

In *Spices* we note some slight changes in last quotations, Cassia 12 to 14c.; Cloves 24 to 30c.; Nutmeg 60 to 90c.; Jamaica Ginger 17 to 23.; Pimento 11 to 12c.; Black Pepper 16 to 17c.; White ditto 25 to 27c. In the *Fruit* market there is little change except that Layers are scarce, former figures are held and are inclined to stiffen: Layer Raisins, \$1.90 to \$2.00; Loose Muscatels, \$1.85 to \$2.00; London Layers, \$2.55 to \$2.65; Valencia, 7½ to 7¾c.; according to quality; Sultanias, 10 to 11½c.; Currants, 6 to 7c.; Smyrna Figs, 15 to 16c.; Prunes, in kegs, 6½ to 7c.; Tarragona Almonds, 13 to 14c.; Sicily Filberts, 9 to 9½c.; Barcelona ditto, 8 to 8½c.; Walnuts, 8½ to 16.

HARDWARE.—Wholesale houses are just about completing stock taking and only a moderate amount of activity prevails. Prices are as a rule unchanged. Pig iron is if anything a little stiffer and we quote: Coltness \$26.50 to \$27.50; Gartsherrie \$26.50 to \$27.00; Summerlee \$26.50 to \$27.00; Langloan \$26.50 to \$27.00; Eglinton \$23.00 to 23.50; Calder \$26 to 26.25; Carnbroe \$25.50 to 25.75; Hamatite \$27.50 to 28.00 Bars per 100 lbs, Scotch and Staffordshire \$2.15 to \$2.20; large buyers can probably improve a little on these figures; best ditto \$2.40 to 2.45; Swedes \$4.75 to 5.00; Norway, \$6.00 to 6.25; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.75 to 7.00; The tin plate market which has been somewhat unsettled owing to numerous and heavy failures among British manufacturers, is according to latest cable advices tuning up and expectations are that there may be a general advance, as it is claimed prices heretofore ruling have admitted of no profit and now that competition is so much lessened it is probable manufacturers will exact higher rates. No less than sixty seven works, representing one-sixth of the calculated output have failed within the past fortnight in Britain. *Canada Plates* per box.—Swansea, \$3.15 to 3.25; Penn, \$3.25 to 3.30; Nant-gwyn, \$3.25 to 3.30; Hatton, \$2.75 to 3.00; Thistle and Clifton, \$3.25 to 3.30; *Tin Plates* per box.—Charcoal IC \$5.50 to 5.75; Charcoal IX \$7.50 to 7.75; Charcoal DC \$4.50 to 5.00; Charcoal DX \$6.50 to 7.00; Coke IC \$4.75 *Tinned Sheets* No 24, Charcoal, 9½ to 10c; ditto Coke No. 24, 9 to 9½c; *Galvanized Sheets*, 28 best, \$7.40 to 7.50; *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs., \$2.50 to \$2.60; *Sheets*, best brands, \$2.75 to 2.80; *Boiler Plate*, Staffordshire, \$2.75 to 3.00; *Russian Sheet Iron*, per lb., 11 to 12c; *Steel*, cast, per lb., 11½ to 12c; *Spring*, per 100 lbs., \$3.25 to \$4.00; *Tire ditto*, \$3.50 to \$3.75; *Sleigh Shoe*, \$2.37½ to 2.50; *Ingot Tin*, 24 to 25c; *Bar Tin*, 27 to 28c; *Ingot Copper*, 19½ to 19½c.; *Sheet Zinc*, per 100 lbs., \$5.50 to 5.75; *Spelter*, \$4.75 to 5.00; *Horse Shoes*, per 100 lbs., \$4.00 to 4.50; *Proved coil chain*, ¾ inch, \$4.50; *Iron Wire*, No. 6, per bbl., \$1.75 to 1.80. *Lead*: Pig, per 100 lbs., \$4.25 to \$4.50; *Sheet*, \$5.50 to 6.00; *Bar*, \$5.00 to 5.25; *Shot*, \$6.00 to 6.25.

LUMBER.—Business continues dull, and is likely to remain so for a while. Lumberers as a rule have made their calculations to produce largely, and the season promises well so far, for snow has fallen plentifully in lumbering sections as a rule. We quote for round lots: *Pine* 1st quality \$32 to 35; *Pine* 2nd quality \$20 to 22; *Pine* shipping culls \$13.50 to 15.00; *Pine* 4th quality deals \$10 to 12; *Pine* mill culls \$3 to 10; *Merchantable Spruce* \$12 to 14; *Cull Spruce* \$8 to 9.50; *Hemlock* \$9 to 10; *Oak* \$30 to 40; *Walnut* 1st quality \$95 to 100; *Rejected Seconds* \$75 to 80; *Culls* \$50 to 55; *Cherry* \$48 to 50 for firsts and seconds; *Butternut* logs run mill culls out \$25 to 30; *Birch* \$18 to 20; *Hard Maple* \$20 to 24; *Laths* \$1.50; *Shingles*, first \$2.00 to 3.00; second \$2.00 to 2.25.

LEATHER.—The business for the past month has been a poor one owing to the labor troubles in the shoe trade, and no marked improvement is likely to take place until matters between master and men are fully adjusted. Prices, however, have been fairly maintained and stocks have not accumulated as much as might have been expected. We quote: *Hemlock Spanish* ditto small, 15 to 21c. *Russet Sheep* No. 1, 35 to 40c; No. 2 25c; *Coloured Sheep Linings*, average 7 to 8c per ft; *Harness*, 25 to 33c; *Buffed Cow*, Sole B. A. 26 to 27½c; ditto No. 2 B, D 23 to 24c; No. 1 *Ordinary Spanish* 26 to 26½c. No. 2 ditto 22½ to 23½c; *Buffalo* Sole No. 1, 21½ to 23c; ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c; *Hemlock Slaughter*, No. 1, 26 to 28c; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 33 to 37c; *Waxed ditto heavy*, 33 to 35c; *Gained*, 34 to 38c. *Spits*, large, 24 to 28c. ft., 13 to 15c. *Enamelled Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Patent Cow*, 17c. *Pebbled Cow*, 11 to 15½c. *Rough*, 22 to 27c.

ONLS.—Business has been quiet the past ten

days but is livelier now, and is likely to improve further, with prices probably stiffening a little. *Cod oil*, Nfd., is quoted at 67½ to 70c, a sale of 50 bris is reported at the latter figure; ditto Gaspe 66 to 67c.; ditto Halifax 64½ to 65c.; one large sale of 150 bris. is reported at the former figure. All the seal oil in the market is held by one house at firm prices: *Seal* paid 75 to 80c.; ditto straw 72 to 75c; for steam refined car load lots are reported as having been sold at 95c., while \$1 is likely to be asked for small quantities. *Advices from England* report an advance of 10 to 15 shillings a ton in linseed oil.

PROVISIONS.—The holiday season being barely over, there is little stir in butter and cheese circles and operators generally are "lying on their oars." Local receipts of butter for week ending Dec. 27th were 1,451 pkgs., shipments 4,865 pkgs. Creamery is quoted at 25 to 29c., Eastern Townships 20 to 22c. Other lines are unchanged with exception of pork which is quoted at \$21.00 to 21.50.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, 4th Jan., 1883.

The air of activity imparted to the streets this week arises largely from the presence in the city of several thousand delegates from Ontario to the Reform Convention and others who took advantage of cheap railway fares on the occasion. Not very many of these appear to have been buyers of goods, for they have caused no marked bustle in the warehouses. These, however, are full of life; having finished stock-taking, they are now receiving goods for spring trade, such as Canada tweeds and domestic cottons. Hardware and grocery houses report good sales for this time in the month. Provisions are quiet, Breadstuffs dull.

DRY GOODS.—Stocks are beginning to arrive, and goods are being taken out of bond for spring trade. Domestic cottons and tweeds are also pouring in, the mills making first deliveries. The mills appear to have sold well out of blankets, while in flannels their output has been large and fully placed. As to tweeds, the factories are so busy that repeat orders for winter goods have no chance of being filled, and some warehouses have already placed a third of their next fall order ahead. Sales by our jobbers for the spring have been freely made already; the travellers of one house have taken orders for 4,008 pieces of Canadian all-wool tweed up to 3rd inst., which is apart from Union or imported tweeds. Values in British woollens are steady, while Canadian are probably as low in price as they can well be. There has been an active demand for shirts and drawers of domestic manufacture. In cottons, prices are on the whole maintained, and our Canadian mills are very full of orders for greys. We understand that Canton flannel is not being made by the Hockelaga mills this year. Nottingham goods are more readily obtained this season, the makers not being so pressed with orders; in fact, in some lines demand is dull. Linens are steady in value, coarse goods, that is such as canvass, hollands, shoe linings, &c., but the wages of handkerchief spinners, etc., being higher, there is a stiffer feeling in these goods.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The market for flour has been steady on the week, but transactions have been light. Superior Extra is held at \$4.25, but is very dull of movement indeed. Several cars of choice Extra sold during the week at \$4.17½ on track. There is very little enquiry for strong bakers; \$4.50 would be accepted for good brands. *Oatmeal* is plentiful and offering at \$4.70. *Bran* steady at \$12.50 per ton.

FREIGHTS.—Rail rates on flour hence to Montreal are in car lots 35c. per bbl. St. Jean Pt, Joli to Riviere du Loup inclusive, 65c.; Cacouna to Moncton, 70c; Chatham, 75c.; Picton, Truro, Halifax. New Glasgow, Jet, 70c.; St. John, N. B., 65c.; Grain, sacked flour and oatmeal, and mill stuffs in car loads of not less than 24,000 lbs., at one half flour rate per 100 lbs.. Through rates to Liverpool are now via Allan and Dominion lines as follows:—Flour, in bbls. 98c. in sacks 44c.; oatmeal, 44c.; beef in bbls. 50c. per 100 lbs.; pork, in bbl. 55c.; boxed meat 50c; tallow 50c.; lard 50c. per 100 lbs.; butter 68c per 100 lbs in lots; not less than 15,000 lbs; do. in lots from 5 000 to 15,000 lbs. 85cts. per 100 lbs.; cheese in car-lots not under 15,000 lbs. 68c; cheese in lots from 5,000 to 15,000 lbs. 85c. per cask; oilcake, 45c. apples, per bbl., by car lots, \$1.08; poultry, in large lots, 90c.; do., in small lots, \$1.03.

GRAIN.—These are manifestly holiday times in this trade, the week's business has been small. The British breadstuffs' market has been quiet and steady, as it usually is at such a season. There is an average stock of Fall Wheat held here, sales have been made during the week at 92c. for No. 2. and 90c. for No. 3 was offered on Tuesday. There is little if any No. 1 offering at 94c. Spring Wheat is steady as quoted. There has been quite a little enquiry for barley during the week, especially of inferior grades for malting purposes in the States. Oats are in demand, and 40c. can be had for No. Western. Rye is dull at 58 to 60c. Peas and corn nominally unchanged.

STOCKS OF GRAIN IN STORE, TORONTO.

	Jan. 1, 1883.	Dec. 25, 1882.	Jan. 2, 1881.
Fall wheat, bush..	142,465	143,576	143,014
Spring " "	67,143	63,285	54,904
Oats.....	2,158	2,158	1,913
Barley.....	178,668	174,426	272,585
Peas.....	7,028	5,457	9,708
Rye.....	5,500	5,424	13,592

Total Grain " .404,832 394,326 496,896
GROCERIES.—There is but little business doing and a number of houses are taking stock. Tobaccos are lower, by two to three cents per lb. Sugars are easier. Fruits steady without movement except in Valencia raisins. Prices of teas are maintained, the circular of Messrs. J. Lewenz & Co., London, of 22nd ult., says that the heavy surplus stocks still consist of common teas. They add: "We learn by telegraph from Shanghai, that the whole of the remaining stocks of common Shantam Congou, about 24,000½ chs. was taken for this market immediately after the Chinese holders dropped the price another ¾d. per lb. At the present rates of freight and exchange 5d. laid down here represents barely 7 taels (duty paid) in Shanghai, which is a much lower figure than was generally believed the teamen could ever be induced to take and which should go far to stop the supply of these low grade Shantaams in the next season."

HIDES AND SKINS.—Hides are in fair demand, and there is no accumulation of stock; prices remain unchanged. For *Sheepskins* \$1.20 continues to be paid to city butchers, and skins are offering very freely, but every dealer admits that this is more than will allow a profit, the rate is maintained by local feeling. By the manner that skins are offering from the country, however, one may judge that prices must soon come down.

IRON AND HARDWARE.—The circular of Messrs. Henderson & Glass, metal merchants of Liverpool and Birmingham, states, as follows under date 21st ult.: *Iron*—We have still to report a quiet market, which is usually the case at this time of the year; however, during the past ten days there has been more inquiry, and makers remain firm at their prices, holding the opinion that after the holidays considerably more business will be stirring. *Tin Plates*—Owing to the failure of a firm largely engaged in the trade in Liverpool and Swansea, a number of makers have suspended; as a consequence the production is much lessened, and our market has become quite excited, with all sorts of prices asked. Our quotations are mostly nominal, but to-day Coke Tinplates, B V grade, could not be entered under 17s. per box, and good charcoal 20s. per box 1 C. Tin—Quiet but in fair demand. *Copper*—Dull. *Lead*—In better request. Smelters look to a reduction in duties in the U. S., improving the trade in this item. Freight on finished iron, tinplates, &c., through to Montreal, by opposition and mail steamers, 27/6 to 27/9 and 10 p. c.; to Toronto, Hamilton, and London, 27/6 to 27/9 and 10 p. c. (these Ontario rates commence on 28th inst.); to Halifax, N.S., 20/- nett; to St. John, N.B. (via Halifax), 20/- nett; to New York 10/- and 10 p. c.; to Boston, 7/6 and 10 p. c.; to Philadelphia, 12/6 and 10 p. c. per ton.

PROVISIONS.—There is almost no movement, the transactions since our last have been quite of a holiday character. Cheese may be quoted firmer, Liverpool having advanced to 66/-; with this exception there is no feature in the week and our prices remain unchanged. *Dressed Hogs* are coming to hand freely, and cost about \$8 in the country.

WOOL.—Domestic fleece continues to be a drug, it cannot be bought here at 18 to 20c., but no one wishes to pay 20c. for it. Indeed there is a quantity in store here whose owners have long tried in vain to get that price for it. We learn that a sale of Canada fleece coming was made in the Boston market last week at 31c. to clear out a parcel; this price nets the Canadian shipper,