

withstanding the appearance of an extra large supply. Lath exceedingly scarce, and worth \$1.75 to \$2 by the car-load, an advance of 75 per cent. on usual rate. Basswood reported scarce; farmers have gone so extensively into getting out hop poles that they have neglected basswood and other lumber. The great demand for cedar poles advanced the price so much that a man and boy could readily earn \$8 to \$10 a day in cutting and hauling them, however there is such a quantity got out that no more will be required for a long time again.

OILS.—As usual at this period, the market for all kinds remains very quiet. In *Cod Oil* only a small jobbing trade, to supply present wants, is being done at unchanged prices. *Steam Refined Seal* is scarce and held firm at 95c to \$1, the latter figure being the extreme limit for small lots. The demand for *Linseed* is steadily improving, and better prices are expected to rule shortly, in sympathy with firmer markets in England. *Spirits of Turpentine* quiet and unchanged; buyers are holding off, expecting some reduction in the duty, pressure having been brought to bear upon the Government with that end in view.

PROVISIONS.—Lard advanced 3d in Liverpool yesterday; other provisions unchanged. The Chicago hog market ruled firm, with an advance yesterday of 10c to 15c per 100 lbs; estimated receipts were 9,000, and shipments 3,807. Pork in Chicago was 10c to 12½c per brl. higher than on Tuesday, and lard advanced 12½c to 1½c per 100 lbs. for futures. In the local market trade has continued quiet, with price for *Mass Pork*, lard and smoked meats about steady, at the figures current last week. Fairbanks' Lard is selling at 14½c in lots, while Canada do. is worth 14½c. City cured *Hams* have been in fair request at 14c, uncovered. *Eggs*—Receipts for the last three days have been light, hence prices have been steadier, with sales transpiring at 22c to 22½c for fresh; limed do. quoted at 17c. A few lots of *Maple Syrup* in tins, not new, however, were brought to market this week, and sold at \$1 to \$1.10 per Imp. gal. The season for *Dressed Hogs* is over; there are only a few stale lots left in the market, and are nominally worth \$9 per 100 lbs., retail.

FRUITS.—Trade dull for the past fortnight. *Oranges* firm, and not plentiful; worth \$5.50 to \$5.75 per case. *Lemons* easy at \$3.50 to \$4 per box, and \$5 to \$5.50 per case. *Cocoanuts* \$5 to \$5.50 per hundred. *Bananas* \$3 to \$4 per bunch. *Evaporated Apples*, 18c to 20c, and dried do., 10½c to 11c per lb.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—No important changes to note in the condition of the local market, which remains quiet at last week's prices. Business for the week has been confined to supplying a fair city demand and filling small country orders. There has been some enquiries received the last couple of days on Halifax and on Winnipeg account, but no transactions yet reported. New butter is coming forward very slowly, hence stocks of the old are being reduced more rapidly than was expected some time ago. Choice butter has become a very scarce article in this market, but the offerings of medium to inferior grades are more than ample for the demand at present asking prices. The local *Cheese* market continues firm at unchanged values; stocks are in few hands and pretty well under control. The Liverpool market continues firm at 70s. per cwt.

DRY GOODS.—One or two houses report a slight improvement in the trade the past week, but with the majority business for the time of year remains quiet,—and in a few instances reported even dull. There have been a few customers in the market from points east and

west, but the country roads are still reported bad, and as the bulk of Spring goods purchased by retailers remains unsold, the sorting-up demand has not begun to be felt to any extent. Prospects, however, seem to be considered good, by both retailers and wholesalers, provided of course that suitable weather characterizes the remainder of the season; and some in the trade are not anxious for an influx of buyers until the notes falling due in the early part of April have been met. Payments for the past week have not as a rule shown any improvement as compared with the previous week, and can be called only fair; a good many renewals are being asked for.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—English markets, as per latest advices, remain quiet and steady. The leading American markets steady and unchanged; prices for several days in the West remaining at about the same figures. In the local grain market, nothing doing at all in the present unsettled state of trade, and values rule nominal. The *Flour* market has been very dull; buyers cautious in these days of failures, and are holding off for lower prices. Business during the week restricted to supplying the local consumption at rather easier values,—an average decline of about 3c per barrel for the week.

WOOL.—The demand from manufacturers appears to be improving, and sales aggregating some 85,000 lbs. *Greasy Cape* at 18½c have been reported this week. The finer qualities of *Australian* are said to be worth higher figures than buyers in this market are warranted in paying, hence there is not much doing in this grade. In Canada *Pulled* there has been a fair business done in Supers at unchanged values.

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TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

TORONTO, March 29, 1883.

The condition of business this morning is peculiar and somewhat embarrassing. It is not admitted by any individual that his own particular trade or business is depressing, but there is some degree of apprehension which can scarcely be accounted for, and merchants are more watchful and anxious than usual. The general credit outside is said to be substantially good, for farmers in general are well off, and farm produce is still held to large amounts of value in the country. And the aggregate sales of the wholesale trades have been not so far behind those of the past years that they are

discouraging. But it is a fact that while the trade between the wholesale houses and the retailers has been satisfactory, the retail trade has been pinched and cut down to small dimensions, and that the goods in many cases and to a large extent might as well have been in the wholesale houses, up to the present, as in the hands of the retail men. And so the trouble comes of scanty payments and aggravating demands for renewals. How much improvement the summer season may operate remains to be seen. But the situation at present is, to say the least, vague to the trading community, both wholesale and retail. At present all trade is quiet; in many branches it is described as dull. In financial matters there is not any change that calls for notice at present. Commercial paper is still cashed at 7 per cent. for first class, and 7½ per cent. for good securities. The banks are standing well by the commercial men so far. Bank stocks are not active, nor are values likely to be enhanced for some time. It does not seem that there are many buyers besides those who have to buy, being "short." Still, outside of speculation, bank stocks are not bad investments, at a slight decline on present prices. Loan and Miscellaneous stocks have been quiet. The following table shows the closing bids to-day compared with those of last Thursday:

Banks.	Bid Mar. 29.	Bid Mar. 22.	Loan Cos.	Bid Mar. 29.	Bid Mar. 22.
Montreal..	200½	200½	Can. Permanent
Toronto ..	182	182½	Freehold	111½	111
Ontario ..	121½	121½	Western Can..	192	193
Merchants	122½	121½	Hdg. & Loan ..	103	102½
Commerce	132½	133½	Farmers' Loan.	128	128
Dominion.	199½	201	Land. & Can'dn	184½
Hamilton	113	113	Ituron & Erie	168	168
Standard..	114	114½	Dom. Savings	117	116½
Federal ..	159½	159½	Ontario Loan..	124½	123
Imperial ..	139½	139½	Hamilton Prov.
Molson's ..	120	Imperial Savin's	106½	107

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Flour has maintained its value with moderate strength. There has been such enquiry as gave a tone to the market, and manufacturers affirm that flour is as low as it can be with wheat at \$1 a bushel. Sales have been unimportant in extent, but those reported show values to be quite as high as they were a week ago. Superior extra is quoted at \$4.55 to \$4.50 in wood. Extra is quoted at \$4.35, with not much demand, and \$2.15 was offered for a lot of extra in bags, including the bags. If there should be slight decline in wheat, however, the effect would be distinctly felt in flour values. To-day the quotations are: Superior Extra \$4.50; extra \$4.35 to \$4.40; bags, extra \$2.12. The stock in store on last Monday was 9,055 barrels, against 7,773 barrels. On March 27th, 1882, and against 9,161 barrels March 28th, 1881. Stocks are reported in considerable quantities outside also. *Meal* is steady; *Oatmeal* firm and dearer; \$5.15 for standard; \$5.50 to \$5.60 for granulated. These are the prices of 20 barrel lots. *Cornmeal* is quoted at \$4; also for small lots. *Shorts* sell at \$18 to \$20 according to quality. *Bran* is quoted at \$15 with few sales reported.

WHEAT.—The Wheat market has been rather weak and unsettled. English markets have been weak and in some points lower. The reports of the wheat plant and prospects for the crop of 1883 have been growing more favorable, and the stocks of wheat from the crop of last year are large everywhere. From present appearances the best opinion concludes that prices are not likely to be any higher than they are just now. Statistics show an export-