

TORONTO STOCK MARKET.

(Reported by Fellatt & Osler, Brokers.)

There is no improvement in the stock market since our last; only a limited business was done and prices have been barely maintained.

Bank Stock.—There were transactions in Montreal Bank during the week at 129½; but sellers generally want 130. British is wanted at 101½; but none offering here. Large sales of Ontario were made at par; a 4 per cent. dividend on the half year has been declared, payable on the 1st June. There are buyers of Toronto at 110½, and sellers at 111. Royal Canadian sold at 88 to 89, and is still offered at these figures. Commerce is much enquired for at 102 to 103; but there are no sellers. Merchants are again lower, closing with buyers at 105½. Quebec could be placed at 99½, but is not offered. Molson's sold at 108 to 108½. City is held at 102. Du Peuple is offering at 106½. Buyers offer 106 for Jacques Cartier, and 100½ for Union.

Debentures.—Canada six per cents sold at par, nothing done in five per cents. Toronto enquired for at rates to pay about 6½ per cent., none in market. County, none offered; they could be placed to pay 6½ per cent.

Sundries.—Building Society stock firm, and unchanged; there are buyers of Canada Permanent at 115½, very little offered. Western Canada is much asked for at 108; Freehold sold at 104, and there are still buyers at that price. There are buyers of City Gas at 105. Montreal Telegraph offering at 12½, with buyers at 132. There are some large mortgages offering; lenders ask 9 to 10, and borrowers will only give 8 to 8½. Money is scarce on the street, 10 to 14 being paid for good paper.

Commercial.

Grain Movement.

The following were the imports of grain and flour into Liverpool for the first three months of this year, given comparatively:—

	1866.	1867.	1868.
Wheat, cwts....	5,671,984	6,061,332	8,074,921
Barley ".....	1,745,551	2,136,656	1,213,600
Oats ".....	1,213,902	1,630,214	1,187,633
Peas ".....	115,155	313,002	214,827
Flour ".....	1,855,510	885,183	754,833

The receipts at Milwaukee of the last five crops were:—

	Flour.	Wheat.
	Bris.	Bush.
1867-68.....	360,571	10,015,315
1866-67.....	319,810	7,519,589
1865-66.....	372,850	8,439,747
1864-65.....	118,053	2,459,507
1863-64.....	255,447	1,668,950

Toronto Market.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Though the most crowded part of the season is over, manufacturers and dealers still report a good trade.

DRY GOODS.—A fair amount of goods is being moved off, although buyers manifest great caution and confine their purchases to the extent of immediate requirements for sorting up. A statement of the course of the import trade is given elsewhere.

GROCERIES.—Business is improving and prices are unchanged.

GRAIN.—Wheat.—Receipts 7,500 bush., against 9,350 bush. last week, and 17,456 bush. for the corresponding week of last year. Shipments by rail 1,400 bush. The market ruled dull, but closed firmer; holders have advanced their views on spring to \$1 68 and \$1 70 for cargo lots f.o.b. with buyers at about \$1 66. There is a good demand for shipment east, on orders. Fall stocks are considerably reduced by shipments by vessels, what remains in store is held at about \$1 90; sales of car loads at \$1 80 to \$1 81. Barley is firm at \$1 35 to \$1 40; a cargo of 10,000 bush. was shipped on Saturday for Cincinnati; freight 4c. gold. Peas firmer; street price 35c. to 36c.; cargo lots held at 90c. to 95c. f.o.b. Oats dull; demand light; sales of car loads at 54½c. on the track, and they are now offering at 55c. Rye very scarce, and no demand at \$1 08 to \$1 10. Seeds dull and nominal. Clover, \$3 75 to \$4. Timothy, \$1 75 to \$2 50.

Flour.—Receipts 3,100 bris., 2,343 bris. last week, and 1,490 bris. for the corresponding week of last year. In the early part of the week the market was dull, and prices declined to \$7, considerable sales being made at that figure; but during the last four days, owing to improved advices from abroad, the market became firmer, and closed fully 15c. higher, with free buyers of round lots of No. 1 superfine at \$7 15 for good to choice brands. Sale 1,000 bris. at \$7 12, and 500 bris. at \$7 15. Fancy is very dull, and is not saleable above the prices of good, strong superfine for baker's use.

Extra is held at \$7 50, and superior at \$8 without demand. Oatmeal quiet and nominal.

PROVISIONS.—Butter.—Really fine dairy is very scarce, and is much wanted for local use at 23 to 30c. for the best; no demand for ordinary and no sales. Cheese.—Unchanged at 9 to 10½c. in round lots; retail lots 10 to 12c. Pork.—Meas firmer, sales at \$21 to \$21.50, stock moderate; nothing doing in other grades. Bacon.—very firm at 9 to 9½c. for Cumberland in small lots; little in market. Hams.—Little doing at 12½c. for smoked and 11½c. for unsmoked. Lard.—No stock in market; retail sales at 12½ to 13c. Eggs.—There is a good retail demand at about 13 to 14c.; no wholesale movement.

LEATHER.—Tanners are losing ground owing to the small margin on manufacturing at the present relative prices of hides and leather. The wholesale houses here report a quiet trade at unchanged prices.

Halifax Market.

HALIFAX, April 14.—BREADSTUFFS.—Flour continues in good demand, and sales No. 1 Canada have been made at from \$8.95 to \$9.10, according to quality for choice brands, and Bakers we quote \$9.20 to \$9.40. No. 2 firm, at from \$7.50 to \$8.25. There has been some enquiry for Rye during the week and prices have advanced to \$7.40 to \$7.50 for Baltimore. No Canada Rye in market. Corn Meal quiet and firm at \$5.40 to \$5.50 for kiln dried and \$5.35 to \$5.45 for fresh ground, but to effect sales lower prices would have to be accepted. Oatmeal.—Enquiry small—holders asking \$7.40 to \$7.60 for Canada, and \$7.25 to \$7.35 for Nova Scotia. Imports.—Flour and Cornmeal from Jan'y 1st to April 14th, 1867 and 1868.

1868...35,398 bris. Flour. 12,685 bris. Cornmeal.
1867...46,993 " 7,110 "

PRODUCE.—Butter is somewhat easier, and prices have declined. We hear of a sale Canada at 18c., but whilst the stock continues light we cannot look for lower prices. Lard quiet, 13 to 13½c. for Canada.

WEST INDIA PRODUCE.—Transactions in both Sugars and Molasses have been small during the week. Two lots Barbadoes Sugar changed hands at about 54c. in bond; Vacuum Pan we quote 6½c.; Porto Rico 6½c., and Cuba 5½ in bond. Molasses—Cienfuegos firm at 28½ to 29½c.; British Island 27 to 28c. No sales Porto Rico to report; only one cargo (Bright Topaz) in market for wholesale purchasers. Rum quiet—54 to 55c. for Demerara, and 44 to 45c. for St. Jago in bond. Imports from January 1st to April 14th, 1867 and 1868:—1868, Molasses, 4,183 puns., 455 tres, 392 bbis. Sugar, 1,132 hhds., 108 tres, 659 bris. Rum, 305 puns.—1867, Molasses, 5,421 puns., 625 tres, 418 bris. Sugar, 999 hhds., 20 tres., 340 bris. Rum, 886 puns.

FINANCIAL.—Bank drawing rate on London 60 day bills 13½ per cent. prem.: Private 12½ to 12½ per cent. prem. New York gold drafts at sight, 3½ per cent. prem. Currency drafts 24 per cent. discount. Montreal sight drafts 3½ per cent. prem. Newfoundland sight drafts 5 per cent. prem. The overvalue is current at \$5.—E. C. Hamilton & Co.'s Circular.

Demerara Sugar Market.

The following is from Sandbach, Parker & Co.'s circular, dated Georgetown, Demerara, March 23.—We have to advise a little more animation in business during the fortnight; seventeen vessels from United Kingdom, six from United States and British Provinces, and the usual fleet of Schooners from the Islands have fairly supplied us with goods of all descriptions.

PRODUCE.—The weather has been very seasonable. The rains have supplied the estates in Demerara and Essequibo with ample water for navigation purposes, and manufacturing has been pushed forward vigorously; the yield is satisfactory and the quantity of sugar made the first quarter of the year is nearly twenty-five per cent. more than 1867.

SUGAR.—The quality of Vacuum Pan continues good, but the samples of Muscovado offered for sale have been inferior. The depressing advices from England last mail have caused larger shipments to the U. States, and as the American orders in the markets are large, prices have been fairly maintained. The improvement in manufacture is now so great that it is difficult to get the lower grades of crystallized, such as 12 to 14 D. S., the bulk of that offered for sale being 16 to 18 D. S.

MOLASSES.—The immense improvement has caused an increased demand, and the shipments are larger than ever. The finest qualities find ready purchasers at quotations.

RUM.—With a falling market in England speculators are not inclined to purchase, and we do not think a single puncheon has been sold during the fortnight.

Transactions have taken place during the fortnight at the following rates:—

Sugars (package included, sold by 100 Dutch, 10 per cent. tare, f.o.b.)—Muscovados, equal at No. 8 Dutch standard, \$3.50; do. No. 10 do. \$4, per 100 lbs. Vacuum Pan do. No. 14 do. \$5.75; do. No. 18 do. \$6 to \$6.20, per 100 lbs.—in hhds. of about 1800 lbs.

Molasses (package included, sold by Imperial gall.)—Muscovado, from 20 to 24c. as to color and density. Vacuum Pan 28 to 32c. do.—in puns. of 100 galls.

Rum (colored, package included, sold by Imperial gall.)—from 35 per cent. to 38 overproof, 40 to 45c.; do. 38 per cent. to 40 overproof, 46 to 50c.—in puns. of 100 galls.

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