

increase of \$324,148. Of the above total for July \$578,042 was dutiable goods, and \$107,683 free goods. Bringing up the total from the 1st January we have \$4,012,970 as the imports of the first seven months of the present year against \$3,390,384 last year. The value of dutiable goods for the seven months was \$3,632,590 this year and \$2,967,100 last year. These figures unmistakably indicate a large advance in the importing trade of this port, which no doubt extends to all, or nearly all its different branches. With present prospects in the country there is every reason to expect that a similar rate of expansion will continue through the present year.

A BUSINESS man in Huron county talks of the butter trade of his section in this way: "The yield of butter and cheese is large here this season, and with the reputation that this section enjoys for good butter, the farmers are getting good prices—18½ cents, being paid yesterday (Aug. 1st.) Large dealers in this article say that the butter sent from Seaforth and Clinton stations is superior to any butter shipped from any of the stations east to Toronto. I believe this is true, as we always obtain outside figures, and we never hear of dissatisfaction. Country merchants grumble much about going to the expense of getting neat small packages to put up butter, and say that dealers will not pay extra for the trouble and expense. I for one trust that we have heard the last of those long theorising Montreal letters about packages. Let the Montreal merchants prove their sincerity, by paying prices according to quality and state of packages."

#### THE CROPS.

In addition to the returns published last week from Messrs. Dun, Wiman & Co., we give the subjoined from the same source. They are not confined to any line of railway, but extend through all the various districts of the Province. It may be added that these reports are no doubt quite reliable:

Nairn, Middlesex Co., August 7.—Fall wheat is badly sprouted; spring wheat is sadly affected by the excessive and continuous storms. This also applies to barley.

Tilsonburg, Oxford Co.—The crop this year is extra good, and saved well, with a few exceptions, in which wheat sprouted, and some hay was spoiled by the heavy rains. Still, the crop saved is much more than an average one this year.

Cumminsville, Halton Co.—The spring crop in this neighborhood is good. Fall wheat is light, but those that have already threshed say it is turning out very well, the grain being very plump and nice; and I think, upon the whole, we will have a good average crop in this neighborhood.

Rogerville, Huron Co.—Crops in general look well in this section of the country. Harvest operations are greatly retarded by heavy rains; it is considered it will be an average crop. Root crops also look well.

Craighurst, Simcoe Co., August 4.—Crops in this locality never looked better, but the fall wheat is not good; a great deal of it had to be plowed up and spring crops substituted. Crops in general will be nearly double the general average one.

Hanover, Grey Co.—The crops seem to promise pretty well, although the wheat is rather light, being somewhat affected by the midge. There was but a small breadth sown with fall, and that is a good sample, but rather a small average to the acre. The coarse grains will likely be a good yield. Hay was a light crop.

Priceville, Grey Co.—Hay is abundant, but in general badly saved. Barley is now coming in fine, and is fully an average crop. Spring wheat, oats and peas are looking well, and are likely to

be considerably over an average crop. Fall wheat and rye have not been much sown. Potatoes are extensively planted this season, and are astonishing the natives both in size and yield, and root crops of all kinds are good and abundant.

Pingal.—Fall wheat is a very light crop; sample good, but grown in a good many instances. Barley is a fair crop, but damaged; peas also damaged in consequence of wet. Good promise of corn and potatoes. An average hay crop, but a good deal damaged.

Brownsville.—Crops very good in this section, but badly damaged by the wet weather, and will be depreciated about one-third.

Oswell, Elgin Co.—Fall wheat is a very short crop; the quality is good, but the yield far below the average. It is also considerably sprouted, on account of the remarkably wet weather. Hay is also very much injured from the same cause. I think, however, that peas, oats, barley, and corn will turn out well if the weather now proves favorable. Scarcely any spring wheat sown.

Dunroon, Simcoe Co.—Fall wheat is not more than half a crop, having been injured with heavy snow last winter—"smothered out." All spring sown grain crops—spring wheat, oats, and barley—promise a full average. Root crops—potatoes, turnips, wurzels, &c.—are very good. Favorable weather only is needed to mature the crops, and to admit of their being well secured. The hay crop is good, but owing to the continued wet weather, a good deal is in inferior condition.

Springfield.—Fall wheat is light, having been winter-killed. Hay is a fair crop, but much hurt by rains. Barley is light, and will be dark. Oats are an excellent crop; peas will be a fair crop; spring wheat will be better than last year.

Exeter.—The crops are looking pretty well. The fall wheat is not as good as was expected, but the spring crops are, as a general thing, looking pretty well.

Clover Hill, Simcoe Co.—The crops are looking very well, and if prices keep up, I think there will be a good fall trade.

Inniskip, Oxford Co.—Wheat is a light crop, and peas are good. Barley is light, and much damaged by rain. Hay is an average crop.

Milton, Halton Co.—In regard to the condition of the crops, I must say that they fall considerably short of what they were last year. The hay crop was very light—scarcely half a yield. Fall wheat will yield, on an average, about 75 bushels to the acre. Spring wheat, oats, peas and barley are a good crop, and will average more than last year.

New Dundee, Waterloo Co.—Fall wheat about a two-third crop; excellent sample, and well saved. Spring crops are all looking well, and promise an abundant harvest. Business prospects are fair for the fall and winter trade.

Carlisle, Wentworth Co.—Barley is about the average, but a good deal discolored. Fall wheat is better than was expected; spring wheat appears to be middling; oats and peas about the average—straw short. Potatoes appear pretty good.

Freelton, Wentworth Co.—Fall wheat will not be an average. Spring crops are all good.

#### Financial.

##### STOCKS AND MONEY.

Reported by Blaikie & Alexander, Brokers.

TORONTO, Aug. 10, 1870.

The market still continues without activity in any of the securities, the few transactions that have taken place showing a slightly downward tendency, with few exceptions. Money continues to be plentiful and easily procurable, but it is anticipated that there will, ere long, be a change in this respect, and investors are consequently awaiting a further decline in the Stocks before buying. Sterling Exchange 60 days' Bank Bills can to-day be bought for 109½ to 109¼.

Banks.—Commerce is now procurable at 122, with buyers not above 121. Toronto is offering freely at 160½, with no buyers at that figure. No sales of Royal have been made for some time; holders are asking 68 without result. Ontario shows a slight improvement, and is now held at 104, with buyers at 103. British is quite scarce at 104½ to 105 for buyers. There is very little doing in Montreal; the quotations are 183½ for buyers, and 186 asked. Merchants' shows a little more activity, with sales at 111, closing firm at that figure. Sales of City are reported at 87½. Molsons' is a little firmer but quiet, at 101 to 102.

Bonds.—There is nothing whatever doing in Governments. Dominion Stock is in demand, and would command 108. City Bonds are now offering at 92½, with some buyers at that figure. County Bonds are inquired for, and may be had at 103 to 103½. Some Townships are offering at 94.

Sundries.—Freehold Building Society may be had at 127, buyers offering 126½. Is not much doing in Canada Permanent, though some small sales are reported at 135½. Western Canada has changed hands at 125½, and is now held at 126. Union is procurable at 113½. Canada Landed Credit Company would probably command par, at which rate there have been sales. Sellers of Western Assurance Company would take 91; buyers offering 90. There are no buyers of British America Assurance; holders are asking 68. Very little City Gas is procurable; 114 is offered. Some sales of Montreal Telegraph are reported at 186 to 186½, holders asking 187½.

#### TORONTO STOCK MARKET.

Reported by Pellatt & Osler, Brokers.

TORONTO, August 9.

The Stock Market still continues dull and lifeless, there being no disposition whatever to buy or sell, and the transactions for the week have been extremely limited.

Banks.—Montreal was offered at 184, but no buyers over 182; very little doing. British is enquired for at 105; no stock offering. Ontario has advanced 2 per cent. over last week's quotations, holders now asking 104. Nothing doing in Toronto; sellers at 160; no buyers. Sellers are asking 68 for Royal Canadian; no buyers over 65. Holders of Commerce are asking 122; buyers are offering 120. Large sales of Merchants' are reported at 111, closing firm. Nothing doing in Quebec; would command 107. Molsons' sold at par, closing firm, with no sellers under 101½. There have been transactions in City at 87½; 88 is now asked. Sellers of Du Peuple at 106½, buyers offering 105½. Nationale is nominal. Jacques Cartier is nominal at 110½ to 111; no stock offering. Sellers of Mechanics' asking 91, buyers offering 90. Nothing doing in Union; no stock offering.

Debentures.—No Canada Bonds of any kind offering; Dominion stock in good demand at 108 to 108½. A small lot of Toronto twenty-year bonds on market at 92½. Some first-class County Bonds on market at 103.

Sundries.—Small sales of City Gas at 114½; no stock now on market. Sales of British America Assurance have taken place at 68½, at which rate it is procurable. No Canada Life Assurance on market; would bring 110. Small lot of Western Assurance on market at 90; very little doing. The market has been cleared of Canada Permanent Building Society at 136. No Western Canada Building Society on market; would command 126. Freehold Building Society may be quoted at 127; nothing doing. Huron and Erie Savings and Loan Society is in good demand; no stock offering on this market. Union Building Society is enquired for at 113; very little offering. Montreal Telegraph sold at 186 and 186½, sellers now asking 187½; no buyers over 185. Both Canada Landed Credit stock and bonds on market at par; little doing. Mortgages are in fair demand at 8 per cent.; very few offering.