

## TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, April 30th, 1896.

**BREADSTUFFS.**—There is not much business doing, and prices are weak, in sympathy with both English and American markets. Chicago is down  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1c. on wheat during the week. Only a light demand exists for Ontario wheat, and that from local millers at our quotations. Manitoba hard is a shade off in price, because, probably, of the opening of navigation and the advent soon of larger supplies; 79 to 80c. is the figure for No. 1. Oats are lower, and dull at the decline; the enormous crop of them keeps them low. As the malting season is about over, any barley now on hand will likely be used for feeding purposes: prices are nominally as quoted. Peas are dull at quotations; they offer at 50c. per bush. at outside points, with buyers at 48 or 49c., according to locality or rates of freight. The buckwheat season is over, and all that is held in Montreal is for German steamers. Corn is dull and nominal. In flour there is next to nothing doing.

**DRUGS AND MEDICINES.**—Business in this line has been dull, but is improving slightly with the prospect of still further movement later on when navigation is fully open. Cream of tartar is a little firmer; it is advancing abroad from former prices; glycerine dull and cod liver oil firm; morphia is quoted now at \$1.75 to \$2.00; ergot is easier; gums still maintain a high price, both acacia and tragacanth. Money comes in from the country but slowly; a good many are asking for indulgence because of slow collections.

**HAY AND STRAW.**—The market is by no means lively; probably seeding is keeping the farmers at home. Hay has ranged from \$14 to 16.50 per ton for the week, and bundled oat straw at \$12 to \$14. The price paid farmers for oats is about 25 to 26c. per bush.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—The market for hides is quiet, with a strong downward tendency; green have dropped to 4c. per pound in Montreal, while still at 5c. here, and cured are 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. here, with transactions limited. There are but few sheepskins offering at this time of year; from \$1 to 1.10 is readily paid for the few that offer. Almost no demand for calfskins, the price nominally as before; tallow ranges from 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per pound for rough to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 4c. per pound for rendered. Carroll S. Page, of Hyde Park, Vermont, quotes unrendered 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 2c., and ordinary rendered at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 3c. per pound.

**DRY GOODS.**—After a long spell of chilling and backward weather and dull trade, when the snow blocked country roads and people could not get about, there has come two or three weeks of a steady improvement, and now we find the wholesale houses doing a nice sorting trade, no heavy buying and no "plunging"; people seem disposed to buy carefully. Values are generally well maintained and people are more disposed to get a profit on the goods they sell. There is not that vicious and reckless pushing of trade regardless of values that prevailed last year. Stocks are not heavy in the country. In England values appear steady, indeed some dress goods are higher. There are some lovely dress-fabrics to be seen in Toronto warehouses: "Sclavina," a lovely shot effect; blouses effects in linens; lovely heather mixtures of dainty small patterns, worsted serges for ladies' bicycle skirts in seal brown, rifle green and black.

## TORONTO STOCKS IN STORE.

	April 26, 1896.	April 26, 1895.
Hard wheat, bushels .....	10,760	7,600
Fall wheat, " .....	7,965	15,657
Spring wheat, " .....	3,622	3,619
Goose wheat, " .....	7,796	.....
Barley, " .....	4,487	26,291
Peas, " .....	3,339	1,705
Oats, " .....	100,738	18,037
Corn, " .....	22,487	1,161

## THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The visible supply of grain in Canada and the United States, according to the estimate of the secretary of the Chicago Board of Trade, is as follows, with comparisons:—

	April 25, 1896.	April 26, 1895.
Wheat, bush. ....	57,946,000	65,755,000
Corn .....	15,155,000	11,107,000
Oats .....	9,595,000	6,199,000
Barley .....	1,510,000	450,000
Rye .....	1,229,000	151,000

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on April 18th were 3,435,543 bushels. During the week there were received 7,827 bushels, and shipped 7,229 bushels, leaving in store on April 25th, 3,436,224 bushels.

**GROCERIES.**—Last week's trade was fairly brisk, but this week's is quieter, probably be-

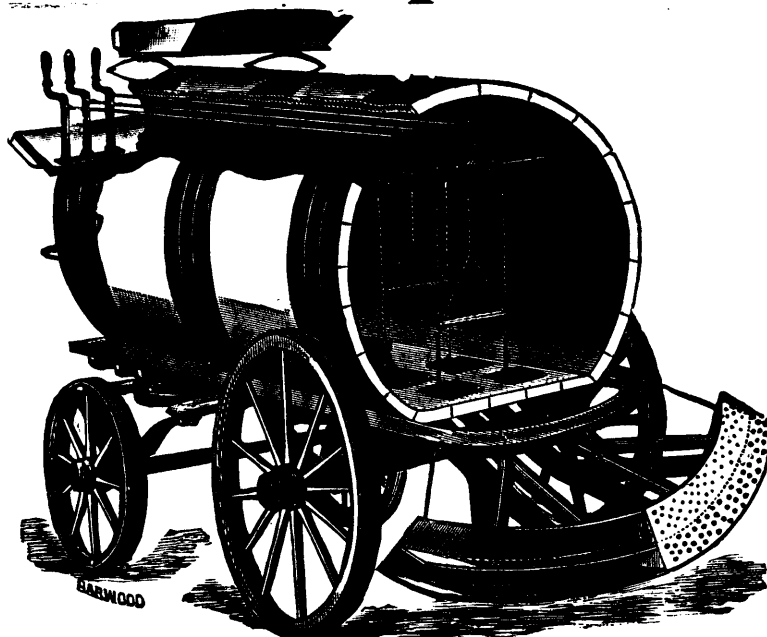
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