

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*—Inferior is a drug in market; really choice is wanted and is firm. *Cut-meats*—are quiet and unchanged. *Lard*—There is a better feeling and more business doing. *Dressed Hogs*—The season is about closed, but some lots sold at \$7.75 to \$8.25, according to weight. *Salt*—Liverpool is firm and rather scarce, as is also American. *Bees*—The market was well supplied at \$6 to \$7.50, according to quality.

HIDES.—Green hides are firm, and $\frac{1}{2}$ c. higher; sheepskins are also in good demand.

FREIGHTS.—The following are the Grand Trunk winter rates on flour and grain to the points named:—Flour to Halifax, \$1.10, grain, 55c. Flour to St. John, \$1.02; grain 51c. Flour to Kingston, 35; grain, 18c. Flour to Prescott, 43c.; grain, 22c. Flour to Montreal, 50; grain, 25. Flour to Quebec, 60c.; grain, 30c. Flour to Point Levi, 80c.; grain, 40c. Flour to Portland, 85c.; grain, 43c. Flour to New York and Boston, gold, 90c.; grain 45c. Weather permitting, the Chase and Charlotte leave Portland for Halifax every Wednesday and Thursday, at 4 o'clock p.m. Through rates to England:—Butter to Liverpool, per gross ton, 80s.; cheese, 80s.; lard, 80s.; bacon and hams, 70s.; beef, per tierce, 14s.; pork, per bbl., 10s.

Our Trade Relations with the United States.

The following, dated, Toronto, 12th March, inst., has been issued:

SIR—At a preliminary meeting of leading manufacturers and business men held in this city today, it was unanimously agreed that, in view of expected changes in the tariff, and possibly of our trade relations with the United States, immediate and united action on the part of the various manufacturing and producing interests of Ontario is desirable and necessary.

It was moved by Mr. John Gordon, seconded by Mr. Joseph Simpson, and resolved,—That the most feasible mode of proceeding, and that which would secure the most united and influential action would be the calling of a public meeting of manufacturers and producers from all quarters of the Province, and representing all these various interests—to take place in this city at an early day—for the purpose of taking such action as shall best command a powerful public support, in favor of such a policy as will protect and promote the producing and manufacturing interests of the country.

It was moved by Mr. H. S. Howland; seconded by Mr. W. B. Hamilton, and resolved—That a public meeting of the character, and with a view to the object indicated, be called for Friday next, the 18th inst., to be held at the Board of Trade rooms, at the hour of three o'clock, p. m.

It was moved by Mr. James Cooper, seconded by Mr. John Henderson, and Resolved—that it is desirable to re-organize the "Provincial Association for the Promotion of Canadian Industry," and to appoint an influential deputation, representing the various localities, and the various interests in the Province, to proceed to Ottawa, to urge upon the Government the adoption of a policy conducive to the development of the country's productive and manufacturing resources; the more especially as influential organizations for the promotion of home manufactures have been established in Quebec and Nova Scotia, and the most important Province in the Dominion should not be behind in using all proper means for bringing its influence to bear on legislation.

(Signed) J. S. PLAYFAIR, Chairman,
W. S. TAYLOR, Secretary.

The undersigned respectfully urge upon all producers and manufacturers of Ontario, favorable to the protection of native industry, to attend the meeting, and to unite with them in carrying out the object of the foregoing resolutions. Please write and say whether you expect to attend, and also furnish the Secretary with your views as to

such changes in the tariff as you deem of importance. Signed:—Bryce, McMurich & Co.; Gordon Mackay & Co.; Henderson & Bostwick; Dickey, Neill & Co.; Jobb Scales & Co.; Childs & Hamilton; H. S. Howland; Sessions, Turner & Co.; James Brown, Jr.; Joseph Simpson; Dunspagh & Watson; Riley & May; Thos. Lailey & Co.; Lyman Elliot & Co.; Wm. H. Howland; A. R. McMaster & Bro.

Petroleum.

The following table shows the exports of Petroleum from the United States from January 1 to March 8:—

	1870.	1869.
From New York.....galls	7,959,538	8,051,108
Boston.....	258,256	536,439
Philadelphia.....	4,978,575	3,454,032
Baltimore.....	329,474	73,654
Portland.....		
New Bedford.....		
Cleveland.....		

Total Export from the U.S. 13,525,845 12,115,238
Same time 1867..... 11,835,963
Same time 1866..... 7,025,889

Exportation of Live Stock.

The decline in gold seems to have had a favorable effect on the export trade in cattle and horses. A good number of horses have been picked up in this vicinity. In the Eastern Townships, cattle have been bought freely at from \$30 to \$100 in greenbacks, and horses at \$80 to \$100, each.

Inspection of Hides.

Mr. E. W. Hyman, a prominent tanner and dealer in leather and hides, in London, Ont., has been brought before a magistrate on the charge of contravening the Act requiring the inspection of hides. Mr. Hyman objects to paying for inspection, on the ground that the tanner or manufacturer gains nothing by having the hides inspected, and the Act was only intended to apply where hides were bought for shipment or re-sale previous to tanning. The magistrate dismissed the case. The ground taken by Mr. Hayman, whether legally tenable or not, is good common sense. There can be no possible object in the inspection of hides bought by a tanner for his own use, and the expense and labour incurred is therefore thrown away. If an infraction of law has been committed in this case, the Act should be amended.

—Mr. J. M. Smith, formerly Manager of the Barrie Branch of the Bank of Toronto, has been appointed to the inspectorship of the bank.

—The jewelry stock of Messrs. W. Wharin & Co., insolvents, Toronto, was sold by Mr. W. T. Mason, the official assignee, to Mr. Robert Wilkes, at 61c. in the dollar.

—It is contended by practical men in the oil trade that the present vapor test of 115, required by law, is entirely too high, and that Canadian oil at 100 is perfectly safe. A deputation of the London Board of Trade had an interview with several members of the Government at Ottawa on the 9th. During the conversation, Mr. A. MacKenzie, M.P., characterized the present fire test as oppressive and needless. The highest test in the States was that of Ohio, which was 110; in Massachusetts 100; in Pennsylvania 108.

THE FISHERIES.—The New York Times refers to the fact, that it is not the intention of the Dominion authorities to issue any license to American fishermen during the ensuing season; and, further, that it is intended to take steps "to protect the rights of Canadian fishermen in Canadian waters, and remarks that "such a decision may lead to serious consequences. The interpretations of treaty stipulations by which Americans are excluded from the most valuable fisheries is too absurd and offensive to be acquiesced in quietly. If rigidly enforced now it will probably lead to trouble. The Colonial pretension will in some instances be disregarded, and an

attempt to enforce it will provoke collisions. Our neighbours should move cautiously in the matter. The fisheries question is full of explosive materials, and the merest accident may produce international complications."

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