

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

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CATTLE.—During the last two weeks the supply has been steadily increasing, and is now about equal to the demand. Prices have consequently fallen slightly. To-day's prices for grass-fed beef were 5 1/2c. to 5 3/4c. per lb. Mutton, \$10.50 to \$12 per 100 lbs. Lamb, \$13 to \$14. Veal, \$8.50 to \$10. Hogs, \$9.50 to \$10.

FLOUR.—Flour continues dull, and prices purely nominal in absence of demand.

GRAIN.—During the past week there has been considerable activity in options at the leading wheat centres, and the movement has increased. Prices have been somewhat irregular, but the general tone has been strong, and at the close quotations are higher. A car of No. 1 spring sold on track at \$1.32, and No. 2 sold at about the same price yesterday. No. 2 fall is nominal at \$1.27. Barley dull, with none offering, and prices nominal. Oats are in fair demand and firm, with car lots worth 49c. on track, Peas quiet and steady; No. 2 are worth about 82c. The following are the latest quotations from the street market: Fall Wheat, \$1.21 to \$1.23. Spring Wheat, \$1.30 to \$1.33. Barley, 62c. to 65c. Oats, 48c. to 49c. Peas, 80c. to 85c. Rye, 70c. to 75c.

PROVISIONS.—Butter and eggs are in large demand, and the supply, especially of the latter, falls short. Hams are getting very scarce, and prices are correspondingly high. Choice lots of butter bring 17c. to 18c. per lb. and ordinary qualities 15c. to 16c. The price of roll butter is 19c. to 22c. per lb. Eggs go off easy at 16c. per doz. in case lots, and 17c. to 18c. in small lots.

WOOL.—Wool is easy at 18c. to 20c. per lb. The Boston wool market shows a very light business of 1,321,560 lbs., against 1,710,520 lbs. the previous week, the decrease being partly due to the holiday. The largest sales have been of Texas and Spring California. New Kansas wool has been arriving freely and is in good demand. The tone is good, and conservative dealers prefer the market at this time in its present condition than to have any excitement. New clips are coming forward freely. Reports from Ohio are conflicting, both as to quality and price. The Michigan clip is not fairly opened yet. Good increases are the rule in the clip, but the quality is not surely any better than a year ago. In California prices are weaker, also in Texas; but such weakness in the latter is denied in some quarters. The improved tone in woollens continues. The receipts of wool continue large, and foot up since January 137,930 bales domestic, against 120,252 bales a year ago, and 25,599 bales foreign, against 12,044 bales a year ago. The increase has been 17,678 bales of domestic, and 13,555 bales foreign. The sales since January continue more than for the same time last year, but the excess is being gradually reduced, and, without the market becomes more active, last year will soon catch up with this. They now foot up 49,871,466 lbs. this year, against 48,227,171 lbs. last, or an increase this year of 1,644,295 lbs. A week ago the increase for this year amounted to over 6,000,000 lbs.

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