

lard's, \$4 to \$4.25; Upper Canada bags, \$3 to \$3.10; oatmeal, \$5.90 to \$6.

**GRAIN.**—*Wheat*—Total receipts from Jan. 1 to date have been only 2,100 bush., being a decrease of 15,050 bush. The fall in the Liverpool market has brought business here to a stand-still. Early in the week a sale of No. 1 Milwaukee was reported at \$1.50, but now prices are entirely nominal in absence of transactions. *Corn*.—Not much doing, but prices are well maintained at 85c. to 90c., duty paid. *Oats*—have met a steady demand at 45c. to 46c. *Barley*—Is firm at 65c. to 67½c. *Peas*—Quiet but firm at 92½c. to 95c. *Timothy Seed* is still in moderate request, good samples bringing \$4.10 to \$4.20.

**GROCERIES.**—*Tea*—A considerable amount of business has been doing during the week in uncoloured Japans of which upward of 1500 pkgs. have been placed, and young Hysons to the extent of 1000 pkgs, in other kinds very little has been done, and last week's quotations are unchanged. *Sugar*—Very little has been done in this branch, a considerable sale early in the week of raw sugar was reported on private terms. The closing prices are 8½c. to 9½c. Scotch refined is offered at 9c. to 9½c., very little in market. Refinery prices are for dry crushed, 13½c.; ground, 13½c.; crushed A 12½c.; yellow refined, 9½c. to 10½c.; standard syrup, 44c.; golden, 50c.; amber syrup, 80c. *Molasses*—There has been a better enquiry during the week but buyers and sellers are apart in their views. Centrifugal is nominal at 19½c. to 20½c.; clayed, 22½c.; muscovada, 24c. to 32c.; Barbadoes, 36c. to 39c.; Porto Rico, 37½c. to 40c. *Coffee*—Sales during the week have been principally to jobbers, Java, 19c. to 24c.; Laguayra, 16c. to 17½c. *Fruit*—Lager raisins are rather scarce and are offered at \$1.70 to \$1.80; Valencias, 7c. to 7½c.; currants, are scarce and are held for 6½c. to 7c.; almonds, steady, 13c.; other kinds of fruit unchanged in price. *Spices*—Carriee—32½c. to 35c.; nutmegs, 50c. to 65c.; Jamaica ginger, 17c. to 20c.; black pepper, 13c. to 15c.

**HARDWARE.**—The English market has been in a very unsettled state, and Tin plates have risen 2s. per box, our market here has not sympathized with this rise, and we continue to quote them as follows: charcoal IC, \$8.25 to \$8.50; do. IX, \$10.25 to \$10.50; ditto DC, \$7.25 to \$7.50; ditto DX, \$9.25 to \$9.50; Coke IC, \$7.25 to \$7.50. Prices of other articles are steady and unchanged.

**LEATHER.**—There has been a good demand, with large sales. Sole is very firm. Oak Sole has advanced in price, and is now quoted 42c. to 44c.; Buffalo Sole No. 1 is scarce and wanted at 21c. to 21½c.; Harness 32c. to 34c.; Rough Leather 27c. to 29c.; Pebble grain 16c. to 17c.; Pink Linings \$4.70 to \$5.00; Red Roans \$6.50 to \$8.00; French calf light \$1.25 to \$1.40.

**LIQUORS.**—*Brandy*—Hennessy's is scarce and is held at \$2.50, and as there is no quotable change in other brands it is understood that a little less than late quotations would be taken for round lots. *Gin*—Is dull; Dekuyper's in wood, \$1.36 to \$1.40; Houtman's \$1.30 to \$1.32½, in wood. *Rum*—Small sales of Cuba, at \$1.62½ to \$1.65; Jamaica, \$2.00 to \$2.10; high wines, \$1.50 to \$1.52 for both Montreal and Upper Canada brands.

**OILS.**—Cod oil is very dull, 55c. being the nominal price. Pale Seal is also nominal at 60 to 66c. Linseed is steady at 72½ for raw and 77½c. for boiled; Olive is still quoted at \$1.12 to \$1.25; Crude Whale has been placed to some extent at 55c.

**PETROLEUM.**—The business in this article has been quite of a retail character, lower grades bringing from 24½c. to 26c., and choice grades of refined, 27½c. to 30c. for car loads.

**PROVISIONS.**—*Butter*—receipts 1,749 kegs; shipments 4,502 kegs. There has been a good deal of activity in the market this week, and best qualities are very firm, the closing prices are for common to medium 17c to 20c; fair to good 21c to 22½; good to choice 23c to 24c. *Cheese*—Receipts 60 boxes; shipments 100 boxes. There has only been a retail demand this week and prices continue steady at 12c to 13½c for medium to strictly choice. *Lard*—Steady at 12½c to 13½c. Tallow, in moderate demand at 6c for unrendered.

**PORK.**—There have been no receipts or shipments this week. Business has been quiet, but prices are well sustained. Mess Pork \$23; Thin Mess \$21; Extra Prime Pork \$17 to \$17.50.

**RICE.**—This market has been firm at \$4 to 4.25. The stock at present on hand is small and that is now held for our outside figure.

**SALT.**—A moderate business has been done and Fine is firm at 75c. Coarse is moving slowly at 50c to 57½. Factory filled is quoted \$1.35 to \$1.54.

**WOOL.**—Business has been fair and sales were made at about last weeks quotations, viz., Fleec wool 29c to 32c; pulled wool super. 28c to 30c; ditto No. 1 23c to 25c; ditto black 23c to 25c.

#### TORONTO MARKET.

In most of the leading branches of trade, business though as good as usual at this season is still slack, but in groceries there has been a good deal of activity all through the month of February, and trade is still tolerably brisk. The weather has continued very mild, and the sleighing in this vicinity has entirely disappeared. The roads are consequently in a bad state for travelling and deliveries of produce by farmers have been a good deal checked thereby.

**DRUGS.**—Trade has been very good during the past week, and a large number of orders have been filled. A few changes are to be noted in quotations. *Cape Aloes*—Are easier, now selling at 12c to 16c. *Madder*—Is firm at 16c. to 18c. *Opium*—Has declined 50c., now quoted at \$8 to \$8.50.

**DRY GOODS.**—Business is quiet and only trivial orders are being filled. New goods are being rapidly received and opened, and merchants will very shortly be in a position to receive their customers. The assortment this spring is expected to be unusually large and complete, every facility will be offered to the trade for the ready selection of their stocks.

**FREIGHTS.**—The following are the winter rates on the Grand Trunk, now in operation: Flour to Kingston, 35c.; grain 18c.; flour to Prescott, 43c.; grain 22c.; flour to Montreal, 50c.; grain 25c.; flour to Point Levis, 80c.; grain 40c.; flour to St. John, N. B. \$1.02, grain 51c.; flour to Halifax, \$1.10, grain 55c.; flour to New York and Boston, 90c.; grain 45c., gold. The steamers Chase and Carlotia leave Portland for Halifax on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

**GROCERIES.**—Trade has been good during the past week, both with importers and jobbers, sales footing up to an amount unusually large for this season of the year. *Coffee*—There has been rather more doing, chiefly in Rio, which is firm and higher in sympathy with the advance in New York. Sales here are reported of a lot of 200 bags at 16c., now held at 16c. to 18c., according to quantity and quality. A lot of inferior coffee sold at 15c. *Fish*—Has been selling freely, and stocks are now very much reduced, but prices though firm at quotations are without alteration. *Fruit*—Has been in demand at previous prices for Layer and Valencia Raisins. There has been

more enquiry for Currants, and new crop are in small supply and held firmly at 7½c. to 7½c.; old sell at 6½ to 6½. *Rice*—Is firm at quotations with fair enquiry. *Spices*—Meet a fair demand, and prices are steady and unchanged. *Sugars*—Raws have sold to a fair extent, the stock in first hands being now very considerably reduced. There is no change to note in prices which are firm, though not now expected to rule higher during the rest of the season. Latest advices from Havana by letter and circular report very small stocks there as compared to last year, and planters are very firm in their askings on the assumption of a very material deficiency in the present crop, some placing this deficiency as high as 40 per cent. of the average. Notwithstanding this, buyers in Cuba had been holding back, unwilling to meet the views of holders, and very little business was done. According to the best information available, the crop will not be short more than 15 to 20 per cent. and on the supposition no further advance can be looked for, and in the course of another month even a slight giving way of the market is not impossible. Refined sugars in the market have been dull, high prices checking business, and the better grades of Raw being relatively cheaper. *Teas*—There has been a steady demand for both greens and blacks from the country and city trade, and a good many lines have changed hands. Of the former, Young Hysons have been chiefly dealt in at prices ranging principally from 40c. to 60c.; although there has also been some demand for the finer grades. *Tobacco*—Has been quiet, and prices cannot be considered very firm, holders being willing in order to secure sales to accept a modification of quoted prices.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—Receipts of slaughtered hides have been light and entirely inadequate to the demand, and the importation of western has been rendered necessary to supply dealers. Prices which during the week ruled 1c. higher than previously have again fallen to former quotations, 7c. to 8c. for green No. 2 to No. 1. *Sheepskins*—Are in moderate supply and find ready sale for all coming in, with improving prices as the season advances.

**LEATHER.**—Trade during the past week is reported as very dull, though with an improving enquiry from Montreal, which is expected to lead to considerable business, especially for Harness and Upper. *Kips* are very slow of sale. *Calf*, both French and Canadian, is unchanged in quotations.

**PAINTS AND OILS.**—There is some slight improvement to notice in business, but there is little activity as yet. Prices are generally unchanged. *Spirits Turpentine*, however, are 2½c. to 5c. higher; now held firmly at 65c. to 70c., according to quantity.

**PRODUCE.**—In breadstuffs business has been moderately active, closing dull, but coarse grain have generally been in demand, and the market for them closes higher and very firm. The following were the stocks in store on the first inst.:

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| Flour, brls.....          | 22,433  |
| Oatmeal, brls.....        | 200     |
| Wheat, Fall, bushels..... | 67,758  |
| “ Spring, “.....          | 49,477  |
| Oats, bushels.....        | 20,483  |
| Barley, “.....            | 120,536 |
| Peas, “.....              | 12,238  |
| Rye, “.....               | 307     |

*Flour.*—In the early part of the week, especially after the advance in the English markets, attributed to the signing of the preliminaries of peace between France and Prussia, there was considerable firmness in the flour market, and several lots changed hands at fully previous rates. Later the demand fell off, and the market closed dull and prices barely maintained. Holders are asking \$3 for superfine, but this figure could not be obtained except for strong for bakers' use. The