

Toronto Markets.

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There has not been much activity in the produce market during the week, resulting from the declining aspect of prices, and the unsettled state of the weather. Of grain the deliveries have been only moderate, and of other seasonable articles only small quantities have been sold. A limited demand has however existed, and for the most part, prices have been unaffected by the limited deliveries; indeed, on the other hand, for several articles lower rates prevail than at the date of our last. The weather has been cold and stormy, and on Monday morning a frost was feared, but fortunately Tuesday was very moderate. The weather growing warmer as it advanced, and for a time at least the fear of frost is averted. The country just now presents a magnificent appearance. All fruit trees are in full bloom, the growing crops are green and vigorous, and every thing promises well. There is now no doubt but that the fall wheat will be a light crop; it is impossible not to perceive this, from the rare spots that are visible in nearly every field, but it is almost equally certain that the crops will be of a superior quality, and if not nearly as large as might be desired, yet much better than was anticipated a month or so ago. The very large extent of ground under spring crops, and now promising appearance, will compensate for the loss in fall wheat. The high rate which all the lighter grains have brought through the past year, with the probability of a very large yield, confirms the hope that farmers will this season be as prosperous as they can desire.

In flour during the week, the tendency in prices has been very gradually downward, but so slowly has the movement been made, as to leave it a matter of doubt at what particular time a decline was agreed to. Certain it is, however, that prices are from ten to fifteen cents lower, and that it would be difficult to effect sales even at this reduction, in the views of holders. There is less of a speculative energy, owing to the continuous feeling of depression in the English markets, though many holders are hopeful that this is but a temporary decline. At present, the amount held here is not large, and there is not much pressure on the market. We have heard of no sales since the arrival of the Anglo-Saxon, and the following quotations are based more on the views of buyers and sellers, than on actual quotations. Superfine, \$5 00 to \$5 10. We think it would be hard to place a lot of ordinary superfine at even the inside figure. Fancy is scarce and less affected; think it could be sold at \$5 20 to \$5 50. Extra is in fair request still, at \$3 75 to \$5 00. Double Extra is firm at \$3 25 to \$3 75; the latter figure refused for some prime lots. Oatmeal is in fair request, at \$4 25 to \$4 50. Large receipts would depress the price, as the market is not strong. Cornmeal plentiful at \$3 00 per barrel.

For wheat the demand has, as usual, been active. The delivery from farmers' teams have never amounted to over 3000 bushels per day. Prices have fluctuated somewhat alternately up and down but not affecting rates at the close. There has been an apparent desire to stock off, and to purchase as little as possible at extreme rates, and since the arrival of the Anglo-Saxon there has been more manifest, although the market throughout Tuesday showed but little signs of giving way. From \$1 40 to \$1 45 were the current rates for good and prime wheat, and now and again a very choice lot would command \$1 47. The average price for Tuesday would be about \$1 44. For good shipping wheat of ordinary and common grades, there has been slightly more than usual offering during

the week, and recently three grades have brought \$1 30 @ \$1 38 per bushel. Spring wheat has been sought after, and is not so much affected as Fall—good samples readily command \$1 18, while \$1 13 was readily paid on Tuesday. For other grains there is not much chance to note.

Oats are plentiful, and not very brisk, at 31 @ 32c. per bushel.

Peas keep in good demand, with less liberal supplies, at 60 @ 66c., the latter a very extreme figure.

Barley is scarce and is wanted by the local distilleries at 55 @ 60c., although a prime lot of good sample would command a higher rate.

Rye is nominal, no sales having been made for some days. Last quotations 66c. @ 70c. per bushel.

Hay is not so freely offered, and is firm at \$18 @ \$17 per ton. Straw \$3 @ \$2.

Potatoes are very plentiful, notwithstanding the low price. Loads of them can be had at 20c. @ 22c. per bushel.

Butter.—Fresh comes in freely, and finds slow sale at 15c. @ 17c. per lb. Tub Butter is unchanged, the depressed rates still prevailing. From 11c. to 12c. are the holders rates for No. 1.

Eggs are plentiful, supplied by country retailers at 8c. @ 9c. per dozen wholesale. Retail at 9c. @ 10c. Poultry is coming in more freely, although hardly yet in season, chickens bring 40c. @ 50c. per pair; turkeys 75c. @ 80c.

The trade in wool is commencing, the week's receipts having been considerable. The opening price is 22c. per lb., at which it is expected to remain steady. Sheep skins \$1 50 each. Lamb skins 12½c. Beef hides \$5 50 per 100 lbs. Calf skins 10c. per lb.

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