

is looked for next month, quotations are quite unchanged since last week.

OILS.—*Petroleum* the market is bare and firm with steadily improving demand. In Petrolia the price now 19c. and prices here are the turn higher we quote car lots 23½ to 24c. and small lots 25½ to 26c.. In *Fish oils* there is not much doing in a wholesale way but a good consumptive trade is going on at steady prices. We quote *Cod oil* 44½c. *Seal pale* 45c. do. *straw* 40c.; do *steam refined* 47½c. per wine gallon. *Linseed oil* is about steady at 72 to 73c. for raw and 75 to 76c. for boiled per Imp. gallon.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—Receipts, 4,084 pkgs.; shipments, 2,308 pkgs.; market has been firmer, and a good deal of business has been done, although latterly it has not been so buoyant. Creamery is now quoted 20 to 23½c.; Eastern Townships, 20 to 22c.; Brockville and Morrisburg 18 to 20c.; Western, 16 to 19c. *Cheese.*—Receipts, 6,445 boxes; shipments, 11,032 boxes; the advance in price at the close of the market last week has been more than maintained, and we now quote 11 to 11½c. per lb. *Pork.*—Market is quiet, but prices for Mess are moderately firm at \$21.50 to 22c.; but not much doing at outside figure. *Hams*, 13½ to 14c. *Bacon*, 12 to 13c. *Lard*, market quiet but firm, at 14 to 15½c.

SALT.—The firmness noted last week continues, but there is not much activity in the market; only a fair share of business doing in *Coarse* at 60c. for tens and 57½c. for elevens; *Factory filled*, unchanged.

WOOL.—Prices of fine foreign wools are very firm, cape selling from 18 to 19c. at 4 months. Australian 23 to 30c. outside price being for super. Port Phillip, there is a fair trade passing in this wool. In domestic wool there is very little doing. Super is scarce, in the absence of transactions the following quotations are nominal but will to some extent show the state of the market: A Super scarce and hard to get, 35c.; B Super, 30 to 32c.; No. 1, 28c.; No. 2, 26c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO August 25th, 1881

Influenced by accounts of Continental scarcity of wheat and by contradictory accounts of the supplies to be looked for from America, the breadstuffs market in Britain has stiffened, and this occasioned rise in American markets. In New York on Saturday last, a break took place, and No. 2 red wheat, which had gone up to \$1.46 declined to \$1.39½. Over 1,600,000 bushels were sold. Corn declined on same date from 76½c. to 71½c, with sales of 868,000 bushels, and oats from 47 to 45 for October. Chicago markets have been fluctuating too, as our grain item states, but are steadier again.

Business is active in the wholesale warehouses, and an increase in amount over the figures of last year is confidently expected by houses in various lines of business. Stocks are quiet and weaker, after some advance earlier in the week, during which Bank of Montreal sold at 200½, an advance of 4 from the previous Saturday. Merchants was strong last week, going up to 127 in Montreal, and receding to 125; it is held here today at 126. Ontario declined to 78 on Monday from 83 a week before; sales were made here yesterday at 78. Commerce ranged between 144 and 143 last week, the former figure was bid yesterday. Montreal Telegraph sold last week to the extent of 12,000 shares at between 130 on Monday, 135 on Wednesday, and 132½ on Saturday last: this week it sold early at 131½ and 131½, only 129 being offered yesterday.

DRY GOODS.—The general condition is one of

activity; assortments in all lines are large and varied. Unfortunately, Canadian cottons are the only goods of which this cannot be said; they continue to be scarce, and it is rare for any house to have full lines in all numbers. Medium priced and staple goods are being ordered in unusual quantity, and the turn-over exceeds that of last season in a number of houses: one of our largest houses finds its August orders thus far \$60,000 in excess of August, 1880. Travellers have done well, and the effort in the warehouses now is to get present orders filled, and so make ready for the number of buyers in person which the approaching Exhibition will bring. In higher class and fancy dry goods, this market is taking a more prominent place than heretofore, and assortments can now be found, embracing every description of such wares. Millinery is a large trade here, as every country merchant knows, but to the houses in this line have to be added some firms which make specialties of wares hitherto more rare.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—There is not much movement in flour, which is in small supply, the stock in warehouse being but 375 barrels, same as last week. Holders have asked and obtained a slight advance over last week's prices. Superior extra sold at \$5.90 and extra \$5.75. Very little is doing in *oatmeal*, and prices do not vary materially from those of last week. Bran is quiet and steady at \$10.50 to 11.00.

GRAIN.—The whole quantity of grain stored in this city amounts to but 64,455 bush. where last year it was 83,039 bushels. The wheat market has risen prices are now 3 to 5c. above last week. *Wheat*—Fall.—Sales made of No. 2 at \$1.30 in car lots, and the market is now steady at about that figure. Stocks in store 29,046 bushels against 27,130 bushels last week and 3,800 bush. at like time of 1880. *Wheat*—Spring No. 2 has sold in car lots at \$1.28, no cargo lots here to sell, feeling is strong, the stocks in store being only 14,014 bush. against 32,557 last week; this is not more than sufficient to supply the local trade. Chicago advices show fluctuation during the week; towards the close of last week a decline of several cents took place, but this has about been recovered. Prices improved on Wednesday 2 to 3c, and quotations at noon were \$1.26½ for No. 2 October, \$1.25 for September and \$1.24½ for the year. *Oats.*—The market is dull and easier. Stocks in store 2,170 bush. against 4,368 bush. last week and 1,000 bush. at like date of 1880. Late last week 42c was obtained for car lots but early in the present week a car of No. 1 sold at 41c. *Rye.*—Nominal. *Corn.*—Higher and firm at 72c. *Barley.*—Nominal. Stocks in store 18,574 bush. against 18,333 bush. last week and 1,951 bush. on like date last year. As much as 77c. has been paid on the local street market for No. 1 and prices paid range downward to 65 for 3 extra. *Peas* nothing doing and almost none on hand.

GROCERIES.—A better feeling is manifest; the sugar market is here steady, English advices noting a finer feeling in Mincing Lane. Quotations this week for Granulated are 9½ to 10½c, and for Paris lumps, 10½ to 11c. *Spices* are steady, with the exception of Black Pepper, which an English ring has sent up with a jump; we quote 15 to 16c. *Molasses* is in fair supply, at 40 to 45c; no change to note in *fruit*. There is more demand for *Teas* and the market is stronger. Reinach's London circular of 5th inst. reports "a strong and active market for all good, fine and finest new season's teas," and that there has been a decided reaction from the depressed tone at the opening of the market. The highest prices have been paid for choice Ichangs, for these and finest Ningchows, prices show a far higher range. Commonest new season's teas, on the other hand, sell cheaper than ever before so early in the season. These remarks apply specially to Hankow and Canton teas." In old season's teas, common and good, the only kinds

moving, are lower, whilst better are almost exhausted, and bring higher figures. *Tobaccos* are on the rise, the Virginia market is excited, and some of the large Canadian makers decline to take further orders. In fine tobaccos, the increasing demand and the non-increasing area of their growth must enhance their price. But with common, the same is not the case, and their values should not be equally affected. *Liquors.*—Gooderham & Worts' prices have been advanced this week, as per prices current elsewhere.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There is a continuous demand for *Hides* in small lots by country tanners, and this prevents any stock gathering and any large transactions, for the reason that a large lot has not time to accumulate. The price remains as before stated 9½ to 10c. cured and inspected, while 9c. is paid for green steers and 8½c. for cows. *Pelts* and lambskins 7½c. *Calfskins* quiet, 13 to 14c. is paid for green and 15½ to 16c. obtained for cured.

PROVISIONS.—Matters remain for the most part as at the date of our last. Shippers have been rather more anxious to secure desirable parcels of *butter*, and we hear of 18c. having been paid for choice quality *Cheese.*—The cable marks a decline from our last to 56/8 on Wednesday; jobbing quotations here remain unaltered. There has been a good demand for *bacon* and as stocks are fast decreasing, dealers have advanced prices; we now quote long clear, 11½ to 12c; Cumberland, 10½ to 11c; *Mess pork* is nominal at our quotations; the Chicago quotation remains at about \$18.35, having gone both above and below that figure during the week. *Dried Apples.*—There has been considerable enquiry of a speculative nature, but buyers and sellers are apart, the former offering 5½c. and the latter asking 6c. Further accounts from the fruit sections fully substantiate the reports of failure of crop. *Lard* remains unchanged. *Hops*, the activity is not great.

WOOL.—Some demand for lamb's wool, but long combing is neglected, there are no transactions at the figures quoted, which are all buyers' offer. The request is all for fine wools.

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