

LEATHER.—Market continues quiet, the boot and shoe trade purchasing only for immediate requirements which are light at this season. *Spanish Sole* firm with a further advance in prospect, as hides continue to advance in the New York market. Sales have been light the past week. *Slaughter Sole* is in better demand and prices are firmer. *Upper and Splits* are not much sought after, but holders are firm in view of the increased cost. *Harness* neglected; most of the stock in the market will require to be shipped to England to find sale. No change in other goods and but little doing. We quote Hemlock Spanish sole No. 1 B. A. 25 to 00c; do. No. 2, 22 to 23c; No. 1 Orinoco 24 to 25c; No. 2 ditto 21 to 22c; Zanzibar Spanish sole No. 1 23 to 24c; do. No. 2 19 to 21c; Buffalo sole No. 1, 21 to 22c; do. No. 2, 19 to 20c; Hemlock slaughter 24 to 26c, waxed upper light and medium 35 to 38c; do. heavy 32 to 35c; grained upper 33 to 36c; splits large 24 to 30c; do. small 15 to 22c; calfskins 27 to 36 lbs, 55 to 70c; do 18 to 26c; lbs 50 to 65c; sheepskin linings 20 to 35c; harness 22 to 27c; buffed cow 13 to 16c per ft.; enamelled cow 17 to 18c; patent cow 16 to 18c; pebbled cow 12c to 16c; rough leather 22 to 25c.

SHOE FINDINGS.—This branch of trade, which is carried on here generally in conjunction with that of British and foreign leathers, suffered severely in the depression of 1875, but is now—in sympathy with sole leather—gradually but surely recovering its former proportions. The term shoe findings includes prunella, elastics, gusset-web, boot webs, galloons, laces, eyelets, shoe linings of all kinds in cotton and linen, boot felt, slipper carpets, silk, cotton and linen machine threads, &c. In all these articles a fair fall business has been done. *Prunella* after touching the lowest point known in price has suddenly advanced ten per cent. the result of the advance in wool in England. Other lines with the exception of silk threads are lower than for many seasons past. Foreign *sheep linings* are in very limited demand owing to the sale of the domestic article, of which an excellent quality is produced in this city, as well as in Brantford, Galt, Port Hope, and at other points in Ontario. *Leather Board* for heel stiffeners and insoles is firm at from 12 to 16c according to quality. There are two mills in the Dominion producing this article, one in St. John, N. B., and the Dominion Leather Board Coy's., mill at Chambly, P. Q. The quantity imported from the United States is now very limited. *Leather Board Counters* made on the Cote patent are in active demand, the machinery now in use by the Cote Counter Co., being barely sufficient to supply the quantity called for. The present production of these counters is 6000 pairs per day.

LIQUORS.—*Brandy.*—Market firm but only a retail demand for Martels and Hennessys, we quote \$2.75 to 3.00 in wood; other brands from \$2.20 to 2.50; cases \$6.00 to 10 according to brand. *Gin.*—Hollands in wood \$1.60 to 1.75; Green cases \$4.00 to 4.25; Red cases \$7.25 to 8. *High Wines* 57c per imperial gallon; *Rye Whiskey* 34c per imperial gallon.

OILS.—The market this week has been quiet and prices are for the most part nominally unchanged, but as stocks are small and in few hands, prices maintain their late firmness. We quote *Cod oil* 62½ to 65c; *Seal oil* pale 62½c; ditto straw 57½c; ditto steam refined 65c; *Linseed Raw* 55 to 57½; ditto boiled 60c; *Olive* 59c to \$1.00; *Palm oil* 8½ to 9c per lb. *Petroleum* 32½ to 33c according to size of lot.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—Receipts during the week 147 kegs; shipments 3299 kegs. There is a good demand for choice butter which maintains its value, but inferior stock is difficult to

move at any price. We quote eastern township butter 24c for shipping lots; Brockville and Morrisburg 23c; Western 20 to 21c. *Cheese.*—Receipts during the week 3148 boxes; shipments 1954 boxes. Market in the early part of the week was moderately active with fair sales at 12 to 13½c, closing firm but inactive at 12 to 12½c for August make, and 13 to 13½c for September and October. *Pork.*—Receipts during the week 70 bbls.; shipments 12 bbls. Market quiet and weaker. *Mess* \$18.75 to 19.00; thin mess \$18. *Lard* has been in moderate demand at 12 to 13c according to package. *Tallow* rendered 8½c; ditto in the rough 5½c.

SALT.—Not much business doing, demand at the moment being small. We quote coarse 57½ to 60c; factory filled \$1.00 to 1.10.

WOOL.—The demand has rather improved and although lots changing hands are by no means large, they are fairly numerous which makes up to some extent for the smallness. We quote unassorted 26 to 27c; Super 27 to 28c.

Stocktaking, which is usually done about the beginning of December, and the approach of the holiday time, combine to make the present a quiet month, but the first four months of the incoming year is pretty certain to bring a fair demand for shoe findings generally.

TORONTO MARKET.

TORONTO, Dec. 14, 1876.

Business is generally quiet. The hard roads have not yet lasted long enough for their effect to be perceptible on remittances, which are for the most part complained of as backward. In contrast to this, however, we are glad to have the testimony of some hardware houses, who find trade good, and say that their remittances are satisfactory. The collections of Implement makers, for example, have been better this year than last, which arises, we would fain hope, from the greater push made to collect.

Wheat and barley have been inactive and declined during the week. Flour, however, is in demand and firm. The Grocery trade is duller than usual at this season. Stocks, although not heavy, are well assorted, liquors being in rather limited supply. Hides have risen still higher, and American buyers have made their appearance, picking up all they can secure. The supply all over is so short that prices of leathers are all firmer, and in sole there has been a sharp advance. Petroleum shows a rise, the New York market has been excited, and an increase in prices is maintained there. The provisions market is dull.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—No change to note in prices. A fair amount of activity is occasioned by sorting-up orders. Spring samples are out, and orders for them are beginning to come in.

CATTLE.—The Fergus Christmas fair was held on Monday, the Elora one on Tuesday, and that at Guelph and Galt on Wednesday of this week. A large number of cattle were shown at the Guelph fair, some 800 in all; but there were hardly so many showy animals amongst them, and more plain than in former years. Next week we expect to give a statement of the business done at these fairs.

In this market good *beeves* are in demand at 4 to 5c; one car lot was bought by an enterprising dealer at the latter figure. Of the lots mentioned last week in this column as shipped to Montreal the bulk sold at 4c, which is ½c less than could have been had for them here. Poor *beeves* and indifferent are not wanted, and are merely nominal. One cause of this languid demand for cheap beef is the abundance of poultry offering at very low figures: Geese at 5c,

and turkeys, 7c per lb.; ducks, 40 to 60c, and fowls, 30 to 40c per pair. *Sheep* are about the same in price, and, with the exception of a few show animals for the holidays, are likely to continue so for the remainder of the year. *Lambs*—Some extra were bought at \$5, but the prevailing rates for good are from \$3.00 to 3.75; ordinary are not wanted. *Calves*—A few fancy have been bought as high as \$25.00 each for Christmas, \$10.00 to 12.00 for first-class, \$6.00 to 8.00 for seconds, are the rates on the market. *Hogs*—A good number are being brought in by farmers, and fetch \$6.00 to 6.50.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—All grades of flour are in pretty good demand at prices which have not only been firm, but showed an advance in some lines. The stock in store on the 12th instant was 4,623 bbls. Super extra has been steady during the week at \$6.00 to 6.25; choice brands brought as high as \$6.40; extra has shown good enquiry at quotations; fancy has not been plentiful. Over our quotations would be paid for a good sample; super extra unchanged at \$5.00; superfine—there were sales as high as \$4.70 on Monday; all the above quotations are f. o. c.; *Oatmeal* has been moving in generally small parcels at \$5.10 to 5.40; in car lots \$4.90 to 5.00; *Cornmeal* steady.

GRAIN.—The market is not active. Wheat showed some decline during the week. Barley also is lower. *Fall Wheat.*—Stock in store 66,604 bushels. The market has been easier somewhat. The figures paid are from \$1.25 to 1.27 at which there is not much offering. No 2 sold Wednesday 1.22 f. o. c.; No 3 we quote 1.15 to 1.17. Spring Wheat, of which there are 93783 bushels in store, is to-day worth \$1.17 to 1.18 and dull, a small lot sold at the latter figure. No 2 \$1.15 to 1.16 with a sale at the latter price. *Oats*—10,688 bushels in store. This grain is more scarce and somewhat more active, the quotation to-day being 41 to 43c; some inferior sold early in the week at 40c. *Barley*—Stock in store 435,924 bushels. The market is dull and lower; No. 1 will only fetch 79 to 81c; No. 2 steady at 68 to 70c; on Tuesday 69c was paid for a car load. *Peas*—Stock in store 20,156 bushels. The market has been rather bare and prices firm at 73 to 75c; one car load sold during the week at 73c. of No. 2 inspected.

GROCERIES.—Are not generally active, sales are limited in amount, buyers determining it appears to get along with as little as possible at a time. Payments are moderate only. *Coffees* are unchanged. *Fish* but little doing, prices are easier. *Fruit.*—No old Valencias in market, new bring 7½ to 8c. Currants the demand is small, but prices are firm. Advices from Patras report them very firm. *Molasses* moderately active, and at prices which are slightly in sellers favor. *Rice* is firm and tending upwards, the Liverpool quotation is 12/-, which would not permit it to be laid down at present quotations here. *Sugars.*—The demand here has fallen to very small proportions. In N. Y. the demand has been so slight that the feeling in some minds is towards a weakening of prices, but the stocks are so small that when the present election is over and trade resumes its tone a hardening is pretty sure to follow. *Teas.*—There is no movement except in a small retail way. Prices are maintained generally, but a large line would be conceded for. *Tobacco* as quoted in our price list. *Liquors.*—There is not the quantity selling this month which is generally expected. The principal articles asked for are old rye and malt, and even these are not moving in any great quantity.

HIDES.—The price has advanced to 7c. for No. 1 and 6c. for No. 2, in consequence of the increased demand from the States, whence the demand is strongly maintained. In contrast with this there is almost no demand from local sources, which is possibly to be accounted for by the fact that our tanners cannot pay the