# FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 18.

ENGLISH GRAIN TRADE LAST WEEK.

A Liverpool cable despatch of Friday to the New York press quotes a leading grain circular of that day as follows:—"The wheat trade is dull and inactive, some of the leading markets showing a decline of 6d to 1s per quarter. Cargoes off coast are almost in no demand, while those on passage and for shipment are quite neglected. At this market to-day the demand for wheat was improved, and the price was reduced 1d per cental from Tuesday. Flour sells slowly and has declined 6d per sack and bbl. There is no great business in corn, but it closes firm at fully Tuesday's rates.

GRAIN IN TRANSIT.

Beerbohm's London *Corn Trade List* makes the amount of grain on passage for the United Kingdom, exclusive of steamer shipments from America, and the sail and steamer shipments from the ports of the Baltic, and those of North-Western Europe:—

| Date. | Wheat. qrs. | Flour. qrs. | Maize. qrs. | B'ley. qrs. | Beans. qrs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 28, '78 | 1,949,000 | 83,000 | 228,000 | 147,000 | 5,000 |
| Nov. 29, '77 | 1,151,000 | 42,000 | 416,000 | 84,000 | 58,000 |
| Nov. 21, '78 | 1,632,000 | 50,000 | 317,000 | 116,000 | 4,000 |
| Nov. 14, '78 | 1,689,000 | 54,000 | 442,000 | 107,000 | 6,000 |

The expected imports from Nov. 22rd to Nov. 24th are, from the arrivals of the foregoing fleet, 210,000 quarters of wheat, 89,000 quarters of corn, and 36,000 quarters of barley.

Dornbusch makes the quantity of grain on passage for the United Kingdom, exclusive of shipments from American ports and sail and steamer shipments from the Baltic ports:—

| Date. | Wheat. qrs. | Flour. sq'l qrs. | Maize. qrs. | B'ley. qrs. | Beans. qrs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 28, '78 | 1,533,340 | 79,797 | 292,690 | 105,212 | 6,300 |
| Nov. 29, '77 | 1,357,380 | 49,088 | 481,517 | 77,062 | 57,119 |
| Nov. 21, '78 | 1,695,102 | 60,251 | 324,690 | 77,123 | 6,300 |
| Nov. 14, '78 | 1,521,422 | 54,453 | 347,602 | 79,876 | 3,500 |

MOVEMENT OF BARLEY.

Receipts of barley at lake ports from the opening of the harvest year to the 7th inst., have amounted to 6,609,987 bushels, against 6,064,523 bushels in the corresponding period last year; receipts at Buffalo and Oswego in the same time have been 4,457,867 bushels, against 5,353,536 bushels last year; and those at seaboard ports have been 3,399,444 bushels, against 5,590,271 bushels last year. We have here a decrease of 54,676 bushels at lake ports; a decrease of 895,549 bushels at Buffalo and Oswego, and of 2,310,827 bushels at seaboard ports. The exports from seaboard ports for Europe since Sept. 1, 1878, have been 6,461 bushels, v. 1,788,280 bushels for the corresponding period in 1877. The imports of foreign barley at New York since Sept. 1st have been 158,000 bushels. The receipts at seaboard ports since Sept. 1, 1878, have been 2,310,827 bushels less than for the corresponding period in 1877, and, taking out the imports, have been 2,152,327 bushels less supply this year than last.

The following is the official report of the Toronto Stock Exchange, Dec. 18th, 1878:—

| Banks. | Sellers. | Buyers. | Trans |
|---|---|---|---|
| Montreal | 141 | ..... | ..... |
| Toronto | 120 | 118 | ..... |
| Ontario | 68½ | 67½ | ..... |
| Merchants' | 82 | 80 | ..... |
| Commerce | 104 | 102 | ex div. |
| Consolidated | ..... | ..... | 3 at 59½ |
| Dominion | 115 | 108 | ..... |
| Hamilton | 97½ | ..... | ..... |
| Standard | 78 | ..... | ex div. |
| Federal | 101 | 99½ | 7 at 99½ |
| Imperial | ..... | 98 | ex div. |
| Molson's | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| *Loan and Savings Co.* | | | |
| Canada Permanent | 182 | 180½ | 5 at 181 |
| Freehold | ..... | 146 | ..... |
| Western Canada | ..... | 150 | ..... |
| Union | 141½ | ..... | ..... |
| Canada Landed Credit | 131 | 128 | ex div. |
| Building and Loan | 112½ | 110 | ex div. |
| Imperial | ..... | 110 | ex div. |
| Farmers' | ..... | 112½ | ..... |
| London & C. L. & A. Co. | 134 | ..... | ..... |
| Huron and Erie | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Dominion Savings and Investment Society | 122½ | 121 | ex div. |
| Ont. Sav. and Inv. Society | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| London Loan Company | 113½ | ..... | ..... |
| Hamilton Prov. and L. | ..... | 111 | ex div. |
| National Inv. Co. of Canada | ..... | 100 | ex div. |
| Anglo-Can. Mortgage Co. | ..... | 100 | ex div. |
| Canada Savings and L. | 111 | ..... | ..... |
| *Insurance, &c.* | | | |
| British America | ..... | 110½ | ..... |
| Western | 152½ | 151½ | ..... |
| Isolated Risk | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Canada Life | ..... | 194½ | ..... |
| Confederation Life | ..... | 135 | ..... |
| Consumers' Gas | 112 | 108 | ..... |
| Dominion Telegraph | 82 | ..... | ..... |
| Globe Printing Co | 140 | 137 | ..... |
| *Bonds.* | | | |
| Toronto G. & R. Stock | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| "6 p.c. 5 yrs. stg. Bonds | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| "6 " 8 p.c. 5 yrs. Bonds | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| *Debentures, &c.* | | | |
| Dom. Gov. stock, 6 p.c. | 101½ | ..... | ..... |
| Dem. Gov. stock, 5 p.c. | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| County (Ont.) 20 yr. 6 p.c. | 102 | 101 | ..... |
| Tn'p (Ont.) 20 yr. 6 p.c. | ..... | 98 | ..... |
| City Toronto, 20 yr. 6 p.c. | ..... | 99½ | ..... |

## English Markets.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 18

London—Floating cargoes—Wheat at opening, steady; corn, quiet; cargoes on passage and for shipment—wheat and corn, at opening, very little enquiry. Mark Lane—Wheat and corn, at opening, quiet. Imports into the United Kingdom during the past week—wheat, 175,000 to 180,000 qrs; corn, 105,000 to 110,000 qrs; flour, 80,000 to 85,000 bbls. Liverpool—Wheat, on the spot, at opening, very quiet; corn, very quiet.

## WEEKLY REVIEW OF TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 18.

PRODUCE.

The market has been decidedly dull and inactive in everything except barley all through the week. Buyers have held off, notwithstanding the very low range of prices from the fact that there have been no orders in the market. The absence of orders for wheat can readily be accounted for by the large imports and home deliveries in England; but the absence of orders for flour from the Maritime Provinces is not so easily understood, though it is thought by some that they have large stocks on hand. At all events dullness seems likely to influence this market until we have a change in either or both of these circumstances. Railway rates have been advanced from 2½ to 5c since our last, but ocean rates remain unchanged at last week's figures. Stocks have gone on declining; and stood on Monday morning as follows:—Flour, 5,520 bbls; fall wheat, 32,906 bushels; spring wheat, 56,076 bushels; oats, 12,150 bushels; barley, 120,537 bushels; peas, 27,222 bushels, and rye, nil bushels. Outside markets have generally been inactive. English markets have been decidedly so and show a fall of 2d on white, and 2d on club, and 4d on the inside price of spring wheat; cargoes seem to have been dull all over. The supply has continued to be large and in excess of the consumption; that for the week ending on the 7th inst., including home-grown and foreign wheat and foreign wheat flour was equal to 490,000 to 517,500 qrs of wheat, vs. 411,000 to 420,624 qrs weekly consumption, indicating a surplus in supply over consumption of 79,000 to 96,876 qrs. The supply of maize for the week was equal to 720,000 to 760,000 bush, against an average weekly consumption in 1877 of 1,361,134 bush, vs. 1,390,774 bush in 1876, and 773,863 bush in 1875. The amount of wheat and flour on passage for the United Kingdom, Dec. 12th, 1878, shows an increase of 50,000 qrs on the week, and was equal to 1,750,000 qrs of wheat, against 1,616,000 qrs on the 22th ult, and 1,193,000 qrs on the corresponding date last year. The approximate quantity expected to arrive of the foregoing fleet at ports of call for orders during the four weeks from Nov. 28 to Dec. 25 is 264,000 qrs of wheat, comprising 50,000 qrs from Azov and Black Seas and Danube, 48,000 qrs from American Atlantic ports, 142,000 qrs from California and Oregon, and 21,000 qrs from Chili and Australia, and 3,000 qrs from Egypt; and during same period, 89,000 qrs of maize, comprising 16,000 qrs from the Danube, and 73,000 qrs from American Atlantic ports; also 28,000 qrs of barley, including 28,000 qrs from Black Sea, Azov Sea and the Danube, and nil qrs from America. Further cable advices to the 12th inst. reports trade during the preceding week to have been something very like demoralized by the large supplies of foreign produce, and especially by the rapid increase in the visible supply in America; and increased supplies at the provincial markets indicate some anxiety on the part of the farmers to market their wheat in consequence of the serious agricultural depression. The feeling was even influencing sowing of grain, the prospects being in favour of a reduced wheat acreage. Continental advices by mail say that in France also a decreased wheat acreage seemed probable, and the area under winter wheat was likely to be diminished by one-fourth. Supplies of wheat at country markets continued to be small, but still lower prices were reported in 21 out of 22 markets, whence advices had been received. At Paris trade seemed quiet and unchanged. Arrivals of foreign wheat at Bordeaux, Marseilles, Nantes and Havre amounted to 154,000 quarters for the week against 110,000 in that preceding. The stock at Marseilles docks was about 294,000 quarters against 205,000 in the previous week; holders were less inclined to sell and prices were firm. German advices report small supplies and a good demand for wheat at Berlin; and light receipts and firm prices at Hamburg. In Roumania there was an improved demand for wheat at Galatz. From India we learn that the shipments of wheat from Calcutta to the United Kingdom from Jan. 1 to Nov. 1, 1878, were 30,943 tons against 241,848 tons for the corresponding period in 1877. Prices of wheat at Calcutta were rapidly advancing at the late date. Markets on this continent have been quiet. New York has been dull and tending in buyers favour, with very little enquiry for shipment and quotations in western marks have varied but little. As to future prospects the experts in the States are divided, some maintaining that the great bulk of the crop has been sold, and that the larger proportion now on hand will be required for bread and seed, and others holding that there are immense quantities of wheat everywhere and that this must keep down prices. The movement seems fairly well maintained for the season. Deliveries of wheat at seaboard ports for the week ending Dec. 7, were 1,962,929 bush vs. 2,175,260 bush the previous week, and 873,212 bush the corresponding week in 1877. The export clearances thence for Europe for the week were 2,512,285 bush vs. 1,885,722 bush the previous week, and for the last eight weeks, 16,485,250 bush vs. 15,167,638 bush the corresponding eight weeks last year. The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports, the rail and lake shipments from western lake ports, and not including the amount afloat in New York harbour at the undermentioned dates:—

| | 1878. Dec. 7. | 1878. Nov. 29. | 1877. Dec. 8. | 1876. Dec. 9. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat, bu | 17,045,020 | 16,206,025 | 10,397,158 | 10,306,443 |
| Corn | 8,124,150 | 7,530,963 | 5,428,171 | 6,650,314 |
| Oats | 2,423,417 | 2,455,966 | 3,575,367 | 2,953,173 |
| Barley | 5,205,152 | 5,117,484 | 4,704,757 | 4,397,701 |
| Rye | 1,290,820 | 1,191,963 | 618,072 | 518,689 |
| Total bu. | 33,997,559 | 32,496,011 | 24,617,425 | 24,912,336 |

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

| | Dec. 12 p.m. | Dec. 13 p.m. | Dec. 14 p.m. | Dec. 16 p.m. | Dec. 17 p.m. | Dec. 18 p.m. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. |
| Flour | 22 0 | 22 0 | 22 0 | 22 0 | 22 0 | 22 0 |
| S. Wheat | 9 4 | 9 4 | 9 4 | 9 4 | 9 4 | 9 4 |
| R. Winter | 9 0 | 9 0 | 9 0 | 9 0 | 9 0 | 9 0 |
| White | 9 0 | 9 0 | 9 0 | 9 0 | 9 6 | 9 6 |
| Club | 10 0 | 9 10 | 9 11 | 9 11 | 9 10 | 9 10 |
| Corn, new | 32 3 | 32 3 | 32 3 | 32 3 | 32 3 | 32 3 |
| Oats | 2 4 | 2 6 | 2 6 | 2 6 | 2 6 | 2 6 |
| Barley | 3 6 | 3 2 | 3 2 | 3 2 | 3 2 | 3 2 |
| Peas | 32 0 | 32 0 | 32 0 | 32 0 | 32 0 | 32 0 |
| Pork | 40 0 | 40 0 | 40 0 | 40 0 | 40 0 | 40 0 |
| Lard | 32 0 | 31 9 | 31 6 | 31 6 | 31 6 | 31 6 |
| Beef | 80 0 | 80 0 | 80 0 | 80 0 | 80 0 | 80 0 |
| Bacon | 26 6 | 25 6 | 25 6 | 25 6 | 25 6 | 25 6 |
| Tallow | 36 0 | 36 9 | 36 6 | 36 6 | 36 6 | 36 6 |
| Cheese | 45 0 | 45 0 | 45 0 | 45 0 | 45 0 | 45 0 |

FLOUR—The market has been very dull and inactive all week with very little either offered or wanted and prices tending downwards. Superior extra has been inactive and was offered on Tuesday at $4.20 f.o.c. with no buyers. Extra has been easier and sold on Saturday at equal to $3.95 here. Fancy has remained purely nominal. Spring extra has been neglected, not a single sale being reported all week. The market to-day seemed somewhat demoralized, with sellers offering superior at $4.20; extra at $3.95 to $4 and spring extra at $3.65 to $3.70 but failing to find any bid save $4 for superior extra.

BRAN—Has been scarce, firm and wanted and sold on Saturday at $8.50 on track.

OATMEAL—No improvement has occurred; lots have been offered at $3.50 and $3.60 with $3.40 bid but no sales reported until to-day when it was accepted and a car sold at $3.40 f.o.c. Small lots are unchanged at $4 to $4.25.

WHEAT—Dullness and inactivity with weak prices have been the distinctive marks of the trade; very little enquiry has been heard and sales have been very small. No. 2 fall sold on Friday at 90c f.o.c., but was offered at 90c with 87c bid on Saturday; there was a lot of No. 3 fall sold outside on Tuesday on p.t. No. 1 spring has been neglected; one car sold on Thursday at 86c f.o.c.; No. 2 spring has been in some little demand and sold at 81c f.o.c. on Saturday. No. 3 spring has been weak; it brought 78½c on track on Thursday but was subsequently offered at 78c f.o.c. with no buyers. The market to-day closed very dull with No. 2 spring offered at 82c with buyers at 81c; but all other grades neglected and prices nominal at quotations. Street prices stood to-day at 89c to 90c for fall and 75 to 85c for spring.

OATS—Have been quiet but fairly steady. No. 2 American sold last week and on Tuesday at 28c on track. Canadian was inactive and was not offered until to-day when a car brought 28c on track. On the street to-day 30 to 31c was paid.

BARLEY—The market has been fairly active at advancing prices, with holders not very anxious to sell. No. 1 has remained scarce and quiet with buyers at . No. 2 has been fairly active and firmer with sales last week and on Monday at 78c f.o.c. Extra has been steady with sales at 87 and 88c, the latter being paid on Monday. No. 3 has advanced and sold on Monday at 60c f.o.c. There have also been sales of cars by sample at 90c and 86c f.o.c. The market to-day was firm; car of No. 3 changed hands at 63c f.o.c., with 68c bid for extra and 78c for No. 2, but no sales reported. Street prices ranged from 50 to 90c.

PEAS—Some enquiry has been heard and buyers have shown some inclination to meet the views of holders; cars of No. 2 sold last week at 58c and on Monday at 59c and 60c f.o.c. On the street prices have ranged from 50 to 62c.

CORN—Cars of No. 2 to arrive sold at 38c on track on Monday.

HAY—The large receipts on the market have checked any demand for pressed, so there is nothing doing in it. The supply on the market has been very large, indeed, but has all sold at fairly good prices; the range, unless for inferior, has been from $8 to $13, with the general run from $9 to $11, but $12 was the top price to-day.

STRAW—Has been abundant and easy; loose has sold at $6, and oat-straw in sheaves has been going off at $7.50 to 8.50.

POTATOES—Car lots have been in steady demand, and prices have advanced, with sales of early rose at 75 and 80c on track. Street receipts have been small and prices decidedly firm at 85 to 95c.

APPLES—Have shown very little change; the supply has continued to be abundant and prices have ranged from $1 to $1.75, the great bulk of good cooking qualities selling at $1.25 to $1.50.

POULTRY—Has come in with a rush and been selling rather easier. Fowl have gone off at 30 to 40c; geese have ranged from 50 to 65c; ducks have been steady at 60 to 70c; turkeys have gone at 50 to 75c for hens and 80c to $1.25 for gobblers, the latter for choice. Box-lots have declined to 7 to 7½c per lb. for turkeys and ducks and 4 to 4½c for fowl and geese.

FLOUR, f.o.c.

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|---|---|
| Superior Extra, per 196 lbs | $4 05 to $4 20 |
| Extra | 3 90 " 4 00 |
| Fancy and Strong Bakers | 3 80 " 3 85 |
| Spring Wheat, extra | 3 60 " 3 65 |
| Superfine | none. |
| Oatmeal, per 196 lbs | 3 50 " 3 60 |
| Cornmeal, small lots | 2 25 " 2 40 |

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

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|---|---|
| Extra | $3 65 $3 75 |
| Spring Wheat, extra | 3 40 " 3 50 |

GRAIN, f.o.b.

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|---|---|
| Fall Wheat, No. 1, per 60 lbs | $0 93 $0 95 |
| " No. 2, | 0 89 " 0 90 |
| " No. 3, | 0 84 " 0 85 |
| Red Winter | 0 85 " 0 87 |
| Spring Wheat, No. 1 | 0 84 " 0 85 |
| " No. 2 | 0 81 " 0 82 |
| " No. 3 | 0 76 " 0 78 |
| Oats (Canadian) per 34 lbs | 0 27½ " 0 28 |
| Oats (American) | 0 28 " 0 00 |
| Barley, No. 1, per 48 lbs | 1 03 " 1 05 |
| " No. 2, | 0 78 " 0 80 |
| " Extra No. 3 | 0 68 " 0 70 |
| " No. 3 | 0 60 " 0 61 |
| Peas, No. 1, per 60 lbs | none. |
| " No. 2, | 0 58 " 0 60 |
| Rye | 0 50 " 0 00 |

PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGGONS.

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|---|---|
| Wheat, fall, new, per bush | $0 80 $0 95 |
| Wheat, spring, do | 0 70 " 0 85 |
| Barley, do | 0 50 " 0 90 |
| Oats, do | 0 30 " 0 31 |
| Peas, do | 0 60 " 0 62 |
| Rye, do | 0 50 " 0 00 |
| Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs | 3 50 " 4 25 |
| Beef, hind qrs., per 100 lbs | 4 50 " 5 25 |
| Mutton, by carcase, per 100 lbs | 4 50 " 5 00 |
| Chickens, per pair | 0 30 " 0 40 |
| Ducks, per brace | 0 55 " 0 70 |
| Geese, each | 0 45 " 0 65 |
| Turkeys, do | 0 60 " 1 25 |
| Butter, lb rolls | 0 14 " 0 17 |
| " large rolls | none. |
| " tub dairy | 0 12 " 0 13 |
| Eggs, fresh, per doz | 0 22 " 0 25 |
| Potatoes, per bag | 0 85 " 0 95 |
| Apples, per brl | 1 00 " 1 75 |
| Onions, per bag | 0 90 " 1 00 |
| Tomatoes, per bush | 0 60 " 0 65 |
| Turnips, per bag | 0 30 " 0 35 |
| Carrots, per bag | 0 40 " 0 45 |
| Beets, per bag | 0 50 " 0 60 |
| Parsnips, per bag | 0 50 " 0 60 |
| Hay, per ton | 12 00 " 12 00 |
| Straw, per ton | 6 00 " 8 50 |
| Wool, per lb | 0 20 " 0 21 |

PROVISIONS.

TRADE—Has remained dull and inactive through the week.

BUTTER—There has been some demand heard at the reduced prices and sales have been made at 3½ to 4c for grease; at 6 to 8c for medium parcels and at 11 to 13c for selected and fall dairy. The sales, however, must not be taken as indicative of any permanent improvement; for in one instance the order to buy medium at the above prices has been stopped, and there are large quantities of all sorts now offering at them without finding a sale. Box-lots have not been very plentiful but there seems to have been enough of them offering, as they are weak and have gone off slowly at 9 to 12c. Street receipts have been on the increase and prices declining at 14 to 15c for pound rolls and 12 to 13c for tubs and crocks of fine dairy. English advices show no improvement; the fact seems to be that the quality of nearly all of our Canadian butter must be raised if it is to sell in English markets.

CHEESE—There has been very little doing, even in small lots, which sell as before at 8½ to 9c for choice; inferior can be had down to 4c.

EGGS—Offerings have been small particularly of fresh which have been steady at 20c; limed have been in fair supply and unchanged at 15 to 16c. Street receipts small and prices steady at 22 to 25c for new-laid, but no other sort.

PORK—New Canadian has been sold to a small extent at $11, for small lots with more offering at the same figure; old American is easier at $9.50 for cars and $10 for small lots but not much selling.

BACON—Has been very quiet, and prices have been rather unsettled, with new and old on the market. Cumberland has sold to a very small extent at 4½ to 5c for old, and 5½ to 6c for new. Longclear is inactive; old held at 5½c and short-clear at 6½c. New rolls and bellies have been in demand and selling at 9 to 9½c. Old shoulders are offered at 4c, but no sales reported.

HAMS—There has been but little doing in any sort, but the chief movement has been in new smoked at 9 to 9½ for small lots.

LARD—A steady demand has been maintained for small lots at 8c for tinnets; at 8½ for pails and 7 to 7½c for tierces; there was one round lot of tinnets and pails sold on p.t.

HOGS—Receipts have been of fair amount, but all offering have gone off steadily at $5.50 to $5.60 for railway lots, which prices were paid to-day. Street receipts have been considerable and prices have ranged from $5.50 to $4.25.

SALT—Prices at Liverpool coarse have advanced to 55 to 56c, and those of fine dairy to $1.40 to $1.70, the latter for small lots; sales have been few and small. Goderich remains unchanged at 55c for cars, and 90 to 95c for small lots.

HOPS—Have shown some improvement, being offered as before at 7½ to 8c with no buyers, and with stocks large.

DRIED APPLES—Have been inactive; round lots could find buyers at 3½ to 4c; dealers are selling to a small extent at 4½c per lb.

WHITE BEANS—Have been quiet at $1.25.

GROCERIES.

TRADE—That with the country has improved considerably during the week.

TEA—The enquiry for lines has been more active and sales have been made on English account at firm prices. The chief demand has been for seconds, and sales of lines of this grade have been made at 30 to 32c for pecco, and at 34 to 38c for good; other grades of Young Hyson quiet. Blacks also have been quiet, but one line of coarse sold at 25c and one at 28c. Japans have been inactive; one line of good common sold at 30½c. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers' lots:—Young Hyson, common to fair, 25 to 30c; Young Hyson, medium to good seconds, 30 to 37½c; Young Hyson, ordinary to choice extra firsts, 45 to 65c; Twankays, 20 to 25c; Gunpowder and Imperials, common to good, 25 to 40c; Fine to Extra Choice, 55 to 65c. Blacks—Congous, 25 to 70c; Souchong, 35 to 65c; Scented Pekoes, 45 to 55c.

COFFEE—Has been very quiet; there is no movement reported in the jobbing line, and prices remain unchanged. Quotations are as follows, the outside being for retailers' lots:—Government Java, 28 to 30c; Singapore, 21 to 23c; Rio, 18 to 20c; Jamaica, 26c.

SUGAR—The market has shown some activity in New York yellows, but all other sorts have been quiet. The only raw now offering is Porto Rico; small lots of it have sold at 6¾ to 7c. Scotch has been inactive, the only movement being in small lots of bright at 8 to 8½c. New York yellows have sold freely at 6½c for very dark, and 7 to 7½c for medium grades in round lots. Extra C. has sold in round lots at 8c, and some samples rather off have gone as low as 7½c. Granulated sold last week in round lots at 89 to 89.10, and was offering at the former price to-day. Out-load has sold at 9½c. in lots. The market closes with prices, save in Scotch, rather lower than at our last. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers' lots:—Porto Rico, per lb., 6¾ to 7c; Cuba, none; Barbadoes, none; English and Scotch refined to bright choice, 8 to 8½c; medium, 7½ to 7¾c; do., low grades, 7 to 7½c; New York yellows, 7½ to 8½c; bright yellows, 7½ to 7½c; Extra C, 7¾ to 8½c; Dry Crushed, 10 to 10½c; Granulated, 9 to 9½c; Cut Loaf, 10 to 10½c.

STARCH—There has been no movement reported in round lots, and values of them are unchanged. The local demand has been fairly good, and prices are steady. Quotations are as follows:—Common, 4½ to 4¾c; Amber, 47 to 52c; Amber choice, 56 to 58c.

FRUIT—The market has shown increased activity at advancing prices, in some instances, since our last. Valencias have been in demand, and have risen a quarter cent; sales of lots were made last week at 4½c, but since then several lots of 500 boxes, and one of 200 boxes, have sold at 4¾c, and are held today at 5c. Layers have been fairly active but unchanged, with sales of lots of 100 boxes at $1.85, and London layers, in lots of 25 boxes, have brought $2. Sultanas are now very scarce, and held firmly at 8½ to 9c. Prunes have sold in lots of 100 kegs at 4½c. Currants have been steady, with sales at 4½ to 4¾c for round lots of new. Nuts are offering at quotations. Lemon and Orange Peel remain steady but unchanged. Prices are as follows, the outside being for retailers' lots:—Raisins, Layers, $1.50 to $1.70; Valencias, 5 to 5½c; new seedless, none; Sultanas, new, 8½ to 9c; loose Muscatelles, new, $1.87½ to $1.35; Currants, 1878, 4½ to 5c; choice, 6 to 6½c; old, 2½ to 3½c; Filberts, 7½ to 8c; Walnuts, 8½ to 9c; Almonds, 14 to 15c; Prunes, 4½ to 5½c; Brazil nuts, 7 to 7½c; Lemon peel, 25c; Orange do, 21 to 24c; Citron do, 24 to 27c.

RICE—Has been dull and inactive with 100-bag lots offering at $4.30 to $4.35, and small lots selling slowly at $4.50.

FISH—The market has again become inactive with nothing of consequence doing in lots beyond a few small sales at $2.75 for trout and $3 for white fish. Salt water fish has been unchanged. Quotations stand as follows, the outside prices being for retailers' lots:—Herrings, Labrador, bbls, $5.00 to $2.25; Salmon, salt water, $15.50 to $16.00; Codfish, new, per 112 lbs, $4.75 to $5.00; boneless, per lb, 5 to 6½c; Whitefish, half-bbls, $3.00 to $2.25; Trout, $2.75 to $3.00; Mackerel, bbls, $10; half-bbls, none; Sardines, ¼s, 10 to 10½c; do. ½s, 18½ to 19½c.

TOBACCO—There has been no movement reported in job lots, and prices of them remain nominally unchanged. Quotations are as follows:—Manufactured 10's, 33 to 37c; do. 1's, 6's, and 8's, 37½ to 45c; Navy, 3's, bright, 43 to 54c; Navy black, 37 to 42c; Solaces, 35 to 42c; Extra bright none; Virginia, 80 to 90c.

LIQUORS—There was a lot of Hennessy's brandy sold at $10.00, and some enquiry has been made inquired for fine wines, but otherwise the market has been quiet. Quotations are unchanged as follows:—Pure Jamaica Rum, 16 o.p., $2.25 to $2.50; Demerara, $2.20 to $2.30; Gin—green cases, $4.00 to $4.50; red, $7.75 to $8.50; Wines—Port, $3.50; Sherry, $3.75; Champagne, per case, $10 to $22; Brandy, in wood, $2.75 to $3.50; in case, Sazerac, $8.00 to $8.50; old Otard's, $8.75 to $8.25; do. Hennessy's, $10.25 to $10.50; do. Martell's, $9.75 to $10; do., Jules Robins, $7.50 to $8.00; do., Vine-growers' Co., $9.00 to $.50; do., Jules Bellerie, $7.00 to $7.50; Whiskey, common, imp., 32 u.p., 93 to 95c; Old Rye, $1.07 to $1.10; Malt, $7.07 to $1.10; Toddy, $1.07 to $1.10; Spirits, $1.05 to $1.07; Native Wine, per gal, 65c to $2; do. do., per case, $3.30 to $6.00; Native Brandy, per gal., $1.40 to $2,50; do. do., per case, $5.05 to $8.50; white wheat whiskey, $1.15.

FREIGHTS.

GRAND TRUNK RATES.—An advance of about 2½ to 5c in Grand Trunk rates was announced on Monday, and from Toronto to the undermentioned points they now stand as follows:—Flour to Kingston, 25c per bbl; Gananoque to Prescott, 30c; Belleville to Montreal, 35c; St. Lambert to St. Johns, 45c; to St. Hyacinthe, 47½c; St. Liboire to Lennoxville, 50c; Waterville to Coaticook, 55c; Sherbrooke to Chandler, 50c; Danville to Kingsey Point Levis, 55c; Cacouna to Metapediac, 65c; to St. John, 65c; to Halifax, 70c; to Miramichi (for Newcastle), 65c; Point du Chene and Picton, 70c; Dansville and McAdam Junction, 65c; to Carlton, 65c. Rates on grain one-half of the above per cental.

THROUGH RATES TO ENGLAND.—Through rates *via* Dominion and Beaver lines *via* Monstreal stand this week as follows:—Flour, $1.23 per barrel, and wheat—per cental to Liverpool. Beef and pork in barrels, 55c, boxed meats, tallow, and lard, 65c to Liverpool, per cental; butter and cheese, in lots not under 15,000 lbs, 75c to Liverpool. Oil-cake 60c to Liverpool, and—to Glasgow. Oatmeal and flour in bags to Liverpool, 55c. Clover, 68c per cental. Appels $1.44 per barrel.

CATTLE.

TRADE—Has been active since our last, as is usual at this season.

BEEVES—Receipts were rather small in the latter part of last week, but have since shown an increase which has tended to make prices close somewhat easy. Christmas cattle have been scarce all over the country, in consequence of many of this class having been previously sold for export; any offering have readily brought $6, with prize-cattle going still higher. The supply of export cattle has been small, but readily taken at $5 with light-weight steers selling down to $4.50. Second-class have been in fair supply and taken as before at $3.75 to $4. Third-class have been unchanged and steady at $3 to $3.50.

SHEEP—Offerings have been on the increase and fully equal to the wants of the market. The demand for export-lots has been maintained, but buyers seem more cautious and are offering only from $3.50 to $4 per cental, according to quality. Lots for the local market sell as before at $5.50 to $6 for first-class; but second-class seem slightly firmer, probably from skins ruling rather higher, at $4 to $4.75. Nothing doing in third-class.

LAMBS—Have been abundant, but a steady demand has been maintained at firm prices. First-class, dressing from 45 lbs upwards, have been in active demand and have advanced to $3.50 to $4, the latter price being for selections. Second-class have been quiet, but firm at $2.75 to $3.

CALVES—There have been as usual some few very choice sold at fancy prices for the Christmas market; but prices of average qualities remain unchanged and steady. First-class, dressing from 120 lbs upwards, have been steady at $7.50 to $10. Second-class, dressing from 75 to 110 lbs, have been quiet at $4.50 to $6. Third-class have been purely nominal.

HIDES, SKINS AND WOOL.

TRADE—Has remained generally quiet.

HIDES—Green have been abundant and selling fairly well at the late reduction in price. Cured have been in fair demand but easy with sales of cars at 7½ and 7c.

CALFSKINS—Offerings have been small and prices entirely unchanged.

SHEEPSKINS—There has been no general advance in prices but Christmas skins have been selling at from 90c upwards; receipts from the-city trade have been large and green skins firm at 85c. Country receipts have been small and prices firmer at 65 to 80c.

WOOL—Has shown very little change during the week. Fleece has been selling on the street at 21c; there have been no round lots offered and values remain unchanged. Super has been very quiet; there are one to two lots of about 2,000 lbs sold at 22c but dealers are not anxious to buy even at this price and holders are decidedly unwilling to sell at it.

TALLOW—Remains dull and unchanged at former quotations, with a good deal coming forward.

Quotations stand as follows:—No. 1 inspected, choice, $6.00; No. 2 inspected, $5.00; No. 3 inspected, $4.00; Calfskins, green, 8 to 10c; Calfskins, cured, 11½ to 12c; calfskins, dry, none; Sheepskins, 85c; Wool, fleece, 21c; Wool, pulled, super, 20 to 21c; extra super, nominal; Wool, pickings, 8 to 10c; Tallow, rough, 3½c; rendered, 6c.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Trade is now very quiet, being limited to a sorting-up business; even in that, sales have been small, and are expected to remain so during the rest of the year. There has been no change whatever in prices. Travellers are now out with samples of spring goods; orders have been fair, but buyers generally seem inclined to hold off until the new year; prices of spring goods will be low, but not lower than before, as bottom seems to have been touched here as elsewhere. Factories are not all started on spring goods, and consequently are not all on full time as yet. Quotations are as follows:—Men's Thick Boots, $1.65 to $2.85; Men's Kip Boots, $1.90 to $3.15; Men's Calf Boots, $3 to $4; Men's Pegged Con. Gaiters, $1.50 to $2.25; Men's Hand-sewed Gaiters, $4.25 to $5; Men's Machine-sewed Gaiters, $1.60 to $3.50; Men's Cobourgs, $1 to $1.80; Men's Bunkums, $1.25 to $1.80; Men's Buff Alex., $2.25 to $2.75; Men's Pru. Cong., $1.15 to $2.00; Boys' Work—Boys' Congress, $1.35 to $2; Boys' Cobourgs, 95c to $1.25; Boys' Pegged Balmorals, $1.40 to $1.70; Boys' Bunkums, $1.05 to $1.30; Youths' Kip's, $1.45 to $2; Youths' Shoes, $1.25 to $1.65. Women's Work—Women's Prunella Bal., 70c to $2.00; Women's Prunella Cong., 50c to $2.00; Women's Pebbled and Buff Pegged, $1.00 to $1.80; Women's Pebbled and Buff Sewed, $1.25 to $2.50; Women's B. Kid Bals., $2.50 to $2.75; Women's Kid Bals., $1.75 to $2.50; Women's Cong., $1.00 to $2.30; Women's Batts., 90c to $1.30; Women's Calf Bals., $1.45 to $1.75. Misses' Work—Batts., 80c to $1.10; Misses' Kip's, $1.45 to $2; Youths' Shoes, $1.25 to $1.50; Misses' Calf Balmorals, $1.25. Children's Work—C. T. Socks, 4 to 8, 55 to 90c; Balmorals, C. T., 6 to 10, 75c to $1; Em. Socks, 37½ to 60c; Batts., 55 to 75c.

COAL AND WOOD.

Trade continues to be active; prices remain steady, but unchanged, at the late advance, and seem likely to be firm for all. Prices stand as follows:—Large egg, $6.25; small egg, $6.50; stove, $6.50; nut, $6; Mount Morris, $5.50; Lehigh, $6 to $6.50; Blossburgh, $6.50; Maple, delivered from the yard, $6; pine, $5.

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