on the spot, at opening, quiet; corn, strong.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

WEDNESDAY, December 19.

PRODUCE.

There cannot be said to have been any improvement in the condition of this market since our last; indeed appearances point rather the other way. Buyers have been holding off, and orders have been cancelled very generally, apparently under the influence of the opinion that the war in the east is about to reach a close. The approach of Christmas has, also, tended to check trade, as a great many have this week begun to make arrangements for their holidays and been unwilling to trouble themselves much more with buying and selling just now. To these there may be added a third deterrent in the shape of a very dull market in Montreal, and indeed in most other quarters; though the feeling outside seems to show some symptoms of a slight improvement to-day. Changes in English markets during the week have been few and insignificant, and are comprised in a fall of 2d on club wheat; of 6d on corn, and 3d on peas. Imports into the United Kingdom were considerably less last week than for a long time before. Further cable advices report the total supply of flour and wheat in the week ending on the 8th inst. as being equal to 582,500 to 610,625 qrs. vs. 406,000 to 411,000 qrs. consumption, indicating a surplus over consumption of 166,500 to 199,625 qrs. The supply of maize for the week was equal to 1,440,000 to 1,480,000 bush., against an average weekly consumption in 1876 of 1,320,000 bushels, against 771,078 bushels in 1875. The cable of the 13th inst. reports the amount of wheat and flour on passage for the United Kingdom at that date, as equal to 1,024,000 qrs, showing a decrease of 128,000 qrs during the week, against 1,265,000 qrs on the 22nd ult, and 2,099,000 at the corresponding date last year. In these figures the shipments from Baltic ports are not included, but *Beerbohm* says that there may be estimated to be at present on passage to the United Kingdom from Baltic ports about 100,000 qrs. Expected arrivals of wheat at ports of call from November 29 to December 29 are stated at 153,000 qrs comprising nil qrs from the Azov Sea; nil qrs from the Black Sea; nil qrs from the Danube; 120,000 qrs from American Atlantic ports; 5,000 qrs from Egypt; 15,000 qrs from California, and 13,000 qrs from Chili and Australia. English markets have been dull during last fortnight. Of late the dulness seems to have been due to buyers holding off in fear of changes in the political situation; but cable advices state that previously to last week offerings of English wheat in Mark Lane were light, though the supplies were more liberal at some of the country markets, the quality of the grain in all cases being inferior, owing to the saturated state of the atmosphere. Barley had been thrashed out freely, and until a late date sold freely at remunerative prices. Dull weather and proximity to the end of the year, exercised their usual quieting effect upon the corn trade. Millers confined their operations to a supply of their immediate requirements, which were not large; but holders evinced no desire to press sales. The latest continental advices our readers will see elsewhere. On this side of the water markets have been generally quiet. It is true that prices have varied from day to day in the western markets, but the total change during the week has been small. Chicago quotations for January stood to-day at $1.08⅜ against $1.08⅞ on this day week. New York has been dull with prices weak and declining. There has been very little demand for export, in consequence of fears of peace being concluded and the rumours of large stocks of grain being held in Russia which have been circulated of late. Deliveries of wheat have began to fall off somewhat. Those at seaboard ports in the week ending on the 8th inst. were 873,212 bush, against 2,069,299 bush the previous week, and 924,211 bush the corresponding week in 1876; and since Sept. 1st., 1877, 32,094,190 bush, against 12,515,592 bush the corresponding period in 1876; and the export clearances from thence for the week were 824,547 bush, against 914,409 bush the previous week, and for the last eight weeks 13,167,638 bush, against 4,292,382 bush the corresponding eight weeks in 1876. The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports, at the undermentioned dates:—

	1877. Dec. 3.	1877. Dec. 1.	1876. Dec. 9.	1875. Dec. 11.
Wheat, bu.	16,397,158	11,563,573	10,398,443	16,586,389
Corn	7,524,171	6,751,792	6,856,314	3,049,983
Oats	3,573,267	4,054,379	2,952,173	3,567,077
Barley	4,704,757	5,262,009	4,397,701	2,632,687
Rye	613,072	705,933	515,689	268,249
Total bu.	24,717,425	28,337,686	24,912,329	26,303,765

The following table shows the top price of the different kinds of produce in the Liverpool markets for each market day during the past week:—

	Dec. 13, 5 p.m. s. d.	Dec. 14, 5 p.m. s. d.	Dec. 15, 5 p.m. s. d.	Dec. 17, 5 p.m. s. d.	Dec. 18, 5 p.m. s. d.	Dec. 19, 5 p.m. s. d.
Flour	32 0	32 0	32 0	32 0	32 0	32 0
R. Wheat	11 2	11 0	11 0	11 0	11 0	11 0
R. Winter	11 6	11 6	11 6	11 6	11 6	11 6
White	12 11	12 11	12 11	12 11	12 6	12 6
Club	13 4	13 3	13 3	13 3	13 3	13 2
Corn, new	29 9	29 9	29 9	29 9	29 6	29 3
Barley	3 6	3 6	3 6	3 6	3 6	3 6
Oats	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0
Peas	37 0	37 0	37 0	36 9	36 9	36 9
Pork	56 0	56 0	56 0	56 0	56 0	56 0
Lard	43 0	43 0	43 0	42 9	42 9	42 9
Beef	86 0	86 0	86 6	86 0	86 6	86 6
Bacon	36 6	36 0	36 0	35 0	35 0	35 0
Tallow	40 0	40 0	40 0	40 0	40 0	40 0
Cheese	64 0	64 0	64 0	64 0	64 0	64 0

FLOUR—The market has been quiet, with a slack demand and prices rather weak, but not showing any considerable decline. The higher grades have been rather scarce, and all of them offering wanted. Superior extra sold on Friday at $5.75 and $5.85, and on Monday at $5.80 f.o.c. Extra has been scarce, and sold last week at $5.45 f.o.c. Fancy has been easier; sales were made last week at $5.15 f.o.c and equal to $5.10 here, and on Tuesday at equal to $5.05. Spring extra has been quiet; it sold last week at $4.85 f.o.c. Superfine on one occasion went off at $4.50. The market yesterday was inactive; the only grade wanted was extra, and one lot of it sold at $5.40 on track. Other grades were nominal at quotations.

BRAN—Has been scarce and firm, but inactive with buyers at $11 to $11.50.

OATMEAL—Has been quiet, with no sales reported of car-lots, but prices steady at $4.15 to $4.25. Small lots are firmer at $4.50 to $5, the latter price being for choice.

WHEAT—The market has been dull and inactive with a downward tendency in prices; but in the absence of transactions it is impossible to say how far the decline extends. The only movement reported has been the sale of a few cars of No. 2 spring last week at $1.09 f.o.c. The market to-day remained quiet, closing at a decline of one to two cents from last week's prices; values stood, as well as can be judged in the absence of transactions, at quotations. On the street fall sold at $1.20 to $1.26, and spring at $1.05 to $1.11.

OATS—Have remained inactive and unchanged in value; a few cars of American have sold at 38c on track, which price was paid to-day. Canadian have not been offered, but are worth 33 to 34c. Street prices 34 to 37c.

BARLEY—A steady demand at firm prices prevailed in the latter part of last week, but it seems since to have fallen off and prices to have become rather easier. One lot of six cars of choice No. 1 sold on Friday at 70c f.o.c. and on Saturday ten cars lying outside sold at equal to 67c here. No. 2 of heavy weight brought 60c f.o.b., on Thursday and Friday, and on Saturday 58 and 59c on track. On Monday the market was easier with sales of cars of No. 2 inspected at 59c and 60c f.o.c. There was no movement reported on Tuesday or to-day, nor would previous prices have been repeated. No. 1 would not have brought over 67c, or No. 2 over 58 to 59c. On street 55 to 68c was paid.

PEAS—There has been no change in the market; buyers would pay 64c for No. 2 and 66c for No. 1 inspected f.o.c., but there have been none offered. Street receipts small; prices range from 65 to 68c.

CORN—Has been easier; one car sold last week at 48c and another on Tuesday at 49½c on track.

RYE—Is unchanged at 60c on street.

HAY—The demand for pressed has been slack in consequence of large receipts on the market; still a couple of cars have sold at $16 on track. The market has been abundantly supplied and prices have declined. The range to-day was from $14 to $17 and the general run about $16.

STRAW—Receipts have been probably sufficient though all offering has sold but at rather easier prices; oat-straw has sold usually at $11 to $13; rye-straw about $10 to $11; loose has not been offered but is worth about $8 to $9.

POTATOES—Have remained inactive: there has been nothing doing in car-lots nor would they bring over 52c on track; small lots have been easy at 65c. Street receipts have been large and prices weak at 60 to 65c per bag.

APPLES—Car-lots continue to be wanted at $3, but are not to be got. Street receipts are small, and sell readily at $2 to $3,50, the latter for choice greenings.

MUTTON—Large quantities have been offered on the street and selling at from $4 to $5 per cental, the latter for good lamb only.

POULTRY—Offerings on the street were very large in the latter part of last week, but they have since decreased; prices range widely according to quality. Turkeys close steady at from 60c to $1.25, the general run being 75c to 90. Geese have ranged from 40c to 60c for choice. Ducks have been easier at 50 to 65c, according to quality. Fowl have usually sold at 35 to 45c per pair, but inferior in lots sell at 25 to 30c. Boxed lots have come in with a rush and are selling at a decline. Turkeys and ducks very seldom bring over 6½ to 7c or fowl and geese over 5c per lb.

FLOUR, f.o.c.

Superior Extra, per 196 lbs	$5 75 to	$5 85
Extra	5 40	5 45
Fancy and Strong Bakers'	5 05	5 10
Spring Wheat, extra	4 80	4 90
Superfine	4 50	4 60
Oatmeal, per 196 lbs	4 15	4 25
Cornmeal, small lots	2 90	3 00

BAG FLOUR, by car lot f.o.c.

Extra	$5 00 to	$5 10
Spring Wheat extra	4 60	4 70

GRAIN, f.o.b.

Fall Wheat, No. 1, per 60 lbs	1 27	1 28
No. 2	1 25	1 26
No. 3	1 15	1 16
Red Winter		none.
Spring Wheat, No. 1	1 10	1 12
No. 2	1 07	1 09
No. 3	1 03	1 05
Oats (Canadian) per 34 lbs	0 33	0 34
Barley, No. 1, per 48 lbs	0 67	0 68
No. 2	0 58	0 60
No. 3		none.
Peas, No. 1, per 60 lbs	0 66	0 00
No. 2	0 64	0 00
Rye	0 60	0 62

PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGGONS.

Wheat, fall, per bush	$1 20	$1 26
Wheat, spring, do	1 05	1 12
Barley, do	0 55	0 68
Oats, do	0 34	0 37
Peas, do	0 64	0 68
Rye, do	0 60	0 00
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs	5 00	5 25
Beef, hind qrs. per 100 lbs		none.
Mutton, by carcase, per 100 lbs		none.
Chickens, per pair	0 25	0 40
Ducks, per brace	0 50	0 65
Geese, each	0 40	0 60
Turkeys	0 60	1 00
Butter, lb. rolls	0 22	0 23
" large rolls		none.
" tub dairy	0 16	0 18
Eggs, fresh, per doz	0 22	0 23
" packed		none.
Apples, per bbl	2 00	3 50
Potatoes, per bag	0 60	0 65
Onions, per bush	0 75	0 80
Tomatoes, per bush		none.
Turnips, per bag	0 35	0 00
Carrots, per bag	0 35	0 40
Beets, per bag	0 40	0 60
Parsnips, per bag	0 55	0 60
Hay, per ton	10 00	18 00
Wool, per lb	0 30	0 31

PROVISIONS.

TRADE—Has been exceedingly dull in almost all its branches.

BUTTER—There has been no improvement perceptible since our last. There are no buyers in the market save for local consumption, and prices even of the finest are weak. It is improbable that the best selections would now bring over 16c, and good store butter has been offered and sold in the city at 13 to 14c. Box-butter has continued to offer freely, and is selling slowly, very seldom bringing anything over 15c. Street receipts have fallen off, and prices have been firmer at 22c for pound rolls and 16 to 18c for choice tubs and crocks. English advices report no improvement in the home markets.

CHEESE—Remains inactive and entirely unchanged at 12½ to 13½c for small lots, which are selling only slowly.

EGGS—Receipts have been on the increase and are probably equal to the wants of buyers; lots usually sell at 17c, but complaints are heard of their bad quality. Street receipts are small and prices firm at 22c.

PORK—Has been very quiet; a few small lots have sold at $16, at which price more could be had and large lots probably 50c lower.

BACON—Has been very quiet indeed; scarcely any enquiry has been heard, and sales have been limited to very small lots. Prices also seem to be tending downwards. Long-clear can be had at 8 to 8½c, and Cumberland at 7¼ to 7½c; rolls and bellies are also easier, and selling at 10 to 10½c, but sales of all have been very small indeed.

HAMS—There have been some sales of small lots made at 10½ to 11c for smoked, and at 9c for hams in pickle, but the total sales have been very small.

LARD—An active demand has been maintained for small lots, and all offering has found a ready sale at 10½ to 11 for tinnets and pails, and 9½ to 9¾c for tierces.

HOGS—Receipts have been on the increase and are fully equal to the wants of buyers. Prices have declined 10 to 20c, and in face of the enormous receipts and weak prices in the Western States are expected to decline still more.

SALT—Has shown no change, but remained quiet but steady at 85c to $1 for Liverpool coarse, at $1.80 for dairy, and at $15 per ton for Cagliari. Goderich has also been quiet and unchanged at 95c to $1 per barrel.

DRIED APPLES—The demand has been fairly well maintained and sales have been of fair amount. Prices are steady, usually at 7 to 7½c, though some extra qualities are held at 8c.

HOPS—Remains as dull as ever, the best qualities being offered at 8 to 9c, and second-class at 5c without finding buyers.

CATTLE.

TRADE—Has been active, but probably less so than is usual at this season.

BEEVES—Receipts have been very large and rather in excess of the wants of buyers, but qualities have not been equal to those usually offered at Christmas markets, and an abundant supply and comparatively poor qualities, have kept prices low. Choice fancy Christmas cattle have sold as high as $6.50 to $7, and the qualities usually known as extra at about $5.50 to $5.75, with sales small. Good first-class have been in demand and readily taken at $4.75 to $5, but with enough of them offering. Second-class have been abundant, quiet, and steady at $3.75 to $4. Third-class remain unchanged at $3 to $3.25, with quite enough offering. The abundant supply in this market seems to be matched by that elsewhere. Montreal advices report very large receipts.

SHEEP—The market has been well supplied, and the enquiry has not been very active, as large receipts of dressed mutton on the street have furnished other means of supply. Christmas sheep have sold as high as $7.50 to $8, with the demand rather slack. First-class have sold readily and at firm prices, the range being $5.50 to $6.50, or about $4.25 per cental, live weight. Second-class have been quiet and unchanged at $4.25 to $4.75, and third-class neglected at $3 to $3.50.

LAMBS—Have been offered freely, and have continued to sell readily at steady prices, although there has probably been enough in. Very choice selected have brought as high as $5. First-class have been steady, and selling readily at $4.25 to $4.50, but must dress 50 lbs to bring these prices. Second-class, or droves remaining after the first pick, have been quiet but firm at $3 to $3.50. And third-class, or culls, have been quiet at $2 to $2.50. A lot of 73 sheep and lambs sold at $4.25; a lot of 105 lambs, dressing 50 lbs, at $4.07.

CALVES—There have been a few choice Christmas calves sold at $9 to $10 per cental; but scarcely anything has been done in other qualities. Prices of these remain firm at $8 to $10 for first-class, dressing not under 120 lbs, and at $4.50 to $6.50 for second-class, dressing 80 to 110 lbs. Inferior are utterly unsalable.

HOGS—The market has continued to be well supplied but with buyers for all offering at unchanged prices, the range being from $4 to $4.25.

HIDES, SKINS, AND WOOL.

TRADE—Has remained very quiet and seems likely to continue so till the end of the year, as at this season dealers are not anxious to buy.

HIDES—All the green offering are wanted and readily taken at previous prices. Cured go off readily in small lots at 8¾ to 9c, mostly at 8¾c.

CALFSKINS—Remain nominally unchanged at former prices.

SHEEPSKINS—No regular advance has been made in prices; but qualities will vary so much during the next fortnight that prices must be unsettled each being bought according to quality. There was one large lot of 6,500 skins sold for the States on p. t.

WOOL—Has shown no change during the week; offerings are large but as stocks are the same and the demand from factories is slack dealers hold off from buying. Fleece is nominal at 30 to 31c. Super is offered at 25 to 27c with buyers at a cent less. Combing is purely nominal.

TALLOW—Is abundant and again easier; rendered is now selling at 7c, and rough is unchanged at 4½c.

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Foreign Grain Markets.

FRANCE.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—Notwithstanding the fine weather, the attendance at the weekly corn market was not very large, and the moderate offers of farmers' wheat is explained by the fact of their selling a fair proportion of their produce in their respective local markets. Merchants' samples are no longer so freely exhibited. The reduction in commercial marks flour rendered millers very reserved, who would only operate at a decline of 50c., and sellers appeared somewhat disposed to grant this concession on medium and ordinary grades.

HUNGARY.

PESTH, Nov. 24.—The wheat trade was dull at the opening of the week, in consequence of strong offers, and prices were depressed 10kr. to 20kr. However, in the second half of the se'nnight, through large purchases, values recovered the decline, and closed at the previous week's limits. Rye was unaltered on the se'nnight. Barley was somewhat firm. Oats supported values, and with a weak inquiry for maize prices somewhat drooped.

HOLLAND.

ROTTERDAM, Nov. 26.—At this day's market the supply of white Zealand wheat was moderate, with a fair demand for the better sorts, quotations according to value ranging from 300fl to 310fl. Home-grown red was inactive. Foreign, from firmer advices abroad, was less depressed in value, and sales rather limited. Rye was firm, and with a tolerably fair inquiry for the Rhenish and inland Provinces.

EGYPT.

ALEXANDRIA, Nov. 17.—Grain—Without any export business having been possible since our last advices, our grain market remains unchanged and in exactly the same position as last reported, and the only transactions to note in wheat are what small lots have changed hands among our dealers. Beans are unaltered, with a quiet demand, but at steady prices, and as to lentils the good local consumptive inquiry makes quotations very steady and dearer.

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ORAN, Nov. 21.—Since my last report we have had a great deal of rain, which has done a considerable amount of good, and has enabled all the colonists to push on with their ploughing. The rain has been general in all three departments of the colony, and the best results are expected from it.

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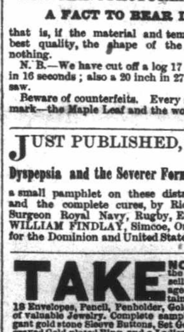

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