

**Sheet Iron**, 9 to 10c.; **Cut nails**.—Per 100 lbs., 12 dy to 7 in., \$3.00; ditto, 5 dy to 10 dy, \$3.30; **Shingle nails**, \$3.80; **Lath nails**, \$4.60. **Lead**, Pig, per 100 \$5.00 to 5.25; **Sheet**, \$5.25 to 5.50; **Bar**, \$6.50 to 7.00; **Shot** \$6.25 to 6.75; **Steel**, cast, per lb., 12 to 15c; **Spring**, per 100 lbs., \$3.50 to 4.00; **Tire** per 100 lbs. \$3.00 to 3.50; **Sleigh shoe**, \$2.75 to 3.00; **Ingot Tin**, 18 to 20c; **Ingot Copper**, 19 to 20c; **Horse shoes**, per 100 lbs., \$3.37½ to 3.50.

**LEATHER**.—Business continues quiet, and the demand from the trade being only very moderate, stocks are well assorted. Prices are nominally unchanged but generally in buyers favor. We quote **Hemlock Spanish sole**. No. 1; B. A., 23½ to 24c; ditto, No. 2 B. A., 20½ to 21c; **Zanzibar**, ordinary No. 1, 20 to 21c; ditto, No. 2, 18 to 19c; **Buffalo sole**, No. 1, 20 to 21c; ditto, No. 2, 18 to 19c; **Hemlock slaughter**, No. 1, 24 to 26c; **Waxed Upper**, light and medium, 32 to 38c; ditto, heavy 31 to 36c; **Grained**, 34 to 36c; **Splits**, large, 24 to 30c; ditto, small, 21 to 26c; **Calfskins**, 27 to 36 lbs., 55 to 65c; ditto, 18 to 26 lbs., 50 to 60c; **Sheepskin linings**, 20 to 28c; **Harness**, 24 to 28c **Buffed cow**, 14 to 15½c; **Enamelled cow**, 16 to 18c; **Patent Cow** 15 to 18c; **Pebbled cow** 12 to 15c; **Rough** 22 to 26c.

**OILS**.—Stocks of fish oil are light, demand is limited and prices are nominal. We quote **Cod oil** A Newfoundland 52½c; **Seal oil**, pale, 55c; ditto straw, 50c; ditto steam refined, 60c; **Linseed oil**, Kaws 61 to 62½c; ditto boiled, 64 to 65c. **Olive oil**, \$1 to \$1.10; **Palm oil**, 8½ per bbl. **Petroleum**.—The stocks here have been pretty well reduced, and the market though firm is not quotably higher, prices range from 16 to 17½c according to size of lot.

**PROVISIONS**.—**BUTTER**.—Receipts 537 pkgs; shipments 1,071 pkgs.; there has been rather more demand and prices have favored holders. We quote old butter 8 to 17c, and new choice butter 20 to 22c. **CHEESE**.—Receipts and shipments this week have been very small, and nothing is done beyond a few small sales to the local trade at 14 to 15c. **Lard** 8½ to 9½c. **Pork**.—Receipts 500 brls.; shipments 86 brls.; demand is improving, and prices are a shade firmer, we quote mess pork at \$12.50 to \$13.

**WOOL**.—There is so little doing in wool that it is quite impossible to establish quotations. We quote Canada pulled at 26 to 27c; nominal. Selected customers could buy under these figures.

## TORONTO MARKETS

Toronto, April 18th, 1878.

It would be incorrect to state that there has been any marked change in any of the city wholesale markets during the past week. In manufactures, groceries, and provisions, trade has been quiet, limited to the regular orders from country dealers, and last week's quotations are generally unchanged. The hardware and lumber trade have slightly improved. The local produce market has continued steady, without essential change in prices, until within the last two days. Speculators have not been operating, awaiting a more favorable turn of affairs in the East. The outlook, however, is encouraging; the selling price of gold has declined to par. Prices for lumber have advanced. A large quantity of the wheat crop is also still in hand, and with the early Spring and good roads the movement of this stock has been increased. The new fall wheat, too, looks excellent all over the country. These things all combine to give a stimulus to trade, and on the whole there appears to be a considerable improvement when contrasted with the state of affairs a year ago.

**BOOTS AND SHOES**.—A good sorting-up trade has been reported. There has been more demand for goods to be delivered immediately than was experienced for some weeks previous. This demand cannot be met at once, however, as dealers have all they can do to fill orders sent in previously, in proper season. Prices steady and unaltered. Manufacturers are wisely exercising a great deal of caution about placing goods on time.

**COAL AND WOOD**.—The fine weather having set in, trade has naturally been dull. Prices for the summer season will not be settled until the 1st May. Lehigh is scarce and quoted at \$6.50. Hard or soft coal is now worth \$5.50 per ton.

**CATTLE**.—Several large shipments of cattle to Liverpool and London have been made during the week. About 2,200 head, of all grades, have changed hands; the best of these were selected, and brought high prices. The average weight of the cattle purchased for shipment was about 1,400 lbs. each; 300 head of that grade sold at from \$5.00 to 5.25 per 100 lbs. There were also sales of 140 head at \$5.63 per 100 lbs.; 100 head, grade, at \$4.50 to 5.00; 50 head at \$4.00 to 4.50; five cars big cattle for Montreal, at \$4 to 4.50; 50 head at \$4.50 to 5.00; and several pure-bred Durhams for the Easter market, at \$6 to 8.00. Several Halifax and St. John dealers bought choice lots of cattle and sheep, at our Western market; Mr. Spencer bought, for immediate shipment to Liverpool, 80 head of cattle and 500 sheep. Prices range at \$5 to 5.50, choice for exportation; and for local market, at \$4.50 to 5.00 for first class; \$4.00 to 4.25 for second class; and \$3.50 to 3.75 for third class. **Sheep**.—About 1,000 head changed hands during the week, chiefly for shipment, at 4½ to 5c, live weight. First-class quoted at \$8 to 10 each; second-class, \$5 to 7; third-class \$3 to 4. Yearlings scarce and wanted; 5 to 6c. was paid for 300 head, live weight. Spring lambs, first-class worth \$4 to 5; second, \$3 to 3.50; and third \$2 to 2.50. **Calves** have been plentiful; for choice stock, good prices were paid, from \$20 to 30 each. First-class worth \$10 to 12; second, \$6 to 7, and third, \$3 to 4.

**FLOUR**.—Stocks in store, 29,565, bbls, against 30,191 bbls, last week, and 10,476 bbls, on like date last year. No large sales have been reported during the week, and the market closes very quiet, the demand seems restricted to local pressing wants, and values remain almost entirely nominal. Superior extra quoted \$5.70; extra \$5.50, fancy, \$5.10, and spring extra \$4.50 to \$4.75. **Bran** in car lots is nominally worth \$13.00 per ton. **Oatmeal** is dull and unchanged.

**GRAIN**.—**Wheat, fall**.—Stocks in store 125,498 bushels, against 124,807, bushels last week, and 81,769 bushels on like date last year. No reported sale of any kind since our last reference and prices are nominally unchanged. **Wheat, Spring**.—Stocks in store 382,372 bushels against 384,773 bushels last week, and 150,401 bushels on like date last year. The market has been quiet but steady, and prices have undergone very little change since last week, being now slightly easier. Recent sales of round lots of No. 1 were made at \$1.12 to \$1.12½; and for No. 2 \$1.09 is bid, and \$1.10 is asked. Buyers have receded to some extent, but sellers have remained firm and disinclined to operate, still awaiting the result of the Eastern difficulty. There have been no sales during the last two days, but at the close there is a good demand for No. 1, at \$1.13, and for No. 2, at \$1.09, but holders ask one cent above these prices. **Barley**.—Stocks in store 141,034 bushels, against 148,006 bush., last week and 105,430 bush. on like date last year. The market has continued extremely dull and prices can scarcely be quoted. The only reported sale all week was Wednesday of a round lot of No. 2, at 48c. f.o.c. **Oats**.—Stocks

in store 11,966 bush., against 13,902 (bush., last week, and 30,747 bush., on like date last year. Market has ruled steady, with occasional sales of American, at 35c. for cars on track. **Peas**.—Stocks in store 20,590 bush., against 21,795 bush., last week, and 50,652 bush., on like date last year. Market has been firm, with an improved demand; yesterday one lot of 2,000 bush. No. 2, was sold at 72c. f.o.c. **Seeds**.—Timothy still quoted at \$1.70 to \$1.80, and **Clover** at \$4, in the store.

**GROCERIES**.—The country trade has been reported fairly good, but "jobbing" business has been very slack during the week. **Teas** have been in fair demand, and there is a much better feeling in New York this week. There has been a fair business done with country dealers in medium priced Hysons, but no long lines have been sold. Prices unaltered. **Coffees** dull, and quotations unchanged. **Fruit** has been firmer, under a better demand. One lot of 200 boxes Valencia raisins was sold at 5c, but now they could not be obtained at under 5½c. Currants are very scarce, and fine qualities are wanted; from 6½ to 7c would be paid for them. Small sales of ordinary currants were made at 5½ to 6½c. **Fish**.—Very dull; no change in price. **Sugars**.—Market has been steady and firm. No lots of any consequence moving; bright Scotch quoted at 8½ to 8¾c; English refined at 7½ to 8c, brown 9½ to 9¾c; dry crushed at 10½ to 10¾c, and cut loaf at 10½ to 11c. Small sales have been made within these ranges. Five hogsheds Scotch were bought at 8½ to 8¾c. **Spices**, flat and unchanged. **Syrups** have been a shade firmer, but the few small sales reported were made at last week's quotations. **Tobaccos**, quiet but steady, at former quotations.

—An invoice of sugars was shipped from Glasgow on the 30th March last, via the Anchor Line and Intercolonial Railway, to a leading firm of grocers in this city, and the goods were deposited in the store on Front St. on the 16th April. A good instance, this, of rapid transit.

**HARDWARE**.—The demand has been reported fair for all kinds, and payments are slightly improving. Shelf hardware, which is usually in good demand at this season for building purposes, is tolerably active. **Tin plate** and **Copper** have been enquired for to a considerable extent. Prices steady as quoted.

**HIDES AND SKINS**.—Good **Hides** are scarce, and wanted; but, so far, prices have remained steady. All **Sheepskins** offering have been taken readily, at from \$1.10 to 1.15. **Calfskins** are becoming more plentiful, as the demand from farmers is very light. **Tallow** continues quiet and steady at previous quotations.

**LEATHER**.—Trade has been quiet all week, the demand being light. **Harness** has been most enquired after, and sales were made at our quotations. **Light Slaughter** and **light upper** have also been asked for, but the heavy qualities are not wanted. **Buff** and **Pebble** were quiet and other kinds of leather have been dull, and unchanged as regards prices. We quote **Cod oil** at 55 to 60c. No lines of anything have been sold.

**PROVISIONS**.—A slight improvement in trade is reported in some quarters, but there is no quotable alteration in prices. A fair demand from country dealers has been experienced, generally, but no large lots have been moving off. **Butter**.—Choice dairy has continued in good demand, at from 13c to 16c, but in common grades there has been scarcely anything doing. There were reported sales of about 80 packages of fair store packing at 6c, and 30 more at 5c. **Bacon**.—Small orders from the country have been received to a reasonable extent; Cumberland cut now worth 7c to 7½c, and long clear 7½ to 8c. **Cheese**.—A good demand for prime, which