

for the supply of the retail trade at our late quotations. No demand exists for round lots. *Gin.*—The market is now getting bare, and prices are advancing. Sales of DeKuyppers in wood \$1.40 to 1.55. Red cases \$7.00 to 7.50; Green cases \$4.00 to 4.25, market reported firm at these quotations. For high wines the demand continues good at \$1.55 to 1.57½.

NAVAL STORES.—Market is unchanged, the quotations remain as last week. *Spirits of turpentine* 57½ to 60c; *Rosin* strained \$4.50; No. 2 \$5; No. 1 \$5.50; do pale \$6 to 7. *Coal tar* \$3 to 3.25. *Coal pitch* \$4.50. *Pine tar* \$5. *Pine pitch* \$5.

OILS.—This market is dull with a tendency to lower prices. *Linseed raw* 68 to 70c; ditto boiled 73 to 75c. *Cod.*—Is firm and cannot be bought under 57½ to 60c; steam refined seal is still saleable at 64 to 67½c; *lard oil* 67½ to 70; *olive* \$1 to 1.10; *whale* is nominal and unchanged. *Palm oil* 8½ to 9c per lb. *Petroleum.*—Demand good for retail parcels, nothing doing in car loads; quotations are unchanged.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—Receipts 203 kegs; shipments 561 kegs. Market very firm and our outside quotations are readily obtained. We quote store packed western 26 to 27c; dairy ditto 29 to 30c; Brockville, Morrisburg and Townships butter 30 to 32c. *Cheese.*—Receipts 300 boxes, no shipments. Market firm, fine factory 12½ to 13c; finest factory 13 to 14c. *Pork.*—Receipts 1000 brls; shipments 28 brls. Market firm but quiet, there is still a fair demand for the lumbermen. New mess \$18.75; thin mess \$17.50. *Lard* unchanged at 11 to 11½c. *Tallow.*—Dull at 6½ to 7½c brls.

SALT.—There is very little movement to report in this article. Prices are nominal, some small sales of coarse have been made as low as \$1 to 1.10, factory filled maintains its value at \$2.05 to 2.10.

WOOL.—Nothing doing and last weeks quotations, which we repeat are entirely nominal:—Fleece wool 30 to 32c; pulled wool super 32 to 34c; ditto No. 1 black and unassorted 30c.

TORONTO MARKET.

TORONTO, March 4, 1874.

There has not been during the past week any further improvement to note in the condition of the wholesale trade of this city. Groceries, especially teas, have been fairly active, but in dry goods, hardware, drugs &c., there has been only a moderate business done. Flour and grain have been very dull, and prices have had a downward tendency. Provisions have also been rather quiet, and hog products are scarcely so firm as previously. Money is abundant at 7 to 8 per cent for ordinary commercial paper, and payments of maturing indebtedness are made with fully the usual amount of promptitude.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Trade has been fairly active during the past week, orders coming in quite liberally for spring goods at steady prices.

CATTLE.—*Beeves.*—The market continues to be well supplied, and some improvement in quality may be noted during the past week, comparatively few inferior animals having been offered, and there being a reduced range of prices. The demand was not very active, but all coming in were disposed of at prices varying little from those of last week, say \$4.25 to 4.50 for first-class; \$3.75 to 4.00 for second-class, and \$3.25 to 3.50 for third-class. The sales include the following lots:—One car, averaging 1400 lbs, at \$4.00; two cars, averaging 1320 lbs, at \$4.50; one car, averaging 1100 lbs, at \$3.9; eight extra heifers, averaging 1360 lbs, at 4.75; one car of bulls and oxen, at \$3.50 for the former, and \$3.62½ for the latter. *Sheep.*—In steady demand especially for first-class which have sold at from \$7.00 to 8.00; second-class being quoted at \$6, and third-class at \$4 to 5.00. *Lambs.*—Are very

scarce and much wanted, and would bring \$6.00 to 7.00 for first-class; \$5.00 for second-class, and \$3 to 4.00 for third-class. *Calves.*—Not many coming in, and prices are firm at \$10 to \$12 for first-class; \$6 to 8.00 for second-class, and \$3 to 4.00 for third-class.

DRUGS.—Trade has been rather quiet during the week, and there is no change to make in quotations.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—*Flour.*—In store on the 2nd inst., 32,981 brls. against 30,741 brls. the previous week, and 24,025 brls. at the corresponding date of last year. Liverpool advices note a decline of 6d in flour, and this market has been dull and heavy in sympathy with England. Sales of late have been of so limited a character that quotations are almost entirely nominal, at say \$5.50 to 5.60 for extra; \$5.10 to 5.15 for spring wheat extra, and \$5 for superfine. *Oatmeal.*—Very little changing hands, and prices nominally unaltered. *Bran.*—Scarce and firm and in demand at \$13 on the track, at which occasional sales have been made.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—In store on the 2nd inst., 761,025 bush against 642,369 bush the previous week, and 382,952 bush at the corresponding date of last year. The Liverpool markets has again declined, a further fall being noticed of 3d. to 4. per 100 lbs. Here there has not been much doing, as there are few sellers at prices at present obtainable. Last sales of car lots have been at \$1.20 to 1.23 in store for lower grades of white and treadwell, and at \$1.14 for No. 1 spring. *Barley.*—There has been little doing, the receipts being very limited and demand less pressing. Last reported sales of No. 2 were at \$1.41 on the track, but it is doubtful if, at the close, any buyers could be found at this figure. *Oats.*—In store on the 2nd inst. 89,624 bush, against 78,437 bush the previous week, and 40,209 bush at the corresponding date of last year. There have been no sales of round lots reported but cars have changed hands at 72 to 73c for No. 1 and 70 to 71c for No. 2. *Oats.*—In the beginning of the week under review there was a very active enquiry, and with receipts inadequate to the demand, sales were made at \$43 to 44. At the close, however, there were rather more offering and sales were made at \$42 on the track. *Rye.*—Continues to sell steadily at 70c.

GROCERIES.—*Coffee.*—There are very few lots here in first hands, and prices remain as last quoted. The New York market has been weak recently, especially for Rios, but there has not yet been a sufficient decline to materially effect quotations here. *Fish.*—There is a moderate demand for table cod at \$5 to 5.25 per 100 lbs. Of other fish there are none to be had. *Fruit.*—Raisins are firm and tending upward. Layers are held at \$2.40 to 2.50. Valentias are held at 8 to 8½c, below which there are now none to be had. Currants have had a fair enquiry, with sales at 5½ to 6½c for round lots. *Rice.*—In small request, but firmly held at \$5 to 5.25. *Spices.*—Have been quiet, with no change to make in quotations. *Sugar.*—Centrifugal sugars have continued to offer with sales in round lots at 8 to 8½c. Yellow refined has been moving off steadily at from 8 to 9½c. White sugars have declined somewhat, and are now quoted at 10 to 10½c, with a good many lots changing hands. *Tea.*—There has been an active demand for teas during the past week, Japans of all grades having had the most attention. Some Young Hysons, in lines, also changed hands, and a good business was done in congos at full prices. *Tobacco.*—Has been in fair request and firm for leading descriptions.

HIDES AND PELTS.—*Hides.*—The supply continues equal to the demand, and prices remain steady as quoted. *Calfskins.*—Green are not coming in as fast as wanted, but the demand has not been sufficiently pressing to lead to any advance in prices. *Sheepskins.*—The receipts

have been increasing and prices are scarcely so firm, \$1.75 being about the average figure.

HARDWARE.—Metals of all kinds have been a very slow sale during the past week, and there are few and unimportant alterations to make in quotations.

LEATHER.—*Spanish sole.*—Has been inactive but firm, in sympathy with an advance in the Montreal market. *Slaughter sole.*—Has been almost entirely inactive. *Upper.*—Is in light demand, prices remaining unchanged. *Harness.*—With a somewhat improving demand is firmer, but not actually dearer. *Buff and pebble.*—In steady demand at 16 to 18c. *Russetts.*—All offering find ready sale at up to 45c for choice light stock.

PETROLEUM.—The market is dull and prices are tending in buyers favour. Car loads are now quoted at 16½c, but broken lots are still held at 18 to 19c.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—There has been little coming in and only retail lots have been sold. Prices have been very irregular, at from 28 to 33c for good to fine, and at 24 to 26c for ordinary. These figures, however, must not be accepted as indicative of what shippers are able to pay, and any marked increase in local receipts would create an immediate decline. *Cheese.*—Is becoming scarce, and is now firm at 13½ to 14c. *Dried Apples.*—Are in small stock, and held at 9½ to 9½c. *Eggs.*—Not much doing. Packed are worth 15 to 18c. *Lard.*—Rather easier, tinnets are now obtainable at 11 to 11½c, and tierces at 10c. *Bacon.*—Cumberland cut is selling at 8½ to 9c in the ordinary way, but for large lots 8½c would be accepted. *Hams.*—Smoked are quoted at 11½ to 12c, the lower figure for round lots only. *Pork.*—Mess is without change at \$17.50 to 18. *Dressed Hogs.*—The market has given way materially, and sales of heavy averages have been made at down to \$6.75. Light weights may be quoted at \$7 to 7.25.

WOOL.—Fleece has been quiet, and prices are unchanged. Pulled combing is steady, with no sales to report. Nothing doing in supers beyond some small sales at 30c. Some round lots of No. 1 changed hands at 25c.

Halifax, Feb.—The *Chronicle* says in reference to the late fire, the Stanford building, was insured for \$1200 in the Nova Scotia Mutual; and Messrs. Ward & Brown's stock, in the same building, was insured for \$1000 in the Royal. The building occupied by Mr. Precourt was not insured; Mr. Precourt's stock and furniture was insured for \$2000 in the Guardian. The building occupied by Messrs. Egan, and owned by the estate of the late Benj. Wier, was insured in the Guardian for \$2000; and Messrs. Fgan's stock in the Royal for \$1600. Mr. Precourt states that in the room where the explosion took place, there were no chemicals, and that it was occupied by members of his family. He supposes the explosion to have been caused by the gas pipe bursting.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of MORISON STRACHAN & Co., of Toronto, Insolvents.

A first dividend sheet has been prepared, open to objection until the 23rd instant, after which dividends will be paid.

Toronto, 5th March 1874.

WILLIAM F. MUNRO, Official Assignee.

ROBERT WILKES, Esq., M.P.

Will address the Students of the BRITISH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL COLLEGE,

This Friday Evening, at 8 o'clock.

Subject—THOROUGHNESS.

The Chair will be taken by W. H. Howland, Esq., President of the Dominion Board of Trade. Seats free.