

and Penn, \$3.50 to 3.60; Hatton, \$3.10 to 3.10. *Tin Plates*, per box: Charcoal I C, \$6.00 to 6.25; ditto I X \$8. to 8.25; ditto D.C. \$5.50 to 5.75; Coke 1c \$5.25 to 5.50; Tinned sheets charcoal, best No. 26 11½ to 12c; Galvanized Sheets, best brands, No. 28, \$7.75 to 8.00. *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs \$2.50 to 2.75; *Sheets* best brands, \$2.50 to 2.75; *Boiler Plates*, ordinary, \$2.50 to \$2.75; *Russia Sheet Iron* per lb 11 to 11½c; *Lead*, pig, per 100 lbs., \$4.00 to 4.25; sheet \$4.50 to 5.00; Shot \$6.25 to 7.00; *Steel*, cast per lb. 13 to 14c; spring per 100 lbs \$3.50 to 4.00; tire, steel, \$3.50 to 4.00; *Ingot tin* \$18.00 to 20.00; *Ingot copper* \$19.50 to 21.00; *Horse shoes* per 100 lbs., \$3.50 to \$3.75. *Cut Nails*, per 100 lbs, 12 dy. to 7 in., \$2.85; ditto, 5 dy. to 10 dy., \$3.15; shingle nails, \$3.50; lath nails, \$4.25; 100 keg lots 5 per cent discount. *Pressed Spikes*, \$4 to 4.75. *Proved Coil Chain*, ½ in., \$4.57 to 5; *Wire*, per 63 lbs., \$1.90 to 2.00.

LEATHER.—The shoe retailers have been purchasing more freely during the past week, and business shows a little more activity. Stocks are still in excess of requirements, and prices continue to favor buyers. It is scarcely possible to look for remunerative prices for leather while tanners continue to overstock the market in the way they have been doing. We quote *Hemlock Spanish sole*, No. 1; B. A., 21 to 23c; ditto, No. 2 B. A., 18 to 20c; *Zanzibar*, No. 1., 19 to 20c; ditto No. 2, 17 to 18c; *Buffalo Sole* No 1, 19 to 20c; ditto, No. 2, 17 to 18c; *Hemlock slaughter*, No. 1, 21 to 23c; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 32 to 35c; ditto, heavy, 30 to 33c; *Grained*, 33 to 35c; *Splits*, large, 21 to 27c; ditto, small, 18 & 24c; *Calfskins*, 27 to 36 lbs., 40 to 65c; ditto, 18 to 26 lbs., 40 to 60c; *Sheepskin linings*, 20 to 30c; *Harness*, 22 to 27c; *Buffed cow*, 11 to 14c; *Enamelled cow*, 15 to 17c; *Patent Cow* 15 to 17c; *Pebbled cow* 11½ to 14c; *Rough* 20 to 23c.

OILS.—*Peroleum*.—The market is weak, and although as yet we do not quote it lower, on account of the near approach of reduced rates of freight, it is more than possible that car lots could now be bought for about ½c less than our quotations which are for car lots, 16c; part cars, 16½ to 17c; single brls, 17½ to 18c. *Turpentine* is a little up, being now sold at 47½ to 49c; *Linseed Oil*, Raw, 59 to 60c; ditto, Boiled, 63 to 64c; There has been some enquiry for Cod Oil and steam refined Seal with small reported sales. We quote *Cod Oil*, Nfd., 40c; ditto, Halifax, 36c; *Seal Oil*, Pale, 42½c; ditto, Straw, 35c; ditto, steam refined, 46 to 47c; *Olive Oil*, 95c to \$1.00; *Palm Oil*, 8½ to 9c per lb.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*.—Receipts, 238 packages. Shipments, 350 packages. The supply of new butter continues to be small, but larger quantities are now expected to come forward. Fair to choice new Eastern Townships butter brings from 16 to 19c. Stocks of old butter are difficult to move at from 8 to 12c. *Cheese*.—Receipts, 199 bags; shipments, 1,383 boxes; market is dull and confined to the retail trade; prices are low in England and still have a downward tendency. Round lots of September and October make could be bought at 7c; while lots to the retail trade command from 8 to 8½c. *Pork*.—There is a fair jobbing demand and price of mess is well maintained at \$14.00 to 14.25. *Smoked Hams*, 9 to 10c; *Lard*, (Canada) 9 to 9½c for tubs and pails; *Bacon*, 9c.

SALT.—The market is steady with fair demand for coarse at 60 to 62½c, and factory filled, \$1.00 to 1.10.

WOOL.—There is no change in the market; transactions have been few and small, although there are indications that a fair demand will spring up a little further on in the season; prices are as last quoted. *Pulled Wool*, 23 to 25c; ditto black, 20 to 21c, but cannot be said to be firm.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, April 17, 1879.

There is nothing novel to chronicle in the condition of the wholesale trade. In groceries, hardware, dry goods and provisions a moderate business is doing. In the first three of these lines better prices are sought by some houses to be obtained since the advance on duties, but other firms, eager for business, make a virtue of "giving away the profits" and sell at old prices or below them. In compiling prices current, therefore, one is never certain of being able to indicate the minimum price of an article; but the figures we have given to-day represent what are generally asked.

Dry goods merchants make the suggestion that our cotton manufacturers would do well to desist from making their trade prices known, by means of definite numbers upon each separate quality or make of goods, and by a printed list affixing prices to each number. Better, they contend, to sell, as British makers do, with reference to the quality of the goods, the buyer being the judge, after personal examination. That this would give the skilled importer a chance to make a profit out of his knowledge of his business, while the price-list method exposes the price of these goods to every petty buyer, and encourages improper parties to buy.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Business in this line is extremely quiet, and orders sent in for the most part small. Payments are not satisfactory; a good many ask renewals, some extensions, and compromises are by no means unknown. The effects of John Turner & Co.'s estate were sold this week, and realized 76 cents in the dollar for the book debts deemed good, 9 cents for those not so classed, 50 per cent. for the cut stock, and 17 p c for the machinery of the factory in Montreal. The stock here was bought at 78½ cents in the \$1 for the first lot, and various bids reducing the average to — cents, the purchaser of most of these being Mr. T. P. Taylor, a relative, and the firm will probably recommence soon.

CATTLE.—For the Easter season trade is dull; there is plenty of every class of animals offering, but not very brisk buying. Prices are much the same as last week. No cattle are being bought for shipment at present in this market. The new British regulation disqualifying any steamship which may have carried cattle from a scheduled port from all unscheduled privileges for three months will be as severe on the steamship owner as on the cattle dealer.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—*Flour*.—Stocks in store, 27,900 barrels, against 28,900 barrels last week, and 29,565 last year. The market is weaker, the prices outside having declined, and we quote Superior and Spring extras 5c. and Superfine 10c. lower. There have been some transactions in these grades, consisting of car lots of Extras as above, but no heavy sales. Beerbohm's report makes Wednesday's London market weaker. *Oatmeal* is steady and quiet.

GRAIN.—*Wheat*, Fall.—Stocks in store, 74,862 bushels, against 86,660 bushels last week, and 125,498 bushels on like date last year. The market has been very quiet all week, and the tendency downward. Chicago wheat report on Wednesday indicated drooping prices, and we lower our quotations. There is no No 1 in market, but some parcels of No. 2 have been sold within our range; later, however, this week

No. 2 Fall was offering at \$1.00, without buyers. Offers of No. 3 were made on Tuesday at 90c, when 85 was the best bid. *Wheat*.—Spring.—Stocks in store, 258,868 bush against 270,832 bush. on like date last year. We quote No. 1 a cent lower nominal; some small sales have been made of No. 2 at quotations and of No. 3 at 86c; but transactions have been very light; holders of the better grade are asking to-day 88c. *Oats*.—Stocks in store 12,154 bush. against 21,986 bush. last week and 11,966 bush. on like date last year. Market steady at 35c to 38c; demand light. *Barley*.—Stocks in store 69,907 bush. against 76,366 bush last week and 141,034 bush. on like date last year. This grain continues purely nominal, all grades, the malting demand appears to have ceased, malsters having sufficient stock on hand. *Peas*.—Stocks in store 52,909 bush. against 37,893 bush. last week, and 20,590 bush on like date last year. Nothing doing, prices unchanged from last week. *Rye* is quiet at 48 to 50c; *corn* dull at 50c to 52c.

GROCERIES.—Since we last wrote there has been fair activity in this line. Last Saturday's business at retail, coming as that day did between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, was the most active that has been known for six months. The "bottle business," we are told was unusually brisk. We make no change in prices of raw sugars; a good many have been sold to arrive. There are numerous enquiries for teas, but actual transactions are limited. Fruit is dull generally, but valencia raisins are firm. Molasses steady.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There is moderate activity in this line, but not much profit or satisfaction to be derived from the present attitude of the hide dealers, who continue to pay 6½c for green hides, and to sell the same hides, cured and inspected, for 6½c. *Calfskins*, for which 11c continues to be paid, when green, are sold for 12½c when cured and inspected, a fair profit, assuming that these figures are obtained above board. *Sheepskins* are coming in fair quantity at last week's figures.

PROVISIONS.—The market for provisions in Chicago for the past few days has been weak, Mess Pork sold as low as \$9.87½ and Lard at \$5.85. This break has not been recovered, but its effect is not perceptible on prices here, which in hog products are unchanged from last week, while the same figures as before quoted are being paid for dressed hogs. In this market *Mess Pork* is quiet and unchanged. A fair demand exists for *bacon* at former prices, while *Hams* are in pretty active request; a large sale was made this week to a dealer on p.t. There is a weaker feeling in *butter* as large supplies of rolls are now coming in. It is true that a parcel of very choice brought 20c, but others sold at 19 and 18c while a small lot of very fine went for 16c; very little demand for old, which offers at 4c with no takers. *Cheese* is dull and weaker; The best parcels still bring 8½ and even 9c, but the market is full of poorer qualities selling anywhere from 6c upwards. *Eggs* are in abundant supply and lower, say 9 to 10c, *Hops* are unchanged from previous quotations, and *Dried Apples* steady.

PORK PACKING IN CANADA.—As compared with some previous years the business in pork packing in Canada, during the winter of 1878-9, has declined very considerably, the total number of hogs packed being stated at 115,775 against 151,781 in the season of 1877-8, a falling off equal to about twenty four per cent. The need of buying hogs in Chicago, and at other United States points, because of the impossibility of obtaining in Canada enough hogs of a given weight at any one time, and other disabilities as compared with packing points