

our closing quotations of last week, but holders becoming rather exorbitant in their demands tended to check business. To-day the market was more active and prices have advanced all round, and still higher prices are expected. We quote *Superior Extra* \$5.65 to 5.70; *Extra Superfine* \$5.40 to 0.00; *Fancy* \$5.20 to 5.25; *Spring Extra* \$5.00 for Canada; *Superfine* \$4.45 to 4.50; *Strong Baker's flour* \$5.00 to 5.25; *Fine* \$3.90 to 3.95; *Middlings* \$3.40 to 3.50; *Follards* \$2.75 to 3.00; *City Bags* \$2.67½; *Oatmeal* is firmer, with sales at \$4.25 to 4.40; *Cornmeal* \$3.00 per brl.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 15th inst. were 526,961 bushels; against 438,884 bush. on the 1st inst., and 187,841 bush. on the 15th of September 1875. Receipts during the past week 313,139 bush.; total receipts from 1st January to date 5,244,952 bush. being a decrease of 698,010 bush. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1875. Shipment during the week 170,581 bush.; total shipments from 1st January to date 3,833,855 bush. being a decrease of 1,132,240 bush. on the shipments for corresponding period of 1875. Holders have advanced their askings which has confined business within narrow limits. We quote as closing prices to-day Canada spring \$1.12 to 1.15; fall wheat \$1.15 to 1.18. *Maise* nominally 51 to 52c; *Peas* 87½ to 90c. A sale at our inside quotation. *Oats* are in better demand at 35 to 37c. *New Barley* 60 to 65c.

GROCERIES.—*Teas.*—Japans have been in active demand this week not only for the common but also for the choice grades, the latter of which are scarce and command full prices say from 50 to 60c; and common to medium sell at 25 to 32c; *Twankays* have been selling to some extent from 22½ to 30c; nothing doing in black teas. *Coffee* in sympathy with New York is firmer, but in this market the movement is very small at all times. We now quote Java 29 to 32c; and Maracaibo 20 to 23c these are the only kinds in stock here. *Sugar.*—Quietness has been the prevailing feature in this branch of the trade and it has been hard to place round lots unless at a reduction on late quotations, and this week business has been confined to job lots which have been placed at our quotations. Scotch refined 8 to 9½c American granulated little done, holders are asking 9½ to 10½ according to quality. In raw sugars this market exhibits very little change, from 7½ to 7¾c being the prices obtained but the consumptive demand here is very small. *Molasses.*—he market is firm in consequence of the lightness of stocks. Barbadoes has sold freely at 43 to 45c according to size of lot; Sugar house 27 to 30c; *Syrups* are in good demand and full prices are obtained for Montreal brands Amber 65 to 70c; Golden 45 to 50c; *Rice* market steady at \$3.85 to 4.00 stocks large. *Spices.*—For black pepper there has been some demand at last weeks prices viz., 10½ to 10¾c; white pepper is firm at 19 to 21c; Cassia 16 to 18c; Pimento is in small supply at 23c; Nutmegs are not much asked for even at our reduced quotation of last week. *Fruit.*—The market is still quiet and until the arrival of the new crop by this week's steamer not much movement can be looked for, and to clear out old stocks before the new comes in holders are offering Layer raisins at \$2.00. Some new Valencias which are yet scarce are offering at 10c; Currants are selling at 6 to 6½c; new in small supply and offered at 7c; not much doing yet in Almonds or nuts prices of which are unchanged.

HIDES AND PELTS.—The market for both hides and skins this week has been dull, and it has been difficult to move any large quantity, prices are without any change since our last report. We quote No. 1 hides \$6.00; No. 2 ditto, \$5.00; No. 3 ditto, \$4.00; lambskins, 60c.

HARDWARE.—*Pig Iron* is moving slowly at a shade under our quotations; *Tin plates* have been very slow of sale, and any transactions of any size have been made below our prices; *Canada plates* have been moving more freely, and although the market has not been in any way overstocked with outside lots still the prices realized are more to the advantage of buyers than sellers. We quote:—*Pig Iron*—Eglinton and Clyde \$18.00 to 19.00; Carnbroe \$19.00 to 20.00; American \$19. to 20.; Summerlee and Calder \$20.00 to 21.00; Langloan & Gartsherrie \$21.00 to 22.00; Coltness \$22.00 to 23.00. Hematite \$30.00 to 31.00. *Bar*, per 100; lbs., Scotch and Staffordshire, \$2.00 to 2.10; best do., \$2.25 to 2.35; Swedes and Norway \$4.75 to 5.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.00 to 7.00. *Canada Plates* per box, Glamorgan and Budd, \$3.75 to 4.00; Garth and Penn \$3.85 to 4.00; Arrow \$4.25 to 4.25; Hatton \$3.65 to 3.85. *Tin Plates* per box—Charcoal IC, \$7.25 to 7.75; ditto, IX, \$9.25 to 9.75; ditto DC, \$6.25 to 6.75; Coke IC, \$6.00 to 6.50; 14 x 20, 25c ex. *Tinned sheets* Charcoal best No 26, 12½ to 13c. *Galvanized sheets* best brands No. 28, 9½ to 9¾c. *Hoops and Bands* \$2.75 to 3.00 *Sheets* best brands, \$3.22½ to 3.25; *Boiler Plates* ordinary brands \$3.00 to 3.25 do; Best brands \$3.40 to 3.65; *Russian Sheet Iron* 13 to 14c; *Cut Nails*, manufacturers list 3rd February, 2 d Lath, \$4.60; ditto, 2½ d to 4d shingle \$3.80; do., 5d to 10d, \$3.30; do. 12d & larger \$3.; 100 keg order 5 per cent. discount. *Cut nails* patent Chisel pointed 25c extra. *Pressed Spikes* \$4.00 to 5.00; *Shot Canadian* \$7 to 7.25. *Lead*—Pig, per 100 lbs 5.50 to \$5.75; do sheets 6.00 to \$6.50; do Bar, 6.00 to \$6.50; *Steel* cast, 12½ to 13¾c; *Spring* \$4.00 to 4.25; *Sleigh Shoe* \$3.25 to 3.50; *Tire* ditto, \$3.50 to 3.75. *Ingot Tin* 20 to 21c; *Ingot Copper*, 21 to 22c. *Horse Shoes* \$4.50 to 4.75; *Proved Coil Chain*, 3 in., \$5.50 to 6.00; *Anchors* 7 to 8c; *Anvils* 10 to 12c. *Iron wire* \$2.35 to 2.45; *Glass* to 25 united inches \$2.00.

LEATHER.—There has been a fair amount of business doing, principally in the staples, but quotations remain about the same. *Spanish sole*—Prime B. A. is rather scarce, but there is a good deal of ordinary stock in the market. *Slaughter sole* is unchanged; demand only moderate. *Harness*—Some demand for heavy, but medium and light are very dull and slow of sale. *Upper*—Nothing doing of consequence, but prices are in buyer's favour. *Splits* continue in short supply for prime stock, without, however, any quotable change in price. *Buff and Pebble* are in short supply for the moment. We quote Hemlock Spanish sole No. 1 B. A. 21 to 22c; do. No. 2 18 to 19c; No. 1 Ordinary 20 to 21c; No. 2 ditto 17 to 18c.; Zanibar Spanish sole No. 1 19 to 20c; do. No. 2 16 to 17c; Buffalo sole No. 1, 18 to 19c; do. No. 2, 16 to 17c; Hemlock slaughter 22 to 24c waxed upper light and medium 29 to 33c; do. heavy 27 to 32c; grained upper 32 to 34c; splits large 20 to 28c; do. small 16 to 20c; calfskins 30 to 36 lbs, 55 to 70c; do 20 to 29 lbs 50 to 60c; sheepskin linings 20 to 25c; harness 22 to 26c; buffed cov 13 to 16c per ft.; enamelled cow 17 to 18c; patent cow 18 to 19c; pebbled cow 12c to 15c; rough leather 22 to 22c.

OILS.—Stocks, as a rule, are generally low, and transactions are mostly for small quantities. *Linsed oil* is a shade easier; we quote raw 53 to 55c; ditto, boiled, 57 to 60c. The market for fish oils is firm. *Cod* at 60 to 62½c. *Seal*, pale, 60c; ditto, straw, 55c; ditto, steam refined, very firm, at 65. *Olive*, 95c to \$1.10. *Menhaden oil*, 42½ to 45c. *Petroleum*—Market firm and active. Car loads, 27 to 27½c; small lots and single barrels, 28½ to 30c.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—Receipts 10,233 kegs for the week; shipments 12,480 kegs. Market

continues firm and fairly active at 18 to 24c. large transactions in the best butter at 23c. *Cheese.*—Receipts during the week 9,713 boxes; shipments 23,945 boxes; market active with upward tendency at 11 to 12c. *Pork.*—Receipts 148 brls.; shipments 1,063 brls., market quiet. New mess \$20 to 20.50; thin mess \$19.50. *Lard* steady at 12½ to 13¾c. *Tallow* rendered 7½ to 8c; ditto in the rough 5 to 5½.

SALT.—The market is dull stocks are heavy and in excess of the demand. Coarse has been selling at 52½ to 54c; factory filled \$1.00 to 1.10.

WOOL.—The slight improvement noticed in this trade last week has not been maintained, and during the week now closed there has been very little movement. Prices are nominally unchanged, super 27½c; unassorted 26 to 27c.

TORONTO MARKET.

Toronto, Sept. 21, 1876.

We are now in the very beginning of the produce trade for this season. The barley crop which always moves first is coming forward. Business centres are more animated, and everywhere around the country, wherever there is a good farming region round about, grain is being brought to market and disposed of. Prices are steadily advancing. During the week Liverpool quotations have risen 6d. on flour and in a corresponding degree on grain. In the American markets firmness, without any actual advance, is maintained. This state of things has made holders more hopeful and though movements are on the increase there are some holding back for higher prices. Staple goods are in moderate demand, and, if the percentage of profit is small in many cases, the sales amount to considerable sums. At any rate we hear of less complaints than some time back.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The course of trade is fairly satisfactory. A liberal number of orders have been received for some days past and manufacturers (though running on short time are doing a steady business. The fall demand is light but sorting up supplies are well enquired for.

CATTLE.—*Beeves.*—The receipts are about the same, but the numbers of inferior go on increasing. Good, first-class cattle are scarce. Those offering are rather below the average in quality, and command very poor prices. The greater part are not suitable for shipment, and numbers are hardly fit for local consumption. First-class are firm at the past figures—\$4.50 to 4.75—and are much wanted. Second-class are weak at \$3.50 to 4.00, and third-class will not bring over \$3.00 to 3.25. *Sheep.*—There is a good demand for all coming forward, and drovers have no difficulty whatever in selling their stocks, when of fair quality. Prices are firm, but unchanged. First-class command \$5.00 to 5.50, and second-class \$4.00 to 4.50. *Lambs.*—Supplies are somewhat beyond the wants of the market, and prices are easier. First-class bring \$3.25 to 3.50. Some selected have changed hands at \$3.75. Second-class are worth \$2.50 to 3.00. Third-class sell at \$2.00 to 2.25. *Calves.*—Offerings are very light and prices unchanged, with a quiet demand at \$9.00 to 10.00 for first-class, and \$5.00 to 6.00 for second.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—*Flour.*—Stocks in store on the 18th inst 580 brls against 1151 brls last week and 823 brls on the same date last year. The market continues to advance. The amount offering is moderately large and sellers have little difficulty in placing lots in the face of such a good demand as now prevails. Superior extra maintains its firmness and has sold at \$5.50 and \$4.60 f.o.c. Extra is slightly higher and in good enquiry; lots have changed hands with considerable activity. Early in the week sales were made at \$5.25 and subsequently at \$5.30