

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

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Since our last report breadstuffs have been weak and declining, provisions quiet and steady

PROVISIONS—Hog products firm, without any special feature. Increased supplies of butter have still further weakened the market for that article, and sales have been made at from 12c to 13c. Cheese continues steady at say 11 1/2c. to 12c. for the usual jobbing trade. There has been considerable activity in bacon, which is now worth, in case or ton lots, 12 1/2c. for long clear, and 11 1/2c. for Cumberland; car loads would find purchasers at 1/2c. less. Stocks here are remarkably light for the season of the year, and the cost of importations would be considerably higher than the above figures. Lard is firm but in limited demand, the low price of butter tending to diminish consumption. Tierces we quote 14c. to 14 1/2c., tubs and tinsnets 15c., and small pails 15 1/2c. Eggs have been in good demand at 15c. to 15 1/2c. There are no dressed hogs now coming in, but as high as \$10 was paid some days ago. There is a fair demand for Hops, for a good article, 24c. would be paid, but holders look for 25c.

FLOUR.—Inactivity characterizes the market; stocks of Flour are small, as is usual at this season. Can hear of no transactions, this week, and our quotations of \$5.85 for superior extra and 5.75 for extra are purely nominal. Stocks in store, 2,627 bush, as compared with 4,755 bush. last week, and 5,740 bush. at a like time in 1881. Optimal. —None offering, and demand moderate; we quote \$4.90 to \$5 in car lots. Cornmeal steady at \$4 per bbl., and say \$4.15 to \$4.25 for single brls. Bran is easier; we quote \$14 per ton, and as the grass begins to grow it is likely to go lower.

GRAIN.—The market is quiet, and without much firmness in any article but barley. Western markets for wheat are 1c. easier today, and Liverpool advices show corn and wheat down 3d. each. Total stocks in store at this port are 284,048 bush. as compared with 317,495 bush. last week and 272,172 bush. at a like time in 1881. No transactions in wheat on Monday or Tuesday last; sales of fall were at \$1.31 and \$1.31 1/2 for No. 2 last week. The stock of fall is meantime reduced to 170,658 bush. as compared with 195,332 last week and 77,229 bush. on a like date last year. Wheat.—Spring.—Stocks in store 71,720 bush. against 80,641 bush. last week and 95,524 bush. at a like time last year. Sales since our last at \$1.35 and \$1.35 1/2 for No. 2, but no transactions last week up to Queen's Birthday. Oats.—The market is quiet and steady; sales were made at 50c. last week for No. 1, but on Tuesday there were sales at 49c. Stocks in store, 9,413 bush. as compared with 10,513 bush last week and 7,691 bush. at a like time in 1881. Barley.—The stock was perhaps never so low as now, and the trifle that is held here belongs to malsters. Prices are firm at 90c. for No. 1 down to 82c. for No. 3. Stocks in store 7,313 bush. against 12,001 bush. last week and 39,555 bush. at a like time in 1881. Peas.—Stocks in store 13,234 bush. as compared with 7,616 bush. last week and 52,173 bush. at a like time in 1881. Market weaker. Quotations nominal at 85c. for No. 1 and 83c. to 84c. for No. 2. Rye and Corn are both nominal.

WOOL.—While the market for foreign wool is firm, and a good movement continues of pulled, both super and extra, Canada fleeces is unsalable. The position, as far as regards this article, is pretty well summed up in the following from the Boston Commercial and Shipping List of Saturday last: "The new clip of Canada combing is about to come out, and there is considerable of the old crop still on hand. There is no price for this article here, as it is not wanted by manufacturers, and it is doubtful what it would bring if forced, not over 36c. or 37c. per lb. Canada will have to consume her wool at home, for there appears to be no outlet for it except at very low prices." We quote prices here as follows: Southdown, English domestic super and lambs 28c. to 33c. according to quality. Cape wools 18 1/2c. to 21c. Australian and New Zealand, both greasy, 21c. to 24c. Persian 22c. to 23c.; Spanish greasy 15c. to 18c.; East Indian 17c. to 22c. Scotch cheviot 30c. Canadian pulled lamb and super 27c. to 28c.; pulled extra 33c. to 34c.; fleece clothing (fine downs or cross breeds) 32c. to 38c.; pulled combings 20c. to 21c.; fleece combing 20c. to 23c.

HIDES AND SKINS.—A fair demand exists for Hides; there is no accumulation of stock. The market continues strong, though with no decided upward tendency. For lambskins 25c. is paid.

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