

in active demand; cash at \$8.35 to 8.50. Bulk meats—Shoulders, \$5.75; short ribs, \$7.00; short clear, \$7.25. Whiskey, steady and unchanged. Flour easier, receipts 30,000 brls.

NEW YORK, 5th, 1 p.m.

Cotton easy at unchanged prices. Flour weak, with sales of 15,000 brls.; common, &c., quoted at \$3.45 to \$4.00. Spot wheat weak and lower; No. 2 Chicago \$1.04½ to 1.06½; No. 2 red Jan., \$1.12½. Corn firm at 63½c for No. 2; barley, firmer; No. 1 Canada 91c. Hops, firm; old 22 to 27c, new 20 to 28c. Coffee dull at 12c. Sugar, quiet and unchanged. Beef and cut meats firm. Lard, higher. Cheese, steady. Petroleum, unchanged.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 6, 1883.

Wholesale trade is quiet in all branches. There is scarcely any movement in provisions or breadstuffs; leather is extremely dull. In hardware circles, dealers are making preparations for stock-taking. Dry goods and grocery houses find some enquiry for Christmas goods, but for little else. This favorable feature is admitted by all, however, viz. that while there are complaints of dulness from all parts of the country, payments are as a rule good.

The share market, which has been dull and depressed all week, was particularly so at the close last night, when active stocks were several points lower, which rendered necessary the call of "more margin" in not a few cases. On Monday, 173½ had been bid for Bank of Montreal and 174½ asked; but the best bid made yesterday p.m. was 170. Commerce sold at 120 on Monday and Tuesday, closing at 118½ yesterday. Federal was pressed to sale and 40 shares sold at 121 and 120, while at the close 30 shares brought only 119½, a decline of 8 per cent. in the week. Dominion was pretty steady all week at 187½ bid and 189 asked. Imperial rose slightly with the declaration of dividend. Standard, for which 111 was offered on Monday, sold on Tuesday and yesterday at 113. Loan company shares quiet, and insurance weak. Western Assurance sold at 121½ and 122, while bids for British America rose from 110 to 111.

DRY GOODS.—A marked quietness prevails in wholesale circles, the demand for staples and "Canadian goods" is very slight, although for fancy goods and Christmas articles some enquiry is heard. But while most houses admit the dulness, and some are puzzled by it, every one tells the same story about remittances, viz., that they are good. The feeling of caution which prevails among country storekeeper, defeats the liveliest efforts of the commercial traveller to "load him up" with goods; and the prudent wholesale dealers, who can afford to wait, will approve the attitude of the man who is disposed to do with few goods, although they may not see, as we do not, any reason for his getting frightened because business is less brisk than it was. Storekeepers should rather work to get rid of their old stock than be eager to buy new, although some new goods are necessary to the country customer who wants to keep up with the times. However, he can be well employed this month collecting his outstandings and moving his old stock.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business is reported to be a little improved during these two weeks past. There is not a large movement of heavy goods, but sundries have been moving and Christmas goods are in demand. There are some changes in quotations, mostly in a downward direction. Morphine we quote \$2.40 to \$2.65; Quinine, \$2.15 to \$2.25; Tartaric Acid, 63 to 70c; Cod Oil, best, for druggists' prescriptions 8½c per Imperial gallon in 5 gallon lots. Soda steady, Indigo unchanged.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The breadstuffs market is extremely quiet, and it is a noteworthy matter and "rough on the millers" that while flour is coming down in price wheat is going up. There are very few sales of flour during the fortnight, no superior is moving; what there is in market is held at \$5.10 for ordinary brands, for special brands \$5.15 to 5.20 is asked. Some cars of extra sold on Tuesday at \$4.85, holders are asking \$4.90. Spring Extra can be bought at \$4.75

to 4.80, but no demand. Oatmeal is dull and lower, we quote car lots \$4.10 to 4.20 per bbl. and for small parcels \$4.25 to 4.40. Bran.—There is not much offering, now that so many mills are partly closed or closing down, the price is steady at \$12 per ton.

GRAIN.—The supply of grain in this market is extremely light, the stocks in store being smaller than they have been for years at this date. Wheat, being a light crop is especially scarce, and so our millers appear to find it, for they are paying excessive prices for it in the face of declining prices of flour. No. 1 fall is not to be had; for No. 2 buyers pay \$1.10 to \$1.11, sales have been made this week of car lots at these figures. Spring wheat is asked for at as high as \$1.15 and \$1.16 for No. 1 very little of which can be got; car lots of No. 2 sold early in the week at \$1.12 and \$1.13. Very little is doing in barley; all that comes forward is being taken, but there is very little coming forward, the stock on hand now is about half of last year's supply, the like week. Prices are as quoted elsewhere. Oats are plentiful and have come down to 33 and 34c. Peas are not offering freely; when snow comes, more will arrive; we quote 73 to 74c for No. 2; Rye is steady at about 60c.

Receipts of barley at Oswego up to 27th Nov., were 2,138,552 bushels, against 3,557,620 bushels up to same date last year.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and Atlantic ports, and on rail and on the Mississippi River and afloat on New York canals, destined for tide-water:—

	1883.	1882.	1881.
Nov. 24.	Nov. 25.	Nov. 26.	
Wheat, bush..	32,251,158	20,118,542	13,816,284
Corn, " "	8,884,165	4,679,511	20,634,056
Oats, " "	5,937,660	3,497,843	2,912,186
Barley, " "	3,271,227	3,351,005	3,339,027
Rye, " "	2,234,056	1,159,294	1,399,006

Total bush. 52,637,266 32,806,195 48,100,559

The following, from Messrs. Stuart & Browne, of Chicago, under date Dec. 4th., is interesting: "The situation at present is in our opinion the worst that could prevail. The visible supply in the United States and Canada amounts to nearly 33,000,000 bushels, with stocks increasing at an enormous rate, and the storage capacity here and elsewhere being taxed in an unprecedented manner. At Duluth cars are loaded on track, for which, at present, storage room cannot be found owing to the closing of the Minneapolis Mills, and being the highest market in the States we may expect to see our market deluged with their stocks. The tremendous losses sustained by wheat importers in Europe have demoralized and broken the backbone of operators there, and small wonder when they are hampered with equivalently as large stocks as our own. At present then and for some time to come we cannot look for any help from there, and such being the case we may fairly look to see January wheat sell at ninety cents or even lower."

	Dec. 3.	Nov. 26.	Dec. 4.
	1883.	1883.	1882.
Flour, brls	125		
Fall wheat, bush ..	35,985	32,442	106,902
Spring " " ..	37,353	34,990	40,218
Oats " " ..	750	700	
Barley " " ..	98,512	172,329	187,749
Peas " " ..	2,459	9,408	1,000
Rye " " ..			4,247
Grain Total..	175,009	249,769	340,986

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