

snow yesterday, to-day cloudy with the appearance of more snow.

ASHES.—*Pots*.—In the earlier part of the week sales were made of firsts from \$8.12½ to 8.25; very few, however were placed at the outside figure; towards the close the market was rather easier and transactions ranged from \$8.10 to 8.15; seconds are steady at \$7.25 and thirds \$6.25. *Pearls*.—there is no change to note in the value of this ash, \$8.80 to 8.90 being the ruling prices. The receipts have been more liberal; second sort have been sold in limited quantities at \$8.40. The stocks at present in store are pots 145 brls; pearls 101 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The manufacturers in the city have had a meeting, and resolved, that owing to the advance in the price of leather spring goods must be raised in price fully 10 per cent., the change to come into operation on the 1st January next; in the meantime we do not make any change in quotations which may be considered nominal, as follows:—Men's No. 1 stogas, \$2.40 to 2.50; No. 2 ditto, \$2.20 to 2.25; kid clump, \$3; ditto D S, \$2.75; calf clump, \$3.75; calf congress, \$2.50 to 3; boys' boots, \$1.80 to 2; women's calf boots D S, \$1.30; buff ditto, D S, \$1.25; split do, D S, \$1.10; buff congress, D S, \$1.30; balmorals, D S, \$1.35 to 1.50; pebble ditto, F L, \$1.40 to 1.70.

COALS AND FIREWOOD.—The advance noted in coal last week has been fully sustained, and again higher prices are asked for American Anthracite, which is now quoted \$10 to 10.50, holders are asking \$11. Steam coal is very scarce and it is believed that before winter is over it will not be procurable here; for Scotch steam the price is now \$9 to 9.50. Newcastle Smiths coal \$5.50 to 6.00. English Coke \$9.50 to 10. *Firewood*.—The price of firewood has advanced and from all appearances there will be prices which the general run of consumers cannot pay. It is hoped that the corporation will take some measure to prevent wood going up to famine prices. We have heard it stated here, that some of the wood merchants are determined to hold their wood till it reaches \$16. We earnestly hope that this is not the case, for at present the suffering by the poor is very great. The prices of firewood to-day is, for long wood Maple \$9.50 to 10; Birch \$9 to 9.50; Beech \$8.50 to 9.

DRESSED HOGS.—In the early part of the week the receipts of hogs was much under the receipts for former years. Towards the close the imports have been much larger, the general run of business has been quiet; the principal sales have been from \$5.25 to 5.70, with some exceptional sales at \$5.75.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The general run of business has been light. Caustic Soda has advanced and sales are reported at 4c to 4½, at which price the market closes; Bi Carbonate of Soda is rather easier \$4.75 to 4.87½, being the current rates; Borax is firm at 22c; Cream of Tartar for Crystals and Ground, unchanged; Liquorice Paste 12½c to 20½c; Bleaching powder is steady at 3½c to 4; Soda Ash has been moved at 2½c to 3; Alum is somewhat easier at \$2.15 to 2.25; Copperas is steady at \$1 to 1.10; Saltpetre is very firm but in limited demand at \$10; Epsom Salts are worth \$2 to 2.25; Sal Soda has been placed at \$1.75 to 1.90; there is no change to note in other articles. The close of navigation has caused a lull in this trade, but now that the winter roads are open a revival is looked for.

DRY GOODS.—Now that there is good sleighing, this branch of business has been somewhat brisker, and orders from the country to "sort up" have been coming in freely, but for really wholesale business the market has been dull; there is no change in prices to note, but English advices report a marked firmness for all kinds of goods.

FURS.—The market for raw furs is active, the receipts are liberal, and the demand is likely to continue for some time to come. An advance in the price of mink is noted. It is fully expected that after New Year a decline will be noticed in most kind of skins. We now quote: Cross fox \$4; red fox \$1.25 to 1.50; pale martin \$1.50 to 2; mink \$4.00 to 5; bear \$7 to 10; lynx \$1.50; fisher \$5 to 6; beaver \$1.25 to 1.50; fall muskrat 10c; winter do, 12½c to 15c; spring do 20c; otter \$6 to 8; racoon 25c to 50; skunk 20c to 50.

FISH.—There has not been so much activity in this market during the past week, and prices are, if anything, lower. Sales of dry cod are reported at \$4.50, but the amount of business was so small that the quotation may be taken as nominal. Green cod is steady, with sales at last week's prices, viz., \$4.75 to 5; salmon is rather easier and sales this week range from \$15.25 to 15.50; mackerel is nominal; herrings are without any demand beyond what is wanted for local use; the current prices are: Labrador splits, \$3.50 to 4.25; Canso, \$3.25 to 3.75.

FLOUR.—Receipts for the past week, 10,700 brls; total receipts from 1st January to date, 925,283 brls, being a decrease of 88,942 brls on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1870. Shipments for the past week, 3,990 brls; total shipments from 1st Jan. to date, 708,775 brls., being a decrease of 80,621 brls. The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 15th inst., were 75,184 brls., against 73,545 brls on the 1st inst., and 114,397 brls on the 15th December, 1870. During all the past week the market here has been little better than nominal, there has been no speculative demand, and any transactions have been for local use, within our range of quotations; these prices are quoted as steady, and towards the close of the market prices were firm as follows: extra, \$6.25 to 6.30; fancy \$6 to 6.10; ordinary super from Canada wheat, \$5.85 to 5.90; strong bakers' flour, \$6.10 to \$6.20; Welland Canal flour, \$5.90 to 5.95; Canada super No. 2, \$5.40 to 5.50; fine, \$4.90 to 5; middlings, \$3.50 to 4; Pollard's, \$3 to 3.50; Upper Canada bag flour, \$2.70 to 2.75; oatmeal is steady at \$4.75 to 5.

GRAIN.—*Wheat*.—Receipts during the past week, 11,882 bush; total receipts from 1st Jan. to date, 7,991,991 bush., being an increase of 1,538,599 bush. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1870. Shipments during past week, 10,254 bush.; total shipments from 1st January to date, 7,409,310 bush., being an increase of 1,696,696 bush. on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1870. The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 15th inst. were 331,095 bush, against 393,364 bush on the 1st inst., and 448,581 bush on 15th Dec., 1870. We do not give any quotations for this grain, as there has been no transactions during the past week on which they could be based. *Maize*.—The stock in store on the 15th inst. was 198,866 bush. The market has been very quiet and the price is nominally 65c, but there have been no large sales on which to base prices. *Oats*.—Stocks in store on 15th inst., 15,070 bush. There has been a steady retail demand at prices ranging from 31c to 34c per bushel. *Barley*.—Stock at present in store, 11,400 bush; only a limited trade doing at about 52c to 55c. *Pease*.—Stocks now in store, 62,074 bush; nothing of any note doing in this grain, and quotations are nominal at 79c to 81c. *Beans*.—Are in fair request at \$1.40 to 1.50. *Timothy Seed*.—Is now in market with a fair demand at \$1.80 to 2.

GROCERIES.—*Teas*.—The demand this week has been lively, and the prices paid have been rather higher than last, but the range of quotations have not been changed. *Spices*.—Pepper has advanced in value, and is now quoted 16c to 16½c; cassia, 32½c to 35c; nutmegs scarce

and in good demand at 90c to \$1; in other spices there is no change in price, but the requirements at present are large. *Sugar*.—Holders are not disposed at present to sell without an advance on last week's rates, and the amount of business done has been small. Our quotations are: Porto Rico, 9½c to 9½c; Cuba grocery, 9c to 9½c; Cuba refinery, 8½c to 9c. As may be looked for at this season of the year, our refinery sugars are in large demand and prices very firm: loaves, 14½c; dry crushed, 13½c; ground (table) 13½c; extra ground (for confectionary) 14½c; crushed A, 12c; yellow refined, 9c to 10½c. *Molasses*.—Market this week has been dull and quiet, any transactions which have been reported are within the following range of quotations: Porto Rico, 34c to 36c; Centrifugal, 20c to 21c; muscovado, 25c to 27½c; Trinidad, 32c to 33c; clayed, 22c to 23c; syrups are without any change in value. *Rice*.—Is still very firm, and any sales which have taken place have been from \$4.20 to 4.50. *Fruit*.—Prices have been well maintained, and a fair amount of business is reported. New Layers have been sold to some extent at \$2.20 to 2.30; Valencia's—Large sales have taken place at from 6½c to 6½c. *Currants* have been rather quieter, quotations range from 5½c to 6½c; almonds, 12c to 13c; filberts, 7c to 8½c; walnuts are scarce at 8c to 9c; small sales of Brazil nuts at 6c to 6½c. *Coffee*.—Market is not well supplied at present, but the demand is light; no change to note in price.

HARDWARE.—There is still a good deal of excitement in this market, and the amount of business doing is much in excess of what is generally looked for at this season of the year. Prices are very firm, and holders are by no means anxious to sell at present rates, which it is expected will be much increased before the new stocks can come in Canada. Plates are scarce, and price nominal, but nails are still very firm, and difficult to procure. We quote—*Pig Iron*.—Coltness or Gartsherrie, \$28 to \$30; Calder or Summerlee, \$26 to 28; other brands, \$25 to 26; hematite, \$30 to 32. *Bars*, Scotch or Staffordshire, \$52; best refined, \$56 to 58; Swedes, \$80 to 100. *H. P. S. and Band*.—\$2.90 to 5.50. *Sheets*.—\$3.25 to 5. *Plates*.—Best—\$3.20 to 3.25; Low Moor or Bowling, \$7 to 8; cut nails, \$4.00; pressed nails, \$4.50 to 7.50; spikes, \$3.75 to 4.50. *Canada Plates*.—\$3.90 to 4; Swansea, \$4 to \$4.50. *Tin Plates*.—Charcoal, I. C., \$8.50 to 8.75; ditto, I. X., \$10.50 to 10.75; coke, I. C., \$7 to 7.50; sheet lead, \$7 to 7.50; pig lead, \$6 to 7; sheet zinc, \$5.50 to 6; window glass, \$1.70 to 2; cast steel, 11½c to 16c; spring steel, 3½ to 5; potash kettles, \$2.25 to 3; camp ovens, \$3.50 to 3.60; bellied pots, \$3.30 to 3.50.

LEATHER.—Prices of leather are very firm; there has been rather more activity observable this week. Really prime stock is not in large supply. We quote:—No. 1 Spanish sole B.A., 25c to 27c; No. 2 ditto, 23c to 25c; slaughter sole No. 1, 27½c to 30c; light waxed upper, 42c to 44c; heavy ditto, 40c to 43c; grained upper, 40c to 43c; large splits, 29c to 35c; sheepskin linings, 30c to 40c; harness, 30c to 33c; buffed cow, 15c to 17c; pebbled cow, 15½c to 17½c; patent cow, 18c to 20c; rough leather, 27c to 29c; English oak sole, 47c to 50.

LIQUORS.—*Brandy*.—Prices are firm, as follows:—Hennessey's, \$2.10 to 2.50; Martell's, \$2.10 to 2.50; Otard, Dupuy & Co., \$2.00 to \$2.25; Jules Robins, \$2 to 2.30. In cases prices range from \$6 to 9. The demand for brandy has been quite of a retail nature. *Gin*.—Large sales of this spirit are reported this week, principally in green cases, the quotations are, for De Kuyper's in wood, \$1.32½ to 1.35; green cases, \$3.40 to 3.50; red cases, \$6.50 to 6.75. *Rum* in moderate demand, at \$1.90 to 2.10; highwines in active demand, at \$1.47½ to