

ponding period of 1881; shipped during the week 23,640 bushels, total shipments from 1st January to date 6,668,135 bushels, being an increase of 345,597 bushels on the shipments for the same period of 1881. There is nothing doing here at the moment on which to base quotations.

GROCERIES.—Teas.—The market is in a very unsettled state and prices are not satisfactory to importers, stocks both here and in New York being much ahead of the demand, consequently there is a feeling of depression in the market. There have been small sales of low grade to fine Japans at from 15 to 32c. **Coffee** market is quiet, some Jamaica was sold at 11½c; we quote it 10 to 12; Mocha is scarce, holders ask 29 to 31c., but we hear of a sale a shade under our inside quotation; Java, 16 to 24½. **Sugar**, a good deal of refined sugar has gone out this week, granulated at 8½ to 8¾c. Yellows have all been in fair demand at 7½ to 8½c, according to brightness. **Raw Sugars** have been very dull and the price may be quoted from 7½ to 7¾c. **Molasses**, there is more business doing and a better feeling in the market; sales of Barbadoes have taken place from 52 to 53c.; and Trinidad at 47½ to 48c.; Antigua, 49c. **Rice** is steady at \$3.60 to \$3.72. **Spices** are scarce and in demand; Black Pepper is held for 16 to 17c; stocks in England are very low; white Pepper, 26 to 27c.; Cloves are scarce and held for 25 to 28c.; Pimento, 11 to 15c.; Jamaica Ginger, 15 to 17c.; Nutmegs, 40 to 90c. **Fruit**—The movement is slow in is good enough for fruit. Valencia Raisins—almost all the business during the year, at some considerable parcels have been sold, from 7½ to 7¾c., holders are now asking 8c; Sultanahs have sold from 10 to 11c; Loose Muscatels are plentiful and have been sold at \$2.10; London Layers are freely offered at \$2.65; Currants are in light demand at 6½ to 7c; Figs in 1-lb. boxes sell at 15c. and 16c for 3-lb. boxes; not much doing in Nuts.

HARDWARE.—Now that stock-taking has commenced most merchants will have little else to do for this month, and until after the New Year little or no business of much account is expected. Prices are nominally unchanged. Stocks are not heavy, and better prices for most lines are expected. We quote **Pig Iron**, per ton, Coltness, \$24.00 to 24.50; Siemens, \$23.00 to \$24.00; Gartsherrie, \$24.00 to \$24.25; Summerlee, \$24.00 to \$24.50; Langloan, \$24.25 to \$24.75; Eglinton, \$21.50 to \$22.00; Calder, \$22.00 to \$22.50; Cambro, \$22.00 to \$22.50; Hematite, \$26.00 to \$27.00. **Bars**, per 100 lbs., Siemens, \$2.25; Scotch and Staffordshire, \$2.25; Best do. \$2.40; Swedes, \$4.25 to 4.50; Norway, \$5.00 to \$5.25; Lowmoor and Bowling \$6.25 to 6.50. **Iron Pipe** 55 per cent off best. **Canada Plates** per box, Glamorgan and Budd, \$3.10 to 3.15; Penn., \$3.20 to 3.25; Swansea, \$3.20 to 3.25; Hatton, \$3.00 to 3.10; Thistle and Clifton, \$3.25 to 3.30; **Tin Plates** per box, Charcoal IC, \$5.25 to 5.50; Charcoal, IX., \$7.25 to \$7.35; ditto, DC, \$4.50 to 4.75; ditto, DX., \$6.50; to 6.75; Coke IC., \$4.35 to 4.50.

HIDES.—Tanners have been complaining of the high price of hides and threatened to close up their tanneries, unless a considerable reduction was made in Raw hides, and yesterday prices were lowered to \$8.7, and 6, with the prospect of a further decline. **Lamb skins** are steady at \$1, but this month's rate has not been fixed yet.

LEATHER.—There is hardly anything doing at present as the larger factories are all shut down on account of the difficulty with the lasters. Until this matter is arranged there will not be much doing in the trade. Quotations are unchanged. We quote **Hemlock Spanish Sole B. A.** 26 to 27½c; ditto No. 2 B A 23 to 24½c; No. 1 **Ordinary Spanish** 26 to 26½c. No. 2 ditto 22½ to 23½c; **Buffalo Sole**, No. 1, 21 to 23c; ditto No. 2, 19 to 21c; **Hemlock Slaughter**, No. 1, 26 to 28c; **Waxed Upper**, light and medium, 33 to 37c; ditto ditto heavy, 33 to 35c. **Grained**, 34 to 38c. **Spits**, large, 21 to 28c; ditto small, 15 to 21c. **Calfskins** (35 to 40 lbs.), 70 to 75c; ditto (25 to 34 lbs.), 60 to 60c; **Sheepskin Linings**, 25 to 5c; **Harness**, 24 to 34c. **Buffed Cow**, per ft., 14 to 16c. **Enamelled Cow**, 15 to 16c. **Patent Cow**, 15 to 16c. **Pebbled Cow**, 12 to 15c. **Rough**, 22 to 27c.

OILS.—We note a considerable advance in the price of fish oils, the market however has been quiet but very firm. The supply in the market is fair. **Cod Oil**, A Nfd. 67½c, ditto Gaspe 66c; **Seal** pale, 75c, ditto Straw 70c, and steam refined 87½ to 90c. **Petroleum**, since the boats stopped running there has not been so much demand, and business is likely to be dull till such time as we have good winter roads. There

is if anything a show of weakness in the market. We quote car lots 19 to 19½c; broken lots 20c, and single brls 20 to 21c. per Imp. gallon. **Lined oil** is unchanged, as also is **olive**.

Provisions.—Butter.—Receipts for the past week 3,498 pkgs. Shipments, 3,198 pkgs. There appears to be some little improvement in the English market, but there is not much doing here, the stocks in the hands of farmers and others appear to be much lighter than was expected, and on the whole prices are firm as under: Creamery, 23 to 27c; Eastern Townships, 20 to 22c; Morrisburgh, 18 to 20c; Brockville, 17 to 19c; Western, 15 to 18c. **Cheese**—Receipts for the week, 7,401 boxes; shipments, 14,657 boxes. The market has been moderately active, and for fine to choice lots of September and October make 11½ to 12½c. has to be paid; while August make is worth from 10 to 10½c. **Pork**—The country trade has not opened up yet, for the want of winter roads, the market is consequently dull; Western pork is still quoted at \$22 to 22.50. **Lard** in pairs is in moderate demand at 14½ to 15c; some considerable transactions have taken place at 14½. Hams and bacon are unchanged. **Eggs** are scarce, and for extra fresh lots 30c. is paid, and for others 26 to 29c., according to freshness.

SALT.—Liverpool coarse salt is still quoted at 65 to 68c, but very little doing at present; Factory-filled \$1.40 to 1.50.

WOOL.—The wool market here is firm, in sympathy with the London sales which are now in progress at firm prices. The United States market is also very firm. There have been sales of American wool at 17 to 19c; and Australian at 23 to 25c. Domestic wool is 30c, both of the mills, following rates: A Super, 33 to 34c; B Super, 29 to 30c; No. 1, 27 to 28c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, 7th Dec., 1882.

Glimpses of winter, short spells of sleighing, varied by thaws and threatenings of muddy roads, have been the experience of the week in this neighborhood. Last night's hard frost and the additional snowfall improved the prospect for retail trade. In various parts of the province sleighing has been very fair. Country shopkeepers complain that farmers are not selling their grain; collections are therefore difficult, and remittances less than they should be. There is this to be said for some farmers: that the harvest being late they were unable to thresh and get grain to market before the roads broke up, and they will probably now take advantage of sleighing. It is, however, true that many are holding back wheat for higher prices, which is folly, in the face of accounts from abroad, for there is nothing now visible to make prices better this winter than they are to-day, and our agriculturists had better realize what they can at once out of their abundant harvest.

The money market continues steady, the best commercial paper being discounted at 7 per cent., while as high as 8 is exacted for renewals. Loans to brokers on collateral are made at 7 per cent. for call and 8 for time. Sixty-day bills 10½; Demand bills, 109½. Compared with the prices at close of last week, the average of bank stocks is a trifle higher, Toronto having advanced 1½. Imperial 1 to 1½. Dominion 2 per cent.; the others mostly steady. Transactions have not been large. There has been no rush to buy Federal, although its statement for the six months showed earnings of \$186,000 on an average capital of \$1,942,000. Of the large addition made to Rest account, nearly the whole was the proceeds of stock sold at a premium. Loan company shares, which had been quiet during the week, were yesterday active, Canada Permanent selling at 235, owing doubtless to the 14 p. c. dividend; Huron & Erie at 160; but North-West Land Co., which sold on Saturday at 54½, sold down to 51s. on Wednesday afternoon.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The female button hole stitchers at J. D. King & Co.'s factory struck yesterday because some experienced American machine operators in that line were engaged by the firm.

COAL AND WOOD.—Prices of coal are steady at \$6.50 for all kinds of anthracite, with \$7.00 for best bituminous grate. Wood is higher, \$6.00 being now obtained for best hard, and \$5.00 for soft.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There are no especial

features in the market. Christmas activity has not shown itself yet, for there is not wintry weather enough. Gentian, quassia, and such goods as the brewers can use in place of hops, continue higher; Morphine is steady at \$3.00 to \$3.10; Opium \$5.00 to 5.25; Quinine slightly lower, we quote, \$2.25 to \$2.60. The Soda market, as per Liverpool advices of last month, was steady. A circular of 16th ult. says: Soda Ash, Liv., steady, carbonated most asked for; Caustic Ash still offered at lowest prices; Caustic Soda, prices weak and demand slow; Soda Crystals steady at 55s. 3d. to 55s. 6d. Newcastle: Cream Tartar, prime white, quoted Liverpool, Nov. 25th, at 128/- to 130/- Turpentine advanced in price, and rosin slightly dearer.

DRY-GOODS.—A perceptible filip has been given to wholesale trade by the snow and frost of the past week. Later orders are coming in pretty freely for seasonable goods wanted "in a hurry." Flannels, knitted goods, wraps, and the like are in request, and country dealers say their heavy woolsens have begun to move. Cotton goods, according to recent English advices, are firm, and although a slight decline lately took place, the prospect is in the direction now of an advance. Our cotton mills are filling their orders satisfactorily, and who else dealers have fairly assorted stocks of domestics. Remittances are as a rule good, though some houses find certain of their customers behind with collections.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—There is very little demand for flour of any grade in barrels; bakers of course, must have the patent process flour, but that goes from the millers direct to their shops, and does not come into this market; the same is true of strong baker's flour. The market is 5 to 10c. lower this week; for some brands of superior extra \$4.40 to 4.45 is still asked, but others, which will inspect, are said to have changed hands at a shade lower; extra brs \$4.30, and in one case more; and Spring extra \$4.25 to 4.30. **Oatmeal** is scarce, the mills cannot furnish it for immediate shipment, and complain that the price of merchantable oats has been too high; quotations are fully maintained. **Bran** too, is scarce, the output of the mills is limited because of low water, and farmers are using it for feed; \$13 would be paid for car lots.

FURS. Business in this line is and has been good; dealers describe the season as one of the most satisfactory experienced for five years, sales to the North-West proving brisk. The demand is mainly for first-class goods, these are safe to sell when the common kinds "hang." Not many raw furs offer, as yet, the season being hardly far enough advanced. **Mink** are not wanted unless good, and good ones bring 75c., prime, \$1; **Mu-kra**, the fall prices are, full sized, 12c., kits, 5c.; there are no winter ones in yet. **Otter** skins command from \$4 to \$9 according to quality. **Beaver** we quote from \$2.00 to 2.50 per lb. **Red Fox** \$1.50 to 1.60; **Cross Fox**, \$2.50 to 4.00; **Raccoon**, 30 to 60c, not many offering; **Fisher**, \$4 to 7.00; **Bear**, \$6 to 12, the outside figure can only be commanded by a fine skin. Of Buffalo, the catch this year is large, and sales of robes have been made in New York at less than previous year's prices. A good share of the robes in this market have paid the 15 per cent. duty. The ruling prices here are regarded as giving good value. We quote from \$6.00 to as high as \$12 for a 1st class. Yak robes, alias China fox or Japanese goat, are in fair demand for hearth rugs and rule higher.

GRAIN.—Market quiet all over the list, stocks 341,000 bushels against 325,000 bush. last week. **Wheat.**—Fall.—Sales of No. 2 and 3 are reported the former brought 92c. on Monday and 91c. on Wednesday, in car lots. **Spring Wheat.** An occasional car is bought for millers' account at 97 and 95c. for Nos. 1 and 2. **Ba. W.**—The season for shipping by lake being over, only limited lots are now moving at about last week's prices. No. 3 is in less demand than in any other grade and has fallen to 50c. **Peas** are somewhat firmer, 76c. would now be paid for No. 1, but that grade cannot be had. **Oats.**—Weaker, and demand very trifling. **Rye** is unchanged and **Corn** looking downward. The following are the quantities of grain held here:

	Dec. 4 1882.	Nov. 27 1882.	Dec. 5 1881.
Stocks in store.	1882.	1882.	1881.
Fall wheat bush.	106,902	109,065	171,141
Spring " "	40,218	32,926	41,231
Oats " "			5,183
Barley " "	187,749	176,393	281,383
Peas " "	1,900	2,969	4,700
Rye " "	4,217	4,119	12,051
Grand Total	340,986	325,472	515,689