

by water and that credit shall date from 1st May. Stocks are well assorted. British woollens have been sold to a large extent at prices to compete with Canadian manufacture.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The demand for all kinds has been limited and prices are without any material change. Bleaching powder is held at 2½c. to 2¾c.; soda ash firm, 2½c. to 2¾c.; sal soda is also firm at \$1.50 to \$1.60; Bi carb. has been sold in small lots at \$3.20 to \$3.30; caustic soda is offered at 3½c. to 4c., according to lot; but there has not been very extensive sales at these figures. Alum is quoted \$2.15 to \$2.25; cream tartar is unchanged; copperas is lower, \$1 being now the outside figure; Epsom, \$2 to \$2.25; sulphur, \$3.50 to \$4; brimstone, \$3.26 to \$3.50; saltpetre is firm and steady at \$12; no change to note in other articles.

FISH.—There is still a good demand for green fish, but in other kinds market is quiet. The closing rates were, salmon in barrels \$16 to \$16.50; dry cod is held at \$5.75 to \$6; Labrador herrings, \$6.25 to \$6.50; Canso herrings, \$6 to \$6.25; green cod in barrels, \$5.50 to \$6, in draft, \$7.50 to \$8. In mackerel a limited amount of business has been done at \$8.50 to \$9.

FURS.—Demand this week has hardly been so active, but the imports continue fair. The following are the current prices:—Red fox, \$1.25 to \$1.50; marten, \$1.25 to \$1.75; mink, \$3 to \$4; bear, \$7 to \$10; lynx, \$1; wolf, \$2 to \$3; fisher, \$4 to \$5; beaver, \$1.20 to \$1.40 per lb.; muskrat, (fall), 10c.; ditto winter, 12½c.; racoon, 30c. to 40c.; skunk, 15c. to 20c.; otter, \$6 to \$8.

FLOUR.—Receipts during the week 5,000 brls. Total receipts from 1st January to date 71,462 brls. being an increase of 5,368 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1870. The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the 15th inst., 129,012 brls. against 58,537 brls. at the corresponding date of 1870. There has been no really wholesale business transacted during the week, transactions being principally confined to local wants, this may be attributed to the uncertain state of the European markets, and also to a degree of disappointment that Government has not removed the customs duty on flour and grain. The market to-day closes with rather more enquiry, but there is nothing like activity in the market. The following are to-day's quotations:—Superior Extra, \$7.30 to \$7.50; Extra, \$6.90 to \$7.00; Fancy, \$6.60 to \$6.70; Fresh Supers from Canada wheat, \$6.30 to \$6.40; Medium Strong Supers, \$6.25 to \$6.45; Strong Bakers' flour, \$6.35 to \$6.60; Welland Canal Flour in bond, \$6.10 to \$6.20; Canada Super, No. 2, \$5.90 to \$6.00; Fine \$5.50 to \$5.60; Middlings, \$5.00 to \$5.25; Pol-lards, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Upper Canada Bag flour, \$3.00 to \$3.10; Oatmeal, \$5.90 to \$6.00. The general feeling in the market is that these prices cannot be long maintained, owing to the unprecedentedly large stock in store, and the large arrivals which are reported as being ready to ship here on the opening of navigation.

GRAIN.—Wheat.—The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the 15th inst. was 249,973 bus. against 451,367 bus. at the corresponding date of 1870. The market is entirely stagnant and no quotations can be given. Corn—some small sales are reported at 85c. to 90c. duty paid which is the same quotations as last week. Peas—market fairly active at 95c. to 97½c., some round lots are freely offered at our outside quotations. Barley—no wholesale lots selling, but an active business is doing on the street at 62½c. to 65c. Oats.—The market is quiet and lower, latest sales were at 44½c. to 45c. Seeds—Timothy firm and active, and advance is noted since last week, prices to-day at \$4.30 to \$4.50 per 45 lbs. Clover firm and dearer \$5.25 to \$5.50 having been paid for it on the line.

GROCERIES.—Teas.—The market has hardly been so firm this week, and if anything, prices are lower. Large sales of uncolored Japans have taken place within the range of our quotations. Imperial, 45c. to 90c.; Gunpowder, 50c. to 90c.;

Young Hyson, 42½c. to \$1; Twanky, 32½c. to 40c.; Hyson Twanky, 42½c. to 45c.; Congou, 35c. to 85c.; Souchong, 35c. to 80c.; Oolong, 30c. to 55c. Sugar.—The quotations this week are not very materially changed, and the extent of business done has been small. The nominal price is 8½c. to 9½c. for low to good grocery grades; retail lots were sold at 9c. to 9½c. Refined Sugar is in good demand at the following rates:—Dry Crushed, 13½c.; Extra ground, 13½c.; Crushed A, 12½c.; Yellow Refined, 9½c. to 10½c.; Standard Syrup, 44c.; Golden Syrup, 50c.; Amber Syrup, 8c. Molasses.—Market nominal, and sales confined to the merest retail lots. Centrifugal, 19c. to 21c.; Clayed, 22c. to 23½c.; Muscovadoes, 26c. to 31c.; Trinidad, 30c. to 36c.; Barbadoes, 35c. to 37½c.; Porto Rico, 37c. to 38c. Fruit.—Layer Raisins are dull and nominal at \$1.75 to \$1.80; Valencia, 6½c. to 7½c.; Currants are scarce, and held firm at 6½c. to 7½c. Coffee.—A fair demand has been experienced for small lots, but very little doing in large parcels. The current sales are, for Java, 19½c. to 23½c.; Maracaibo, 18c. to 19c.; Rio, 14½c. to 15½c.; Jamaica, 16½c. to 18½c. Spices.—There is a marked firmness in Pepper at 14½c.; Cassia, 29c. to 30c., with sales at these figures; Nutmegs, 52½c. to 65c.; Jamaica Ginger, 17c. to 20c.; Cloves, 8½c. to 9c.

HARDWARE.—In this department of trade there has been an active movement, and dealers are kept fully occupied filling orders. The principal demand has been for Nails, which are scarce, and orders for that article are seven months ahead of the possible supply. The following are the prices of some of the principal articles:—Pig Iron—\$23 to \$26. Bar Iron—Staffordshire, \$50 to \$52; Scotch, \$50 to \$54; Swedish, \$85 to \$100. Hoops for coopers, \$2.80 to \$3.10; Boiler Plate, \$3.25 to \$3.50; Cut Nails, \$3 to 3.20; Pressed Nails, \$3 to 3.20; Shot, \$6.75 to 7.25; Cast Steel 12½c. to 16½c.; Spring Steel, 4c. to 5c.; Tin Plates, charcoal, 1 C, \$8.50 to 8.75; ditto, 1 X, \$10.50 to 10.75; ditto, DC, \$7.50 to 7.75; ditto, DX, \$9.50 to 9.75; Coke, 1 C, \$7.50 to 7.75; Blasting Powder, \$3.25 to \$3.75.

LEATHER.—There has been a large demand for fine leather for the manufacture of summer boots, and an active business in most other kinds, stocks are about equal to the consumption. Sole leather No. 1 B A 24½ to 25c.; Buffalo sole, No 1 21 to 21½c.; Oak sole 42 to 44c.; Light waxed upper 43 to 45c.; heavy ditto, 40 to 43c.; Splits large 31 to 37c.; Russetts 28 to 32c.; Light waxed Calf skins 60 to 70c.; Harness 32 to 34c.; Rough leather 27 to 29c.; Buffs 16 to 17c.; Pink linings \$4.70 to \$5.50; Light French Calf \$1.25 to \$1.40.

LIQUORS.—There has been nothing doing in liquors this week owing to the uncertainty of the proposed reduction of the duty of 5 per cent. it is understood, if this is carried out it will make a difference of about 4c. in late prices, meantime in the absence of transactions we do not give quotations.

NAVAL STORES.—For sometime past the market has been very quiet, and still is so, but the season is now coming on when a brisk trade is looked for, we give the following as the nominal quotations in this market: Spirits of Turpentine 65 to 70c.; Rosin strained \$3.25 to \$3.30; ditto No. 2 \$3.50 to \$3.75; ditto No. 1 \$4 to \$4.50; Tar \$3.50.

OILS.—Market dull but firm and steady. Cod 56 to 57c. with sales at a figure within our range. Seal oil is dull, for Pale and Steam refined 62 to 64c. could be obtained. Raw Linseed 72½ to 75c.; boiled ditto 75 to 77c. Crude Whale 55c. Olive \$1.10 to \$1.25. Lard No. 1 \$1; No. 2 ditto 90c.

PETROLEUM.—Market still remains quiet for choice samples in car loads 27½ to 30c. can be had, and for fair to ordinary samples 24 to 25½c.

PROVISIONS.—Butter.—Receipts 1,168 kegs; shipments via Portland 850 kegs. Business this week has been mostly of a retail nature, and sales have been slow at 14 to 16c. for common to

medium; 16½ to 18c. for fair to good; and 18½ to 19½c. for good to really choice. Cheese.—Receipts 300 boxes; there were no shipments via Portland, and sales were only of retail lots, prices remain, however, steady at 12 to 13½c. according to quality. Pork.—Receipts 19 brls.; shipments via Portland 71 brls. Market during the week has been very quiet, and if anything easier, closing dull at \$22 to \$23 for Mess Pork; \$20.50 to \$21 for thin Mess; \$18 for prime pork; and \$17 for extra prime. Lard is steady at 12 to 13c. Tallow 6c. for unrendered.

RICE.—Market has been firm but sales have been small, Arracan \$4 to \$4.32½; Rangoon \$4 to \$4.32½.

SALT.—Market very dull and small sales are with difficulty effected at 70 to 72½c. for fine; and 54 to 55c. for coarse.

WOOL.—There was a better demand this week than even last and sales were readily made at 29 to 32c. for fleece wool; 27 to 30c. for pulled super; 23 to 25c. for No. 1 pulled; 23 to 25c. for black pulled.

TORONTO MARKET.

With the exceptions of the Dry Goods and Boot and Shoe trades, business during the past week has again been uncommonly dull, many causes operating to produce this unsatisfactory result. The preparations for and the interest generally taken in the elections, which took place last Tuesday, and the bad state of the roads, were, perhaps, the chief hindrances. The election excitement, however, is now over, and the roads will, after this, rapidly dry up, wherever the snow is off, and merchants expect shortly to see a very considerable revival in trade. Collections, somewhat to the surprise of most people, are as good as, if not even better, than usual; and, with the exception of a few localities where the crops were especially short, remittances have been of a very satisfactory character.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Trade has been fairly active during the week, and the prospects are that a large business will be done this season; and as competition is very keen, buyers will be able to purchase with satisfaction to themselves and their customers. Prices remain unchanged, and are firm as quoted.

DRY GOODS.—Business is beginning to be a little more active; some customers have paid this market a first visit, and some orders are being received from travellers. Stocks are now pretty complete, and the assortment is unusually large and varied. In prints, muslins, &c., there are many new styles offered this season, while in light tweeds there is a wide range for choice. The demand for goods promises to be large, but this market is now amply supplied to meet all the probable requirements of the trade.

DRUGS.—Business has been very quiet, and there are few changes to note in prices. Opium, however, is lower in foreign markets, and is now offered at a reduction of 50c. on former rates, being quoted at \$7.50 to \$8.

FREIGHTS.—The following are the winter rates on the Grand Trunk, now in operation: Flour to Kingston, 35c., grain 18c.; flour to Prescott, 43c., grain 22c.; flour to Montreal, 50c., grain 25c.; flour to Point Levis, 80c., grain 40c.; flour to St. John, N. B. \$1.02, grain 51c.; flour to Halifax, \$1.10, grain 55c.; flour to New York and Boston, 90c., grain 45c., gold. The steamers Chase and Carlotta leave Portland for Halifax on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

GROCERIES.—Trade has been dull and unsatisfactory to a degree, and offers nothing to report. There have been scarcely any transactions, and those mostly of a merely retail character, and prices are without alteration. The sugar market is firm, though some look for an early decline in prices. Stocks both in Cuba and in New York are lower than usual at this season of the year, and in the former place holders are very firm,