

receipts from 1st January to date 103,813 bush., being a decrease of 70,707 bushels, on the shipments for the same period of 1880. No sales of wheat reported. *Peas* have been sold to a limited extent at 81 to 82c, and *Oats* at 35c. Other grains are quite nominal.

GROCERIES.—*Teas*—Matters are very quiet and prices are still in buyers' favor. Low prices are inducing small buyers to enter the market. *Japans*, *Gunpowder* and *Hysons* are unchanged. *Twankay* we now quote at 24 to 27c; common *Congou* has been selling at 20 to 25c, the range for common to fine being still 20 to 50c. *Souchong* is unchanged. *Oolong*, 17½ to 40c. *Coffee*.—There is only a jobbing demand, but prices are moderately firm as under, *Maracaibo* 18½ to 20½c; *Jamaica* 16½ to 21c; *Old Government Java* 24 to 28c; *Ceylon Plantation* 26 to 28c; *Porto Rico* 20c; *Mocha* 28c. *Sugar*.—The market is weak for white refined and we quote lower figures than last week, there is a few consumption demand for *Granulated* at 9½ to 10c; and *Grocers A.* at 9½ to 9¾c; *Yellows* are firm at 7½ to 9½c. There has been some enquiry for *Raw Sugars* holders ask 7½ to 8c; but buyers think this too high and are shy of operating. *Molasses*—The market is firm and steady with a good enquiry but not many transactions, holders ask for *Barbadoes* 45 to 46c; *Porto Rico* 44 to 45c; *Trinidad* 37 to 39c; per wine gallon. *Syrups* are in about the usual request at 3 to 4c per lbs. *Spices* are firm and we note another advance in prices of *Black and White Pepper* and all other sorts of spices are firmer but hardly quotably higher: *Black pepper* 13 to 14c; *white pepper* is from 18½ to 20c; *allspice*, 15 to 16c; *cloves*, 37 to 45c; *cassia*, 11 to 14c; *nutmegs*, 55 to 95c; *African ginger*, 6 to 7c; *Jamaica ginger*, 17 to 20c; *mace*, 60 to 70c. *Fruit*—Although there is not much demand, the market is very firm and stocks are low, especially of *Currants* and *Valencia Raisins* price of the latter is again higher, we quote *Layers* \$2.10 to \$2.20; *Loose Muscatels* \$2.20 to \$2.30; *London Layers* \$2.60 to \$2.70; *Black Basket* \$3.25 to \$3.30; *Blue Basket* \$3.65 to \$3.75; *Black Crown* \$4.00 to \$4.25; *Valencias* \$4 to 8½c; *Sultanias* 10½ to 11c; *Currants* 6½ to 7c; *Smyrna Figs* 10 to 14c; *Tarragona Almonds* 12½ to 13c; *Filberts* 7½ to 8½c; *Brasil Nuts* 7 to 8c; *Walnuts* 5½ to 11c.

Hides—are unchanged, the market is weak with every appearance of a break in prices which is fully looked for before this day week, however we quote \$10 \$9 and \$8, *Calfskins* 12c. per lb.

HARDWARE.—A fair demand exists for heavy goods but with little or no "boom." Prices remain steady with the prospect of advance, because by accounts received from makers, present prices, instead of yielding a profit, show a loss of from 10 to 15 per cent. to manufacturers, which state of matters cannot last long. In the tin plate trade, several makers have had to close on account of the unsatisfactory prices. No better time appears than the present for any intending purchasers. Some large transactions have been effected in this market in anticipation of the future, also on account of stocks being in some cases much reduced. We repeat last week's quotations.

Liquors.—January has closed with a dull market in this trade but prices of *Gin* and *Brandy* are very firm, and there is every likelihood that the price of new importations will be higher than our quotations which are in the meantime unchanged. We quote *Brandies*, *Hennessy's* per gal. \$4.40 to 4.60; ditto in cases, \$11.25 to 11.50; *Matig-non & Co.*, per gallon \$3.30 to 4.50; ditto in to 3.20; ditto cases \$6.40 to 9.50. *Gin*, *De Kuyper's* per gal. \$2.05 to 2.15; *Red cases*, \$7.90; *Green cases* \$4.60; *Ball & Dunlop's*, per gallon. \$1.95 to 2.10; *Red cases* \$7.75; *green cases* \$4.

50; *Booth's Old Tom*, cases 6.50 to 6.75; ditto in wood, \$3.00; *Pelee Island Wines*, \$1.44 to 1.80 per Imp. gal.; in cases \$5.00 to 6.00; *Cham-pagnes*, *Piper Heidsieck* \$25 to 26; *Ayala & Co.*, \$25 to 26; *G. H. Munn's* \$25 to 26; *M. H. Mills La Diamont*, \$18 to 20. *Ports*, *Graham's* \$2.10 to 4.80.

LEATHER.—Shoe manufacturers have purchased a little more freely the past week, but still show little or no desire to anticipate their wants, prices are as low as they can well be and leave any margin to tanners, but as stocks are large and holders anxious to make sales, buyers hold off and reasonably look for still lower quotations. *Spanish sole* has weakened a little but an improvement in hides in New York the past week will tend to strengthen it again. *Waxed upper and Splits* are dull and easier. *Harness of light and medium weights* is wanted, while heavy is quiet; our only alteration from last week's price is No. 2 B.A. to 22 to 24c.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—Receipts 1086 pkgs.; Shipments 3894 pkgs. There has been a firmer tendency in the market without resulting in much business, buyers do not see their way to pay higher prices. We quote *Creamery* 24 to 28c; *Eastern T's* 20 to 22; *Brockville* and *Morrisburg* 19 to 21; and *Western* 17 to 18c. *Cheese*, no receipts, shipments 520 boxes; market is firm but without animation at 12 to 14c. *Pork.*—The advance noted last week has been maintained, market is firm at \$17 to 17.50 for mess. *Lard*, *Canada* pails, 12 to 12½.

RAW FURS.—At the *Hudson Bay Co.'s* sale in London on the 24th January, followed by that of *C. Lampson & Co.*, about one million rats were disposed of at a reduction of 10 per cent., there was an advance in large beaver but small remained steady; the *Jan'y* sales are for rats, and beaver only. The *Hudson Bay Co.'s* sale for sundry kinds of fur takes place on 14th 15th and 16th March, and *C. Lampson & Co.'s* sales on the 15th 16th 17th 18th 21st 22nd 23rd 24th 25th 28th 29th and 30th of March, results will be given as soon as received. Our local market is very quiet, and few skins are offering, prices remain same as last few weeks. *Winter Musk Rat*, 12c; ditto *Fall* 8c. *Kitts* 3c.; *Red Fox*, \$1.00 to 1.25; *Cross Fox*, \$2 to 3.00; *Silver Fox*, \$25 to 30.00; *Lynx*, \$1.00 to 1.50; *Marten*, 75c. to \$1.00; *Otter* \$8.00 to 10.00; *Mink*—Prime dark, \$1.00 to 1.25; *Beaver*, 2.50 *Bear*—Large prime, \$6 to \$8; ditto small \$4 to 5.00; ditto cubs, \$2 to 4.00; *Fisher*, \$5 to 6.00; *Skunk*—Black 25 to 50c.; *Raccoon*, 40 to 60c.

SALT is quiet and unchanged in value.

WOOL.—No demand to speak of just now but small sales have taken place within our range of quotations. *Canadian unassorted* 30 to 32c; *B super* 31 to 33c; *Black* 30 to 31.

MARITIME MARKETS.

HALIFAX, Feb. 1st, 1881.

The weather has been very cold and stormy, travelling has been infrequent, and business perceptibly affected. In some lines there is really nothing doing, breadstuffs are dull and prices of flour nearly nominal. We quote *flour* *Superior extra* choice, \$6.30 to 6.40; *Superior extra*, \$5.90 to 6.25; *Spring extra* \$5.90 to 6.00 *Strong bakers'*, \$5.00 to 6.25; *Superfine*, \$5.40 to 5.50; *extra state*, \$5.40 to 5.90; *Yellow d. k. Cornmeal*, \$3.40; *fresh ground* 3.30; *Oatmeal*, *Canada*, \$5.10 to 5.15.

ST. JOHN, N.B. Feb. 2nd. 1881.

Canadian flour, *Superior extra*, \$6.00 to 6.25 *extra* 5.75 to 5.85; *strong bakers'*, \$6.25 to 6.40; *American white wheat* \$7.00 to 7.50; *American strong bakers'*, \$6.75 to 7.00; *Oatmeal*, \$5. to 5.10. *Cornmeal* \$3.30 to 3.35.

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