

at the moment are somewhat fancy but will resume pretty near the old level on receipt of supplies from Quebec quoted: Factory filled, per bag, \$1.25; elevens, 60 to 75c.; Higgins' Eureka, per sack, \$2.40; half sacks, \$1.20; quarters, 60c.; Ashton's sacks, \$2.40; half sacks, \$1.20; quarters, 50c.; Rice's pure dairy, \$2.00 per bag. Rock salt and Turk's Island out of the market, stocks being all washed out.

WOOL.—The bottom seems to have been altogether knocked out of fine wools and prices are altogether nominal. There is a fair enquiry for domestic wools, but A and B supers are not to be had, unassorted is in fair supply, and fleece is coming in freely. We quote: Domestic, A super, 27 to 38c.; B super, 22 to 24c.; unassorted, 21 to 22c.; fleece, 19 to 21c.; black 21 to 22c.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, April 29th, 1886.

While the week has been broken into by the Easter Holidays and business consequently restricted the tone of the share market has received a fresh acquisition of strength in the declaration of a bonus by the Bank of Montreal followed by rumors of an unusually favorable statement. The stock has advanced  $\frac{3}{4}$  for the week, with buyers at 213 $\frac{1}{4}$ . Excepting Ontario, which declined  $\frac{1}{2}$ , the whole list of bank shares is higher in sympathy, Toronto rising as much as 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  in bids, to 200 $\frac{1}{4}$ , and selling at 201, the highest price in the last decade. On light transactions Western Assurance has risen 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  over last week. Telegraph shares have inclined to lower rates but closed firmer. Erratic as usual, Canadian North-West Land jumped from 73/- to 78/- but eased off to 76/- bid 77/- asked. The dealings in loan societies' shares were very light and about at the old figures.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—A fortnight ago trade was quite brisk, and a fair movement is passing now. The demand is greatest for staple lines of good and medium quality, fine goods are in moderate request. Price-cutting is troublesome in rubbers and in a few eastern leather goods, which are often sold under cost. Payments may be described as "fair to middling."

DRY GOODS.—No particular stir can be reported this week, country roads being bad, farmers do not get to town and shop-keepers' sales are light. Warehouses report numerous small letter orders for summer fabrics and the millinery firms, thanks to some bright days, have had a steady trade. The feeling among manufacturers of woollens and cottons is appreciably better.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Dulness still rules in the local flour market, though there is some demand for pastry flour in Liverpool. Transactions would have been possible on Tuesday and yesterday but for the refusal of holders to concede. One or two sales of superior extra are reported from outside points at equal to \$3.65 here. Oatmeal continues steady at \$3.75 to \$3.85; a car choice sold on Monday at \$3.90. Bran is dull, with holders asking \$10.50.

GRAIN.—Good spring wheat is scarce. No. 3 is plentiful but there is very little 1 and 2 in market. Some has been held over the winter but prices are not up to expectations of holders. Quotations here are nominally unchanged, and sales trifling at within our range. Barley meets with no request and it is not easy to quote prices. Oats are quiet and rather easier. Cars sold at 35 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 36c. on track. Peas in small supply, car lots on spot held at 59 to 60c. Rye and corn entirely nominal.

GROCERIES.—Business is quiet; the unusual activity of March in anticipation of changes in duties has been succeeded by quietude, the parcels moving are small and of general goods. Teas are dull. Sugars firm and in light supply, an advance is likely if present demand continues. We quote Canadian refined 5c. higher, at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Jamaica's we quote 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Myrtle Navy tobacco is now 54c. Molasses has gone up in price and is scarce, common is out of market, and only good is to be had at 28 to 30c. Very little fish was used this Lent, and retail stocks as well as wholesale are prob-

ably full. In fruits we note that Grenoble walnuts are out of market. Sicily filberts in consequence of the new duty of 8c. per lb. are held at 11 to 12c. Currants are getting scarce, new provincial are held at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 7c.

HONEY.—The demand for honey is this year somewhat less active in this market. The product of 1885 was not large, because, according to D. A. Jones, fully half the bees that year perished. We find a full and varied supply in the market at a wide range of quality and price. Liquid is quoted at 9 to 12c. per pound as to quantity and grade. Granulated may be described in like terms. Comb honey, in sections, put up in glass-fronted crates, can be had at 16c., but for finest white clover, put up in this style, 20c. per pound is asked.

HAY AND STRAW.—The market is amply supplied with hay, a great quantity of pressed offering now which has been held over the winter for higher prices; it is selling at \$10.00 to \$12.50. Loose timothy brings \$13 to \$15.50 and loose clover \$11 to \$13; straw, loose, \$7 to \$10; bundled oat, \$10 to \$13.

HARDWARE.—Builders' goods are moving freely, and at firmer prices, both for country and city trade, especially the latter. Garden implements, too, are selling well. Stocks of glass are somewhat bare, and no new can be expected till mid-May, prices are lower. Cut nails are not in large supply. We note some change in our "Prices Current" page. Shot, which was advanced by the manufacturers early in the month, sells at 5 $\frac{1}{4}$  to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. and in large lots the lowest figure is \$5.40 per 100 lbs. Coil chain 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 4c., rope, manila, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 10c. Sisal 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; window glass \$1.65 to \$1.75 for 25 and under, next break \$1.75 to \$1.85; \$2.30 to \$2.40 and \$2.70 to \$2.80.

HIDES AND SKINS.—By reason of peculiar local competition, dealers now are paying 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for green steers' hides and sell cured for 9c., also pay 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for cows and sell cured at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., in which there is no profit. There is a fair demand and no surplus; tanners are feeling rather better because of lower prices for their raw material. Calfskins, supply daily becoming more plentiful, but demand for heavy is less active than last year and prices weaker; light continue in brisk demand. Sheepskins, few or none offering now; lambskins are beginning to come in, 15c. the current price. Tallow continues very dull, prices unchanged.

LUMBER.—The only marked feature in the market is the scarcity of better grades pine, prices of which are well maintained. Common lumber is plentiful enough. Billstuff is in good demand in consequence of the great number of buildings now going up in the city, and prices for that grade very firm indeed. We do not alter quotations.

PROVISIONS.—A moderate movement is going on in this line. The demand for choice butter is active and receipts readily taken; large rolls selling at 17 to 20c. The demand for old has ceased. Cheese is firm, with the usual jobbing trade; new will be in market very shortly. In hog products we can report a fair jobbing trade, hams are moving freely at 11 to 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ c., long clear bacon at 7 to 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ c., breakfast do. 10 to 11c. Eggs are easy at 12c. in lots and 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. by the

case. Nothing doing in dried or evaporated apples. Hops are dull and weak at from 6 to 10 cents per pound. The increased average and the greater number of growers has resulted apparently in over-production.

STATIONERY, &c.—There is a distinct lull in business; country roads are bad and travellers

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