

Commercial.

TORONTO MARKET.

The wholesale business of the past week offers no special features worthy of remark, the quietude previously noticed still continuing. The weather has been broken and uncertain, and a good deal of rain has fallen, which cannot fail to be productive of much advantage to the growing crops, as well as to the more backward pastures and meadow lands.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Prices are firm and unchanged, the demand continuing sufficiently active to absorb all seasonable stock now being manufactured.

DRY GOODS.—Business rules dull, the trade of the past week having been of a very limited character. The following shows the shipments of the dry goods mentioned from England and Scotland to British North America during April last, also since the 1st January, and for the corresponding periods of the two previous years:—

	Cotton Manufactures.			Silk and Silk Mixed Manufactures.	Linen, exclusive of Yarns.	Woolen and Worsted Mixtures, exclusive of Yarns.
	Calicoes Plain.	Calicoes Printed and Dyed.	Twist.			
	Yards.	Yards.	lbs.	£	£	£
Apr. 1870..	3094844	1956710	74525	3348	8083	74525
Previous..	7044550	8403173	77382	26413	34438	287174
Total, 1870	10149394	10353888	151907	29761	42521	361699
" 1869	8738021	10717095	130675	10827	55491	241913
" 1868	7947684	9125436	97365	9738	32829	327479

DRUGS.—Business has been tolerably brisk, and prices generally are without alteration. *Opium* is again somewhat lower, and is now quoted at \$10.50 to \$11.

GROCERIES.—The general trade of the week has been limited, the principal business done having been at the sale last Friday, for account of Messrs. Thos. Griffith & Co., at which a fair audience was present, both of city and out-of-town buyers. The bidding, while it could not be characterized as keen, was kept up with a fair degree of spirit, and the greater part of the goods offered were placed at prices understood to be satisfactory to the sellers. *Coffee.*—Prices are unchanged, and in the absence of business, may be considered as to some extent nominal. *Fish.*—are inactive and without change. *Fruit.*—of all kinds has been quiet since the sale, and prices are without any alteration. *Molasses.*—Nothing doing, and quotations are nominally as previously quoted. *Syrups.*—are also unchanged, with no particular activity to note. *Rice.*—is without change, and no business worthy of mention has been transacted during the week. *Spices.*—continue quiet, and quotations are entirely unaltered. *Sugars.*—The market has continued strong, with an advancing tendency, and prices of raws and yellow refined close firm and higher. No further change in white refined; business in all kinds, however, has been quiet, and nothing but transactions of a retail character are reported at private sale. *Teas.*—have been without much request, any enquiry that has existed having been directed chiefly towards Japans, and the better grades of greens; prices are, for the most part, unaltered. *Tobacco.*—has been rather inactive, and sales have been mostly limited to small lots, at unchanged quotations. *Wines and Liquors.*—are very dull, the business done having been chiefly at auction, in clarets and brandies.

HARDWARE.—A moderately active business has been done during the past week, the chief demand at the present being for harvesting tools, scythes, rakes, &c., &c., of which a large quantity have been sold. Heavy goods have a fair enquiry. *Pig Iron.*—is now in better supply, with a moderate consumptive demand; prices are firm at outside quotations, some advance in the home market

being reported. *Bar.*—Stocks on the spot are light, but early arrivals are looked for in vessels now on the way; demand is fair, but not pressing, and prices are unchanged. *Nails.*—have no particular enquiry at present. *Powder.*—Canada is higher, and we now quote FF. \$4.50 to \$4.75, and FFF. \$5 to \$5.25; English canister is without change. *Tin Plates.*—have been in improved demand, with sales at quotations.

HIDES AND SKINS.—*Hides.*—have come in slowly, and little business has been done, demand being entirely in excess of supply, and prices firm. *Calfskins.*—The market continues depressed, with large receipts and a very limited demand; prices, however, are nominally unchanged. *Sheepskins.*—Few coming in; 15c. is paid for sheep pelts, and 20c. for lambs.

LEATHER.—Trade has been active, with a steady demand for all sorts of good stock, at, as yet, unchanged quotations. Prices, however, are very firm, especially for *Spanish Sole* and *Harness*, any lots offered being readily taken at outside quotations.

LUMBER.—Since furnishing our last week's report, prices, at the eastern markets have fallen considerably, and we predict little improvement for a time. The quantity leaving Toronto, however, has not been diminished, although prices have fallen, the ordinary quota being still kept up. Judging both from the quantity and quality of lumber coming to hand this season, we observe manufacturers are availing themselves of every facility for enlarging this important branch of trade. Prices: clear, \$22; common, \$9; culls, \$6; lath, \$2.50; shingles, No. 1, \$2.60; No. 2, \$3.25.

MONEY.—Sterling Exchange, 60 days' sight, 110; gold drafts on New York, par; currency drafts on New York and greenbacks, 87½ to 88½; American silver, large, 5½ to 6½; small, 8 to 10 discount. Gold in New York has fluctuated somewhat during the past week, although the fluctuations were within a very limited range, 113½ being the highest quotation, and 112½ the lowest, closing at 113½.

PETROLEUM.—is without change, with very little business to note.

PRODUCE.—*Flour.*—Receipts have been light, and stocks are now very small, amounting to only 906 brls. on the 15th. Holders, in view of small supply and further advance in the English and United States markets, are very firm in their askings; buyers, however, are not as yet prepared to admit the advance, and transactions consequently have been of a limited character. The sales reported during the week comprise the following:—500 brls., T. Rose brand, at \$5, f.o.b.; 200 brls. choice super. on the cars at Weston, at \$5; 400 brls. No. 2, on the cars at Norval, at \$4.30; 300 brls., super., at Brampton, at \$5. *Wheat.*—An advance of from 2c. to 3c. has been secured on both spring and fall, and with advancing prices in the United States and England, the market closes firm at quotations. The following sales were made during the week:—100 bus. spring, at Port Hope, at \$1.03; a few car loads white winter, \$1.21; 2000 do. \$1.25 f.o.b.; and, at the close, 1 car Treadwell, at \$1.17, and 1 car spring at \$1.08, on the track. On the street, \$1.20 to \$1.27 is paid for Soules, \$1.16 to \$1.20 for Treadwell, and \$1.09 to \$1.12 for spring and midge proof. *Oats.*—The market has been steady during the week, with sales of several car loads at the close at 39c. and 40c. *Peas.*—The market has ruled firm at advancing prices. Sales reported of 1 car load at 70c.; 1500 bus. at 71c. f.o.b., and the latter may be considered closing price for round lots; 71c. to 73c. is paid on the street for limited amounts. *Barley.*—is irregular, and prices are to some extent nominal. As high as 63c. have been paid for farmer's deliveries, but we have heard of no sales in round lots at over 55c., at which a few cars on the track changed hands. *Rye.*—Nothing doing. *Hay.*—As high as \$13 has been paid, but from \$7 to \$12 may be considered as closing prices, according to quality. *Straw.*—is quoted at \$5 to \$7.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—is beginning to come for-

ward more plentifully; but so far, not in excess of the local demand, all lots of table sorts finding ready sale at outside quotations. Old store packed is in limited supply and quite neglected. *Cheese.*—is inactive, business being limited to a light demand for local consumption. *Eggs.*—are less abundant and are held for higher figures: 11½c. to 12½c. would be paid for loose, but holders of round lots of packed are asking from 12½c. to 13c. *Pork.*—continues firm at unchanged rates, with small sales, making at quotations. *Bacon.*—of all kinds is getting into smaller compass, and holders are firm at about ½c. advance on previous prices. No change in *Hams*; a good many covered are coming in, with a prospect of a full supply for the wants of the trade during the season. *Lard.*—is inactive and unaltered. *Tallow.*—quiet, and no change to note.

SALT.—A moderate business has been done in Goderich, which now has the market to itself, at current quotations. No transactions reported in Liverpool coarse.

WOOL.—Receipts, so far, have not been large; but an improvement in this respect is looked for shortly. So far as heard from, the clip will be below an average; but present prospects are for lower prices than ruled last season, unless some improvement should take place in the United States markets for Canada wool. Dealers here are taking all that offers at 30c., but are not disposed to give more than that. A round lot was reported offered at 31c., without inducing a purchaser.

MONTREAL MARKET.

MONTREAL, 14th June, 1870.

Since my last report we have had a succession of fine growing weather, alternate sunshine and showers; the temperature has ruled high. The crops of all kinds are looking well; the hay, which for some time had been suffering from the dry weather, is now considered to be out of danger from that source.

Business, in most branches, has been fair; in flour and grain it has been excited, as will be seen from the remarks under this head. The S. S. Bolivar, when leaving the harbor on Thursday last, in ballast, for Pictou, while attempting to turn, by some mismanagement got ashore near St. Helen's Island, where she now lies with a large rock through her bottom, every attempt to get her off has hitherto proved unavailing.

On Friday morning last, a fire broke out in the stores of the Montreal Warehousing Company, which was not extinguished until about 170,000 bushels of wheat and peas, and 10,000 brls. of flour had been damaged or destroyed. It is supposed that the fire originated somewhere inside the elevator, which had been working up to a late hour the previous night. There were no watchmen on the building to give an immediate alarm, and as the firemen were engaged at another large fire at the opposite end of the city, the fire had got a complete hold before their arrival. The damage done to the building is very considerable; it is understood, however, that the loss is fully covered by insurance.

The stock market has been active all week, and prices for most have advanced. Sterling Exchange has been quiet, and is quoted 9½ to 9½, at which latter figure very few transactions have taken place.

DRY GOODS.—There has been a marked change for the better in the quantity of orders coming in. The market generally is in a healthy state, and payments are satisfactory. Stocks are well assorted, and large arrivals are noted by every steamer.

HARDWARE.—The market during the week has been steady, with a good demand; there is no change to note in prices. Nails are still scarce and in large demand, the manufacturers not being able to fill one-half their orders. It is expected now that the repairs on the flumes have been completed, which has been the cause of the scarcity, that the orders will speedily be executed. Country