

duce is fairly active; fish plentiful and unchanged.

At the banks, a fair amount of business is being done. Good commercial paper is being discounted at 7 to 7½ per cent. For loans on stocks, 5 and 5½ per cent is paid. Sterling exchange 8½ to 8¾ premium for sixty day bills between banks, and 8½ for cash over counter; 8½ to 9 for demand bills. Stocks are weak, bank stocks especially. Considerable sales have been made, it appears, of shares upon which the margin of "long" holders were exhausted and shares thrown over by despairing holders.

ASHES.—The market is quiet at \$4.70 to \$4.80 for Pots, as to tars. Pearls are worth about \$6.75, and a sale of a few barrels has been made at that price.

FLOUR.—The market remains dull and without change. The following are the quotations for to-day:—Superior Extra \$5.45 to \$5.50; Extra Superfine, \$5.50; Fancy, \$5.25; Spring Extra, \$5.25 to \$5.30; Superfine, \$4.75 to \$4.80; Strong Bakers, Can., \$5.50 to \$5.75; do. Amer., \$6.00 to \$6.75; Fine, \$3.85 to \$3.95; Middlings, \$3.75 to \$3.85; Pollards, \$3.50 to \$3.60; Ontario Bags, medium, bags included, \$2.55 to \$2.65; do. Spring Extra, \$2.50 to \$2.55 do. Superfine, \$3.25 to \$3.35; City Bags, delivered \$3 to \$3.05. Cornmeal, \$3.20 to \$3.40; Oatmeal, ordinary, \$5.00 to \$5.25; granulated, \$5.20 to \$5.50.

FISH.—Very little doing in this line, offerings not large, but in excess of requirements. Portland lobsters and fresh smelts from the lower ports were features of the Bonsecour market. Shell oysters were in fair request at \$3.50 to \$4.50, as to quality.

There have been heavy stocks of Labrador herring in this city, with a weak market, mostly No. 2 quality. They opened at \$5.00 per bbl., prices gradually receding to \$4.25. On Monday Messrs. John Baird & Co. held an auction sale, when 2,000 barrels were offered. About 1,200 barrels being sold at prices ranging from \$3.25 to \$3.62½ for No. 2, and at \$2.25 up to \$3.00 for No. 3, the balance being withdrawn.

GRAIN.—There is no change to note in prices, and transactions are not very considerable. We quote Canada Red Winter Wheat, \$1.22 to \$1.23; Canada White, \$1.10 to \$1.15; Canada Spring, \$1.18 to \$1.20; Corn, 63½ in bond; Peas, 90c; Oats, 35c; Barley, 55 to 65c; Rye, 62c.

GROCERIES.—Prices are for the most part steady, and a moderate demand is passing. There is a firm market and fair enquiry for teas, especially for all good greens, the advance on these in England, while not great is firmly held. Sugar is weak, though without any quotable decline. The refiners are not pressing sales and are showing samples at unaltered prices. Tobaccos are still very firm, with an advance expected. McDonald, who is a very heavy holder, has not yet spoken, but may be expected to raise prices of his brands.

PROVISIONS.—In sympathy with an advance in Chicago, our market for hog products is more firm. Very little doing in mess pork, which would cost to lay down, if bought in Chicago to-day, \$16.50. Lard quiet but firm. The small lots of dressed hogs offering are mostly poor and we quote \$6.25 to 7.00 as to quality. We quote:

Mess pork per bbl.....	\$15.50	to	\$16.00
Hams city cured per lb.....	0.13	"	0.15
Hams canvassed ".....	0.00	"	0.00
Lard, Western, in pails per lb	0.10½	"	0.11
Lard, Canadian, in pails	0.10½	"	0.10½
Bacon, per lb.....	0.13	"	0.14
Tallow, refined, per lb	0.08	"	0.08½
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs ..	6.25	"	7.00

Butter, the market is inactive but firm for finest qualities. We quote:—Creamery 24 to 26c.; Eastern Townships 19 to 21½c., Morrisburg and Brookville 18 to 21c. Western summer makes 13 to 15 do. autumn makes 17 to 18c. Add to above prices a couple of cents per lb. for selections for the jobbing trade. Cheese is quiet at 10 to 11c. for August, and 11 to 11½c. for Sept. and Oct. The public cable is still at 58c. Eggs continue firm at 25 to 26c. sales being made principally at the latter price.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Nov. 29, 1883.

The movement of merchandise this week is neither large nor very active; mild weather and poor country roads largely accounts for this.

Dry goods orders are of a small, sorting-up character. Hardware merchants report relatively greater stir; grocery houses have had a fair business at steady prices; grain and provisions move but slowly; boots and shoes are in moderate demand; there is no special feature in drugs, paints or oils. But few complaints are heard of remittances: grocery and hardware houses generally report them satisfactory.

Stock brokers and holders of shares have the greatest reason to complain. The tendency of bank shares all week has been downward. In the New York stock market "apathy," "timidity," "irregularity," and at last "extreme dullness" are terms used on different recent days to describe the feeling. Montreal reports say that the tone on 'Change was weak on Monday, depressed on Tuesday, while yesterday "the bottom was knocked completely out by the Bears." Here, Bank of Montreal sold down to 172, Toronto at 160, Commerce at 118, Federal at 127, Ontario at 95. North-West Land shares sold at 63s., Western Assurance at 118, Building & Loan at 100½. The Exchanges in the United States will be closed to-morrow (Thanks-giving Day).

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Some of the factories are working full time, but more of them on reduced time. Now that the orders are more generally got through with, activity may fall off. Prices continue tolerably steady, labor and material does not vary much in price compared with a year ago. The condition of the trade is tolerably satisfactory, and there is less complaint of cutting prices. Eastern makers, however, sell at very close figures. Remittances vary in different districts.

FLOUR & MEAL.—The market has been and is extremely quiet, the demand being altogether local, we can hear of no transactions, but Superior Extra is quoted \$5.10 to \$5.20; Extra \$4.95 to \$5.00; Spring Extra \$4.80 to \$4.90. Oatmeal is still quiet and weaker, car lots can be bought at \$4.25 to \$4.50. Bran is steady at \$12.00 to \$12.25 per ton in car lots.

FUEL.—Prices of coal and wood are firm, the latter scarce. We quote stove and chestnut coal delivered \$7.00; egg and grate \$6.75; soft coal \$6.25 to \$6.50. Hard wood will hardly be cheaper unless we get sleighing, it sells as high as \$7. per cord, pine brings \$4.25 to \$4.50.

GROCERIES.—Trade is reported quiet in this line to-day, but there has been a fairly brisk demand for fruit and staples since we last wrote. Some cheaper fruit has made its appearance in the market, but for all choice goods quotations are unchanged. Tobaccos are very good value and according to advices from Montreal are going still higher. Liquors have been rather more enquired for during the fortnight, fine liquors for winter or holiday use mostly. Sugar is unchanged, but the feeling is not strong. Teas are firm, choice brands particularly. Remittances for November have been unusually good.

The coffee speculation during the past week, says the N. Y. Bulletin, was, in trade parlance, somewhat "shaky." This appears to be due almost entirely to the gradually increasing stocks, the visible supply of Brazil for the United States now amounting to some 815,000 bags, and still growing, with no fairly compensating demand, and the trade about entering upon one of the dullest months of the year. Of the receipts at this port since the 1st instant, 75,000 bags came from Europe, and a corresponding quantity is expected by the end of December, unless a very decided shrinkage in valuation takes. This is a very solid endorsement of the suggestions made in these columns a short time ago regarding the availability of the world's supply through the extensive existing facilities for moving it, and the natural tendency of any commodity to seek the highest market. It is possible that some of the importations from Europe may not be satisfactory for contract deliveries, but they make weight, satisfy a great deal of the actual consumptive demand, and must have an influence in the long run.

GRAIN.—Markets in the Old Country are steady on wheat and firm on corn, by yesterday's cables. In Chicago, there is a feeling which had sent prices up 2c., but this does not affect our market, which is already above the American. Fall wheat is rather higher here than last week

with sales of No. 2 at \$1.10 and \$1.11 asked. Some dealers hold No. 1 spring as high as \$1.16 and we understand \$1.15 has been paid for that grade. Navigation being closed, freights will advance and the price of barley is affected. We already note a decline and quote No. 1 say 73c. with 67c. for No. 2, 63c. for 3 extra and 50 to 53c. for No. 3. Oats are dull and weak at 34 to 35c. Peas are wanted at 76 for No. 1 and 75c. for No. 2. Rye has been selling within the week at 63c., but closed dull at 61 to 62c.

STOCKS IN STORE.

	Nov. 26, 1883.	Nov. 19, 1883.	Nov. 27, 1882.
Flour, brls		250	
Fall wheat, bush ..	32,440	30,014	109,065
Spring " " ..	34,990	30,305	32,926
Oats " " ..	700		
Barley " " ..	172,329	276,410	176,393
Peas " " ..	9,408	8,025	2,969
Rye " " ..			4,119

Grain Total.. 249,769 354,754 325,472

HIDES AND SKINS.—The usual business of this period of the year is passing in hides, which are unchanged in price. There is little doing in skins, tallow unchanged.

PROVISIONS.—The week has been a dull one, in all branches of the trade. Owing to mild weather, the receipts of dressed hogs have almost ceased, and will be trifling until the weather becomes colder. The Chicago market has been in an excited state and prices have risen rapidly, pork about \$2 per barrel advance and lard nearly a cent per pound, cut meats in proportion. Whether the advance will be maintained is doubtful. Butter in this market continues in fair demand, fine sells at 18 to 19c. and large rolls 16 to 18c., eggs are scarce and wanted at 23 to 24c. No change in quotations of other items in our list. Hops are a little more enquired for, but buyers are not willing to pay more than 22 to 24c. for choice, while growers are holding at from 25 to 28c. There is a considerable difference in quality this year.

WOOL.—Advices from England indicate lower prices, compared with some weeks ago, which assists to produce an easier feeling here. Not much extra is moving in this market at the moment; 28c has been paid for a fair-sized lot and holders are asking 29c; pulled super. sold 24c a week or two ago, no more can be obtained now, and for round lots less would have to be accepted, for pulled combing dealers are paying 18 to 20c. Ordinary fleeces is bought from country dealers or farmers at 18 to 20c., rejects or "cots" say 16c.; Southdown fleeces is scarce, 24 to 25c. would be paid for clothing.

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