

freely we cannot look for much improvement. Remittances are slow in coming to hand.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The downward tendency in this business noticed last week continues, the demand, however, has improved a little, and sales are reported within our range of quotations. We quote: *Bi Carb Soda* \$2.95 to \$3.00 per 112 lb keg, *Soda Ash*, \$1.37½ to 1.40 per 100 lbs, *Culbear*, 10 to 18c per lb.; *Arrow root*, 11 to 15c per lb.; *Borax*, 10 to 11c per lb.; *Cream Tartar Crystals*, 25c½ to 26c½ per lb; do *Ground*, 29 to 30; *Caustic Soda*, 2.45 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs. *East India Senna*, 12 to 13c per lb.; *Sugar of Lead*, 11 to 12c per lb.; *Bleaching Powder*, \$1.25 to \$1.37½ per 100 lbs.; *Madder*, 7½ to 9c per lb.; *Alum*, \$1.05 per 100 lbs.; *Copperas*, 1 to 2c per lb.; *Sulphur*, 3c per lb.; *Brimstone* 2 to 2½c. *Epsom Salts*, \$1.75 per 100 lbs., *Sal Soda*, 90 to \$1.00 per 100 lbs.; *Saltpetre* \$8.00 to 8.25 per 112 lb. keg, *Blue Vitriol* 5 to 6c.

FISH.—The demand is light for all kinds of fish. The Herring catch is only about ½ of the average. We quote *Dry Cod*, \$4.00 to \$4.25; *Green Cod*, \$3.00 to \$3.50; *Labrador Herrings*, \$5.00 to \$5.25; *Salmon*, 10.00, 9.00 and \$8.00, for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

FURS.—The mild weather prevents skins from coming in, our late quotations although nominal are what would be paid here for prime skins. *Prime Mink* \$2.00; *Muskrat* 10c, ditto kits 5c; *Marten*, \$1.25; *Otter* \$7.00; *Fisher* \$7.00; *Fox* \$1.25, *Lynx* \$1.75; *Beaver* fall, \$1.00 to 1.50; prime large *Bear* \$8.00.

FREIGHTS.—The demand for ocean tonnage has been moderately good, and rates for heavy grain by steamers to Liverpool, has been well maintained at 5/- to 5/6, and by iron clippers at 4/6 to 5/-. The rate for orders for all U.K. is 6/- 6/6.

FOUR.—Receipts during the past week have been 31,886 brls. Total receipts from 1st January to date 759,619 brls, showing an increase of 118,895 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1877. Shipments during the week, 35,251 brls.; total shipments from 1st January to date, 577,534 brls, being an increase of 36,537 brls. on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1877. The firmness noted at the close of the market this day week has been well maintained, and during the week, although sales have not been very large, there was a stronger feeling and prices were the turn in favor of holders. To-day the market was moderately active and closed firm at our quotations. We quote *Superior Extra* \$4.32½ to 4.40; *Extra*, \$4.17½ to \$4.20; *Fancy* \$4.05 to 4.10 nominal; *Spring Extra* \$4.00 to 4.02½; *Superfine*, \$3.65 to \$3.75; *Strong Baker's Flour* \$4.20 to \$4.45; *Fine*, \$3.05 to \$3.10; *Middlings*, \$2.85 to \$2.90; *Pollards*, \$2.50 to \$2.70; *Ontario Bags*, \$1.90 to 1.95; *Oatmeal* \$4.00 to 0.00; *Cornmeal*, kiln dried \$2.35 to 0.00.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—Receipts during the past week were 240,265 bushels. Total receipts from 1st January to date, 6,552,505 bushels, being an increase of 623,007 bushels on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1877. Shipments during the week 197,051 bush; total shipments from 1st January to date, 5,832,251 bush; showing an increase of 1,555,663 bush on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1877. The shipments of wheat are now beginning to fall off, there has not been much doing in our local market. Some Red Winter Wheat was sold at 95c; the market closing firmer at 97c; Spring Wheat by the carload is worth about 86c; *Maize* is firm and sold at 45c; *Peas*, 75c, ex. Can.; *Oats* are easier, sales at 28c; *Barley*, 75c to 85c.

GROCERIES.—*Teas.*—There is no speculative demand just now for Tea, but the market for the local supply has been moderately active. The firmness in the Japan market is beginning to tell

here, and prices have if anything favored the buyers; from low to choice grades from 24c to 50c is paid for old crop teas. Some little has been done in Blacks at from 26c to 65c, according to grade. *Coffee.*—The movement in this article is very slow, and beyond a few jobbing sales nothing is reported; Java, 27c to 29c; Maracaibo, 20c to 23c; Singapore 21c to 22c; Mocha, 29c to 32c; Rio, 19c to 20c. *Sugar.*—The market is decidedly easier, and sugar can be bought at lower rates than last week. Stocks held here are not in excess, but the demand has been very light notwithstanding the present low prices of sugar. Scotch refined is selling from 7 to 8½c according to brightness; our inside quotation for an inferior quality. American granulated 9½ to 9½c; Dry crushed 9½ to 10c; Raw sugars are not in much demand, nominal price 7½ to 7½c. *Molasses.*—Some considerable sales of Barbadoes are said to have taken place within our range of quotations, viz., 37½ to 42½; stocks are light. *Syrups* are in good demand, and prices are if anything in buyers' favor; we quote amber, 42 to 44c. *Rice* has not been much asked for this week, and prices have been the turn easier, say from \$4.20 to 4.45; some sales of an inferior article have been made a shade under our inside quotation. *Spices.*—The demand for spices has been very quiet, buyers operating only for immediate wants. There is very little change in prices in this market. We quote Black Pepper 8½ to 9½c; White Pepper 18 to 19c; Cassia, 14 to 17c; Cloves, 38 to 40c; Jamaica Ginger, 19 to 22c; Pimento, 13½ to 14c; Nutmegs, 60 to 85c; Mace, 75 to 90c. *Fruit.*—New crop fruits are arriving pretty freely, and large sales of Valencia raisins have been made at 4½ to 4½c; holders now asking 4½ to 5½c New Layers \$1.65 to \$1.80; Loose Muscatels \$1.90 to \$2.00; Sultanias, new crop 4½ to 5½c; new crop 8c. Currants 5½ to 6c; for new crop, old crop 3 to 5½c. Tarragona Almonds 14½ to 16c. Filberts, 6½ to 8c. Walnuts, 6½ to 12c.

HIDES AND PELTS.—There is nothing new to report in the market. Butchers hides are readily bought up at our quotations of \$7.50; \$6.50; and \$5.50; for Nos. 1, 2 and 3. *Sheepskins* are steady at 60 to 75c; but an advance may be expected next week.

HARDWARE.—Business has been anything but active during the past week, and now that the season is so far advanced merchants do not look more activity this season. Canada plates have been selling in retail lots but without any profit, the demand for other heavy goods being very meagre. Prices remain the same as previously quoted.

LEATHER.—Business continues fair for good *Spanish Sole*, for which prices are firmly maintained. *Slaughter Sole* is very quiet, at prices scarcely remunerative to the tanner. *Curried Stock* is moderately dealt in, and sales are in small lots only. We repeat the quotations of last week: *Hemlock Spanish sole*, No. 1; B. A. 23 to 24c; ditto, No. 2 B. A., 19 to 21c; *Zanzibar*, ordinary No. 1, 20 to 21c; ditto No. 2, 17 to 19c; *Buffalo Sole* No. 1, 19 to 20c; ditto, No. 2, 18 to 19c; *Hemlock slaughter*, No. 1, 24 to 26c; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 30 to 36c; ditto, heavy, 28 to 34c; *Grained*, 32 to 36c; *Splits*, large, 22 to 29c; ditto, small, 20 to 25c; *Calfskins*, 27 to 36 lbs., 50 to 65c; ditto, 18 to 26 lbs., 45 to 62½c; *Sheepskin linings*, 20 to 32½c; *Harness*, 20 to 30c; *Buffed cow*, 12 to 15c; *Enamelled cow*, 15 to 18c; *Patent Cow* 16 to 17c; *Pebbled cow* 12 to 15c; *Rough* 20 to 24c.

OILS.—*Petroleum.*—We have no change to note in prices, which remain firm, with a good consumptive demand. Car lots 17c; part cars, 17½c; single barrels, 18 to 18½c, per wine gal. *Linseed oil* raw 59 to 60c; ditto boiled 63 to 63½c. Fish oils are in light demand, *Cod Oil* has been moved to a small extent at 40c for Halifax and 43½ to 45c for Newfoundland.

Seal Pale, 42½ to 45c; ditto *Straw* 35 to 37½c; ditto *Steam Refined* 47 to 50c; *Olive Oil* 97½c to \$1.10; *Palm Oil* 8 to 8½c per lb.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—Receipts during the week, 6,744 pkgs.; shipments, 7,467 pkgs. Really fine Butter is somewhat scarce in the market, but would command full prices. Townships Butter, 14 to 16c; good Western is sold in lots at 8c. *Cheese.*—Receipts 13,400 boxes; shipments, 14,580 boxes. The market is dull and stocks are heavy, holders being disposed to press sales, and for September and October make not more than 8 to 8½c would be paid. *Lard* is selling at 9 to 9½c. *Pork.*—Receipts 155 brls; shipments, 92 bls.; market quiet; new Mess is worth 12.00 to \$12.50. *Smoked Hams*, 12 to 12½c.

SALT.—There is a good demand just now for salt, and the market is firm, there have been large sales of Coarse at 60c; holders now asking 62 to 65c; Factory filled, \$1.00 to 1.15.

WOOL.—The sales have fallen off somewhat during the week, any transactions in Canada pulled have been within the range of 22 to 24c; but this quotation may be considered nominal.

TORONTO MARKETS

Toronto, Oct. 30, 1878.

There is no activity to note in any of the several branches of trade in this market during the past week. For several reasons, not the least of which is the bad roads in the country, dry goods, groceries and provisions have all been quiet, but more especially the first named line. The same cause has rendered farmers' receipts of grain small, and the wholesale produce trade has been rather dull; prices have not declined to any quotable extent, but the tone of the market is weaker, and buyers and sellers are apart. Shipments, however, seem to have been large, and accordingly stocks in store show a slight decrease. The cattle export trade continues good at firm prices.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Sorting up orders for winter goods have been coming forward freely during the week. The demand has been principally for pegged and strong work, though there has been some enquiry within the last three days for rubber goods. One of the factories here is now running only three fourths time. Remittances are reported to be very fair.

COAL AND WOOD.—Trade in coal has been active during the week, with prices decidedly firm yet generally unchanged. We hear of stove coal having been advanced by some dealers to \$5.00. Stocks are large, and expected to be fully equal to the demand here during the winter. *Wood* is higher, no hardwood being obtainable, is said below \$5.50; pine is worth \$4.50. *Egg coal* is worth \$4.75; *Nut*, \$4.50; *Blossburgh* \$5.00; and *Lehigh* \$6.00 to \$6.50.

CATTLE, ETC.—The market during the week has been fairly active, at firm prices for all exportable animals. Of cattle the receipts were about 5,000 head of better bred animals than usual, and therefore a better selection was made. The yards were cleared of all the best grades by noon every day, some 2,000 head having been shipped. Prices paid were: for choice, \$4.50 to \$4.75; first-class, for local use, \$4.00; second, \$3.00 to \$3.50; and third, \$2.00 to \$2.50. *Sheep* have been in good request at good paying rates to farmers. About 6,500 sheep and lambs have arrived, and prices ranged from \$6.00 to \$7.00 for first-class sheep; \$4.00 to \$5.00 for second; and \$2.50 to \$3.50 for third. And for lambs, \$3.50 to \$4.00 for firsts; \$2.50 to \$3.00 for seconds; and \$2.00 to \$2.25 for thirds. *Calves* have been in good demand for prime, from \$12