

boxes; shipments 623 boxes, market quiet. Fine Factory brings from 11 to 11½c, and finest new 12 to 12½c. *Pork*.—Receipts 2,341 brls, Shipments 107 brls. We have a dull market at present, prices generally are steady. Mess Pork at \$16.50; Thin Mess is easier with sales from \$15 to 15.50; no extra prime in market. *Beef* quiet at \$15.50 to 16. for prime mess. *Lard*, steady at 10½ to 11c. *Tallow* \$5 to 5.50 for unrendered and \$8.50 to 9.00 per 100 lbs for rendered.

SALT.—Market unsettled, coarse is now held at \$2, but we have heard of no transactions at that price. *Fine* is worth \$1.25.

WOOL.—We hear of no sales of Canadian wool and prices present no change. Fleece wool 40 to 45c; Pulled wool super 35 to 40c; delts No. 1 30 to 35c; pelts Black 32 to 35c; pelts unassorted 30 to 35c. A sale of some 1000 lbs of greasy Cape wool was made here last week at 28c.

TORONTO MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 12.

The wholesale trade of the city has been characterized during the past week by a general absence of activity, while the influence of the approaching holiday season is beginning to make itself felt on all branches of the retail trade, and money is circulating rather more freely than heretofore. The produce and provisions trades have been languid, with light receipts of grain from all points and dressed hogs as yet coming in but slowly.

The following is a comparative statement of the total imports at the port of Toronto for the month of November last and for the corresponding period of 1871:—

	Nov. 1871	Nov. 1872.
Dutiable Goods	\$693,396	649,174
Free Do.	285,277	274,218
Total	\$978,673	\$923,392

The duty collected during last month was \$120,707 against \$128,637 in November 1871.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Trade has been quiet and no change in price have taken place since last report.

CATTLE.—*Beeves*.—The supply during the week has been small consisting principally of an undesirable class of animals, with only a few really first-class offerings. Yesterday however, some little improvement in this respect took place, and the first lots of stall fed made their appearance, selling at 5 to 7c live weight. The sort previously in, brought from 3 to 4½c for inferior to good, but the chief demand during the coming week will be for extra fat cattle, which will bring prices comparatively much higher than has been lately paid, *Sheep*.—Few coming in, and with limited demand selling at late rates. *Lambs*.—Have not been wanted to any great extent, the supply being about sufficient, and selling at from \$2.50 to 4.50. *Hogs*. Quiet, but taken to the extent of the receipts at 4c live weight.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There has been a fair amount of business for the season but no special activity. The principal change to note is a fall in the price of Potass Iodide of \$1.50 to 1.75, being now quoted at \$9.75 to 10.25. Indigo is rather easier selling at 90 to \$1.05.

DRY GOODS.—There has been about the usual amount of trade for this time of the year, a good many small orders coming in. The return of imports for last month shows a falling off as compared with November 1871, but the decrease is not of any great importance. The following are the comparative figures:—

	Nov. 1871	Nov. 1872
Cottons	\$56,186	38,837
Woollens	80,585	70,498
Silks & Velvets.....	16,084	13,440
Fancy goods.....	30,952	36,587

FLOUR & MEAL.—*Flour*.—The Liverpool markets were steady during the week until yesterday, when cable dispatches quoted a decline of 6d. Stocks in this city of all leading grades are small, however, and values were not materially affected. Superfine has met a moderate enquiry during the week, and sales have been made at from \$5.35 to 5.37½ for favorite brands. Fancy has been scarce and all offering found ready sale at \$5.75 on the cars. Extra would bring \$6.30 but holders are asking \$6.35 and no transactions are reported. *Oatmeal*.—Generally held at \$4.75, but 100 brls recently sold at \$4.65. *Bran*.—Only a retail business reported and quotations for car lots nominal.

GRAIN.—*Wheat*.—The limited amount of the receipts has precluded any extensive business, but nearly all that has been offered has sold at fair prices. No. 1 white is nominal at \$1.35. For ordinary No. 2 \$1.25 to 1.28 has been paid, choice samples bringing up to \$1.32. Spring has sold at \$1.18 to 1.20 for No. 1 and \$1.15 to 1.16 for No. 2. *Barley*.—Very little coming in and hardly any demand. No. 1 is held at about 64c, but no buyers were to be found at the close over 62c in store. No. 2 has been placed at 65c on the track for ordinary samples, choice bringing 2 to 3c more. *Oats*.—Inactive, a few cars only, chiefly Western States, selling at about last week's prices. *Peas*.—No car lots changing hands. Farmers loads are taken at 65 to 66c for shipping and 68 to 70c for barrelling. *Rye*.—Selling by waggon load at 65c. *Corn*.—Quoted at 50c by the car.

GROCERIES.—Trade has been if anything more inactive than previously reported, the demand from the jobbing houses having almost entirely fallen off. The following are the imports for November 1871 and 1872 of a few of the leading articles:—

	Nov. 1871	Nov. 1872
Sugar lbs	405,924	238,524
" \$	20,089	13,126
Coffee lbs	67,990	32,100
" \$	9,497	5,474
Tea, Green & Japan lbs.....	54,054	83,426
" " " \$	19,001	42,126
" Black lbs.....	12,579	21,135
" " \$	3,650	7,265
Wines galls.....	6,702	16,037
" \$	4,495	15,509
Dried Fruits \$	25,695	26,094

Coffee.—Quiet and unchanged. *Fish*.—Lake fish in steady demand at quotations. Herrings are quoted at \$4.50 to \$5 for Labrador splits but prices are rather weak, the supply being now ample for present requirements. *Dry Cod*.—Nothing doing. *Fruit*.—Valencia Raisins have met a fair demand, quoted at 8 to 8½. Layers are steady at \$1.75 to 1.90. *Rice*.—Inactive. *Spices*.—Only a retail enquiry and prices without alterations. *Sugar*.—The market was rather easier during the week, and prices of some sorts of refined have been reduced from ½c to ¼ per lb. Raw have sold to a limited extent within the ranges of quotations. Soft yellow have also met some little enquiry but there is no special alteration to note in prices. *Dry Crushed and Ground* are now offered at 12½ to 13c. *Tea*.—Scarcely anything doing and no change in the market.

HARDWARE.—There has been a good demand during the week for ingot tin and ingot copper, galvanized iron and for Canada plates, but other goods have been slow sale. Prices are generally unchanged. Pig iron is held firmly for best brands, of which the stock is not in excess, but the cheaper descriptions are still offered at a heavy reduction from the rates which ruled some time ago. Clyde being obtainable at \$38, six months. No. 1 Summerlee is held at \$48.50.

HIDES AND SKINS.—*Hides*.—Cured are in large stock, and the demand having fallen off prices are reduced, now quoted at 8½c. Green con-

tinues to be taken at 7 to 8c for all offering. *Sheepskins*.—Are improving in value and now sell at \$1.25 to 1.75.

LEATHER.—The market has been inanimate and prices are without alteration, Spanish Soles however, being more firmly held, without any actual advance having been established.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*.—Some forced sales have been made recently at very low rates, ranging from 5 to 8c for inferior to medium grades. By auction a lot of 44 packages dairy sold by the single keg at 10 to 14c. *Cheese*.—Fine scarce and firm, but lower qualities in good supply and not any dearer than last quoted.

Lard.—Continues to sell in a small way at 10 to 11c. *Bacon*.—Sales of 3,000 sides for April and May delivery are reported at 6½c. Only small sales for present delivery at 7½ to 8c.

Hams.—Nominal at 11½ to 12c for smoked. *Pork*.—Nominal.

WOOL.—No change in combing, which is neglected. Pulled supers are selling at 40c in round lots.

BANK OF MONTREAL.—The resolutions relating to the issue of the new stock are as follows:—

1st. That the Capital Stock of the Bank be increased by further subscription of \$4,000,000.

2nd. That the allotment of new stock be made to Shareholders of the 4th December, in the proportion of one new share for every two they then hold, and that the issue be made at a Premium of 20 per cent.

3rd. That fifty per cent of the new stock shall be called up, payable, with the Premium, by instalments as follows:—1st instalment, capital, 10 p. c. premium, 5 p. c. 20 Dec. 2nd do. 5 do. 25 Jan., 1873; 3rd do. 5 do. 5 do. 25 Feb; 4th do. 5 do. 5 do. 28 March; 5th do. 5 do. 28 April; 6th do. 5 do. 29 May; 7th do. 5 do. 29 June; 8th do. 5 do. 30 July; 9th do. 5 do. 30 August; and shareholders taking up stock allotted to them will be required to pay all instalments of capital and premium due at the time when they shall so take up such stock.

4th. That three months notice shall be given before making calls for payment of any part of the remaining 50 per cent of the new issue; but that shareholders shall be at liberty to pay up their subscribed stock in full at any time previous to maturity of their instalments; and their stock will bear dividend from the date of such payments.

5th. That any portion of the new Stock that may not be taken up at the end of three months after allotment shall be opened for subscription to the public, who will be asked to tender for purchase of the same, and the Directors will distribute any surplus proceeds (over the 20 per cent Premium) among the shareholders who do not accept their allotment, and in proportion to the number of shares they are entitled to subscribe for.

—An American Insurance Journal notices the invention of a dial plate to be left by an absentee from his office, the dial indicating to disappointed callers the time of his promised return. This may be convenient, but would be immensely more servicable if possessed of an attachment that would enforce the fulfilment of this class of promises which are pre-eminently of that sort that are "made to be broken."

—A new steamer, the *Prince Edward* has been built on the Clyde for the Prince Edward Island Ocean S. S. Co., to trade between the Island and various ports. She cost \$160,000.

—The liabilities of the Commercial Bank of N. B. winding up, have been reduced to \$35,582 and the estimated surplus of assets is \$55,639.