

HIDES.—Owing to a considerable amount of competition in the market, butchers' hides advanced yesterday a dollar all round, and we now quote \$9, \$8 and \$7 for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively. *Lambskins*, 50 to 55c., but they will advance this week, as is usual at the beginning of the month.

HARDWARE.—Prices generally are steady, and there is no change in any feature of the market worth reporting. The last week's business has not been active, but considering the season, hardware men have been pretty well occupied. The advance in pig iron noted last week has been pretty well maintained; very little ingot tin can be had under outside figures. Prices are as last quoted. We quote: *Pig Iron*, per ton, Coltness, \$22.50 to 23.00; *Siemens*, \$23.00 to 23.50; *Gartsherrie*, \$22.50 to 23.00; *Summerlee*, \$22.00 to 23.00; *Langloan*, \$22.50 to 23.00; *Eglington*, \$21.00 to 22.00; *Carnbroe*, \$20.00 to 22.00; *Hematite*, \$22.00 to 28.00. *Bars*, per 100 lbs., *Scotch* and *Staffordshire*, \$2.00; *Swedes*, \$4.00 to 4.25; *Norway*, \$5.00 to \$5.25; *Lowmoor* and *Bowling* \$6.25 to 6.50. *Canada Plates* per box, *Glamorgan* and *Budd*, \$3.25 to 3.30 (none in market). *Penn.*, \$3.15 to 3.25; *Hatton*, \$3.00 to 3.10; *Thistle* and *Clifton*, \$3.15 to 3.25; *Tin Plates*, per box, *Charcoal* IC, \$5.25 to 5.50; *Charcoal* IX, \$7.00 to \$7.25; ditto, DC, \$4.75 to 5.00; ditto, DX, \$6.50; to 6.75; *Coke* IC, \$4.35 to 4.50. *Galvanised Sheets*, 7 to 7½; *Tinned Sheets*, No. 26, *Charcoal*, 10 to 10½; ditto *Coke* No. 24, 8½ to 9; *Hoops* and *Bands*, per 100 lbs., \$2.50 to \$2.60; sheets best brands \$2.75 to \$3.00; *Boiler Plate* per 100 lbs. *Staffordshire* \$2.75 to 3.00; *Russian Sheet Iron* 12½ to 13c. *Lead* per 100 lbs.—*Pig* \$4.50 to \$4.40; *Sheet* \$5.50; *Bar* \$5.00 to \$5.50; *Shot* do \$6 to \$6.50. *Steel*, cast 11½ to 12c; *Spring* \$3.25 to \$3.50; *Tire*, \$3.50 to \$3.75; *Sleigh Shoe*, \$3.00 to \$3.25. *Ingot Tin* 25 to 26c.; *Bar Tin* 26 to 27c.; *Ingot Copper* 18½ to 19½c.; *Sheet Zinc* \$5.50 to \$5.60; *Spelter* \$5 to \$5.25. *Horse Shoes*, \$3.90 to \$4.00. *Glass*, boxes 50 ft. up to 25 in. \$2.00, 26 in. to 40 in. \$2.10; 41 in. to 50 in. \$2.35; 51 in. to 60 in. \$2.50.

LEATHER.—We have still to note a generally dull market for the season. Manufacturers continue to buy, but sparingly, and prices are no better. Under the circumstances tanners would do well to reduce their output, for stocks of black leather are too large for the requirements of the country and prices will continue unremunerative until the supply is greatly reduced. Quotations are unchanged. We quote: *Hemlock Spanish Sole* BA, 25 to 27c.; do, No. 2 BA, 22 to 23c.; No. 1 *Ordinary Spanish*, 24½ to 26c.; No. 2 ditto 21½ to 22½c.; *Buffalo Sole*, No. 1, 21 to 23c.; ditto, No. 2, 19 to 21c.; *Hemlock Slaughter*, No. 1, 26 to 27½c.; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 32½ to 36c.; ditto ditto, heavy, 30 to 32½c. *Grained*, 32 to 36c. *Splits*, large 19½ to 27c.; ditto, small, 15 to 20c. *Calfskins* (27 to 36 lbs) 60 to 72½c.; ditto (18 to 26 lbs) 60 to 70c.; *Sheepskin Linings*, 25 to 50c.; *Harness*, 26 to 34c. *Buffed Cow*, 13 to 15c. *Enamelled Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Patent Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Pebble Cow*, 11 to 15c.; *Rough*, 22 to 27c.

OILS.—The market for *Petroleum* is weak and though we make no change in quotations the holders are selling very fine, demand however has not yet begun to improve but is expected to do this month. *Car* lots 19 to 19½c.; broken lots 19½ single brls. 20 to 21c. *Linseed oil* is steady, *raw* 70 to 72c.; ditto *boiled* 73 to 75c. *In fish* oils there has not been much doing but the market continues firm though scarcely so strong as last report indicated *Coal oil* is worth from 60 to 62½c. *Seal*, pale 65 to 70c.; ditto *straw* 55 to 60c.; ditto, *steam refined*, 72½ to 75c.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*.—Receipts for the past week, 1,393 pkgs.; shipments, 643 pkgs. Business has been quite of a jobbing character. Prices here are too high for exporters. Best creamery butter is selling from 23 to 23½c.; *Eastern Townships*, 20 to 21c.; *Western*, 17 to 18½c. *Cheese*.—Receipts, 38,792 boxes; shipments, 40,958 boxes. There is not much inquiry, present prices are too high for the English market, and July made cheese is much thought of there. We quote 10 to 10½c. *Pork*.—Not much doing just now, the market, however, is steady. *Western* mess, \$24.50 to 25.00; *Canada short cut*, \$26. *Lard* is steady at 15 to 15½c. for *Canadian* and *Fairbanks*. *Hams*, 14½ to 15c.; *Bacon*, 14 to 14½c.; *Eggs*, 18 to 19c.

SALT.—Is steady; stocks are light and moving at our quotations:—*Coarse*, 65 to 67½c.; *factory* filled, \$1.25 to 1.45.

WOOL.—Market it quiet; a few lots of Cape

have been offered without finding a buyer, at the same time a few lots have changed hands at 17 to 18½c.; *Australia*, 21½ to 30c. Domestic wools are still nominal, hardly any movement reported.

TOBONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, August, 3rd, 1882.

Business is undeniably dull in breadstuffs, and prices of flour and wheat have tumbled, in the face of the prospect of the abundant crop in Canada and the United States. Provision dealers hold up prices well, although the movement is very limited. There is no great activity in groceries; hardware, however, is moving freely, heavy goods especially so. In dry goods the present is a very quiet season for sales, values are reported steady. Wool is moving fairly, for the most part at low prices, while hides and skins show signs of an advance.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Orders for fall goods are coming forward in lively fashion, both by letter and from travellers. There is much variety, however, in the way customers pay up; many are prompt, others want one, two or three months' renewal. Most manufacturers are willing to fill, in August, orders from sound, prompt customers, which begin to date 1st October four months. But the orders of those who are behind hand will very likely wait till September. Travellers report considerable stocks carried over in the country stores, of long work and heavy work of all kinds, which is attributed to the mild winter. The same is found true of rubbers, and we remark that prices of rubbers are lower than ever, by reason of competition; some houses give away all but 2½ or 5 per cent. of the makers' discount. Berlin grey felt goods are also, we are informed, "cut to death" and sold at the verge of cost.

DRY GOODS.—The principal anxiety of our wholesalers at present is to get their new goods in and opened up, and to get ready for the fall trade. A few back orders are being filled, but it is too early to look for country customers in the city; staple goods for the fall are what is moving meantime "bread and butter stuff" as it is called, millinery and fancy goods being quiet. Advice from the old country markets are to the effect that prices of staple cottons are steady all round. Nottingham wares have advanced quite stiffly, owing to a scarcity of material for lace goods. Black Spanish and Valenciennes laces, in particular are higher, the run upon them having been marked. Silks and silk goods are easy in the French markets, though present prices are higher than those of last year. Prices in mid-July and last week were, except in special lines, lower than last month opened.

For the week ending 20th July, the values of dry goods entered for consumption at New York were:

	1882-Value.	1881-Value.
Manufactures of wool.....	\$635,504	\$508,732
Do. cotton.....	481,040	355,751
Do. silk.....	865,851	515,130
Do. flax.....	238,792	248,434
Miscellaneous dry goods.....	801,002	97,959

Total.....\$2,407,689 \$1,730,996

And for the period since 1st January to 25th July, the import of foreign dry goods has been as follows, in different years:

Entered at port.....	\$74,430,381	\$59,680,768	\$71,818,906
Thrown on market.....	73,224,637	61,908,304	67,610,988

The foreign goods market continues quiet, says the *Bulletin* of Tuesday last, but there is a steady and general belief in a good fall season. Buyers generally have purchased moderately, although some have exhibited not a little courage, born of a firm belief in the way things are to go and their knowledge of their own special market. For instance, some have bought heavily in velvets and plushes, believing that the stuff will have different uses, in sympathy with the dresses they go to make.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The movement in flour is very slight, prices are from 10 to 20c. per bbl. lower than last week, in sympathy with outside markets. We quote superior extra \$5.60, holders asking \$5.65; extra, \$5.50; strong bakers' \$5.60; *sprink extra* \$5.40 and *superfine* \$5.10. *Oatmeal* is scarce, the little enquiry being made is at \$5.30 for a car. No *cornmeal* in market; bran is in good demand, scarce and firm; \$12 to \$13 is a fair quotation.

The stocks of flour in store at this port are 1,236 barrels on 31st ult. as compared with 1,800 bbls. last week and 500 bbls. at like date last year. The stocks of grain are as under:

	July 31 1882.	July 24 1882.	Aug. 1 1881.
Fall wheat, bush.....	78,883	84,738	62,668
Spring wheat, ".....	34,819	52,091	71,971
Oats, ".....	2,509	2,509	8,620
Barley, ".....	2,882	5,138	18,648
Peas, ".....	4,628	5,271	681
Rye, ".....	5,124	4,776
Corn, ".....	500

The aggregate bushels of all grain is 127,110 bush. on 31st ult. as compared with 163,323 bush. last week and 163,053 bush. at a like date last year.

GRAIN.—Nothing doing in this staple; the market appears "demoralized." Stocks are small and the new grain is being harvested with excellent prospects. *Wheat*.—The week is signalled by a sharp drop, equal to 8 or 9 cents per bushel; a decline to same extent is observable in the Western States' markets, but less sudden. British markets have also shown a steady decline. We now quote: No. 1, Fall, nominally, \$1.13 to \$1.15, with \$1.10 to \$1.12 for No. 2, without sales, no demand, No. 2 offers for September delivery at \$1.05, which is an index of confidence in the harvest; *Spring Wheat* has fallen 8c from \$1.28 last week to \$1.20 to \$1.22 nominal for No. 1, with \$1.16 to \$1.18 for No. 2. *Barley*, nominally unchanged at 70, 60 and 50c for No. 1, 2 and 3, respectively, but no transactions. *Oats* are scarce and in quest at an advance of 1c; No. 1 will bring 50c, and No. 2, 49c. *Peas* are dull and lower, we quote No. 1 at 83c.

GR CEREALS.—A fair country business is reported, orders coming in mostly for small quantities. Despite the reported short crop of fruit there is a decided demand for sugar. The market for Canadian sugar is generally steady, although there is an undefined impression that they will be higher. No one pretends to say when the rise is to come; refiners are not anxious to sell, nor are holders. *Teas* are steady in price without any special activity. We note that *Valencia* raisins are higher, being quoted 11 to 12c.; there are none in market. Among spices, black pepper is higher still, the combination in England having forced it as high as 6d. We now quote 16 to 17c. There is no marked demand for liquors, only the usual quantities of cheap wines and strong waters are selling. We quote *De Kuyper's* gin \$2.25 to 2.37 per gal. in wood, and *Ball & Dunlop*, \$2.20 to 2.30; green cases \$4.25 to 4.50, and red cases \$3.25 to 3.50.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—Trade in this department is very active, heavy goods are especially in demand. The pressure of orders upon the foundries and other factories occasions a constant enquiry for pig and bar. Pigs have been advancing steadily in the Scotch market, especially favourite brands. American advices, too, state that consumers of foundry pig bought freely in 50 to 100 ton lots, while makers are indifferent as to selling ahead. Best brands, says a Philadelphia paper of 31st ult., are held firm at \$24.50 for No. 1, and \$22.50 for No. 2 pig. American markets indicate active enquiry for bar iron and Bessemer steel; galvanized iron is scarce, and the mills oversold; nails are "urgently enquired for." We note *Langloan* pig in this market at \$23.50. *Summerlee* from at \$24.00 to 24.50. Prices of bar abroad are stiffening, but we meantime quote \$2.00 to 2.15; boiler plates, \$2.75 to 4.50; sleigh shoe steel, \$2.40 to

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