

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, March 31st, 1892.

DRY GOODS.—Business in this branch is rather looking up; demand has been brisker of late and a fair sprinkling of buyers have visited the market. It is true, however, that payments are not satisfactory. Some account for this by saying that the last crop has not been half marketed; other retailers declare that their farmer customers have paid the money-lender or the loan company or the implement man, and are taking their time to

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pay the shopkeeper who has credited them. Besides, the spring season is cold and backward. We are told that there is still a good request for tweed dress goods, which are favorites in many directions; in cottons the Bedford cords are still selling freely; another handsome dress fabric is called croisettes, a printed cotton, with a pattern in the weaving, and it is taking well. As to domestic cottons, greys and whites are very firm; the mills have been refusing orders for certain colored cottons of late, and this week we hear of an advance equal to about 12½ per cent. on makers' prices of flannelettes, ticking and checked shirtings.

DRUGS.—There has been a moderate degree of activity in trade during the week. Rather more has been doing in heavy chemicals, prices of which are mostly pretty firm, though no item is specially mentioned. Glycerine has advanced and is firmly held; quinine remains steady; hyposulph. soda advanced.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—There is no life in the flour market; no enquiries are made except for small parcels for local bakers, and our quotations are purely nominal except in the single grade of strong baker's, which has sold at \$4.80 to 4.90. Oatmeal is lower, being quoted now at \$3.50 for standard in car lots, and \$3.75 in jobbing lots; granulated, in cars, \$3.60, and in smalls, \$3.80 to 3.90. Bran in adequate supply at \$14.

GRAIN.—The market has been dull and declining all week, and prices of almost all grains are low. The bear operations in wheat of Mr. Partridge in Chicago have had a decided effect upon that market, the price for No. 2 having gone down in all 35c. per bushel from the highest point of the crop year, viz., from \$1.15 to 80c., the latter price quoted yesterday for May delivery. The Old Country markets have been declining, too much wheat offering, but the decline seems to be checked. The only transactions of consequence here

have been in barley, of which some 50,000 bush. have changed hands in various grades at quotations. Wheat is selling at this point in small parcels to millers; none for export. Some oats are selling to the local trade at 31 to 32c.; peas are not coming forward from the country; holders seem to be waiting for navigation to open.

TORONTO STOCKS IN STORE.

Stocks of grain in store in Toronto elevators were as under on the dates mentioned. Comparisons:

	Mar. 28 1892.	Mar. 21, 1892	Mar. 30 1891.
Fall wheat, bush....	66,847	65,294	23,811
Spring " "	73,525	76,535	101,413
Goose " "	8,000	9,000
Red " "	3,500	3,800
Barley, bushels	125,712	139,054	92,344
Peas " "	3,494	3,494
Oats " "	10,041	9,163	51,088
Total grain.....	291,119	306,340	264,490

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