

an increase of 15,340 brls. on same period of 1881. Week's shipments, 9,654 barrels; total shipments from 1st January 65,379 barrels, an increase of 11,292 barrels on same period of 1881. Business has hardly recovered from the quietness consequent on many of our merchants being out of the city on the Chicago excursion, but as there is every prospect of open navigation by the end of the week, business will likely be active to supply boats for the lower ports. Holders are considerably firmer in their views, and any sales transpiring are at the following quotations. We quote:—*Superior Extra*, \$6.15 to 6.25; *Extra Superfine*, \$6.10 to 6.15; *Fancy*, nominal; *Spring Extra*, \$5.95 to 6.00; *Strong Bakers*, American, \$7.50 to 8.00; *Strong Bakers*, Canadian, \$6.25 to 6.50; *Superfine*, \$5.50 to 0.00; *Fine*, \$4.60 to 4.80; *Middlings*, \$3.80 to 4.00; *Pollards*, \$3.50 to 0.00; *Ontario Bags*, medium to strong, \$2.95 to 3.05; do. do. *Spring extra*, \$2.80 to 2.90; do. do. *Superfine*, \$2.55 to 2.70; *City Bags* delivered, \$3.90 to 4.00; *Oatmeal*, \$5.10 to 5.20; *Cornmeal* 8.75 nominal.

GRAIN.—*Wheat*—The stock in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st inst., was 54,861 bushels, against 49,765 bushels on the 15th ult., and 51,542 bushels on the 1st April, 1881. Receipts for the week 52,348 bush; total receipts from 1st Jan. 541,044 bush., an increase of 155,691 bush. on the receipts for the same period of 1881. Shipments during week 46,437 bushels; total shipments from 1st Jan. 418,777 bushels; being an increase of 76,499 bushels on same period of 1881. There is really nothing doing in any kind of grain on which to base quotations, only a carload occasionally changing hands. It is expected that the spring trade will be late and not extensive, owing to the present high prices ruling in the West. The following quotations for this market may be taken as nominal. We quote *Canada No 2 Red Winter* \$1.43 to 1.45; *White* \$1.37 to 1.39; *Canada Spring* ordinary \$1.34 to 1.37; ditto choice hard \$1.50. *Peas* 76 to 77c per 66 lbs. *Oats* 36 to 37c. *Rye* 87 to 90c. *Barley* 60 to 65c.

GROCERIES.—*Teas*—Good enquiry has been heard for all sorts of teas, and very considerable transactions have taken place, while an advance is looked for in Japans, as opening prices in Japan are expected to be high, not less than \$25 for good medium per picul; we now quote Uncoloured Japans, common to choicest, 15 to 55c; Imperial 22 to 45c; Gunpowder 22 to 65c; Young Hysons common to first 17 to 50c; Hyson 20 to 40c; Orange Pekoe 30 to 50c; Congou common to fine 17 to 45c; Sonchong 30 to 55c; Oolong 28 to 50c. *Coffee*—Market is quiet, and consumption not up to what was expected with the present low prices; Mocha is scarce and high, priced at 32 to 33c; Java 18 to 26c; Jamaica has been selling at 11 to 15c. *Sugar*—There has been quite an active demand for refined sugar at still advancing prices, the business done has been large, and the market closes firm, with an upward tendency at the following figures: Granulated 9½ to 9¾c; Grocers' A 8½ to 9c; yellows 7½ to 8¾c; *Raw Sugars* are very firm in New York, but here for the want of stocks the market is quiet, the nominal price being 7½ to 7¾c. *Molasses* are in light supply while there is a fair inquiry; for Barbadoes 54 to 55c are ruling figures; Trinidad 50 to 52c. *Syrups* are asked for but stocks are about run out, 3½ to 4½c per lb. being still the quotation. *Rice* is in rather better demand at firmer prices, we quote \$3.65 to \$3.85. *Sago* \$5.00 to \$5.50. *Tapioca* \$6.50 to \$7.50. *Spices* are firm, and most kinds tend to enhanced values; we now quote Cassia, 13 to 15c; Cloves 30 to 35c; Nutmegs 55 to 90c; Jamaica Ginger 22 to 25c; ditto unbleached 17 to 18c; Pimento is dull at 11 to 11½c; Black Pepper 13½c to 15c; White ditto 22 to 24c; Mace 65 to 80c. *Fruit*—The market

generally has ruled dull; Valencia Raisins are cleared out of the market, and price here is nominal; we now quote Layer Raisins \$2.65 to \$2.75; Loose Muscates \$2.75 to \$3.00; London Layers are scarce at \$3.00 to \$3.10; Sultanias 10 to 12; Seedless 9 to 10c; Currants 6½ to 6¾c; Figs 10 to 11c; Prunes 7½ to 8c; Almonds Languedoc 14 to 16c; Jordan Almonds \$1.00 to \$1.10; Brazil Nuts 7½; Filberts Sicily 8½ to 9c; Walnuts 7 to 12c; ditto Grenoble 12c. *Sardines* quarters 10 to 11½c; ditto halves 21 to 23c. *Canned Lobsters* \$1.15 to \$1.50; ditto Salmon \$1.75 to \$1.85; ditto Mackerel \$1.10.

Hides are in good demand but are generally in a grubby condition; prices are firm at \$8, \$7 and \$6; *Calf skins*, owing to opposition in the trade, have advanced to 15c per lb.; *Sheep skins* are worth from \$1.25 to 1.35 each; *Lamb skins* are now coming in, and are readily bought up at 15 to 20c. each.

HARDWARE.—The market shows no material change since our last report in any particular; a fair enquiry is being made for goods generally, but at prices under present equivalent of cost of importation. Still, as stocks are not large, buyers will shortly have to advance their ideas. Freight from Liverpool, Glasgow, &c., are fully as firm as previously reported, and consequently the future is not likely to bring goods in at a cheaper rate. Pig iron is in good demand for small lots from yard at our quotations. In other lines there is no change. We quote *Pig Iron* per ton, Coltness, \$24.75 to 25.00; Langloan, \$24.75 to 25; Calder, \$24.25 to \$24.50; Gartsherrie, \$24.50 to \$24.75; Summerlee, \$24.75 to \$25.00; Carnbroe \$23.75 to \$24.00; Eglinton, \$23.25 to \$24.00; Hematite, \$28.00 to \$28.50; Siemens, \$24.00 to \$24.50; *Tin Plates*, per box, Charcoal IC. \$5.50 to \$5.75; ditto, IX., \$7.75 to \$8.00; ditto, DC. \$5.50 to \$5.75; Cope IC., \$0.00 to \$5.00; *Canada Plates*, per box, Glamorgan and Budd \$3.25 to 3.50; Pen. \$3.35 to 3.40; Hutton \$3.00 to 3.15; Thistle and Clifton, \$3.30 to 3.35. *Bars*, per 100 lbs., Scotch and Staffordshire, \$2.25; ditto best, \$2.50; Swedes and Norway, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Lowmoor & Bowling \$6.25 to 6.50; *Lead*—Pig, per 100 lbs., \$4.50 to \$4.75; ditto Sheet \$5.50; ditto Bars \$5.00 to \$5.50; do. Shot \$6.00 to \$6.50. *Steel*—Cast, per lb. 11½ to 12½c; ditto Spring, per 100 lbs., \$3.75 to 4.00; Sleigh shoe steel \$3.00 to 3.25; Tire ditto \$3.50 to 3.75; *Ingot Tin* \$27.50 to \$28; *Ingot Copper* \$20.00 to 21.00; *Horse Shoes*, per 100 lbs., \$4.25 to 4.50; Proved coil chain, ¾ in. \$5.50; *Wire*, Nos. 0 to 6, \$1.75 to 1.80; *Tinned Sheets* best Coke 9 to 9½c; ditto Charcoal No. 24 10 to 10½c. *Galvanized sheets* 7½ to 7¾c; *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs. \$2.50 to 2.75; *Sheets*, best brands \$2.75 to 3.00; *Boiler plates* ¾ to 3.25; *Russian Sheet Iron* 12½ to 13c. per lb. *Glass*, boxes 50 ft. up to 25 inch \$2.00; 26 inch to 40 inch \$2.10; 51 inch to 56 inch, \$2.35; 41 to 60 inch, \$2.50. *Cut nails*. We quote 10 dy. to 60 dy. hot cut American and Canada pattern, \$2.70; 8 and 9 dy. \$2.85; 6 and 7 dy. \$3.20; 4 and 5 dy. \$3.45; 3 dy. \$4.20; 3 dy. fine, \$5.70; 4 and 5 dy. cold cut Canada pattern \$3.20; 3 dy. do. do. \$3.70. receipts about the same. Prices unchanged.

LEATHER.—Business remains unchanged for the past week. Sales have been moderate, and

OILS.—*Linseed oil* is quiet and easier and sales are now made of raw at 70 to 71½c, boiled reaches 74 to 75c. *Spirits of Turpentine* are rather lower and we now quote 83 to 85c. *Petroleum.*—The price in London Ont. is now 16c. on the cars. Old stocks here are nearly all sold out, but demand is not active owing to the difficulty of getting goods into the country on account of the bad state of the roads, after the opening of navigation a better demand is looked for. We now quote car lots 18c.; broken lots 19c.; and single brls. 21c. For fish oils the market is quiet but firm all round, and the poor prospects of the seal fishing at Newfoundland

make it probable that we may soon see higher prices. *Cod oil* is worth 52½c. for A. Newfoundland, and 51½ for Halifax. *Seal pale* 55c. nominal; ditto straw 47½c. nominal, ditto steam refined 60 to 62½c.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—Receipts for the past week 302 kegs; shipments 1,073 kegs. No export demand just now, but all fine new butter is readily bought up for the local wants of the city at 26 to 28c; old butter of good quality sells at 20 to 22c. *Cheese.*—Receipts for the past week nil; Shipments 8,917 boxes. The market is quiet, but prices are firm in sympathy with the Liverpool market. We quote choice 13½ to 13¾c, job lots were sold to-day at outside quotation. *Lard* is in fair local demand at \$21.50 to 22.00 for Canada, and \$20.50 to 21.00 for Chicago Mess. *Lard* is firm and in good demand at 14 to 14½c for Canadian pails and 14½ to 14¾c for Fairbanks' *Sugar Cured Hams* are in good demand and reported at 14c. Bacon 13 to 13½c; *Eggs* are getting plentiful and are now worth about 19c per doz. *Maple Sugar* 9 to 10c per lb and *Maple Syrup* 85 to 95c per tin.

SALT.—Is a little firmer, and sales of *Coarse* are now made at 67½ to 70c; while *Fine* is now quoted at \$1.30 to 1.35.

WOOL.—The state of this market has not undergone much change since the date of our last report. There has been if anything rather more enquiry, but business has been chiefly confined to foreign wools. In domestic wool the business done has been very limited. We quote Greasy Cape 19½ to 21c; Australian, 24 to 32½c; Canadian A super dull at 33 to 34c; A super 30 to 31c. No. 1 super 28c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, April 6, 1881.

Warmer weather has characterized the days since we last wrote, and the nights, though cool, have not been cold. Some rain has fallen, and winter is to all appearance over. Navigation is not yet open, but the harbour shows signs of active preparation among the sea-faring men and craft. Business at wholesale, while not especially active is well maintained for this usually quiet season. Grocery and hardware houses own a steady demand, and dry goods dealers find plenty to do. There is a spurt in breadstuffs, and prices for provisions are for the most part firm. Wool is moving quietly but steadily, hides and leather are quiet.

The money market is easier; blocks offer at 6½ per cent. on good security. Bank rate of discount continues as before. Gold drafts on N. Y. ¼ premium. Stocks were weak early in the week, but have recovered a good deal. Imperial Bank, which proposes to increase its capital by \$1,000,000 went down on Tuesday, but recovered yesterday. The probable cause being that 138 was asked for the new issue, whereas 125 was the understood figure.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Most of the season's commands have been filled, or nearly so, and the remaining orders or parts of orders are receiving attention. This being the case, it is for the manufacturers, a fortunate thing that the strike of the female operatives did not occur a month earlier. About 150 of them are out: some 66 from J. D. King & Co.'s, 50 from W. B. Hamilton's, and the remainder from Childs, Charlesworth & Co. These were nearly all on piece work, and were earning, we are told, from \$4 per week in the case of 2nd class hands, up to \$5.50 to \$7.50 for good 1st class as a regular thing. Some among the latter could earn and did earn as much as \$9.90 and \$11 per week by working 9½ or 10 hours per day. It would seem, therefore, that they are ill advised in attempting, by