

Banks.	Bid		Loan Cos.	Bid	
	Jan. 6.	Jan. 13.		Jan. 6.	Jan. 13.
Montreal.	1702	1773	Can. Permanent	195	198
Toronto.	144	144	Freehold.	157	157
Ontario.	99	99	Western Can.	160	164
Merchants.	119	1172	Bldg. & Loan.	95	98
Commerce.	140	159	Imp. Savings.	120	119
Dominion.	145	145	Farmers' Loan.	122	123
Hamilton.	1194	1194	Lond. & Can'dn	148	148
Standard.	102	104	Hom. & Brg.	142	146
Federal.	137	137	Dom. Savings.	141	147
Imperial.	139	139	Ontario Loan.	131	130
Molson's.	106	106	Hamilton Prov.	120	123

BOOTS AND SHOES.—There is at present no movement of any importance, but evidences betoken a good trade in spring goods shortly. A fair demand for small parcels from the country is reported, and it is thought activity is not far off. As to prices, they are not notably changed.

COAL.—A good business has been done in small lots during the week. The high prices necessarily restrict consumption in many quarters, and consumers are reluctant about ordering, thinking no doubt that prices cannot for ever be going up. All kinds of best hard coal, \$1.50 a ton delivered; best soft, \$6.50; second quality \$6.

COAL OIL.—There has been a fair movement at about the same rates as last week. Barrel lots sell at 24c, although we have heard that as low as 23c has been accepted. There were also sales at 24½c per Imperial gallon.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.—*Apples.*—Trade has only been moderately active, and prices steady. Car lots of choice fruit sell at \$1.75 and common qualities at \$1.25 to \$1.50. *Beans* are offering freely, and unchanged in price; there are considerable quantities of poor qualities. Ordinary lots sell at \$1.20 to \$1.25, and hand-picked at \$1.45. *Country Lard* is quiet at 9c to 10c a pound. *Eggs* are coming in slowly, with lined worth 18c per dozen in case lots. There are no fresh offering. Street lots of really fresh bring 27c to 30c. *Hops* are not coming forward as freely as was expected; holders are asking from \$6.25 to \$6.40 for averages of 220 lbs., but packers are not inclined to pay over \$6.10 to \$6.15, and little business results. *Hops* are yet quiet, but it is thought the market has now settled; choice lots are nominal at 21c to 22c, and inferior to good 15c to 19c. *Onions* are scarce and firm; sales of three cars were made on Saturday to a Buffalo firm at \$3 a barrel. *Potatoes* are in moderate demand, with light receipts. Cars are worth 38c to 40c per bag. *Poultry* quiet, with but small quantities of boxed lots offering; Turkeys are worth 9½c to 10½c per lb., and chickens 35c to 40c per pair. *Tallow* is unchanged, with sales at 6½c, and an exceptionally fine lot at 6½c. Dealers are paying 3½c for rough, and 6c for rendered.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The demand is good for the season, and prices continue about steady. *Tartaric acid* is now 53c, and *Cream of Tartar* 35. *Turpentine* is higher, at 82c to 85c. *Linseed oil* is unchanged at 73c for raw and 83c for boiled. *Quinine* is easier at \$3.60, and *Morphia* at \$3.90 an ounce. *Opium* remains unchanged at \$8.75. *Heavy Chemicals* are quiet and unchanged.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The demand for flour continues inactive, although transactions show a slight improvement on last week. Dealers say that the present condition of trade cannot last much longer, and that consumers will be forced to buy. Two cars of superior Extra sold on Friday at \$4.90 and a car of strong Spring Extra at \$5. A round lot of Superiors brought \$4.90 on Saturday, and some 500 barrels of uninspected at an outside point sold on Tuesday at equal to \$4.82½ here. Curs of Superior on spot will bring first-named figures, and Extra has buyers at about \$4.80. Extra was sold to-day at \$4.80 without sellers, and Super. Extra held at \$4.95. Stocks show a slight increase, they being 6,763 barrels against 6,413 barrels last week and 15,798 barrels the corresponding week of 1880. *Oatmeal*

quiet, with a sale of a car on Monday at \$4 on track. *Cornmeal* nominal. *Bran* sold at \$12.50 on track.

WHEAT.—Trade has been altogether of a local character, sales being of car lots to millers. There is a moderate demand, but, in consequence of the unsettled state of outside markets, buyers and sellers are apart. On Friday No. 2 Spring sold at \$1.15, and No. 2 Fall at \$1.10. A lot of 4,000 bushels of the latter grade sold on Saturday at \$1.09 f. o. c., and No. 3 Spring bought \$1.09 on track on Monday, which, however, could not be repeated. Other grades are quiet at \$1.14 for No. 2 Spring and \$1.16 for No. 1 Spring. No business done to-day. The stock in store is 131,944 bushels against 132,484 bushels the previous week and 306,472 bushels the corresponding week of last year.

COARSE GRAINS.—*Barley.*—The demand has been less active, and prices towards the close are somewhat quiet. Dealings are confined to car lots between city dealers, there being no shipping demand. The latter part of last week sales of No. 2 were made at 93c., and of No. 3 extra at 88c. On Tuesday No. 1 offered at \$1.03, No. 2 at 92c., No. 3 extra at 88c., with 85c bid, and No. 3 at 89c. with 75c bid. Yesterday there were sales of No. 2 at 93c., No. 3 extra at 87c., and No. 3 at 79c. To-day No. 2 sold at 93c, and No. 3 Extra at 87c. The stock in store is 402,518 bushels against 182,425 bushels the corresponding week of 1880. *Pears* are quiet and steady; few sales have been effected on spot, but they were sold outside at equal to 65c. and 60c. for No. 2; one car on spot, sold yesterday at 67c. No. 1 are nominal at 68c. The stock in store is 43,205 bushels against 45,333 bushels the corresponding period of 1880. *Oats* are moving fairly well, and are steady in price; cars have sold daily at 34c on track. *Rye* dull and nominally unchanged at 80c to 82c on track. *Corn* dull and nominal at 57c.

FREIGHTS.—Rates continue firm on Flour, on the basis of 24c to Belleville, and 40c to Montreal. Ocean freights are a little easier on apples, the rate now being \$1.25 per barrel in quantities.

GROCERIES.—The demand for groceries during the week was not as active as previously reported; and trade generally is quiet. There are moderate orders coming in from the country for spring-up, and prices remain steady. *Fruits* are in fair demand and firm, and dealers are not desirous of selling large quantities on account of scarcity. We quote: *Valencias*, 8c; *Currants* advanced ½c, and now are 7c; *Sultanas*, 10c. *London layers*, \$2.75; *Black basket*, \$3.50; *Blue Crown*, \$4.75. *Nuts* steady at 10 to 10½c for Walnuts, and 17c for almonds. *Fresh Fish* are firm at \$4.25 to \$4.50 for white, and \$3.75 to \$4 for trout. *Pepper* quiet; white, 18c; black, 11½c. *Sugars* are moving slowly, but prices are steady at 7½c to 8½c for low yellows, 8½c to 9½c for bright do, and 10½c to 10½c for granulated. *Teas* are firm at 37c to 40c for common Young Hyson, 40c to 50c for medium to good, and 60c to 65c for fine. *Common Congou*, 30c to 40c; good, 40c; fine, 60c to 70c. *Scrap* steady at the reduction of last week; common, 86c; amber to choice amber, 62c to 78c per Imperial gallon. *Coffee* dull: Government Java, 30c to 31c; Singapore, 21c. to 23c; Rio, 18c to 20c; Jamaica, 22c to 24c. *Rice* steady at \$4.25. *Tobacco* unchanged at 37½c to 45c for 6s and 8s; 43c to 45c for bright navy 3s; 36c to 45c for 5s, and 8½c to 90c for Virginia. *Liquors* are quiet and unchanged in prices: *Pure Jamaica rum*, 16 o.p., \$2.75 to \$3; *Demerara*, \$2.15 to \$2.75; *gin—green* cases, \$4.25 to \$4.50; red, \$3 to \$3.50; *wines—port*, \$1.50; *fine*, \$2.40 to \$5.20; *sherry*, \$1.50; *fine*, \$3.60 to \$5.40; *champagne*, per case, \$14 to \$26.50; *brandy* in wood, *Hennessy's*, *Quard's* and *Martell's*, \$4.50 to \$5.10; second-class brands, \$3.60 to \$4.20 according to age; inferior brands, \$2.40 to \$3.30. *Whiskey* (add 5 per cent). *Alcohol*, per imperial gallon, \$2.53; pure spirits, 65 o.p., \$2.51; do, 50 o.p.

\$2.35; do, 25 u.p., \$1.18; family proof whiskey \$1.28; old Bourbon, \$1.28; old rye, toddy, or malt, \$1.20; domestic whiskey, 32 u.p., \$1.08; rye whiskey, 4 years old, \$1.50; do, 5 years old, \$1.60; do, 6 years old, \$1.70; do, 7 years old, \$1.80.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—The movement during the week shows some falling off as compared with previous ones. Dealers report the trade in a very satisfactory condition, and anticipate an increase the present year. A company for the manufacture of barbed fencing wire is on the tapis. As to prices there are no material changes to make. *Copper* steady; *Ingot*, 20c to 21c; *Pig*, 18c to 19c; *Sheet*, 26c to 28c; *Brass Sheet*, 30c to 32c; *Pig Lead*, 4½c to 5c; *Bar Lead*, 5½c; *Lead Sheet*, 5½c. *Canada Plates* unchanged at \$3.75 to \$4 per box for Pen; \$4 for arrow, and \$3.50 for Hatton. *Axles.*—No. 1, half patent, short beds, ¾, \$3.08; 1½, \$4; 1¾, \$7.58; 1¾, \$12.50. Thirty per cent off. *Axles* are unchanged; 10 dy. to 60 dy. hot cut, American or Canadian pattern, per keg of 100 lbs., \$2.75 to \$2.85; 8 dy. and 9 dy. do., \$3 to \$3.10; 6 dy. and 7 dy. do., \$3.30 to \$3.65; 4 dy. and 5 dy. American pattern, \$3.50 to \$3.60; 3 dy. do., \$4.30 to \$4.38; 4 dy. and 5 dy. cold cut, Canadian pattern, \$3.31 to \$3.35; 3 dy. do., \$3.80 to \$3.85. *Galvanized Iron* steady at 6½c to 7c for No. 28, and half cent less for No. 26. *Alme*, 8c to 20c per lb. *Glass* steady; up to 25 in., \$1.80 to \$1.85; 26 to 40 in., \$1.95 to \$2; 41 to 50 in., \$2.15 to \$2.20. *Coopers' Humps*, \$2.50 to \$2.75. *Horseshoe Nails*, Rhode Island pattern, \$3.75 to \$4.15. *Bar Iron*, from \$1.90 to \$2; refined horseshoe bars, \$2.25; black she-4, \$2.75; Swedish Iron, \$4.50; Norway, \$4.50. *Pig Iron* firm at \$22 for Eglington \$22.50 for Summerlee, \$23 for Coltness, and \$23.50 for Siemens. *Iron Wire*—No. 6 per bundle, \$2.00 to \$2.10; No. 9, \$2.30 to \$2.40; No. 12, \$2.60 to \$2.75; No. 16, \$3.00 to \$3.15. *Sheet Iron.*—Russia, 13c to 14c; boiler-plate, \$2.75. *Manilla Rope*, 10c. to 10½c per lb.—Russia Deep Sea, 15½c to 16½c. *Steel.*—Cast, 13½c; Spring, 3½c per lb.; wire shoe, 3½c; sleigh shoe, \$2.75 to \$3; caulking, \$3.50 to \$4.00; tire, 4c to 4½ per lb.; Steel mould-boards, 4c to 4½ per lb. *Shot.*—6 to 6½c per lb. *Tin Block* 25c to 27c per lb.; grain, 27c to 28c. *Tin Plates.*—10 coke, 10 x 14, \$5.25 to \$5.50; 10 coke, 10 x 14, \$5.25 to \$5.50; 1X charcoal, 10 x 14, \$8.25 to \$8.50; 1XX charcoal, 10 x 14, \$10.25 to \$10.50; 1XXX charcoal, 14 x 20, \$12.25 to \$12.50; DC charcoal, 12½ x 17, \$5.50 to \$6.00; DX charcoal 12½ x 17½, \$8.00 to \$8.25. *White Lead.*—\$1.50 to \$2.00 per keg.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Hides.—Several cars of inspected, consisting chiefly of cows, sold at 9½c. Green are steady at 9c for cows and 9½c for steers. *Calfskins* are quiet and nominally unchanged at 16c to 17c. *Sheepskins* are in good demand, but not offering freely; green are worth from \$1.35 to \$1.75, and dry from 90c to \$1.40.

LEATHER.—There has been a little better feeling on receipt of orders from the country. There are no changes in prices, which are as follows: *Spanish sole* No. 1, all weights, 28c to 30c; *slaughter sole*, heavy, 29½c to 30c; *slaughter sole*, light, 27c to 29c; *Buffalo sole*, 23c to 25c; *h-mock harness leather*, 30c to 33c; *oak harness leather*, 45c to 50c; *oak belting leather*, 30c to 31c; *upper heavy*, 38c to 40c; *upper, light*, 41c to 44c; *kip skins*, French, \$1.00 to \$1.15; *kip skins*, English, 80c to 90c; *native slaughter*, 55c to 63c; *splits*, large, 3½c to 3½c; *pebble*, 10c to 1½c; *French calf*, \$1.30 to \$1.40; *gambier*, 5½c to 6c.

LIVE STOCK.—*Cattle.*—Receipts at the local market have been more liberal the past week, the arrivals being 30 car loads. The demand was moderate and prices ruled from 3c to 4c per lb. Two car loads, averaging 1,100 lbs. each, sold at \$40 a head; one load, averaging 1,000 lbs, at \$30; another, same weight, at \$33; and others, same weight, at \$34. *Sheep* are coming in slowly as are also lambs; the only sale reported was 44 head, embracing some of each, at \$5.40 a head. *Sheep* are worth