

Toronto Trade.

The money market was generally easy. Surplus funds are more plentiful, and call loans are obtainable at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on debentures and at 6 to $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on stocks. Rates on commercial paper are unchanged at 7 to 8 per cent.

Wheat was quiet. No. 2 spring sold on the track at 82c. There were enquiries for spring for export at 77 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. at outside points. 80c. was bid for No. 1 red, and there were sellers of No. 2 hard at 88c. with 85 to 86c. bid. No. 1 hard was offered at 91c. with 89c. bid.

Flour was quoted:—Manitoba patent, \$4.80; patent winter, \$3.75 to \$4.15; patent spring, \$3.85 to \$4.25; straight roller, \$3.75 to \$3.80; strong bakers, \$3.75 to \$4.10; bran, per ton, \$17 to \$18.

Oats were firmer. Feeding sold at 44 to 45c. on the track, and good milling were quoted at 46 to 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Manitoba offered at 44c. to arrive at no stated time, and at 46c. delivered before April 15th. Barley was dull and a little No. 2 offered at 77c.; one sale of a car of No. 2 was reported at 74c. Peas were quoted at 65 to 68c.

Oatmeal was quoted:—Standards, \$5.35; graduated, \$5.60; rolled, \$5.85; rolled oats, \$6.10; cornmeal, \$3.

In dairy produce, choice roll butter was enquired for, but scarce at 19 to 20c. and for a few 21c. was paid. Good tub is being picked up at 19 to 21c. Medium slow. Quotations ranged as follows:—Creamery, 22 to 24c.; dairy, selected, 20 to 21c.; dairy, ordinary, 16 to 18c.; store-packed tubs, 11 to 15c. In cheese little was offered, with full cream quoted at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Good Rose and Burbanks potatoes were selling on the track at 90c. and in small lots at \$1 to \$1.10.

Fresh eggs were offered freely. Good stock is finding a ready sale at 19 to 20c. A few days of fine warmer weather would increase the receipts to such an extent that values would have to decline.

Apples were scarce with a firm market for good stock. Cars were held at \$2.25. Small lots were sold at \$2.50 to \$3 for ordinary stock, while as high as \$4 was obtained for fancy. Dried apples, quoted at 6 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

In provisions, bacon sold at 9c. in ton lots for long clear, and 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. in small lots; Cumberland, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9c.; smoked hams, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 12c.; rolls 10 to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; mess pork, \$17 to \$17.50. Dressed hogs were in good demand at \$6.80 to \$7.25.

A bunch of ten steers averaging 1,308 lbs. sold at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. but the general run of steers were not worth over 4 to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per lb.

Hides were quoted:—Green, inspected, No. 1, 6c.; do, No. 2, 5c.; do, bulls and No. 3, 4c.; Sheepskins, as to quality, 90c. to \$1.25; calf-skins—veals—8 lbs. and up, green, No. 1, 7c.; do, No. 2, 6c.

Of the dry goods trade the *Empire* says:—The principal features in the dry goods business this week are the millinery openings which have had the effect of brining to the city a great many more visitors than usual, the greater portion of whom are milliners representing large dry goods houses of the Dominion. We are informed that some have come from as far east as

Quebec and Montreal and there are also buyers from Brandon, Portage la Prairie and Winnipeg. They all appear to be in good spirits and report business in their particular branch throughout as having been for the past season quite up to the average, and that they have carried over much smaller stocks than usual. The number of buyers in town have perceptibly increased and the demand for staple goods also, and it is reported that dress goods are moving off very freely. High priced goods in all the lines are not regarded with favor the medium and low class goods moving freely. Collections are reported as firm for the season, it always being expected during this month that considerable assistance will have to be given to country traders, whose business can hardly be said to have fully opened out yet for the spring, but reports from all quarters are much more cheerful than was anticipated one month ago, and we may fairly expect trade to be from middling to good for the spring months. Manufacturers generally are now, through their agents, offering the fall goods to the wholesale trade, but are meeting with limited success, the determination seeming to be on the part of dry goods merchants to order with greater caution than heretofore, and this we think a greater display of wisdom than has been shown for the last four or five years, or trade to-day would be better spoken of than it is.

Brandon Markets.

Wheat.—Deliveries the past week amounted to 33,235 bushels. The highest price paid was 50 cts. A number of the farmers in this vicinity claim that they will hold on for better prices.

Oats:—Coming in more freely and prices have consequently dropped. The highest quotation we could get yesterday was 25 cents a bushel.

Cattle:—Are still quoted to us at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ cts. a lb., but we saw four head of very fine two year old steers sold on Tuesday for \$200 which was found to be more than 4 cts. a lb. when the cattle were weighed.

Hogs—Dressed have now touched 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents a pound.

Butter—Is now only bringing 17 and 18 cents a pound.

Eggs—Fresh are more plentiful, and are now being sold for 20c. to 22c. a dozen.—*Brandon Times*.

Business East.

ONTARIO.

H. L. Cote, dealer in hats, Cornwall, has assigned.

T. H. & W. Smith, bookseller, Galt, have dissolved.

Miss T. M. Innis, milliner, Lakefield, has sold out.

J. D. Smith, stationery, Gorrie, is removing to Mount Forest.

J. Cunningham & Co., general storekeeper, Hespeler, has sold out.

F. W. West & Co., dealer in fancy goods, Brockville, have assigned.

Steben & Barsalon, plumbers, Brockville, have dissolved.—E. Steben continues.

Gillesby & Burns, dealers in flour, Hamilton, have dissolved.—N. F. Gillesby continues.

Ed. Archer, grocer, Mitchell, has assigned. Robt. Moffit, baker, Belleville, has sold out. A. W. Ireland, bookseller, Forest, has sold out.

J. P. Dunning, butcher, Toronto, has assigned.

Miss E. B. Alley, milliner, London, has assigned.

Bridget McCormack, grocer, Belleville, has sold out.

R. G. Phillips, hotelkeeper, Windsor, has sold out.

J. Lindsay, dealer in shoes, Kingston, has assigned.

A. Blais, dealer in dry goods, Ottawa, has assigned.

Isaac Coolidge, dealer in hats, Brockville, has assigned.

Purvis & Milks, jewellers, Seaforth, have assigned.

Jas. M. Stevenson, druggist, London, has assigned.

John Ackland, grist mill, Delaware, was burned out.

John Robson, general storekeeper, Norwich, has sold out.

J. O. Poirier, general storekeeper, Routhier, has assigned.

W. R. Watson, dealer in dry goods, Cobourg, has assigned.

Geo. Garnett, general storekeeper, Bethany, has assigned.

Morton Bros., wholesale grocers, Hamilton, have assigned.

Clerihue, Whaley & Co., grocers, Brockville, have assigned.

Vincent Lortie, general storekeeper, Hawkesbury, has assigned.

Donald McKay, general storekeeper, Owen Sound, has assigned.

Peter Cameron, general storekeeper, Wallace-town, has assigned.

Ferdinand Berdux, hotelkeeper, Wellesley, is about selling out.

W. Van Every, general storekeeper, Peterboro, has sold out.

Thompson Bros., dealers in hardware, Port Elgin, have dissolved.

Thos. Young, saloonkeeper, Hamilton, is offering to compromise.

Kinsie & Co., general storekeepers, Berlin and Doon, have assigned.

E. R. Williamson, fruit dealer, Hamilton, was sold out by assignee.

Elliott & Andacott, general storekeeper, Orangeville, have dissolved.

Trumpour & Robertson, dealers in dry goods, Watford and Berlin, have assigned.

Peter A. Ferguson, general storekeeper, Mattawa, is offering to compromise.

F. E. Walker & Co., dealers in furniture, Hamilton—F. E. Walker has assigned.

T. H. Ley, dealer in shoes, St. Thomas, has sold out and is offering to compromise.

E. J. Thompson & Co., jewellers, Hamilton, have dissolved and new a partnership formed.

Hodd & Cullen, grist mill, feed and flour, Stratford, have sold out their flour and feed business.

D. Gunn & Co., wholesale provisions, Toronto, have admitted J. W. Flavell, and style now is D. Gunn, Flavell & Co.

Hugh Macdonald, dealer in dry goods, Guolph, was granted an extension.