

HIDES AND SKINS.—Hides—are coming in but slowly, and prices are fully maintained, the demand from the eastern tanneries being now more than sufficient to absorb all the surplus of this market. Sheepskins—are worth a trifle less than would be the case, but for the change in the United States tariff which came into force on the 1st inst., but good skins sell from \$1 to \$1.20, the former price being about the average figure paid at present.

LEATHER.—The market has been very quiet, and but few transactions have been reported. No change to note in prices.

PRODUCE.—The amount of business transacted during the week has been exceedingly limited, with nevertheless an improving tone both in flour and grain. There has been a gradual advance in the English markets, and holders here have thereby been encouraged to anticipate higher prices and continue to hold steadily for full quotations.

Flour.—The market is firm, and by no means overstocked, but the views of buyers and sellers are somewhat widely apart, and very little business has been done. Holders are asking from \$5.25 to \$5.50 for fair to choice superfines, which are not, however saleable probably over \$5.20 to \$5.30. Fancys and Extras are nominal. The stock of flour in Toronto on the 31st ult. was 5,734 bbls. **Oatmeal.**—has been in some request, and sales of 400 bbls. are reported at \$5.25, an advance on previous quotations. **Wheat.**—very few sales are being made, and it is difficult to give quotations. Spring wheat is firm and enquired for, but holders are not disposed to lower their views in order to effect transactions which checks business, \$1.13 to \$1.15 may be considered about the present value. Fall wheat is not much wanted, but holders are asking from \$1.20 to \$1.25 and even higher, but there is little desire to speculate at these prices. The stock on the 31st consisted of 33,457 bus. Fall, and 26,737 bus. Spring—total, 60,094 bus. **Barley.**—The principal demand continues to be from the local breweries, which are supplying themselves at from about 58c. to 62c., car lots having changed hands recently at 60c. for Northern. A lot of 10,000 bus. in store was offered at the close at 61c. without attracting a purchaser. There have not been very heavy receipts by waggon and by rail, they have been scarcely anything, so that stocks are not accumulating. **Oats.**—have been quiet throughout the week, with rather a downward tendency, and 42c. is now considered the outside figure obtainable for car lots on the track. **Peas.**—good barrelling samples are wanted, and 70c. would be paid, while ordinary qualities are dull and nominal at about 68c. **Hay.**—is coming more freely, selling at \$9 to \$13.50. **Straw.**—still scarce, bringing from \$9 to \$12.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts have been somewhat more liberal, in consequence of the improved roads, and there has been rather more business doing than previously. **Butter.**—has sold freely for fair, to good dairy at 17c. to 18c., choice being held at 19c. Store packed is in little favour, with 14c. as the highest offer for round lots of average quality. **Cheese.**—a fair local demand at 12c. to 13c., according to quantity and quality. **Eggs.**—No wholesale lots in market. **Lard.**—steady at 12c., with a fair city demand. **Pork.**—is unchanged. A good deal is now being made, and packers are preparing to ship to the English markets, there being at present little home demand. **Dressed Hogs.**—Receipts are liberal, and prices are the turn lower. Good Mess Hogs would bring from \$6.20 to \$6.40; light weights selling at \$6 to \$6.20.

WOOL. is without change, and has a fair enquiry for both Fleece and Pulled, at quotations.

MONEY.—Sterling exchange, 60 days' sight or 75 days' date, 109½c. to 109¾c.; gold drafts on New York ½ prem.; currency drafts on New York or greenbacks, 90c. to 90½c.; American silver, large, 41-2c. to 51-2c.; small, 9c. to 10c. discount. Gold in New York has fluctuated only slightly, closing steady at 110½.

BANK STOCKS.

AVERAGE PRICES EACH MONTH FOR THREE YEARS.

The following table shows the average prices of the shares of the leading banks of Ontario and Quebec, in the Toronto Market, each month during the past three years; the table is intended to indicate the general course of the market through that period:

BANKS.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.
Bank of Montreal	1868 128 1869 139 1870 155	126 139 156	129 141 162	129 145 166	133 156 180	129 159 192	129 160 194	132 161 187	134 163 198	135 163 212	141 167 230	138 161 222
Bank of British N. America.	1868 104 1869 104 1870 104	103 104 104	103 104 106	101 105 106	102 105 106	104 105 107	100 104 106	102 104 104	103 105 105	104 106 106	104 106 107	105 106 108
Bank of Toronto	1868 111 1869 118 1870 125	111 121 128	110 124 130	110 120 135	112 118 140	114 121 150	111 121 161	114 123 158	116 124 153	117 125 148	119 126 151	120 126 153
Ontario Bank	1868 98 1869 100 1870 98	99 100 100	99 100 101	99 100 104	100 100 103	97 96 102	99 96 105	99 96 105	99 97 105	101 97 107	103 102 108	100 97 107
Royal Canadian	1868 94 1869 85 1870 61	91 80 64	89 80 65	89 78 64	88 70 61	88 45 65	82 51 68	81 54 67	89 63 66	91 61 69	91 65 70	87 62 71
Bank of Commerce	1868 100 1869 102 1870 109	100 102 111	100 103 112	102 102 114	102 102 114	103 103 117	101 102 119	102 104 121	103 106 122	103 108 122	104 110 121	106 111 121
City Bank	1868 99 1869 101 1870 87	100 102 83	101 103 87	101 102 88	101 101 91	98 98 86	99 99 88	101 100 87	102 97 88	102 90 88	103 91 89	102 89 86
Quebec Bank	1868 98 1869 98 1870 102	99 99 103	99 100 104	99 100 105	100 102 105	97 100 103	98 100 104	98 101 106	97 101 107	97 101 109	99 103 110	99 102 112
Union Bank	1868 100 1869 103 1870 104	100 103 105	101 103 106	100 105 106	101 105 107	101 105 108	101 105 108	101 105 106	102 105 108	102 106 108	103 106 109	105 106 109
National Bank	1868 107 1869 105 1870 105	107 106 106	106 107 108	107 108 108	106 107 103	105 107 107	105 107 108	106 107 106	106 108 107	106 108 108	105 104 104	105 103 105
Jacques Cartier Bank	1868 106 1869 107 1870 107	106 108 109	106 109 109	107 109 109	107 109 111	105 107 108	104 107 110	106 108 111	106 108 113	106 108 113	107 109 113	106 106 113
People's Bank	1868 111 1869 108 1870 107	110 109 108	106 107 103	106 108 104	105 108 104	105 108 105	105 108 106	106 109 105	105 107 102	105 104 103	105 106 103	107 106 105
Mechanics' Bank	1868 97 1869 95 1870 91	97 95 91	97 97 91	97 98 89	97 94 90	94 92 91	95 93 91	94 94 90	95 94 90	96 94 85	95 90 75	96 92 77
Merchants' Bank	1868 109 1869 107 1870 106	108 108 107	107 108 108	106 107 110	105 107 116	106 109 118	104 105 113	105 106 112	105 106 116	105 106 116	109 107 119	112 107 118
Molson's Bank	1868 111 1869 110 1870 102	111 111 101	111 113 98	108 108 95	107 108 101	103 108 104	103 109 104	109 109 101	109 106 103	108 102 102	108 102 107	113 101 109