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**FREIGHTS.**—Rates quoted from Montreal to Liverpool via Portland are: For Heavy Grain, 6s 6d to 7s per qr of 480 lbs; Flour, 4s per brl. Ashes—Pots, 35s; Pearls, 42s 6d. Butter and Cheese, 45s per gross ton.

**FRUITS.**—The market continues seasonably dull, and prices are easier, if anything, than at the date of our last report, though there is scarcely any change to note. Apples extremely quiet, quoted at \$2 to \$3 per barrel, as to variety. Oranges have been in fair request, and lemons in good demand—the former at \$5 per case, and lemons at \$3.75 to \$4 per box, or \$5.50 per case. The only reported sales of late are: 200 boxes oranges at \$2.25 per box, and 100 do lemons at \$3.75—all Messina fruit. Dried Apples in tolerably good demand at 5c. per lb.; Almeria Grapes scarce, and wanted at \$6 per barrel; Cranberries in good supply, but demand light, and worth \$4 to \$7 per barrel, as to quality, etc.

**WINES AND LIQUORS.**—Dealers report trade very limited; there is no demand, except for Brandy and Gin, which are firm and selling only in jobbing lots. Prices unchanged throughout. In accordance with what has been stated in these columns, Messrs. James Hennessy & Co. announce that, owing to the complete failure of the Vintage of 1880 in the Cognac district, and the exhaustion of their stock of 1878's, they will have no Brandy younger than 1877 Vintage to dispose of. For these and the older Vintages they hesitate to name a price, but authorize their agents here to promise the most reasonable terms possible, not exceeding Fs. 300 for 1877's—older Vintages in proportion. For Cases, prices in the meantime remain at:—36s for \*; 35s for \*; 40s for \*; 45s for V.O., but subject to advance by cable on all quantities not actually booked.

**POULTRY.**—The demand for the week has been rather inactive, and prices are tending in buyers' favor. Choice fat stock, however, suitable for the Eastern markets, will readily command good prices. There is quite a range in the quotations reported:—turkeys, 7c to 10c; geese, 5c to 7c; ducks, 7c to 9c; chickens, 5c to 7c; deer, 4½c to 5½c; and venison saddles, 7½c to 9c per lb; Partridges, 50c to 60c per pair; and quails, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per dozen.

**PROVISIONS.**—The Western markets are reported somewhat unsettled this week, as it is feared that another "corner" in pork is being formed in Chicago, and that for a time higher prices will prevail. The stock of *Mess Pork* in Chicago is estimated at 200,000 barrels, and of lard at \$3,000 to \$5,000 tierces; the increase in total packing so far this season is about 375,000 hogs, but the increased production has been shipped, and a Chicago despatch Tuesday evening says: "If the packing of the West this year does not exceed that of last year by more than 80,000 hogs, operators hereabout conclude that they can stand the increase at present prices of hogs and their product." The reported average weight at the Chicago stock yards is about one pound less than last year, for the two months to Jan. 1, and the prevailing opinion among packers is that the average to date is fully equal to last year. At Cincinnati there are about five pounds increase. At Milwaukee the weight averages about the same, or slightly less, compared with a year ago. At Louisville 5½ lbs. gross heavier. No definite information from St. Louis or Indianapolis on this point has been received. Lard is presumed to be fully equal in yield at Chicago, greater at Cincinnati, about the same at St. Louis and Indianapolis, and fully up to last year at Milwaukee, while Louisville shows a gain of 2.32 lbs. per hog. Yesterday Chicago *Mess Pork* market was decidedly strong, and prices advanced 15c to 17½c per barrel to \$13.20 Feb., \$13.85 to \$13.37½ March. Lard was also 5c per 100 lbs. higher, closing at \$8.77½ Feb., \$8.87½ March

Receipts of hogs were 43,000 head, and prices ruled steady, at \$4.60 to \$5.90 for mixed packers. Here trade rules quiet, with prices generally steady. Hogs are coming forward more freely, and selling in car lots at from \$6.50 to \$6.65, according to quality, for heavy porkers, and at about \$5.45 to \$6.50 for light hogs. One or two packers have commenced operations in this market, within the week but they are rather late in starting, as the supply of good hogs in Ontario appears to be short this season, and western packers have been taking hold freely, and buying up all the hogs offering, consequently buyers here experience some delay in getting their orders filled. The fact is they have held off too long for the expected "break," similar to the one which occurred last year. *Mess Pork* rules quiet and steady, Canada selling at \$17 to \$17.50, and Chicago at \$16.50 to \$17, in jobbing lots only; the demand is only fair. Lard has been in steady demand, at unchanged quotations; sales all small. Eggs are reported easier, in sympathy with the Eastern markets, which are lower; there is no quotable change, however, to note here in last week's prices. A lot of thirty cases lined eggs changed hands yesterday at 23c. There are no really fresh eggs in the market. Fresh hams are worth 8c, and flanks 7½c per lb.

**SEEDS.**—Timothy (1880 crop) is worth from \$2.60 to \$2.90 per bushel of 45 lbs, but, with the exception of small quantities, held over from last season, there is no clover in the market. There have been no shipments from this market yet this season; the English markets appear unfavorable, and shippers are not warranted in taking hold at the prices asked in the West. Encouraged probably by the improved prices of last year, the farmers of this Province seem to have grown a larger crop of Timothy the past summer than usual, and the supply bids fair to be adequate for all the wants of this market.

**WOOL.**—There is no new or interesting feature to note in this market; sales of domestic wools for the week have been quite limited. Manufacturers have bought only small lots, chiefly of pulled wool, for immediate requirements, at our quotations. In foreign descriptions there is no movement to report; stocks of fine wool in this market have been pretty well cleared, and, in the absence of transactions, of course prices remains nominal and unchanged. In the States there are signs of a rather better feeling, although prices in New York and Boston are relatively lower than here. The New York *Bulletin* of yesterday says: Buyers could make any ordinary selections without much difficulty, but would have to pay at least former rates on all desirable wools, as holders generally remain firm and confident that a good healthy market is before them. Manufacturers move with caution, and few will operate beyond pretty well assured and early wants, but there will be a steady consumption, with the producer of goods well able to pay current rates. The accumulations on the seaboard, while comparatively full, are not likely to receive many additions; the California lots known to be en route are already discounted, and owners feel that they are in a position to carry with determination.

#### AMERICAN MARKETS.

Chicago, Jan. 13, 2.14 p.m.—Wheat, Jan, 98½c; Feb., 99½c; March, 100½c. Corn, 1.04 p.m. Jan., 37½c; Feb., 37½c; May, 42½c. Oats, Jan., 30½c; Feb., 31½c; May, 35½c. Pork, 2.10 p.m. Jan., \$13.17½; Feb., \$13.25; March, \$13.40; April, \$13.55. Lard, 2.10 p.m., Jan., \$8.75; Feb., \$8.77½; March, \$8.90; April, \$8.95 to \$9.00.

Milwaukee, Wheat, Feb., 98½c; March, 99½c.

#### ENGLISH MARKET.

Breabahn, Jan. 13.—Floating cargoes Wheat, Maize firmly held. Cargoes passage Wheat quiet, steady; Maize hardening. At London fair average mixed, American Maize, prompt shipment, was 25s, now 25s. to 25s. 6d. Liver-

pool spot, Wheat quiet. Maize, quiet. Passage U. K. ports, call and direct ports, Wheat, 2,350,000 qrs.; Maize, 210,000 qrs.

#### MARITIME MARKETS.

HALIFAX, N.S., January 13, 1881.

The breadstuff market is extremely dull and depressed to-day; nothing doing excepting in a small jobbing way at very low prices. A few hundred barrels of Superior Extras changed hands this week at \$5.43, which must be below cost of importing. Current quotation is nominally as follows: Superiors, \$5.75 to \$5.85; three months' Extras, 10 cents less; Ontmeal, \$4.85; Cornmeal, \$3.45; all 3 months.

St. John, N.B., Jan. 13th, 1881.—Trade has been very dull in breadstuff market during the whole of the present week, and the prices are altogether in buyers' favor. Consignments have been freely made, more so than for some time past, and it has caused the stocks to be very large. The business that is done is confined to local consumption. Cornmeal is \$3.30 per bbl, and the quotations for flour are: Canada Extra, \$5.60 to \$5.80; Superior Extra, \$5.80 to \$6; Choice Superior, \$6 to \$6.10; Patent Process, \$5.50 to \$7.25.

#### TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

(By Telegraph from our Special Correspondent.)

TORONTO, Jan. 13, 1881.

General trade has not yet reverted to the active channels in which it was previous to the holiday season. Although the movement is naturally small at this season of the year, merchants feel encouraged by the turn-over of the past year to expect at least an equal amount of business the present year. In most lines of merchandise prices are lower than they were a year ago, and buyers will be apt to take hold with more spirit. In some branches of trade, stock-taking is over, but the majority of houses are yet busy at it. What travellers are out in the dry goods business are reporting satisfactorily. A number will be on the road this week, and dealers are busily engaged in fitting out samples. A large Spring trade is everywhere anticipated, and stocks coming forward are said to be large and well-assorted. Collections continue up to the mark, and are exceptionally good for the season. The condition of the money market remains unchanged, with a surplus of capital offering. There are not many commercial borrowers, and discounts are unusually quiet at 6 to 7 per cent., the former for larger amounts of well endorsed paper. Loans are unchanged at 4 to 4½ per cent. for call loans, and 4½ to 5½ per cent. for time on good collateral. Sterling exchange has been rather firmer the past week; 60-day bills are 108½ between banks and 108½ to 108½ over the counter; demand notes, 108½ to 109. Gold drafts on New York quiet, at ½ to ½ premium. The stock market up till yesterday had been unusually active, and prices show a considerable advance, especially for Montreal, Toronto, Dominion and Merchants. The decline in Montreal yesterday had a demoralizing effect, and there were no sales in the leading banks. Among bank sales the past few days were Montreal at 183½, 184, 186½ and 186½, Toronto at 149, Ontario at 101 and 100½, Commerce at 141½, 143, 144 and 143½, Dominion at 15½, Stanlard at 105½, Merchants' at 120, Federal at 138, and Imperial at 120, 121, 121½, and 121½. Loan and miscellaneous stocks quiet and higher, with sales of Canada Permanent at 199, Western Canada at 163, Imperial Savings at 119, Building and Loan at 98½, Farmers Loan at 123, Ontario Loan at 132, and Consumers Gas at 53 and 54.

The following are to-day's bids for banks and the leading loan companies as compared with last Thursday.