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### TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, December 22nd, 1887.

The week seems to have been infected by the holiday feeling, and markets all over to have been affected by it. All appear to be more than usually inclined to take a rest and to forget the troubles and anxieties of trade in the sanctuary of home. There is, consequently, rather less than usual to say of our Christmas markets.

But as well as we can see the feeling all over has been firm and, generally, one of confidence. Local stocks of grain have showed an increase, this being in a great measure due to receipts of Manitoba hard wheat. The quantity in store on Monday morning was:—Fall wheat, 30,476 bush.; spring wheat, 83,998 bush.; mixed wheat, 2,001 bush.; oats, 16,106 bush.; barley, 181,225 bush.; peas, 1,987 bush.; and rye, 3,700 bush.

In the United States, the quantity of wheat in sight increased about 1,250,000 bush. during last week and that of barley about 208,000. Prices across the line have been rather stronger; but home markets have been weak. There does not seem to be much in other lines of business that calls for special remark.

**COAL AND WOOD.**—The trade is very good, though the serious drawback of insufficient transport accommodation for coal still continues. Prices of wood have fallen, and the best maple and beech are now quoted at \$6 per cord, or cut and split, \$6.50; second quality, \$5, or cut and split, \$5.50; all the other quotations remain.

**DRY GOODS.**—In this line there is neither great activity nor great dullness in sales to be chronicled among the importers. Many of them, doubtless, are doing some close thinking as to what will be the result of the year's business as shown by the balance sheet. Occasional parcels of warm winter goods and holiday wares continue to go out, but there is not a very encouraging number of spring orders taken. The retail men of the city have felt lack of snow hitherto and heavy woollens as well as Christmas goods were very slow to move. Yesterday's snow and to-day's keen frost, however, will give them a "boom."

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—The local flour market has shown no sign of rising out of the chronic dullness in which it has of late stood. Indeed the signs of the times seem to indicate that a good deal of the flour trade formerly done in Toronto will in future be done at the mills. Although little or no enquiry has been heard through the week, holders have been steady at \$3.90 to 4.25 for patents; at \$3.75 for straight roller and \$3.50 to 3.55 for extra, with superior extra not quoted. Bran—Very scarce, and very much wanted, but prices unsettled; at the close cars on track seemed likely to find buyers at \$16 to 16.50. Oatmeal—Combination prices as before; cars held at \$4.60; with small lots selling slowly at \$4.75 to 4.90 for standard and \$5 to 5.50 for granulated.

**GROCERIES.**—Small orders are brisk, but only small ones arrive, and trade and payments are very much "off." In tea hardly any stir can be noticed, all lines are very dull. There is a brisk business in tobaccos at strong prices, while last week's figures are unaltered. Sugar, syrups and molasses continue strong at unchanged prices. Much enquiry is heard for rice only buyers will not pay the advance, still it remains firm and there is scarcely anything doing. Dried fruits are steady in price and the demand is good. Coffee is "dead," there is no demand at all; and the canned goods business is in about the same condition. Tomatoes are a purchase now, and some lots are changing hands at about \$1.20 to 1.30.

**GRAIN.**—Has been quiet but firm, nearly all over. Wheat—Offerings small and held firmly, the demand for milling purposes is the only one heard. Small sales of No. 2 fall and No. 2 red winter were made on Monday at 83c., and at close at 83½c. on track; No. 2 spring has sold at 82c., and a mixed lot of No. 2 and No. 2 choice at 82½c. f.o.c., while No. 2 hard Manitoba has brought 83½c., and at close No. 1 was held at 88c. with 86c. bid. Oats have been in good demand at firm prices; mixed have brought 36½ and 37c. on track; and white at 37 to 38c. on track, the latter figures being closing prices and all offered apparently

wanted. Barley—The market has been unsettled all through the week, offerings small and buyers and sellers apart on prices. No. 1 inactive and probably worth 78c. A little No. 2 has sold and at rather firmer prices; sales have been made at 74c. f.o.c., and at 73c. for cars on the track. Extra No. 3 sold since our last at 70c. f.o.c. Peas—A few cars have sold for local consumption at 63c. f.o.c., but this demand is probably now satisfied, and stoppage of steamers at Portland has checked the shipping demand, leaving 60c. the best bid from exporters at the close. Rye—Purely nominal, seems to be neither offered nor wanted. Corn—Canadian has sold at 62c. on track but we hear of no further enquiry.

**HARDWARE.**—Cable advices to-day (Wednesday) give a further advance of £10 per ton in copper; an advance of £6 per ton in antimony, £2 in zinc, and a further rise of £1 a ton in galvanized iron. There is a brisk demand for orders that can be dated forward, but no disposition at present to book. Payments are fairly good, and, excepting in the articles specified above, there is no change in last week's figures. All metals are steady at the late advances.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—A good supply of green hides offered, all being taken at former prices. Cured have sold in car lots at 6½c., and in small lots of selected at 7c. Calfskins—Green offered slowly, but sufficiently, and unchanged; cured nominal. Sheepskins—Receipts rather on the increase; prices unchanged at 90c. for the best green. Country lots have usually ranged from 60 to 75c., but any green skins offered have been worth as much as city skins. Tallow unimproved. Christmas beef has rather increased offerings, which are taken as before at 2c. for rough and 3½ to 4c. for rendered. Trade lots inactive.

**LEATHER.**—But little is doing in this line, nor is there likely to be any movement for a little time. The wholesale houses are trying to force some business by the inducement of dating forward, and by that means several very large lots have changed hands this week; but the trade is really over for this year, and what ever goes out now is for next year's cutting.

The stocks of light Spanish leather that were very bulky not long since are getting now pretty generally worked down. Stocks are being kept as low as possible just now in all directions. No change in prices.

**PROVISIONS.**—The movement cannot be said to have been active. A good demand for choice tub butter all week; all offered, and more sought at firm prices or 20 to 21c.; medium or pastry butter brought from 16 to 18c.; common dull, a few small lots were sold to bakers at 12½ to 14c.; box lots of rolls in increased supply and easier at 17 to 19c. for best; poor offered at 14 to 15c. Cheese—Very quiet, unsettled in price at 11½ to 12½c. for small lots of fall make; summer make offered at 10c. Eggs—Steady and have sold readily at 16½ to 17c. for pickled and 20c. for really fresh in round lots. Pork—Very quiet and unchanged at \$17 for small lots. Bacon—Very little demand but holders increasingly firm at 8½ to 8¾c. for long clear; at 8 to 8½c. for Cumberland; at 9½ to 10c. for rolls and 10½ to 11c. for bellies. Hams—Scarcely any movement reported; new smoked unchanged at 11 to 11½c., and old canned obtainable at 10c. Lard—Has continued in good demand at steady prices. Canadian tierces and imported tins, 9½c.; Canadian tinnets 10c., and pails 10½c. Dried apples scarce an high.

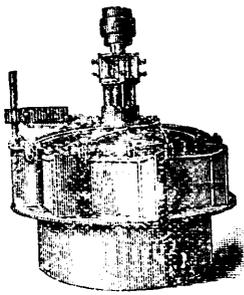
**WOOL.**—Has been dull and inactive at weak prices, with some purchases at English sales reported. Fleece quoted at 20 to 21c. for good merchantable and about 18c. for rejected; with pulled almost equally quiet at 22 to 23c. for super and 27 to 27½ for extra. Very little business with the factories reported.

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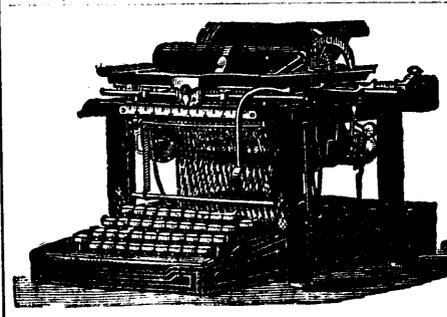
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