

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, July 7th, 1881.

The past week having been, to a large extent, a holiday season, there is less than usual to report of our local markets. The holidays on the one hand, and the uncertainty regarding the course of events in the States on the other, have contributed to keep everybody quiet and cautious. For three days the stock exchanges, and for two days the corn exchanges, were closed, and the effect was to bring business in these lines almost to an end. Nor did there seem to be much tendency towards improvement on the resumption of business on Tuesday. On the stock exchange prices opened generally at a considerable fall from Thursday's figures. Montreal was offered $\frac{1}{2}$ lower without bids. Ontario declined $\frac{1}{2}$; Commerce $\frac{3}{4}$; Federal $\frac{1}{4}$; bids for Toronto and Hamilton fell $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$; and Montreal was offered $\frac{1}{2}$ lower without bids. Miscellaneous stocks held up fairly well save that bids for Dominion Telegraph declined $\frac{1}{4}$. But Loan & Savings stocks were rather weak with small sales at a decline and the feeling easier. Yesterday the same feeling was manifest. Montreal sold at 19 $\frac{1}{4}$, closing without bids. Commerce sold largely at 137 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 137, bids closing at a further fall of 6. Imperial sold at 137 and bids closed at a fall of 2. Bids fell 1 for Toronto; $\frac{1}{2}$ for Ontario; $\frac{1}{4}$ for Hamilton. Western Assurance was offered 2 lower. Building & Loan sold at 100; Imperial at 114; Huron & Erie at 158, and Canada Permanent at 202 $\frac{1}{2}$. Money has been easy through the week with very little demand for accommodation, and July settlements decidedly satisfactory.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Travellers are now out with fall goods and are asking an advance on previous prices which buyers seem decidedly unwilling to concede. Values are consequently unsettled and our quotations should be regarded as nominal.

CATTLE.—Receipts of export cattle have been small but prices seem to be fairly well maintained at from \$4.50 to 5.25 per cental; for the local market second class have sold fairly well at from \$3.50 to 4.00, and third class at \$2.75 to 3.25. **Sheep** have been offered in increasing numbers, and selling freely for export, usually at from \$4.50 to 4.75 per cental, but second-class have been going at \$3.75 to 4.00. **Lambs.**—There has been a good demand for all offered at steady prices; any averaging from 40 lbs. upwards have brought \$3.75 to 4.50, and second-class have gone about \$3 to 3.50. **Calves.**—Quiet and rather easier, at \$10.00 for those dressing 120 lbs; second class from \$7 to 8.50, and third from \$4 to 6.00.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—There has been very little flour offered, and that little has been held firmly. No business has been reported all week. Superior extra has usually been held at \$5.70 to 5.75; yesterday buyers could probably have been found for it at \$5.65, and extra was wanted at \$5.50, but no sales reported; other grades nominal at quotations. **Bran.**—Car-lots have sold at \$9.00 on track, but buyers are few. **Oatmeal.**—Car-lots have been offered at \$4.30 to 4.40 without sale; small lots range from \$4.30 to 4.75, according to quantity and quality.

GRAIN.—Sales have been small and prices generally have been firm. **Wheat** has been scarce and held firmly; it is thought that stocks through the country are very small, and that all on hand will be wanted for local consumption between now and harvest. No. 1 Fall brought \$1.27 on Tuesday, and No. 2 Spring sold on Tuesday and yesterday at \$1.25 f. o. c., but it is not probable that any large sales could have been

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made at this figure. No. 2 fall has been inactive, but worth about \$1.24. Street receipts have been little over nil. **Oats.**—Scarce and firm, with cars on track selling at 39c. and 10,000 bush. asked for on Tuesday f. o. c. Yesterday cars were held at 40c., with 39c. freely bid. Street prices 40 to 41c. **Barley** has remained purely nominal, being neither wanted nor offered; values as well as can be judged in the absence of transactions stand about quotations. Street receipts nil. **Peas.**—Scarce and steady, with sales of car-lots of No. 2 at 74 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. f. o. c. last week, and at 75c. on Tuesday; No. 1 would have brought 76c. Street receipts nil. **Rye.**—Nominal at 75 to 80c. **Corn.**—Offered at 60c. without finding buyers.

GROCERIES.—Trade has been fairly good. **Tea** steady with an active demand for second young hysons, and scarcely any offered; one line sold at 35c.; Japans have sold at 24c. for low grade, and 30 to 34c. for medium. One line of Oolong and another of Japan sold at 34c. Blacks have sold well, at 20c. for very coarse, at 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 28c. for coarse; at 30 to 31c. for medium, and at 62c. for fine congon. **Coffee.**—Quiet but firmer, with a sale of Rio at 15c. **Sugar** has been selling freely to retailers at generally unchanged prices. Porto Rico has gone off in car lots at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for dark; at 8c. for medium bright. Scotch refined has sold at 9c. for bright; at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for medium, and at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ for low grade. Canadian Yellow unchanged. Granulated has sold in lots at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. **Syrups.**—Quiet and rather easy. **Fruit.**—Scarce and firmer; old layers have brought \$1.25 in lots of 100 boxes; Valencias are held at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9c.; Sultanias sold to the extent of 1,000 boxes at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. there are now scarcely any in the market and the few in are held at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 13c. Currants very scarce and have sold in lots of 50 barrels at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Almonds and filberts are tending upwards. **Rice.**—Steady with sales of lots of 100 bags at \$4.00; of 50 bags at \$4.05 and of 25 bags at \$4.10 with small lots at \$4.25 to 4.40. **Fish.**—Nothing doing save in cod at former prices. **Tobacco.**—Selling quietly and steadily as before. **Liquors.**—Are very firm, and brands seem to be held for an advance but there has none been yet established.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There has continued to be a steady demand for all the green hides offered at previous prices and cured have sold well at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for No. 1 and at 10c. for steers in small lots.

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