

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

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PROVISIONS are active and maintain their value well; only the grain trade is dull and lifeless.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Stocks of Flour in store are very trifling. Transactions are limited to occasional cars of superior extra, which has changed hands at \$5.35, and of spring extra, which sold at \$5.20. There is neither strong bakers' superfine nor fine in this market; the first-named would bring probably \$5.20. Of course, these prices are for old wheat flour, the presumption being that new will be worth less and prices tend lower. The tendency in the west is downward, and in Britain the same is the case in a more marked degree. Oatmeal continues nominal at about \$5.75, as there is none in the market; the market is unsettled, however. Cornmeal quiet at about former prices. Bran steady at \$13.

GRAIN.—The newly harvested grain coming into market unsettles prices meantime. The quotations we give are for old grain, new wheat only bringing 6c. to 8c. per bushel less. Our quotations are almost nominal for Wheat, and scarcely any No. 1 is to be had. Street prices for spring are from \$1.15 to \$1.20, and for fall \$1.10 to \$1.15. British markets for breadstuffs have been declining daily for a week, and the west, too, is lower, though the prices hold up better in Chicago. The latest Beerholm report is "dull and unchanged at quotations." Old Oats are scarce, and No. 1 would bring, perhaps, 50c. We quote new 40c. and 37c.; there has been a sale of some musty at 35c. The prospect appears that the bulk of the Barley will be No. 2 or worse. It is early yet to attempt to state figures, but those we quote will probably represent opening prices. Street prices range from 75c. down to 50c. Peas are unchanged, as is Rye, while Corn is weaker.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There has been an advance of 1c. per lb. since last issue on green hides, the butchers now getting 8 1/2c. to 9 1/2c. for cows and steers. Cured sell at 9 1/2c. for cows and 10 1/2c. for steers. The supply is light, and prices are strong at the advance. Sheepskins have also advanced in price another 10c., and now stand at 90c. to the butchers; this is regarded as above their value, and the causes of the rise are entirely local. Calfskins nominal; season over. Tallow continues very scarce, none at all being in market; rough has advanced 1/2c.; for rendered 9 1/2c. to 10c. is asked.

PROVISIONS.—Hog products are good value, and are selling slowly but steadily. The Butter market still remains in the same depressed condition as last reported, with positively no inquiry for export; the only sales being made are to the city trade, of choice quality at from 18c. to 19c. Stocks in the country are excessive, and holders are nervous about the prospect. Cheese continues dull and steady; factorymen decline selling their August make at shippers' bids of 11c.; there is a fair jobbing trade here at 11 1/2c. to 12c. Bacon.—There has been an improved demand during the past week, and stocks are considerably reduced, at unchanged prices.

WOOL.—There is no move in Flax; prices are nominal at 18c. to 20c. For medium and fine grades the demand from mills has been well maintained, and prices are firm. It is worthy of notice that old country wools as to manufacturing and mercantile affairs in woollens show an improvement, and an advance of 1/2d. to 1d. is announced in prices of wool.

APPLES.—The supply of American apples, says the Montreal Gazette, continues large, and is likely to keep so for some time. "One firm in this city has now about 1,000 bbls. on the way here from St. Louis, which can be put on board steamers in this port (hand) at a cost of about \$1.80 per bbl. The supply from the St. Louis section of the States, it is said, can be kept up as long as the weather will permit of their being shipped. As regards Canadian apples, advices from Oshawa, Ont., state that sales have been made in that district at \$2 50 per bbl. f.o.b. cars. Among dealers in this market there appears to be a general inclination to be in no hurry about purchasing, as the opinion obtains that we shall have all the stock we can handle at pretty reasonable rates. Sales are reported in round lots at \$2 to \$3 per bbl., one lot of over 100 bbls. being reported sold as low as \$1.50 per bbl., but the quality, it is needless to say, was poor."

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