

tory, a good number of country dealers have been in the city.

ASHES.—*Pots*.—Very few ashes are coming in, any small lots offering have been taken at \$4.25 to 4.15 for firsts; for round shipping lots rather higher prices are asked; nothing doing in inferiors. *Pearls* are inactive, nominal price \$5.50.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Matters are pretty dull in this trade, and so far as the spring business has gone, appearances are that it will not be equal to former years. Our quotations remain the same as last week. We quote *Men's Kip Boots* \$2.50 to 3.00; ditto *French Calf* \$3.25 to 3.75; ditto *Buff Congress* \$1.40 to 1.75; ditto *Split Brogans* 90c. to \$2.50; *Boy's Split Brogans* 85 to \$1.25; ditto *Buff* and *Pebbled Congress* \$1.25 to 1.50; *Women's Buff* and *Pebbled Balmorals* \$1.15 to 1.75; ditto *Prunella Boots* 75c. to \$1.50; ditto *Prunella Congress* 65c. to \$1.25.

CATTLE.—The news from England regarding the prohibiting of importations of American cattle, has rather disturbed this market, and prices have ruled very low, but recovered somewhat on the receipt of the cablegram that the prohibition had been removed; still the market is very unsettled. There were very few cattle in the market yesterday, and prices ranged from 3 to 3½c per lb.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business has been moving a little better lately, owing to orders coming in from travellers on the road, and increased activity is looked for in the month to come. We quote: *carb soda* per keg \$3.25 to 3.50; *Soda Ash* per 100 lbs. \$1.75 to 2.00; *Arrow Root* per lb. 12½c for Jamaica, 45c, for Bermuda, *Borax*, refined, 10 and 11c for American and English respectively, *Cream Tartar crystals* 29c; ditto ground 30c; *Caustic Soda* \$2.45 to 2.50 nominal; *Sugar of Lead* 12c; *Bleaching Powder* per lb. 1½ to 2c; *Alum* \$1.75 to 2.00; *Copperas* \$1.75 per 100 lbs. *Sulphur* per lb. 3½ to 3¾c; *Roll Sulphur* per lb. 2½ to 2¾c; *Epsom Salts* per 100 lbs. \$1.90 to 2.00; *Sal Soda* per 100 lbs. \$1.25 to 1.50; *Saltpetre*, Brandrum per keg \$8.25 to 8.75.

DRY GOODS.—Travellers are meeting with moderate success in obtaining orders for spring goods and the feeling is that business will not fall short of last year. Stocks here are full and well assorted, and about the end of the month some activity is looked for; remittances are still the subject of complaint.

FISH.—The demand for Labrador Herrings is improving, but as stocks are much reduced they are likely to be scarce before and during Lent. We quote *Dry cod* \$4 to 4.50; *Green cod* \$4.50 for No. 1 and 3.50 for No. 2. *Labrador Herrings* \$4 to 4.50; *Salmon* \$10. \$9. and \$8. for No. 1, 2, and 3, respectively.

RAW FURS.—There are none of consequence coming in; we make a few changes in quotations which would be paid for really prime skins, as the demand is good, we quote.—*Mink*, prime dark, large, \$1.50 to 1.75; do. small \$1.00 to 1.50c; *Martin*, \$1.00 to 1.25; *Beaver* per lb. \$1.25 to 1.60; *Bear*, large, \$7.00 to 10.00; ditto cubs \$2.00 to 4.00; *Red Fox*, \$1.25 to 1.50; *Muskrat*, large, 9c to 10c. do. small, 5 to 6c; ditto kits 2 to 3c; *Lynx*, \$1.00 to 1.50; *Skunk*, prime dark, large; 40 to 50c; ditto white 20 to 30c; *Raccoon*, prime 25 to 50c; *Fisher*, prime, \$6.00 to 7.00; *Otter*, prime dark, \$6.00 to 8.00.

FLOUR.—The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st inst. were 55,369 brls, against 54,063 brls on the 15th ult., and 63,674 brls on the 1st of February, 1878. Receipts during the past week 6,117 brls; total receipts from 1st January to date 29,883 brls, being a decrease of 27,807 brls on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1878. Shipments during the week 1,269 brls; total shipments from 1st January to date 10,223 brls, being a decrease of 12,711 brls on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1878. In the

early part of the week there was a fair demand for shipments and also for local wants. Quotations have ruled pretty steady to-day, the market was quiet, and we have little or no change to report on quotations of this day week. We quote *Superior Extra* \$4.40 to \$4.45; *Extra, Superfine* \$4.20 to 4.25; *Fancy*, \$4.10 to \$0.00; *Spring Extra*, \$0.00 to \$4.00; *Superfine*, \$3.60 to \$3.70; *Strong Baker's Flour*, \$4.20 to \$4.40; *Fine*, \$3.15 to 3.25; *Middlings*, \$2.85 to \$3.00; *Pollards*, \$2.50 to \$2.70; *Ontario Bags* \$1.90 to 1.95 *Oatmeal*, \$3.75 to 3.85; *Cornmeal*, kiln dried \$2.25 to \$2.35.

GRAIN.—*Wheat*.—Stocks in store and in hands of millers on the morning of the 1st inst. were 85,863 bushels, against 84,655 bushels on the 15th ult., and 396,022 bushels on the 1st of February, 1878. Receipts during the week 30,400 bush; total receipts from 1st January to date 151,640 bush, being a decrease of 40,081 bush on the receipts for the same period of 1878. Shipments during the week 29,600 bush; total shipments from 1st January to date 150,443 bush, being a decrease of 40,124 bush in the shipments for the corresponding period of 1878. There is nothing doing in this grain and quotations are nominal. There has been some demand for *Oats* at 28c to 29c; *Maize*, 46 to 47½c; *Peas*, some small transactions at 72 to 73c per 66 lbs; *Barley* is nominal.

HIDES.—Butchers' hides are steady, with a fair demand, but are not very plentiful. Quotations are the same as last week, viz., \$6.50, \$5.50, and \$4.50 for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively. *Sheepskins* unchanged, 90c to \$1.00 each.

HARDWARE.—Trade continues dull and inactive. The actual demand is small, but some wholesale merchants seem confident of a change for the better and are holding out for a profit on their goods. *Tin Plates* are firm, at an advance, particularly Cokes, which have advanced over 2½ sterling per box. With these exceptions goods are nominally unchanged. We quote: *Pig Iron* per ton, Gartscherrie, 17.50 to \$18.50; *Summerlee*, \$17 to 18; *Langloan*, 19 to 19.25; *Eglinton*, \$16.00 to 16.50; *Calder*, No. 1, \$18 to 18.25; *Carnbroe*, \$16.00 to 16.25; *Hematite*, \$25 to 26; *Pars.* per 100 lbs.: *Scotch* and *Staffordshire*, \$1.70 to 1.80; best ditto \$2.10 to 2.20; *Swedes* and *Norway*, 4.50 to 5.00; *Lowmoor* and *Bowling*, \$5.50 to 6.00. *Canada Plates*, per box: *Glamorgan*, \$3.15 to 3.25; *Garth* and *Penn.*, \$3.15 to 3.25; *Hatton*, \$3.00 to 3.10. *Tin Plates*, per box: *Charcoal I C*, \$5.50 to 6.00; *Bradley*, \$6.50 to 6.75; *Charcoal I X* \$7.50 to 8.00; ditto *D. C.* \$4.75 to \$5.00; *Coke I C* \$4.50 to \$5.00; *Tinned sheets* No. 26 charcoal, *Cookly K* or *Bradley* per lb, 11 to 11½c; *Galvanized Sheets*, best brands, No. 28, \$7.25 to 7.50. *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs \$2.25 to 2.30; *Sheets* best brands, \$2.30 to 2.40; *Boiler Plates* per 100 lbs., \$2.40 to 2.50; *Russia Sheet Iron* per lb 10 to 11c; *Cut Nails* per 100 lbs., 12dy to 7 in, \$3; ditto sdy to rody, \$3.30; *Shingle nails* \$3 80; *Lath nails*, \$4.60. 100 keg lots 5 per cent. discount, *Pressed Spikes* \$4.00 to 4.75; *Lead* per 100 pig, \$4.50 to 5.00; sheet \$5.50 to 6.00; bar \$6 to 6.50; *Shot* \$6.25 to 7.00; *Steel*, cart per lb. 10 to 13c; spring per 100 lbs \$3.25 to 3.50; tire, \$3.00 to 3.25; *Sleigh shoe*, \$2.50 to 2.75; *Ingot tin* \$18.00 to 20.00; *Ingot copper* \$19.50 to 21.00; *Horse shoes* \$3.50 to 4.00; *Proved coil chain* ½ in. \$4.50 to 5.00 *Anchors* \$5 to 7; *Anvils* 8 to 11c; wire per bdl. of 63 lbs, \$1.70 to 1.80.

LEATHER.—The market continues exceedingly dull, while the failure recently of a large boot and shoe house has added to the previous depression. Stocks are being offered in some instances at or below the cost of production, and the outlook is far from promising for holders. Our quotations have a downward tendency, and to effect sales even still lower prices would be accepted. We quote: *Hemlock Spanish*

sole, No. 1; B. A., 22 to 24c; ditto, No. 2 B. A., 19 to 21c; *Zanzibar*, No. 1. 20 to 21c; ditto No. 2, 17 to 18c; *Buffalo Sole* No. 1, 19 to 20c; ditto, No. 2, 17 to 18c; *Hemlock slaughter*, No. 1, 23 to 24c; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 30 to 36c; ditto, heavy, 29 to 34c; *Grained*, 32 to 36c; *Splitts*, large, 25 to 28c; ditto, small, 20 to 25c; *Calfskins*, 27 to 36 lbs., 55 to 70c; ditto, 18 to 26 lbs., 50 to 60c; *Sheepskin linings*, 20 to 25c; *Harness*, 22 to 28c; *Buffed cow*, 12 to 15c; *Enamelled cow*, 15 to 16c; *Patent Cow* 15 to 16c; *Pebbled cow* 12 to 15c; *Rough* 20 to 23c.

OILS.—The demand for oils has been very slow, and prices of all kinds remain pretty much as last week. *Nfld. Cod Oil*, 40c; *Hlfx.* ditto, 33 to 35c; *Seal*, pale, 42½c; ditto straw, 35c; ditto steam refined, 46 to 47c; *Linseed*, raw, 56 to 57c; ditto boiled, 60 to 61c; *Olive oil*, \$1.00 to 1.10; *Turpentine*, 42 to 45½c. For *Petroleum* the demand has somewhat fallen off, and, though our quotations are unchanged, to effect sales dealers are disposed to figure very closely: car lots, 17½c; part cars, 17½ to 18c; single barrels, 18 to 19c per Imperial gallon.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*.—Receipts during the week have been 3,463 pkgs; shipments, 6,548 pkgs. We have a strong market, with very little offering; all desirable parcels are readily bought up at fall prices. We quote *Eastern Townships* good to choice, 17 to 20c; *Morrisburg* good to choice, 13 to 17c; store packed *Western*, 6 to 9c; fair to good dairy *Western*, 8 to 12c. *Cheese*.—We have neither receipts nor shipments to report this week; the market has been dull and inactive, but holders are firm in their views, asking 8 to 9c. *Pork*.—Receipts, 3 brls; shipments, 43 brls.; market is firm with upward tendency; mess, \$11.50 to 12.00; sugar cured *Hams*, 9 to 9½c; *Lard*.—There is a pretty fair local demand at 8 to 8½c for pails.

SALT.—Coarse has been dealt in to some extent at from 6½ to 6½c; sales of car loads at our inside quotations; factory filled, \$1.00 to 1.15.

WOOL.—The market remains in much the same condition as for some time past. We hear of no transactions worth reporting, and quotations are nominally unchanged.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 6th 1879.

Contending with the downcast feeling of wholesale merchants in most lines, because of slack remittances and continued failures, is the flutter of activity in demand for many staple goods, occasioned, likely, by the fear of added imposts when Parliament assembles. Not a few experienced minds anticipate "a hard spring" financially, seeing the inadequacy of the trade of the country to support all who are aiming to live by merchandising.

The share market has improved in tone, as we note elsewhere, bank stocks showing a marked advance on the week. Building Societies are not in active request, bank stocks having frequent preference. *Western* has sold at 145; *Freehold*, new stock is called for, but there are no sellers of the old. Some movement is reported in *Canada Permanent*, *Landed Credit*, *Building & Loan & Imperial*; *London & Canadian Loan* at 127½, is considered low, when a 5 per cent., dividend is impending. There is very little movement in debentures.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The present is usually a dull time, and good houses in the retail are not disposed to make it active by buying ahead. Buyers generally are hanging back and buying little. Remittances are fair, in some quarters unexpectedly good. Evidences are not wanting, however, that the trade is overdone, both in manufacturing and retailing.