

the demand has been light and buyers are evidently holding back in expectation of still lower prices, Scotch has been selling at $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$; according to colors; American sugars also show a decline in price, granulated $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $9\frac{3}{4}$; extra C. yellows $8\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{3}{4}$; *Raw*s are dull and neglected the nominal price is $8\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{3}{4}$; *Molasses* are not much enquired but as stocks are concentrated holders are firm *Barbadoes* 45 to 47c; *Trinidad* 40 to 42c; *Syrups* are unchanged. *Rice*.—Holders are still asking \$4.50 but buyers are holding off; we quote it \$4.35 to 4.50 according to sample. *Spices*.—There is only a small jobbing demand within the range of last week's quotations. *Fruit*, notwithstanding low prices, meets with very little demand. Sales have been of a very meagre description and are within our reduced quotations. *Layer raisins*, \$1.55 to 1.00; loose *Muscatsels*, \$1.80 to 1.85; *London* 0.00; *Valencians*, $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 6c; *Seedless*, $6\frac{1}{2}$ to 7c; *Currants*, 6 to $6\frac{1}{2}$ c. *Figs*, 10 to 12c, according to size of box. *Tarragona almonds*, 11 to 14c; *Filberts*, $6\frac{1}{2}$ to 8c; *Brazil nuts*, 6 to 7c; *Walnuts*, 8 to 9c. *Salt*.—Very little doing, but holders are firm, asking 80 to 85c for coaise, and \$1.00 to 1.10 for factory filled.

HIDES AND PELTS.—There is no demand at present, and our quotations are unchanged, the same remark applies to sheep and lambskins.

HARDWARE.—Since the date of our last report there has been no change of any account to notice in this branch of trade; merchants are all busy stock taking, and little activity is expected until after the holidays; prices remain unchanged.

LEATHER.—There has been a little better demand the past week for some lines, notably slaughter sole pebble and light splits. Spanish sole is in large supply and for ordinary stock prices favor buyers. Upper is very dull and harness sells only in a retail way. Prices on the whole are steady, and unchanged. We quote *Hemlock Spanish Sol* No. 1. B. A., 23 to 25c; do. No. 2, B. A. 21 to 22c; *Zanzibar Ordinary* No. 1 21 to 22c; do. No. 2 19 to 20c; *Buffalo Sole* No. 1, 20 to 21c; do. No. 2, 18 to 19c; *Hemlock Slau hter* No. 1, 25 to 27c; *Waxed Upper* light and medium 35 to 40c; do. heavy 34 to 37c; *Grained* 34 to 39c; *Splits* large, 28 to 32c; do. small 21 to 27c; *Calfskins* 27 to 36 lbs., 55 to 70c; do 18 to 26 lbs do. 50 to 60c; *Sheepskin Linings* 20 to 32c; *Harness* 26 to 32c; *Buffed cow* 14 to 15c; *Enamelled cow* 17 to 18c; *Patent Cow* 16 to 18c; *Pebbled Cow* 14 to 16c; *Rough Leather* 24 to 27c.

OILS.—*Petroleum*.—There is not much doing here in this article at present. Stocks, however, are pretty low and prices are firm at $17\frac{1}{2}$ to 21c according to size of lots. The market for fish oils is quiet and unchanged, but on the whole, firm, are well maintained. We quote *cod oil*, Newfoundland, 55c; ditto, Halifax, 52c; *Seal oil*, pale, 52c; ditto, straws, 50c; ditto, steam refined, 60c. *Linseed oil*, raw, 65 to 67c; ditto, boiled, 68 to 71c; *Olive*, 95 to \$1.10; *Palm*, $8\frac{1}{2}$ to 9 per lb.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*.—Receipts 1567 pkgs.; shipments, 5489 pkgs; market has been dull and inactive all week, and sales are difficult to effect except at a sacrifice, which holders are unwilling to make, quotations are almost nominal at 11 to 19c; for a carload of cheese; *Morrisburg butter* 18c was offered yesterday but refused. *Cheese* receipts 1457 boxes, shipments 1,817 boxes. The market has been steady and some business done in small shipping parcels at $11\frac{1}{2}$ to $12\frac{1}{2}$ c. *Pork*.—Receipts, 709 brls.; shipments 63 brls., market quiet and easier, Mess Pork \$15.50 to 16.25 according to brand; thin mess \$15.00, *Lard* $10\frac{1}{2}$ to 11c. *Tallow* in barrels 9c. ditto in the rough 5 to $5\frac{1}{2}$ c.

RAW FURS.—The mild weather seems to in-

terfere with the catch this season, or else the catch is small as very few skins are coming in, only a few minks once in a while coming to hand, our quotations are still as follows, and no change is looked for in the immediate future *Otter* \$4.00 to 7.00; *Fisher* \$5.00 to 7.00; *Mink* dark prime \$1.25 to 2.00; ditto pale \$1.00; *Martin* \$1.00 to 1.10; *Bear*, \$3.00 to 8.00; according to size; *Red Fox* \$1.00 to 1.25; *Cross Fox* \$2.00 to 3.00 *Silver Fox* \$20.00 to 40.00; *Muskrat* fall 12c; ditto kitts 5c; *Lynx* \$1.00 to 1.50; *Skunk* 30 to 50c; *Raccoon* 10 to 30c.

WOOL.—Market is in buyers favor, a good number of small sales are taking place of Canada pulled at 25 to 27c.

TORONTO MARKETS

Toronto, Dec. 13th, 1877.

The week has been a dull one for wholesale people in most departments. Retailers have, however, been tolerably busy, for which some account by citing the September-like weather. Even if this were true, it is certain that, outside the cities and large towns, the bad state of the roads prevent activity amongst storekeepers.

Money is fairly plentiful, and can be had on sound names at easy rates. The stock market is meanwhile a good deal upset. Failures in Montreal and elsewhere have depressed the prices of bank stock. An insurance company has suspended, which does that sort of security no good, and investors do not care for anything at present, but building society shares, which are in demand.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Trade is very quiet, country orders are small and, this week, few. Some of the factories have closed down and are stock-taking. The "lasters," to the number of twenty-two, in Messrs. King & Brown's factory have struck against a reduction of the prices paid on some lines in this department, which are alleged to be double the figures paid for the same work in Montreal. Messrs. Sessions, Cooper & Smith had a similar difficulty with their hands, but made concessions to them and so got them to resume.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The stocks in store of flour are but 100 brls., less than last week, being 14,251 brls., against 14,351 brls., last week and 4,623 on corresponding date of 1876. There has been very little doing for the past week, sales of Extra and Superfine have been made at last week's figures, and rather more spring Extra has moved, but at a slight decline from previous quotations, we now quote \$4.80 to 4.90 at which the grade is not over firm. We hear of no transactions in superior extra, it is in demand but none offers. Some round lots of fancy sold at \$5.10 to 5.15. *Oatmeal* is steady at former quotations, and not much offering. *Cornmeal* unchanged.

FREIGHTS.—*Grand Trunk Rates*.—An advance has taken place on flour and grain this week, they are now as follows:—Flour to Kingston 25c per barrel; Gananoque to Prescott 30c; Edwardsburgh to Montreal 35c; St. Lambert to St. Johns 45c; to St. Hyacinthe 50c; St. Leobise to Lennoxville 55c; Waterville to Coaticook 60c; Danville to Duckett's Landing 60c; to Point Lewis 62c; Cacouna to Metapedia 75c; to St. John 75c; all other points on the Intercolonial, including Halifax, 80c; to Miramichi for Newcastle and Pictou, 80c; to St. John via Portland, 75c. *Freights on Grain* one half these rates per cental.

THROUGH RATES TO BRITAIN.—Through rates via Dominion and Beaver lines from Portland

stand this week as follows:—Flour \$1.06 per barrel, wheat 48c. per cental to Liverpool. Beef and pork in barrels, boxed meats, tallow and lard, 55c to Liverpool; butter and cheese, in lots not under 15,000 lbs., 61c. to Liverpool, and —to Glasgow, and to London, via the Allan line.—Oil cake, 50c to Liverpool. *Oatmeal*, and flour in bags to Liverpool 53c; clover seed in bags 62c.

GRAIN.—Transactions in this market during the past week have been limited. Spring wheat showed a somewhat firmer feeling for a time, but declined again. Barley advanced slightly and closed tolerably firm. Fall wheat has been dull and quotations purely nominal. Stocks in store 40,927 bush. against 39,874 bush. last week, and 56,604 bush. on 11th December last year. Some round lots of No. 1 spring changed hands during the week at \$1.13, the market closing yesterday at a cent lower. Nothing done in No. 2, which is steady at about \$1.09 to 1.10. Stocks in store are 133,034 bush. against 120,450 bush last week, and 93,783 bush. on like date last year. *Oats*.—No lots offering except from store, and what little movement was made took place within the range of our quotations. Stocks in store are 7,938 bush. against 10,999 bush. last week and 10,638 bush. on corresponding date last year. *Barley*.—Stocks in store, 150,435 bush. against 134,092 bush. last week and 435,920 bush. on corresponding date last year. A sale took place of eight cars, or Wednesday, of ordinary No. 1 at 70c. No. 2 sold at 60c on different days here, and large sales were made at outside points for export at 57 to 58c. *Peas*.—Stocks in store 7,990 bush. against 7,005 bush. last week. No transactions; prices nominally unchanged.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in store at the principal points, lake and seaboard were:—

	1877. Dec. 1.	1877. Nov. 24.	1876. Dec. 2.	1875. Dec. 1.
Wheat, bu..	11,563,273	12,873,752	9,875,936	16,474,458
Corn.....	6,751,794	7,631,463	6,831,197	3,436,433
Oats.....	4,051,379	3,982,207	2,767,184	3,531,712
Barley.....	5,262,009	5,364,035	4,032,266	2,253,239
Rye.....	705,933	751,923	597,445	465,290
Total bu..	28,337,685	30,538,383	5,575,335	26,150,734

Wheat.—Shipments from western lake and river ports for the week ending on the 1st inst were 746,627 bush, against 1,405,363 bush the previous week, and for the last four weeks, 5,780,317 bush, against 4,709,104 bush the corresponding four weeks in 1876. The deliveries at seaboard ports for the last eight weeks were, 14,372,024 bush, against 4,609,718 bush the corresponding eight weeks in 1876.

GROCERIES.—The general trade is fairly brisk, fruits, spices, and fancy groceries are in demand in anticipation of Christmas. Money is coming in well. *Fruit*.—New Valentias are selling at $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 6c; according to quality and quantity. New currants range $6\frac{1}{2}$ to 8c; those of former price being of a low grade. *Molasses* and syrups are in moderate stock and without change. *Rice* is well maintained in price. *Spices* as we have said are moving freely at unchanged quotations. *Sugars* the market is steady with a fairly good demand. The ordinary consumptive demand exists for teas and there is no change to note.

LEATHER.—There is marked quietness in the trade, a number of factories being closed, and and firms busy taking stock. Prices, which cannot now be remunerative to the tanner, and which there is a constant pressure from the tanners to raise, are kept steady by the firm attitude of the manufacturers. *Sole* is a trifle easier in Spanish, but prime slaughter is in the request at full figure. *Light upper* is also wanted and the stock moderate. There is no change in prices.

PROVISIONS.—The movement is small in all kinds of provisions, and there is no business in