

get into the city; but as stocks are light, prices keep very firm, but without any quotable change since our last. A considerable lot of *Labrador Herrings* changed hands for shipment west within our range of quotations, \$6.25 to 6.50. No. 1 *Cape Breton Herrings* \$5.50 to 5.75; other grades of Herrings, \$4 to 5.00; *Dry Cod*—Stocks are still small, and prices well maintained at \$4.50 to 5.00; *Green Cod*, No. 1, \$5.50; ditto No. 2, \$4.50; large drafts \$6.00; *Salmon* is unchanged; *Mackerel* is asked for, but there is none in the market.

FREIGHTS.—To Liverpool via Portland heavy grain is taken at 5/-, flour 3/- per brl. Potash 30/-, Pearl ashes 37/6; butter and cheese 45/- per gross ton.

FLOUR.—Receipts for the past week 8631 brls, total receipts from 1st January to date 790,667 brls, being an increase of 99,515 brls on the receipts for the same period of 1880; shipments for the week 2079 brls; total shipments from 1st January to date 615,631 brls, being a decrease of 111,123 brls. on the shipments for the same period of 1880. Business has been entirely confined to the supply of local wants which have not been very large and very few sales have been reported lately. Prices on the whole are pretty steady and to-day the market was rather more active, tending to firmness. We quote *Superior Extra*, 0.00 to \$6.20; *Extra Superfine*, \$6 15; to 6.20; *Fancy*, \$5.95 to 6.00; *Spring Extra* \$6.00; to 6.05; *Superfine*, \$5.70 to 5.75; *Strong Bakers Flour*, \$6.50 to 7.50; *Fine*, 4.60 to 4 85; *Middlings* \$4.60 to 4.85; *Pollards*, \$3.50 to 3.75; *Ontario Bags* \$2.75 to 5.00; city bags, \$3.60 to 3.70; *Oatmeal*, \$5.20 to 5.25; *Cornmeal*, \$3.75.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—Receipts during the past week 60,008 bushels. Total receipts from 1st January to date 7,395,601 bush. being a decrease of 1,950,882 bush. on the receipts for the same period of 1880; shipped during the week 60,808 bush. Total shipments from 1st January to date 6,883,346 bushels, being a decrease of 2,847,355 bushels on the shipments for the same period of 1880. There is very little doing in this grain, but owing to small stocks and the difficulty of replacing them, it is nominally dearer. Some car loads of white winter were sold yesterday at \$1.40 to 1.42, and for Canada red winter \$1.45 to 1.47 is asked. *Maize* is quiet and for car lots about 75c is paid. *Peas* are moderately firm at 87c; *Oats* are a little firmer, and sales are reported at 40c; *Rye* is easier but nominal, at 94 to 95c; *Barley*, nominal.

GROCERIES.—*Teas.*—Although the grocery market has been dull, there has been a little movement in teas. *Japans* are asked for at 30 to 35c, and sales have been reported at 16 to 37c; *Young Hysons* have been placed at 26 to 28c for third quality. *Black teas*, in retail lots, have been selling within our range of quotations; *Congou* 19 to 65c; *Souchong*, 19 to 65c. *Coffee*—The market is dull and inanimate, and only small sales to grinders have been reported. Stocks are small, but prices are in buyers' favor, as some very low prices have been reported from New York. *Mocha*, scarce, at 31½ to 34c; old *Gov't Java*, 21 to 23c; *Maracaibo*, 16 to 18c; *Rio*, 15 to 16c; *Jamaica*, 15 to 17c. *Sugar.*—There has been a rather better enquiry for refined sugars, but business is far from being so brisk as is usual about this season. Transactions have been at late quotations, viz: *Granulated* 9½ to 9½c; *grocers' A*, 9½ to 9½c; *Yellows*, 7½ to 7½c; *Raw Sugars* are scarce, but very little asked for; some small lots have been sold at 7½ to 8c. It was expected that *Beet Sugar* would have been on the market this week, but it has been delayed for a week or two longer; a quantity of beet pulp has been sold here for feeding purposes (for which it is said to be well adapted) at \$5 per ton. *Molasses* are dull and easier, and there have been sales of *Barbadoes* at 52 to 55c; an addition to the stock is on the way up from *Halifax*. *Trinidad*, 47 to 50c; *Cuba*, 40; *Sugar*

House, 37 to 39c; *Syrups* are in fair request and firm at 3½ to 4½c per lb. *Rice* is in large supply, and in light demand, holders are asking from \$3.60 to 3.80; *Tapioca* 5½ to 6c; *Sago* 5 to 5½c; *Spices* are in steady demand, and although prices do not show much change, they generally favor buyers. We quote black pepper 14 to 15; white 21½ to 23c; allspice 10 to 12½c; cloves 30 to 37½c; cassia, 14 to 15c; nutmegs, 65 to 95c, some inferior kinds are selling lower; *African ginger*, 9½ to 11c; *Jamaica Ginger*, unbleached, 14 to 19; ditto, bleached, 20 to 22c; mace, 50 to 75c; *Sardines* are firm, halves 22c; ditto, quarters, 9½ to 11½c. *Fruit.*—There has been a moderate business done in fruit, but stocks generally are low, and prices are pretty well maintained as under: *Layer raisins*, \$2.90; loose muscatels, \$2.85 to 3.00; *London Layers*, \$3.25; *Valencias* 8½ to 9c; *Sultanas*, 11 to 13c; *currants*, 6½ to 7c; *figs*, 6 to 7c for 60 lb. boxes; *Prunes*, 7½ to 9c; *Tarragona almonds* 16 to 17c; *filberts* 9½ to 10c; *walnuts* (*Bordeaux*) 6 to 8c; ditto (*Grenoble*) 12c.

HIDES.—Are steady at \$9, \$8 and \$7 for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively. There are very few *Lambskins* coming in now, and no advance was noted, as is usual at the beginning of the month, and they are still quoted at \$1.05 to 1.10.

HARDWARE.—Since last report some very marked advances have been cabled. *Bar Iron* has advanced equal to 10/- stg. per ton, the price for small lots here is \$2.00 per 100 lbs. still, but as it cannot be imported at that figure, a few days will see an advance in this market, this advance also applies to sheets, plates, hoops, &c. *Tin Plates* are also much advanced. *Cokes* cannot even be imported at \$5.25; charcoal has also advanced, and at the moment 21/6 stg. is about the lowest price in Liverpool. *Ingot Tin*—Stocks here are almost nil, prices in New York have again advanced 24½ there, being about the lowest cash price. *Ingot Copper* has also followed suit, and would cost over 20c to import. The consequence of the advances will be a general advance here in all these lines, and any quotations are made subject to immediate reply, so that in the meantime our quotations are almost nominal till quotations have been established. We quote: *Pig Iron* per ton, *Coltness*, \$24.50 to 25.00; *Gartsherrie*, \$24.00 to 24.50; *Summerlee*, \$24.00 to 24.50; *Langloan*, \$24.25 to 25.00; *Eglinton*, \$22.50 to 23; *Carnbroe*, \$23.00 to 23.50; *Siemens*, \$24.00 to 24.50; *Bars* per 100 lbs. *Scotch and Staffordshire*, \$2 to 2.05; best ditto, \$2.25 to 2.30; *Swedes*, \$5.00 to 5.50; *Norway*, \$5.00 to 5.50; *Lowmoor & Bowling*, \$6.25 to 6.50. *Canada Plates* per box, *Swanson & Penn*, \$3.25 to 3.30; *Hatton*, \$3.00 to 3.10; *Arrow* \$3.30 to 3 35; *Clifton* \$3.25 to 3.30; *Tin Plates* per box, *Charcoal IC*, \$6.00 to 6.25; ditto, *IX*, \$8.00 to 8.25; ditto, *DC*, \$5.50 to 5.75; *Coke IC*, \$5.00 to 5.25; *Tinned sheets*, charcoal best, No. 26, \$10.50 to 11.00; coke ditto, \$9.00 to 9.50; *Galvanized sheets*, *Morewood's Lions* No. 28 per 100 lbs. \$7.00 to 7.25; other brands No. 28, \$6.50 to 6.75; hoops and bands, \$2.50 to 2.60; sheet best brands, \$2.60 to 2.75; *Steel*, cast, 12½ to 13c; spring per 100 lbs. \$3.25 to 3.50; tire ditto, \$3.00 to 3 25; sleigh shoe, \$2.25 to 2.50; *Boiler plates*, ordinary brands, \$2.75 to 3.00; best ditto, \$3.50 to 4.50; *Lowmoor and Bowling*, \$7 to 8; *Cut nails*, per 100 lbs., nett cash, 10d to 60d, (3 in. and larger), \$2.45; 8d and 9d, (2½ and 2½ in.) \$2.70; 6d and 7d, (2 and 2½ in.) \$2.95; 4d and 5d (1½, 1½ and 1½ in.) A P \$3.20; *Spikes*, pressed, per 112 lbs., \$3.50 to 4; *Ingot tin*, 28 to 29c; *ingot copper*, 18½ to 19c; *Horse shoes*, \$3.65 to 3.75; *Proved coil chain*, 3 in. \$4.50 to 5.00; *Anchors*, \$5.50 to 6.00; *Sheet zinc*, \$5.50 to 6.00; *Lead*, pig, \$4.50 to 5.00; sheet, \$5.50 to 6.00; bar, \$5.00 to 5.50; shot, Canadian, \$6.00 to 6.50.

LEATHER.—The market continues without animation, though a fair amount of goods is changing hands for this season of the year. Best *B.A.* and *Slaughter sole* are still in limited supply and barely sufficient for the wants of the trade, but with these exceptions the market is well supplied with all descriptions of stock, and in some lines the supply is excessive. Upper and splits are very dull, and though we repeat our quotations, buyers can obtain concessions on large lots. The demand for *Buff and Pebble* is improving. We quote:—*Hemlock Spanish Sole* No. 1, *B. A.*, 24½ to 26½c, ditto No. 2 *B. A.*, 23 to 24½c; No. 1 *Ordinary Spanish*, 24 to 25½c; No. 2 do., 22 to 23½c; *Hemlock Slaughter*, No. 1, 26 to 29; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 36 to 40c; do., heavy, 35 to 37c; *Grained Upper*, 35 to 38; *Splits*, large, 22 to 29c; small, 17 to 24c; *Calfskins*, (27 to 36 lbs.), 70 to 85c; ditto., (18 to 26 lbs.), 65 to 80c; *Sheepskin linings*, 30 to 50c; *Harness*, 26 to 34c; *Buffed Cow*, 14 to 16c; *Enamelled Cow*, 14 to 18c; *Patent Cow*, 14 to 15½c; *Pebbled Cow* 12 to 15c; *Rough*, 25 to 28c.

OILS.—There has been some little enquiry for *Seal oil* but other kinds of *Fish oil* are neglected and stocks are fully ample for all requirements. We quote *Cod oil A Nfd*, 44c; *Seal pale* 42½c; ditto straw 37½c; ditto steam refined 47½c. per wine gallon. *Petroleum* stock are large just now and holders are satisfied to sell pretty firm, the demand for the season is fair but is expected to be much improved when we have winter roads. The price in London is now 18½c. and we quote car lots 21½ to 22; broken lots 22½ to 23c; single brls. 24 to 24½c; per imp. gallon. *Linseed.*—is the turn easier, *Raws* 73 to 74c; boiled 76 to 77c.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—Receipts 1,332 pkgs.; shipments 544 pkgs. Fine butter is scarce and firm, and for ordinary samples, of which most of the stock held here consists, there is no demand, the market being quite neglected for the past day or two. *Creamery* is quoted 24 to 26c; *Eastern Townships*, 18 to 21c; *Brockville* and *Morrisburg* 17 to 20c; *Western* 15 to 17c. *Cheese.*—Receipts 1419 boxes; shipments 6202 boxes. For the last few days there has been a firmer feeling in the market, but the volume of business has been small; 11 to 12c is the current quotation. *Pork* has had rather a downward tendency, with a quiet market. *Mess* is now quoted \$20 to 21.00. *Lard* is steady, at 14½ to 15c for *Canadian* and *Fairbanks*. *Bacon*, 12c; *Hams* 13c; *Eggs*, packed and limed, 20 to 22c; ditto, fresh in cases 24 to 25c.

SALT.—The market is very quiet and only small sales of coarse transpiring at 60 to 65c. *Factory filled* is firm at \$1.00 to 1.10.

WOOL.—There has been a rather more active demand for foreign wools, and greasy cape has been placed in round lots at 18½ to 19½c, and a number of bales of *Australian* have also changed hands on private terms; holders ask 23 to 30c. For domestic wools the market is very dull, the quotations for which are, super pulled, 31 to 35c; unassorted pulled, 28c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Dec. 15th, 1881.

The money market continues easy for good mercantile paper, ordinary bills and renewals being charged 7 per cent., and gilt-edged 6. Call loans rule at 5½, time loans 5½ to 6 per cent. Sixty day sterling bills can be had at 108½ to 108½ between banks, and at 108½ over the counter. Drafts on New York at 7½ per cent. At the close of last week, stocks were moving fairly: *Merchants* wanted at 127½; *Dominion* selling at 195, *Federal* at 166 and 167; *Standard* was firm and in good request at 117 to 118½, with numerous transactions; *Ontario* at 60½; *Hudson's Bay Co.* shares were in demand for