

road for new orders on new lines and more seasonable goods report very general and satisfactory progress. Quite a number of buyers have visited the city who have bought spot goods but have also forwarded to buyers now abroad orders for such special lines as are purchased only in this way. Values are nearly stationary. In woollens there is a firmer feeling, owing to the hardening in the wool market abroad. Domestic cottons are unchanged, there is no difficulty now in getting all the grey sheetings and such goods are wanted the extension of our manufacturers to a great variety of fabrics in cotton, has been begun by the Hochelaga mill and must continue. A number of our dry goods wholesalers went to Ottawa this week to represent to Government the need of changing the proposed *ad valorem* and specific duties on dress goods.

**GROCERIES.**—Trade has been rather quiet throughout the week in the leading staples, both as regards the jobbing and country trade. The sugar market was quiet until yesterday, when an improved demand sprang up for granulated, and prices for large lots are firm at 8½c. Yellows remain at 6½ to 7½c. Fruit transactions are very few. Valencia raisins, under the new duty, are quoted at 7½c., currants 5½ to 6½c. for Provincials. Teas and coffees are unchanged. Syrups and molasses are very dull, the only sale being reported was that of a lot of Barbadoes at 47½ to 49c.; Trinidad 43c., Antigua 45c.

**LEATHER AND HIDES.**—A more active business is doing in both caused by a better general inquiry. In sole leather there exists a good demand, at former rules. Green native hides have been coming in more freely and sales have been made at 7c, 6c and 5c., for Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

**LEADS AND PAINTS.**—Business has been somewhat brisker during the week past, and a better demand exists for both dry leads and leads in oils, at within range of quotations. *White Lead* genuine, per 100 lbs. \$6.50 to \$7; No. 1 ditto \$5.50 to \$6; *White Lead* No. 2 \$5 to \$5.50; in oil per 25 lbs. \$1.90 to \$2; *White Lead*, dry \$6 to \$6.50; *Red Lead* 5c.

**OILS.**—The inquiry for fish oils of all descriptions continues meagre, and the tendency is to a lower range of values. Stocks however are not large so that the market rules steady under them. We quote, *Linseed*, boiled 65 to 68c; *Raw* 62 to 64c.; *Olive* \$1.05 to \$1.10; *Cod* 64 to 67c.; *Seal*, pale 80c.; ditto refined 90c.; ditto straw 65c.; *Extra Lard* 95c.; *Palm* per lb., 9 to 9½c.; *Cod Liver* \$1.70 to \$1.75; *Petroleum* 16 to 17c.

**WOOL.**—The market continues to rule exceedingly dull though steady. Sales have been made during the week of Cape at 18½ to 20½c. as to quality. In Canada pulled further business has been done at former quotations. We quote Australian 20 to 31c. as to quality. Canadian Supers 30 to 33c.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, April 12, 1883.

The commercial situation is still unsatisfactory as regards the volume of business. The failures of the last month have no doubt had a salutary effect in making merchants more cautious, and if the present dulness is attributed to this, future trade will benefit by the wholesome check. With the opening of navigation, an increased business is confidently expected, and the outlook is by no means as bad as the "croakers" would make us believe. Payments have been well met, and the prospect of good crops this year is most assuring.

The money market continues quiet and rates unchanged. It is thought that money will be more plentiful the next month or two, although it is doubtful if rates will show any material ease. Call loans on stocks rule at 7 to 7½ per cent. and time loans are also quoted at these figures. There is a moderate amount of commercial paper offering; first-class is discounted at 7 and ordinary and renewals at 7½ to 8 per cent. Sterling exchange is higher, the supply of bills being small; 60-day bills are quoted at 109½ to 109¾ across the counter, and demand bills at 109½ to 110. Drafts on New York are firm at ½ premium. The stock market opened on Monday with considerable excitement; prices of bank shares were very strong and the transactions were larger than on any one day for months past. Since then, however, there has been a gradual reaction, and business has again become quite tame. The last three days' sales of Montreal have been made at 204 to 201½, On-

tario at 115 to 113, Toronto at 188 to 186½, Merchants at 125 to 124, Commerce at 134½ to 133½, Imperial at 141 to 142, Federal at 159½ to 159, Dominion at 202½ to 201½, Standard at 115 to 114½, and Hamilton at 113. Northwest Land Co. sold at 70 to 72s., and Hudson Bay Company stock at £31.

**COAL AND WOOD.**—The demand for coal is moderate and prices unchanged. All kinds of hard as well as the best soft, sell at \$6 50 per ton delivered. Wood is scarce, supplies being restricted owing to railway blockade and scarcity of cars; prices are steady at \$5.50 to \$6 per cord for hard and \$4.50 for pine. With respect to the coal trade in the United States, the *Engineering and Mining Journal* says: "Coal is accumulating now, waiting for the opening of lake navigation, when a strong movement to the West is expected, those markets being practically bare of anthracite. The production of the present year is creeping up at a rate of increase over the last of about 15 per cent. The restriction ordered by the companies, however, will keep this increase within the bounds set by the growth of the demand."

**DRY GOODS.**—The proposed changes in the tariff have aroused the dry goods importers here to protest against mixed *ad valorem* and specific duties on dress goods, as was announced. Montreal wholesale dry goods men were also unfavorable to the change, and on Wednesday last deputations were sent to Ottawa, from both Toronto and Montreal. From Toronto were Messrs. F. Wyld, of Wyld, Brock & Co., T. Ogilvy of Ogilvy & Co., J. W. Simpson, of Simpson & Robertson, P. H. Burton, of Caldecott, Burton & Co., G. McMurich, of Bryce, McMurich & Co., W. J. McMaster, of W. J. McMaster & Co. The Montreal members of the deputation were Messrs. A. F. Gault, of Gault Bros., J. P. Cleghorn, of McKenzie & Co., Jas. Slessor, of Jas. Johnston & Co., W. Cassils, J. Hodgson, of Hodgson, Sumner & Co., J. A. Robertson, of Robertsons, Linton & Co. They were accompanied by Mr. J. W. Russell, of Ottawa. The Minister of Customs granted them an interview. A desire was expressed to simplify the wording of the tariff, so that appraisers in small towns might have no difficulty in determining the duty on articles. It is contended by the trade that injustice has been done by decisions which have been given by appraisers outside of large business centres, partly from imperfect knowledge of the trade and partly because of the too numerous duties of these gentlemen. The views of the deputation were laid before Mr. Bowell, after which a committee, consisting of Messrs. Burton, Wyld, Cleghorn and Gault, waited on the Minister of Finance at his residence, where the subject was again discussed. The result of these representations will not be known for some time.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—Some business has been done in flour, but most of it was at outside points of shipment. Superior extra sold a few days ago at equal to \$4.40 and extra at \$4.27 to \$4.30. Prices as we go to press are somewhat firmer, superior extra on spot would bring \$4.45 and extra \$4.35. Extra was wanted on Tuesday at \$4.35 May delivery without sellers. Spring extra is nominal at \$4.30 to \$4.40. Bran remains very scarce, and prices are firm. Car lots sold a few days ago at \$16 on track. *Cornmeal* quiet with trade chiefly in small lots at \$3.75 to \$4 per barrel. *Oatmeal* is in moderate demand and firm; offerings limited; half a car sold at \$5.15, and smaller lots range at \$5.25 to \$5.50.

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**GRAIN.**—Trade during the week has been inactive owing to unsettled condition of outside markets, but the demand appears to be improving now for wheat. There have been some purchases of wheat at outside points for shipment, but holders here are not offering at present quotations, in view of a better market in the future. No. 2 fall was wanted yesterday at \$1, and No. 2 spring is worth about \$1.04. Barley has been moderately active and steady, some sales being made for shipments on p. t.

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