

bing demand for all kinds of liquors, but transactions have not been on a scale to change quotations, and the state of this market calls for no particular remark.

NAVAL STORES.—Business in this branch of trade is now at a complete standstill, and any quotations we could at present give, would be valueless.

OILS.—Stocks being rather light causes a good deal of firmness on the part of holders. *Cod Oil* has changed hands to a small extent at 62½ to 65c; *Steam refined Seal* 67½ to 72½c; *Pale Seal*, no sales reported, but holders are asking 65c; *Straw Seal* 62½c; *Olive* \$1.00; *Linsed Boiled* 70 to 73c; *Raw* do 66 to 70; *Petroleum*.—The advance noted last week has been maintained and car loads have changed hands at 28 to 29c; and single barrel lots at 30 to 31c.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*.—Receipts during the week 983 kegs; shipments 1,636 kegs. The demand at present is light, but all choice lots are readily placed at our outside quotations. Store packed Western 23 to 24c; Dairy do 24 25c; Eastern townships 26 to 26½c. *Cheese*.—No receipts this week; shipments 366 boxes; market steady with good local demand at 13½c for Fine Factory, and 14c for Finest. *Lard*.—Is quiet at 15½ to 16c. *Pork*.—No receipts; shipments 6 bbls., market has been quiet with limited sales of New Mess at \$23 to 23.50. Thin Mess \$21. *Tallow*.—Remains much the same as last week, sales in barrels at 7½ to 8c.

SALT.—Not much demand, prices keep steady at 90c for Coarse; Fine is nominal at 75c; Factory filled \$1.40 to \$1.50.

WOOL.—There have been no transactions this week, business quite at a standstill, and quotations are nominally unchanged.

TORONTO MARKET.

TORONTO, December, 17 1874.

Trade has continued to be generally quiet since our last. The quantity of grain offering has been small, and the movement has thereby been contracted, though prices have remained steady in all cases. Increased receipts, which seem likely to come forward after Christmas, might, however, cause a considerable change in values. Provisions have continued to be very quiet; the only movement has been that of hogs, which are now in good demand as packing has generally commenced. Groceries are quiet, and business chiefly confined to sorting up country stocks. Imported goods are generally quiet, and business, in a good many cases, is checked by stock taking.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The demand for winter goods is now limited to a sorting-up supply. Travellers, however, are out with samples of spring goods and are sending in large orders. The factories are busily at work on spring goods. Prices are firm but unchanged.

COAL.—Remains unaltered at last week's prices.

CATTLE.—*Beeves*.—The market has been more active than in the preceding week, but the movement is not equal to that which usually prevails at Christmas. There are no more of any sort offering than are wanted and of choice qualities not enough. Christmas cattle range from \$5.50 to 7, but the latter is seldom paid for any save prize cattle. Ordinary first-class are eagerly sought after and taken readily at \$5. Second-class sell fairly well at prices ranging from \$4 to 4.50. Third-class are not wanted in larger numbers than are offering but sell at from \$3.25 to 3.50. *Sheep* are still in deficient supply and in good demand at steady prices. Christmas sheep sell at from \$7 up, according to quality. First-class are in active demand and firm at \$5.50 to 6. Second-class range from \$4 to 4.75. Third-class are not wanted and prices

are purely nominal at \$3 to 3.50. *Lambs*.—There is an active enquiry heard and but few offered; prices are firm for all sorts and for choice high figures are paid. Christmas lambs have brought as much as \$6. Average first-class are in active demand and firm at \$4 to 4.50. Second-class are firm at from \$3.25 to 3.75. Third-class are not wanted and will not bring over \$2.50 to 2.75. *Calves*.—Choice qualities suited for the Christmas market are eagerly sought after, but scarcely any are to be had. First-class dressing from 120 to 150 lbs. would bring \$10 to 13; and second-class dressing from 75 to 110 lbs. from \$5 to 7. Third-class are not wanted.

DRUGS.—Trade is active for the season. Prices of some staples have declined since our last, amongst which are borax, opium, iodide, bromide, potash and quinine. Canary seed is extremely scarce and much advanced in price.

FLOUR.—Stocks in store on the 14th inst., 6,101 bbls., against 7,190 on the corresponding date of last year, and 6,246 last week. There has been but little offering all week, yet that little seems to have been sufficient for the wants of the market: prices have shown very little variation. Superior extra sold on Tuesday at \$5.15. Extra has been neglected; a lot sold on Saturday at \$4.40 f.o.b. Fancy has been firm; last week \$4.25 was bid and refused, and \$4.30 f.o.c. was paid on Tuesday. Spring wheat extra has been easy; two small lots of choice sold last week at \$4.20, but on Monday several lots changed hands at \$4.10; Superfine has been quiet and weak; one lot sold at \$3.75 f.o.b. Fine is unchanged; one lot sold at \$3.50. The market yesterday closed quiet with no sales reported, and spring wheat extra offering at equal to \$4.10 here. *Oatmeal*.—Car-lots have been quiet, but would probably command \$5.00 to 5.10, small lots are unchanged at \$5.25 to 5.75. *Bran*.—Is scarce and very firm; a car sold at \$14.00 on the track.

FREIGHTS.—Grand Trunk winter rates on flour from Toronto have been reduced to 40c to Montreal; 65c to Point Levis; 80c to Portland; 95c to Halifax; 90c to St. John, and 85c to Boston. Grain per cental one-half of the above rates. Through rates to England—Flour to Liverpool per Allan line 6s. 3d. stg. per barrel; boxed meats and lard 80s.; butter and cheese 95s. od. per ton of 2,240 lbs. Flour to Glasgow via New York \$1.78 per bbl., boxed meats and lard 93c per cental; and cheese \$1.15 per cental.

GRAIN.—Stocks in store on the 14th inst., were as follows: Wheat 39,205 bush; barley 66,714 bush; oats 1,515, and peas 16,620 bush; against 144,429 bush of wheat; 5,233 bush of oats; 25,290 bush of barley and 14,901 bush of peas on the corresponding date of last year. *Wheat*.—An active demand has prevailed all week, but as very little has been offered the movement has been small; prices have been steady. Nothing has been done in No. 1 Fall, but were it to be had \$1.00 to 1.03 would be paid. No. 2 Fall has been scarce; one small lot sold at 97c f.o.b. on Saturday. Spring has been fairly active; one round lot of No. 1 sold on Friday at 97c f.o.b., and car-lots have been selling at 94c for No. 2, and 96c for No. 1 f.o.c. The market yesterday closed quiet but firm, with buyers of No. 2 fall at 97 to 98c, but none offering, and one sale of No. 1 spring at 96c f.o.c. On the street fall sold at \$1.00; Treadwell at 95c, and spring at 93c. *Oats*.—A ready sale has been found for all offering. Car-lots on the track sold last week at 42½ and 43c, and on Monday and Tuesday at 42 and 42½c. No sales were reported yesterday, but former prices would have been repeated. On the street 44 to 45c was paid. *Barley*.—The market has remained firm with an active enquiry all week; but sales have been generally on p.t. There were lots sold last week at \$1.13 for No. 1 and

\$1.11 for No. 2 f.o.c., and on Tuesday \$1.13 was again paid for No. 1. No movement was reported yesterday, but previous prices would again have been paid. On the street the range was from \$1.12 to 1.14. *Peas*.—All offering have found a ready sale at steady prices. Some sales have been made nearly every day, but in all cases at 81c for No. 2, and 83c for No. 1 f.o.c., which would still be paid. On the street yesterday 78 to 80c was paid. *Rye*.—Sells at 70c on the street with nothing doing in round lots. *Corn*.—Has begun to move; two cars sold on Friday and one on Monday at 72c on the track.

GROCERIES.—*Coffee*.—Has been very quiet, scarcely any movement has occurred, prices are unchanged. *Fish*.—There have been sales of Labrador herrings at \$6.62 in lots, and at \$7 for small quantities. Lake-fish is rather higher at \$4.00 to 4.25 for trout, and \$4.25 to 4.50 for white-fish. *Fruit*.—Has been quiet and rather easier since our last. No new layers have been in the market, but some are expected by the end of the week, old have changed hands to a considerable extent at \$2.35, and very few can now be had. Valencias have been quiet with buyers holding off, lots are offered freely at 9½ to 9¾, and it is thought that they might be had at 9c. Sultanias have sold at 15c, and seedless at 10½c in lots. Currants have been quiet with sales at 6½c. Nuts are generally unchanged, and selling fairly well. Large sales of new crop walnuts have been made at 9c. *Liquors*.—Brandy seems to be rather easier, a fall of 25c is quoted in Hennessy's and Jules Robin's. *Rice*.—Is quiet and unchanged at \$4.40 to 4.75, the latter being for small lots of choice quality. *Spices*.—No alteration is reported since our last. *Sugar*.—Is quiet and the feeling rather easy. Raws are inactive, the only movement noted being the sale of small lots of Demerara at 9½ to 10c. Scotch refined has sold at 8½c and 9½c, the latter being for fairly bright. Montreal refined is unchanged in price, and selling only in small quantities. Dry crushed and ground have been easier, the former sold at 10½ and 10¾c. *Tea*.—The prospect of a reimposition of the States duties has led to some speculative purchases in New York, but the movement here is very small—at least in lines. A couple of lines of young hyson, low thirds, sold at 31c; one of choice seconds at 56½c; and choice firsts at 70c. Japans and blacks are neglected, but one line of Twankays sold at 25c. *Tobacco*.—Continues to be very firm with more wanted than the factories can supply. No sales of lots are reported as none can be had.

HARDWARE.—Trade continues to be quiet as stocks are now complete in the country and stock-taking is going on in town. Heavy goods are selling slowly; very little movement is reported in either tin plates, Canada plates or iron. Galvanized iron continues to be in good demand at firm prices. Lead and copper are held very firmly in consequence of the upward tendency in England, but no further advance has yet occurred here. Shelf-goods are selling quietly. Glass is very scarce and firm. No change has been made in our price list this week but all are steady. English advices report a very unfavorable condition of the iron trade both in reference to sales and prices.

HIDES AND SKINS.—*Hides*.—Green continues to be abundant and to sell at unchanged prices. Cured are not enquired for; there has been some movement in small lots which have sold at 8½ to 8¾c. *Calfskins*.—Remain purely nominal at former prices, *Sheepskins* are very plentiful; prices vary widely at present in consequence of some large skins being offered but the top price for average green is \$1.40. Dry are judged rather severely in lots.

HOPS.—Brewers still refuse to buy any more than enough for their daily requirements and for these have to pay 40c. Holders are decidedly