

—Officers of the London & Port Stanley Railway, for 1872, were elected at a recent meeting of Directors, as follows:—President, Ald. Egan, of London; Vice-President, Ald. Barker; Secretary, Wm. Bowman.

Financial.

TORONTO STOCK MARKET.

Reported by Blaikie & Alexander, Brokers.

TORONTO, Jan. 31st, 1872.

The market continues to rule steady, there being little fluctuation in any of the securities. A fair business was done during the past week in the favorite Bank Stocks.

Banks—Sales of Toronto were made at 200, 199½ and 199, closing firm at 198½ bid and 200 asked. Ontario continues rather dull and inactive at 110½ to 111½ the quotations of last week. Some large amounts of Commerce changed hands at 130 to 130½, the demand continuing strong at 130, and sellers to-day asking 131. The sales of Royal have ranged between 106 and 106½, the transactions of to-day being at 106½ and sellers asking 106½ for more. Dominion has been more active with sales from 107½ to 108½, buyers now bidding 108. Some lots of Merchants were placed at 132½ and 132, the closing figures of to-day being 131½ to 132. A decline has taken place in Montreal, the sales running from 238 down to 235½, with latest transactions at 235½.

Bonds—The inactivity in Government securities continues, very few offering. Sterling Sixes were placed at 104 and 104½, and Dominion Stock at 112½ in small amounts. The demand for City Bonds continues at 98 without any offering under 99½. Large amounts of good Counties were taken at 101½ to 102½; 96 is offered for Grey & Bruce, and Nipissing with sellers at 97½.

Sundries—No movement is made in Building Societies there being an absence of buyers. Canada is offered at 158, and Freehold at 138. Western was taken at 135½ in small amounts, and Union at 116. Building and Loan is held at 107, and Provincial at 108. Buyers of Landed Credit offer 107½ ex-dividend. Sales of Western Assurance were made at 130 and 129, and of British America at 88. Other stocks are unchanged.

TORONTO MARKET.

TORONTO, Feb. 1, 1872.

Trade generally is still quiet, but some branches show a slight improvement upon last week. The want of snow in the immediate neighborhood of the city, continues to affect business unfavorably.

BEEF—Farmers and pedlars are still offering large quantities on the street market, the supply being increased by the scarcity and high price of feed, which favors a ready sale and slaughter of cattle. Prices remain weak at 5½ to 7c. for hind quarters, and 4 to 5c. for fronts.

BOOTS AND SHOES—Orders are coming in fairly, but not very freely for early delivery; prices remain as quoted in our list.

CATTLE—The supply has been considerably in excess of the demand, which is limited to the requirements of the local market, there being little or none going forward to Montreal, as recent shipments to that market have been at a loss, and no other outlet is at present available. Of extra cattle only a very few have been offered, holders reserving such for the Easter market. We heard of the sale of one carload of very choice extra at 5c live freight. Good first class cattle fetch only 4½c at the outside; second class 3½ to 4c; third class are scarce, and not in request, prices nominal at 3 to 3½c. **Sheep and Lambs** are scarce, and wanted at rather higher rates, due in some measure to the advance in skins. We quote first class sheep at \$7, second class, \$5, third class, \$3.50 to \$4. Lambs are worth \$5 to \$5.50 for 1st class, \$4 to \$4.50 for 2nd class, and \$3.50 for 3rd class. **Calves** are scarce but not in much request, prices nominal at \$3.50 to \$8.

FLOUR & MEAL—**Flour**—The stocks in store yesterday amounted to 10,116 brls, against 5,997 brls. on the 15th ulto, and 13,422 brls. on the 31st January, 1871. The demand during the week has been confined to small lots for local trade, as prices have been maintained considerably above the views of shippers; Montreal market being dull and heavy and relatively lower than Toronto. The English market showed a decline last Saturday of 1/2 per brl., which tended to modify values here, but only to a limited extent. Last week No. 1 superfine was saleable at \$5.40, fancy at \$5.55 to 5.60, and extra at 5.75, and probably 5.80, but sales this week of small lots could not be effected at within 5c. at least of these figures; very few transactions, however, have been reported. **Oatmeal**—The market continues very dull for car lots, which have been offered freely at \$4.75, without buyers, small lots are held at \$5.00 to 5.25. **Cornmeal** is still quotable in small lots at \$3.40 to 3.50. Car lots at \$3.25.

GRAIN—**Wheat**—The stocks in store on the 31st ult. were 32,750 bush. fall, and 59,963 bush. spring, against 26,668 bush. fall and 21,546 bush. spring on the 15th ulto, and 40,132 bush. fall, and 29,892 bush spring on the 31st January, 1871. English quotations, since our last report, have been uniformly steady; whilst American prices have fluctuated within a very limited range. Holders in this market have therefore been very firm, and with a considerable improvement in the receipts by rail. Business has been more active, especially towards the end of last week, when there were sales of from 15 to 16 cars of No. 1 Treadwell at \$1.27 in store, and about 6 cars of Spring at \$1.23 in store. The sales this week were not so numerous, and were mostly on private terms. Two or three cars of No. 2 White, changed hands at \$1.28 on the track. No. 1 White would probably find buyers at \$1.30 in store, and Spring at \$1.20 to \$1.23. Street prices have been steady at \$1.27 to \$1.30 for White; \$1.22 to \$1.25 for Treadwell, and \$1.18 to \$1.22 for Spring. **Barley**—Stocks in store on the 31st ult., amounted to 53,963 bush, against 30,587 bush on the 15th ult., and 94,195 bushels on the 31st Jan., 1871. There has been a moderate local demand for car lots of No. 1, buyers offering 66c on the track, at which a few cars changed hands but holders generally asked 68c. in store, without finding buyers. No. 2 barley is still neglected, and nominal at 60c. The street price has been nearly uniform at about 66 to 68. **Peas**—Increased from 7,095 bush. on the 15th to 13,176 bush. on the 31st ulto. There has been no movement in carloads, although some inquiry was heard for such; buyers and sellers however seem apart. Street prices have been rather better, quotable this week at 69 to 71 for shipping samples, 72 to 73 for choice. **Oats**—Stocks in store, 59,345 bush. on the 31st against 57,874 bush. on the 15th ulto, and against 6,585 bush. on the 31st January, 1871. The market has been rather weak since our last, buyers limiting their business to the supply of immediate consumptive wants, not offering more than 43c for carloads on the track, a few of which sold at that figure. The street price has been steady at 44 to 45c, but with very little offering. **Rye** remains nominally unchanged at 70c, scarcely any offering on the street. Stocks in store amount to 5,350 bushels against 500 bushels at this time last year. **Corn**—No. 2 Western is offering in carloads at 60c on the track. Not

much demand. **Malt** offering at 80 to 90c in bond.

GROCERIES—Trade has not greatly improved during the week, and nothing has transpired calling for extended notice. **Teas**—A few lots of greens have changed hands at firm prices, with this exception, there is very little to report. Some new arrivals are said to be on the way to this market, but stocks are so light, that their slight increase is not likely to affect prices. In the New York market holders generally remain in a confident mood, but buyers are rather inclined to hold off, which imparts an air of dullness to the trade. The supply of greens, present and prospective, is small, and holders are likely to retain the advantage. On other styles the feeling is to some extent doubtful. **Sugar**—The market remains quiet but firm, stocks not increasing, and holders indifferent about selling at current rates. Cuban circulars of the 20th Jan., report a continued active demand, especially for centrifugals for the United States, with prices maintained high for said class and for muscovadoes, holders and planters being firm at previous quotations, and even pretend to a fraction higher for certain grades. The general position of the New York market for raws has remained much the same as noted for three or four weeks past. The new crop begins to show itself to some extent, but the effect upon the market will not be known until it is ascertained what disposition importers intend to make of the receipts. **Fruit** remains quiet, at firm prices, which we quote without change since last week. **Fish**—The market has been more active during the week. Lake Trout selling at \$3.25, Whitefish at \$4. **Tobacco**—Very quiet, no change in prices.

HIDES AND SKINS—Trade has been active, and prices firm at last week's quotations, some buyers still paying 9c for No. 1 green hides, and selling the same cured at 9½ to 9½. **Sheepskins** have advanced to \$2.25, and \$2.50 in some instances has been paid. **Calfskins** scarce, no change in prices.

LEATHER—Business has considerably improved during last week, prices being well maintained at late quotations.

OILS—Cod is firm and tending upward; very little in market.

PROVISIONS—The market continues very dull, nothing whatever doing, beyond the usual local trade. **Butter**—There are considerable lots of poor butter offering, and buyers are to be found at 10 to 11c, which is refused. Fine butter would fetch 17c. to 18c. but it is difficult to find a tub that will pass as such. Small rolls on the street sell at 20c. to 25c., large rolls and tubs at 15c. to 17c. **Cheese** continues dull at 11c. to 12c. for small lots. **Eggs** are offering at 16c to 17c. packed, with little demand. **Dressed Hogs**—The offerings have not been very large during the week, and prices have been maintained at \$5 to 5.25; two cars sold this week, one averaging 220, at \$5.20, the other averaging 240 at \$5.25, which has been the outside price paid, except for choice small lots on the street market, where \$5.50 has occasionally been given. The same would also probably be paid for heavy mess hogs, but few of these are to be had. Hog products continue dull and inactive. **C. C. Bacon** in round lots, may be quoted at 6c, though it is doubtful if buyers would give that. Small lots sell at 7 to 7½c. Smoked sides sell to local dealers at 8 to 8½c. Dry hams 8½ to 9c. Smoked 10½ to 11c. **Lard** 9½c in small lots. **Pork** is still held at \$15 without buyers. **Dried Apples** continue in fair demand; at firm and unchanged prices. **Hops** scarce and firm at 40 to 50c for choice.

SEEDS—There has been little or no movement as yet, and prices are still doubtful. One or two loads of clover have been sold on the street, at \$5.50 as was reported. Timothy has not been offered, and we have heard of no sales. Prices are therefore nominal. Other seeds are