

Red cases \$7.50; Green cases \$4.00; Houtman's gin brings \$1.55 in wood, and Red cases \$7.00 to 7.25; Green cases \$3.65 to 3.75; *High wines* fair sales have taken place at \$1.77½ D. P.; *Rye Whiskey* 94½c.

OILS.—Cod and Seal oil are in very limited demand, stocks of both are very large, and prices are firm. We quote *Cod A* 62½c; ditto *B* 60c; *Pale Seal* 65 to 67½c; *Steam refined Seal* 67½ to 70c; *Unbleached Whale* 65 to 67½c; *Olive* not much doing, and quotation of \$1.00 is nominal. *Linseed Boiled* 67½ to 70; ditto *Raw* 62½ to 65c.

PETROLEUM.—There has been more movement in this article during the past week, and a number of car loads have been changing hands at 28½ to 29c; small lots and single barrels 29 to 32½c. The advance in the price of American, which may possibly lead to higher prices in the West, is no doubt the cause of the extra demand here.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*—Receipts for the past week 950 kegs; Shipments 535 kegs. This market is still weaker than last week, and our outside quotations can only be obtained for the merest retail parcels; and for large lots nothing over our inside figures is obtained. We quote 14 to 20c. for all kinds. *Cheese*—There have been neither receipts nor shipments this week, market is dull and inactive at 14 to 14½c. for good to choice; *Pork*—Receipts 232 barrels; Shipments 85 barrels; a moderate business has been done for local consumption, at about \$21.50 to 22.00 for inspected mess, and \$20.00 to 20.50 for thin mess; *Lard* market is quiet, selling today at 14 to 15c.; *Tallow* in barrels sells at 8c., and in the rough at 5½c.

SALT.—This market is nominal at present; Coarse 80c., but round lots could be bought considerably under that figure; Fine nominal; *Factory* filled \$1.40.

WOOL.—This market is very quiet, a few small sales of Canadian unassorted are reported at our outside quotations; we quote *Pulled Super* 33 to 34c.; unassorted 31 to 32c.

TORONTO MARKET.

TORONTO, March, 25, 1875.

Trade has shown some signs of improvement since our last. The financial situation has certainly not become worse, and the absence of anything like a crisis has increased confidence, and led nearly all to believe that the worst is now over. This alone is a considerable gain, and to it has been added the advantage derived from a partial opening of communication by the clearing of blocked-up railroads. But when all this has been said, the situation still remains dull. Produce has been quiet through the week, but not from any want of buyers. An active demand has prevailed for nearly all sorts of flour and grain, and at advancing prices, but the views of holders have risen more quickly than those of buyers, so that the advance offered by the latter is insufficient to induce sales. Provisions have been quiet and meats firm. There seems to be some little improvement in groceries, but the total doing is small. Imported and manufactured goods are improving, but still quiet; and both here and in groceries dealers are acting very cautiously and taking care not to press sales.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The demand is improving and orders are coming forward by letter. Travellers are out but sending few orders in, manufacturers are acting with very great caution quotations of spring goods show prices rather easier in some cases.

CATTLE.—*Beef*—The demand for shipment has fallen off; local and butchers are fairly well stocked; receipts, however, have been very small, and during the last couple of days have been barely sufficient. Prices remain steady, but cannot be said to show much change. First-class are still wanted and will find buyers at

\$5.00 to 5.25; second-class constitute the bulk of the supply, but sell fairly well at \$4.00 to 4.25; third-class are not very plentiful, and are unchanged at \$3.25 to 3.50, the former price being for feeders. *Sheep* have been in increased supply, but all offering, selling at steady prices. First-class are firm at \$7.00 to 7.50; second-class are unchanged at \$5.00 to 5.25; third-class are purely nominal at \$4.00. *Lambs*—Some few spring lambs have been offered and found a ready sale at from \$3.00 to 6.00 according to quality; Last year's lambs now usually sell with sheep, but in separate lots bring \$6.00 to 6.75 for first-class, and \$4.50 to 5.00 for second-class. *Calves* seem to be rather more abundant, but all are wanted, and selling readily at firm prices; extra qualities would command \$15.00. First-class dressing, not less than 120 lbs. are worth \$10.00 to 12.00; second-class dressing, from 75 to 100 lbs., sell at \$6.00 to 8.00; third-class are slow of sale at \$3.00 to 4.00.

DRUGS.—There has been no change in prices, trade is steady and improving, but not equal to the average as yet.

DRY GOODS.—Spring stocks are now being offered, and some few parties have begun to buy. Imports have been larger than they would have been had the financial pressure shown itself some weeks before it did. All sales as yet have been confined to small lots, and merchants are not anxious to have it otherwise. Prices are generally lower than those of last year. The decline is most prominent in silks. Imported woollens also are lower, but Canadian are unchanged.

FREIGHTS.—The Grand Trunk summer rates came into force this week, and stand as follows:—Flour to Montreal, 35c; to St. John, N. B. 85c; to Halifax, 90c; to New York 75c; to Boston, 80c. Grain per cental one-half of the above rates. Toronto rates to Montreal and the Maritime Provinces, prevail at all stations up to Halton inclusive. Through rates to England via the Allan line, stand at 5s. per barrel for flour; 11s. per quarter for grain in bulk; 53s. per ton for boxed meats and lard, and 60s. for butter and cheese.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—*Flour*.—Stock in store on the 22nd inst. 14,282 brls., against 32,316 on corresponding date of last year. The inquiry has continued to be fairly active all week, but the quantity offering has been small, and the actual sales have not been large. Prices have been firm and close at an advance of about five cents. Superior extra have been quiet but firm, one lot has changed hands at \$5.00 f.o.b. Extra has been in demand, and advancing; sales were made last week at \$4.40 f.o.b., but this week lots brought \$4.45 and 4.50. Fancy has been scarce and firm; it sold last week at \$4.20 f.o.b., and on Tuesday at \$4.25. Spring extra has been quick of sale and very firm; lots sold on Thursday at \$3.95 and 4.00 f.o.b.; on Saturday and on Tuesday at \$4.00 f.o.b. Superfine has been quiet but firmer; one lot changed hands at \$3.70 f.o.b. Fine has also been firmer; sales were made at \$3.40 to 3.50. The market yesterday closed steady with sales of extra at equal to \$4.40 here, and of spring extra at \$4.00 f.o.b. *Oatmeal* continues to be scarce and firm, no movement is reported in car lots which are held at \$5.20 to 5.25. Small lots sell at \$5.40 to 5.60. *Bran* is scarce and steady; a car in bulk sold on Tuesday at \$18.00 on the track, which price would probably be repeated.

GRAIN.—Stocks in store on the 22nd inst., Wheat 482,504 bush.; oats 24,514 bush.; barley 29,400 bush.; peas 107,712 bush.; rye 792 bush.; corn 9,001 bush.; against 725,759 bush. of wheat; 2,551 bush. of oats; 7,833 bush. of barley; 101,446 bush. peas; 711 bush. of rye, and 1,000 bush. of corn on the corresponding date of last year. *Wheat*—The market has been inactive, with considerable enquiry and prices advancing, but transactions prevented by buyers and sellers being apart in their

views all week. Holders are unwilling to sell and seem determined to wait for the opening of navigation before parting with their stocks. No movement of consequence has been reported. No. 2 fall was offered yesterday at 95c in store with buyers at 94c, and No. 1 spring at 93c in store, with 91 and 92c offered and refused. On the street fall sold at 98c; treadwell at 92c, and spring at 90c. *Oats*—There has been much less offering than in the preceding week, and prices have become much firmer; the movement has been comparatively small. Cars sold last week and on Monday at 43c on the track, but yesterday holders generally stood out for 44c, with but little offering. Street prices 45 to 46. *Barley*—The demand has been active, but the quantity offering has been small, and prices have been steadily tending upward all week; any sales of consequence made, have been on p.t. Last week a small lot of No. 1 inspected sold at 90c f.o.b. and a car of No. 2 at 86c on the track, but on Tuesday a car of No. 2 brought 90c on the track, and yesterday another changed hands at 90c f.o.c. which would probably be repeated. Street receipts are small and prices up to 90c. *Peas*—The movement has been small or on p.t., but the tendency of prices has continued upwards. Round lots have been offered but not taken at 85c f.o.b. in May, but buyers could be found at 79c in store for round lots and at 75 to 77c for cars on the track, with no sales reported. On the street prices have been firmer and stood yesterday at 77c. *Rye*—Sells at 70c on the street. *Corn*—Seems to be rather easier, a car sold on Saturday at 63c f.o.b., which is probably about the present value.

GROCERIES.—*Coffee*—There has been some demand for trade lots, but few of them could be had. One lot of low grade Rio sold at 19c, which is the very bottom price. Small lots of Government Java sold at 30c.; Ceylon and Porto Rico are quiet and unchanged. *Fish*—Labrador have again sold at \$5.75; Trout is offered freely at \$3.00 to 3.25 in lots, but not selling; Cod goes off steadily at former prices, *Fruit*.—Box fruits have been very quiet, and prices rather weak. No movement is reported in layers; Valentias are inactive; one lot of 100 boxes sold at 8½c. and more are offered at the same price to-day. Sultanias are easier; a lot of 100 boxes sold at 13½c., and lots of 50 boxes at 14c. Currants have been active at a decline, two lots of about 500 brls., sold on p.t., and one lot of 100 brls. at 58c. Nuts are quiet, and selling at 15 to 15½c for almonds; 10½c for filberts; 9½ for Brazils, and 8½ to 9c for walnuts. *Liquors*—The only movement of consequence has been the sale of some brandy in wood at \$2.62 for Jules Robin's, and \$2.75 for Hennessey's. Whiskey is unaltered. *Rice* remains quiet, and nominally unchanged at \$4.40 to 4.60. *Sugar* has been rather quiet all week. Montreal yellows have sold in lots at 8½ and 8¾c; and "Grocer's A" at 9½c. Scotch has been inactive, one lot of very bright quality brought 9c., and another of good average quality sold yesterday at 8½c. Raws have been nominally unchanged. Dry crushed and ground have been inactive; the only sale reported, is that of one small lot of ground at 9½c. *Syrups*—One lot of 50 brls. of golden sold at 50c. and a smaller lot at 52c. Dealers quotations are unchanged at last week's decline. *Tea*—The demand has improved, and as holders were anxious to sell some movement has occurred. A line of choice Young Hyson sold at 62c, and lines of low grade at 31 and 32c. Lines of Japan Pekoes changed hands at 53 and 56c., and a line of coarse at 36c. Low grade Congous have been wanted; one line sold at 33c and for choice second 58c was paid. *Tobacco*—Buyers have been looking for larger concessions than holders were willing to grant, so the movement has been small. There were, however, sales of low grade Solace at 45c; of choice So-