

80c is asked, but we have heard of no sales at that figure, yet as stocks are small high prices will likely prevail. Factory filled \$1.00 to 1.10.

**WOOL.**—Sales continue of a hand to mouth character but are pretty numerous; price of Canadian pulled keeps steady at 26 to 28c.

### TORONTO MARKETS

Toronto, Nov. 29th, 1877

The continued moist, unpleasant weather of the past week has thrown a wet blanket over every kind of business. Navigation, too, is almost closed in the St. Lawrence and cannot continue much longer upon the lakes. Our wholesale houses are entering upon the period of quietude that comes between October and the Christmas trade, and need scarcely look for activity until the holidays. A coming auction sale of a bankrupt stock of woollen goods is not welcomed by the other jobbing houses in the line. A trade sale of jewellery and fancy goods is a feature of the week among fancy goods dealers.

It is complained, by our neighbours to the south, that the delay of Congress in legislating upon a change in the tariff and the resumption of specie payments tends to increase the business dullness in the States. Stocks and bonds were in active demand, however, in the N. Y. market all last week, and the supply of money there appears adequate for the demand.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—For heavy wear in this line the weeks of wet weather so much complained of by other trades, ought to be advantageous. It does not seem to have affected orders, which come in steady though they are limited in point of size. Strong and substantial wear are mostly in demand at present, the ordinary run of customers being less able now than in former years to pay the price of the handsomer and finer stock. At the same time "shoddy" goods are growing unpopular, and the request next spring is likely to be for a better class of stock. American payments of a leading house has been better this month than for three years—87 per cent of payments due this house on the 1st and 4th inst., were met, and 15th.—18th payments were very satisfactory.

**DRY GOODS.**—The wet weather of the week has made trade dull, the bad roads in the country will probably result in slack payments and plentiful renewals. As to values abroad, Linens are steady, cottons in Manchester are stiffer, and Horrockses have advanced their prices a farthing, while Bradford goods show a tendency towards decline.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—The market has been quiet and steady, with light sales of most grades at quotations. The principal movement was in extra and spring extra. **Flour.**—The stocks in store at the first of this week were 10452 bbls., against 9,002 barrels the previous week and 3,373 barrels on the corresponding date last year. **Oatmeal** we quote \$4.25 for hundred barrel lots, and \$4.50 for smaller quantities. **Cornmeal** is unchanged at the former figure.

**GRAIN.**—The market has been steady and without much animation, with the exception of oats, which have sold freely. **Wheat.**—Fall, stocks in store 39,887 bushels against 37,524 bushels last week, and 52,600 bushels on corresponding date last year. The transactions have been very limited, a few cars sold of No. 3 at \$1.16 and No. 2 at \$1.26. Spring, stocks in store 169,948 bushels against 160,861 bushels last week and 82,689 bushels on like date in 1876. No. 1. sold to a fair extent, at \$1.12, with \$1.13 asked and sometimes got. More No.

2. has been taken, and the bulk of transactions at \$1.09. **Barley.**—Stocks on 26th: 133,442 bus., while last week they were 156,031 bush., and in 1876, same week, 481,008 bush. A pretty heavy business has been done during the week, and last week's quotations were realized on most. Prices were lower at the close, however, we quote 70 to 71c. No 2 closed dull at the decline, say 59 to 60c. No. 3 nothing was done. The Oswego market yesterday was quiet closing at 93. **Oats** are firm, and in active demand at 34 to 36c; the American article selling at outside quotations, being heavier than ours this year, the stock has decreased from 17,049 last week to 12,620 on the 26th inst. **Peas.**—Stocks in store, 6,799 bush., against 16,301 last week, and 16,584 on the 27th Nov., 1876. The stock being light, holders are firm at 65 to 67 with buyers at two cents less. **Corn** 14,970 bushels in stock against 15,970 bush. last week. The market is 56 to 57.

**GROCERIES.**—Business in this line during the week has been quiet, probably owing in great part to the wretched weather. In **Coffees.**—There is but slight movement. There is a decided fall in some kinds of fruit, accounted for in some measure by consignment sales in Montreal. Malaga fruit is if anything firmer, but not quotably so, Denia fruit is easier a slight decline having taken place there. Molasses we quote 34 to 37c. **Syrups** are unchanged. **Rice** we quote at an advance of 12½, occasioned by the rise in freights. **Spices** are limited request, since our last, sugars have receded a quarter to a half cent, and were quieter. To-day there was more animation, and the N. Y. market was slightly firmer. **Teas** are slow of movement, and prices favor buyers. **Wines and liquors** are unchanged, and there is the usual moderate movement.

Sampling and weighing of sugar.—The following circular from Washington prescribes a new form of sampling and weighing sugar. To collectors and Officers of the customs U. S.

"The Secretary of the treasury shall, by regulation, prescribe and require that samples from packages of sugar shall be taken by the proper officers in such manner as to ascertain the true quality of such sugar; and the weights of sugar imported in casks or boxes shall be marked distinctly by the custom-house weigher, by scoring the figures indelibly on such package."

Under this provision of law, it is directed that at least ten per cent of each importation of sugar shall be sampled, except when imported in mats or bags, when, if deemed proper, a less quantity can be sampled.

These instructions are to take effect, it appears from the 1st December. Sugars are to be regarded as "above" the best standard with which they are being compared when they are lighter in color, even though they do not reach the next grade or standard above that which establishes the rate of duty.

In case of disagreement between experts as to the degree of color of such sugar according to the Dutch standard, the Appraiser or some other officer designated by him shall decide between them.

**HARDWARE.**—An exception to the dullness found elsewhere, is noticeable in this trade which in shelf goods is quite active. Less is doing in heavy goods. **Pig Iron** which for a long time was a drug, is in very limited supply here, no Eglinton in market. Summerlee and W. W. & Co., are obtainable at quotations. Calder at say \$20.00 Block and Grain Tin are firm, having advanced in Britain. **Cut Nails** are quiet, no change in **Spikes** or horse nails. The season is over for Canada **Plates**: there continues to be a fair demand for glass. American galvanised iron has been recently brought into the market, and promises from its appearance, and price to command free sale.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—The price paid for green

hides 8½ to 7½ for Nos 1 and 2, are still too high to please the tanners, who nevertheless continue to pay them for their restricted purchases. The margin of profit for the tanner who makes leather at the present prices, is imperceptible, and there is a clamor for better figures, which boots and shoe houses will not pay. Not many are coming in at present but all are taken a car of *cured* sold at 8½ during the week. Very few *calfskins* coming in, they are out of season. A good many *sheepskins* offer, and are taken at 60c.

**PETROLEUM.**—A rise has taken place since the 15th when a combination among the crude men took place, and the price now asked is 14c; per wine gallon at London or 164-5c; per imperial gallon. In Toronto five to ten barrel lots being 19c; per imperial gallon, smaller lots or single barrels 20c; per imperial gallon. There is a moderate demand for consumptive purposes.

**PROVISIONS.**—Matters are in a very quiet state, and only a retail movement goes on. Hog products are generally easier. Long clear *bacon* moving in small quantities at 9 to 9½c. New lard is in, and sells at 11c for tinnets and 11½ to 11¾c for pails. *Butter* continues very flat, the prices offering for shipping lots bringing nothing but disgust to the minds of holders. In *cheese* there are but small parcels selling at 12½ to 14c. *Hams* meet with fair enquiry at 10½ to 11c for smoked, and 11 to 11½c for canvassed. *Hops* are plentiful, but nothing is doing in them.

**WOOL.**—The market is very dull with but few sales. There is plenty on hand of all grades except *fleece*. The price paid for *pulled* is 25 to 26c; and it sells at 1 to 1½c; advance on these figures.

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