

Such in a rough way, is a description of the principles upon which geologists proceed, and they ought to be sufficiently known to every man of ordinary information to save him from being led into folly, when competent and even eminent persons, having no interest certainly against the discovery of coal, state that it does not exist.—We have a constant repetition of this cry from one end of the Province to the other, and when it is originated by a farmer or a backwood-man, who has found something like coal upon his land, we can feel no contempt for his desire to have the truth discovered; but for the people of the second largest city in the Province, officially by their Council, to write themselves down asses is something that must reflect anything but credit on the intelligence of Canada.—*Mont. Herald.*

POMOLOGICAL.—We have to thank the Hon. MARSHALL P. WILDER, of Massachusetts, President of the American Pomological Society, for a copy of the Report of the proceedings of the Society at its third Session, held in Boston, in September last. It is a pamphlet of 258 pages, and contains most valuable information, which we shall be glad to make use of in future numbers.

MARKET REVIEW.

CANADIAN, AMERICAN, ENGLISH AND FOREIGN.

We have resolved to present monthly in the *Agriculturist*, a brief review of the market prices for Agricultural produce in the principal marts of the world. As information to the farmer, such a review cannot but be interesting, and as reliable data to guide his own market operations, it must prove useful. We shall bring our statement down to the latest dates before going to press, and shall take our figures from the most reliable sources. We hope that by devoting a page or so to such a record, the value of the *Agriculturist* will be considerably increased.

TORONTO RETAIL MARKETS.

	FEBRUARY 3, 1855.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Flour—Millers' extra superfine, per bbl.	40	3	a	41	3
Farmers', per 196 lbs.	35	0	a	37	6
Wheat—Fall, per bushel, 60 lbs.	7	0	a	7	6
Spring, per bushel, 60 lbs.	0	0	a	0	0
Oatmeal, per barrel	33	9	a	40	0
Rye, per bushel, 66 lbs.	4	9	a	7	0
Barley, per bushel, 48 lbs.	4	2	a	4	6
Oats, per bushel, 34 lbs.	2	9	a	3	0
Peas, per bushel	3	9	a	4	6
Potatoes, per bushel	2	9	a	3	0
Apples, per barrel	6	3	a	8	9
Grass Seed, per bushel, 48 lbs.	5	9	a	8	9
Clover Seed, per bushel	30	0	a	32	9
Hay, per ton	100	0	a	140	0
Straw, per ton	50	0	a	60	0
Onions, per bushel	7	6	a	0	0
Butter—Lub. per lb.	0	9	a	1	0
Fresh, per lb.	1	0	a	1	3
Lard, per lb.	0	7	a	0	8
Cheese, per lb.	0	6	a	0	0
Pork, per 100 lbs.	25	0	a	30	0
Fresh, per lb.	0	5	a	0	0
Beef, per 100 lbs.	25	0	a	27	6
per lb.	0	6	a	0	7
Hams, per 100 lbs.	45	0	a	50	0
Bacon, per 100 lbs.	45	0	a	50	0
Firewood, per cord	25	0	a	30	0

REMARKS FEB. 2.—Within the last week there has been a marked decline in wheat and flour. The scarcity of money, and the prospect of peace from the negotiations now going on, are probably the cause. The quantity coming to the Toronto market is very small and transactions dull. The most common price is 7s. 6d. per bushel. Hay is plentiful but prices keep up remarkably. Well cured Timothy has sold as high as high as \$29. Pork comes in plentifully and sells briskly at \$5½ a \$6 per 100 lbs. Demand greater than supply.

We have heard lately of a practice among millers of taking farmers' wheat at the highest prices going, and paying, not in money, but receipts or due bills. We would advise our readers to eschew such a practice. They had better keep their wheat in their barns. When the country is passing through a commercial crisis it is hard to say who is solvent. We have known many heavy losses that might have been avoided by a little prudence. Wheat is as good as money and ought to bring the cash, or remain in the granary.

MONTREAL.

Review for week ending January 27.

FLOUR.—The transactions for the week have been few, and without any marked alteration in prices, which, however, have rather favored buyers; 1,600 barrels fair quality No 1 Superfine were taken at 47s 6d. On Thursday a lot of 500 barrels, without going into storage, was bought for 47s 9d per barrel, since when a few odd parcels good brands fetched 48s.

WHEAT.—No large lots in the market.

Prices for other kinds of grain and provisions almost nominal

HAMILTON, Feb. 1st.—The latest quotations in the local papers are for Wheat, 7s 6d to 7s 9d; Barley, 3s 9d to 4s; Oats, 2s 4d to 2s 9d; Beef, per 100 lbs, 25s to 35s. Pork, per 100 lbs, 25s 6d to 32s 6d; Hay \$15 to \$20 per ton.

GALT, Jan. 31st.—The local papers quote wheat at 7s 6d, Flour 20s; Oats 2-2½; Peas 3s 9d to 4s; Pork 13s to 26s per 100 lbs. Clover Seed 43s to 42s 6d per bushel.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Jan. 21th.—The markets opened rather lower for the low grades of State flour, but at the close was firmer, with a better demand for export and the East. With more seasonable weather, and less prospect of the resumption of river navigation, a better feeling is apparent. The better grades are in good request, but at very irregular prices. The arrivals are still liberal, but those in prospect are not so large. The sales of Western Canal are 7 200 bbls. at \$3 15½ a \$3 37½ for common to good State; \$3 62½ a \$9 for mixed to good brands Upper Lake, Michigan, Indiana, and common to good Ohio; and \$10 50 a \$12 for extra and double extra Genesee, Canadian Flour is without material change at the close although rather heavy early in the day; the demand is for the British Provinces; sales of 1,600 bbls., closing at \$9 in bond, and \$9 50 a \$9 75 duty paid.

GRAIN.—The market is without variation for Wheat; the demand is limited and the supply moderate of prime; the inquiry is mainly for milling; we have only to note a sale of 400 bushels prime white Michigan, at \$2 45, an extreme price. Rye is quiet and is nominal, at \$1 30 a 1 35. Barley and Barley Malt are inactive, and quotations would be nominal. Oats are in better supply, and in good demand, at 59 a 63½c. for State and Western, and 50 a 53 for Jersey. Corn is firm, with less offering; the demand is good for shipping and the home trade; old is quiet, at \$1 for Western, in store; the sales are 29,000 bus., at 94 a 95c for Southern mixed and new damp Jersey; 90 a 97c for Southern white; and 96c for Southern yellow.

PROVISIONS.—The market is better for Pork, the demand fair for shipping and the trade; sales of 3,000 bbls. at \$12 37 a 12 50 for old mess, \$12 25 a 12 37½ for old Prime, \$14 12½ a 14