

\$5 to 5.25, Labrador Herrings from \$6.00 to \$5.75 for choice; Dry Cod, cwt., \$5.25 to \$5.50; Mackarel, No. 1, \$8.50; Salmon steady, No. 1, \$15; No. 2, \$14; No. 3 \$13. White Fish, \$4.50. Trout, \$4.25.

FLOUR.—Receipts for the week 14,895 barrels, —a good part of which has gone to increase the stock in warehouse. The demand has been light throughout the week, but as a considerable portion of the arrivals is destined to fill contracts for Spring delivery, prices have been fully maintained, and we have no change to make in quotations.

FURS AND SKINS.—The market both here and abroad continues dull and without spirit. Muskrat in the English market has declined 15 p.c.—Mink, 45 p.c.; Otter, 15 p.c.; Fisher, 15 p.c.; Martin, 20 p.c.; Lynx, 5 p.c. The market for Rats is firm, all lots sent forward will fetch our quotations. We quote:—Beaver, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Prime Black Bear, \$6.00 to \$12, according to size; Fisher, \$6.00 to \$8.50; Silver Fox, \$25 to \$60; Cross Fox, \$2.00 to \$3.00; Red Fox, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Lynx, \$1.50 to \$2.25; dark Labrador Martin, \$7 to \$9; pale Martin, \$1.50 to \$2.00; prime fresh dark Mink, \$2.00 to \$2.50; fine dark Otter, \$7 to \$9; Fall Muskrat, 12c. to 17c.; Winter do, 18c. to 22c.; Spring do, 30c.; Raccoon, 25c. to 60c.; Skunk, 20c. to 50c.

GROCERY MARKET, WHOLESALE.—Though the Wholesale Grocery Trade, has to no ordinary extent suffered by losses and shrinkage of values in stocks affected by the prevailing business depression of the past year, it is matter for thankfulness that only one *absolute failure* occurred and that was early last year and had to do with a trouble of long standing and unwarranted confidence of an unfortunate Bank, besides being of no general interest. Two other small concerns to whom extension of time had been given are meeting engagements as maturing promptly. The business lessons of the year are full of significance, and will, it is hoped prove of much ultimate good. Credit has been so cheap, character and capability with capital have not been sufficiently considered in the past, and the rushing of young men from farms into business ventures must have less encouragement than heretofore. Lighter stocks, less forcing sales, diminished expenses and harder work will, it cannot be reasonably doubted, with the blessing of the Almighty produce favorable results. For the week there is really little to report in the way of actual transactions. A steady trade in a small way is going on, but no movements of consequence can be noted in any goods. The Railway Summer Rates are now stated to be in operation, so the distant shipments can be satisfactorily managed. It would be of great value to trade as well as to Railway interests in the long run if the short-sighted policy of advancing freights in Winter beyond positive necessity could forever be abandoned.

Teas.—Market does not get stronger. Stocks full, Japans are 32 to 38c. for low to fair ordinary, 40 to 48c. for good fair to good and 50 to 56 for fine to choice. Young Hysons low, sweet to fair 29 to 40c., good to choice 45 to 70c. Gunpowders and Imperials as usual and Black Teas quiet and unchanged.

Sugars.—West India accounts reporting expected diminished production in Cuba from the weather and destruction of Sugar estates, also from Barbadoes intimating a probable reduction of about one third in Sugar and Molasses from continual dry weather, give indications that the bottom of prices for Sugar has been reached and reaction to some extent may be expected in prices. At the same time it must not be forgotten that the Beet Crop in Europe is large, and joined with the general business depression will tend to prevent any special rise in prices. Raw Sugars here are dull, 6½ to 7½. Yellow Refined 7 to 7½. Granulated and other U. S. refined, a shade higher.

Molasses.—Some sales of new crop Cuba reported lately at about 36 in quantity, 36 to 43 in range. Syrups dull.

Coffee.—Business and stock light.

Rice.—\$3.65 to \$3.85.

Spices.—Pepper 11½ to 13c. Nutmegs 80 to 95

Cloves.—45 to 49.

Fruits.—Valencia Raisins rather firmer, 7½c. to 8c. Layers demand light and supply moderate, \$2.20 to \$2.30. Currants, 6½c. to 7c. Nuts and Almonds dull.

HARDWARE.—There has been nothing of importance to note as to changes during the week; trade has been fairly active. We quote as follows:—*See Prices Current.*

HIDES, per 100 lbs. Green, Inspected No. 1, \$7.00; Do. No. 2, \$6.00; Do. No. 3, \$4.00; Cured and inspected, 1c. more.

LEATHER.—Business during the week has been very quiet, the recent shipments to the English market, having had little or no effect on the unfavorable state of the market here. There is still an overstock of all kinds of Black Leather and Slaughter Sole. Parties holding first-class Upper do not feel inclined to sell at present prices. Prices continue about the same. The Market is still over-stocked with Pebble Leather. We quote. *See Prices Current.*

Liquors.—There has been little doing during the past week, and sales made are only for immediate requirements. With the exception of Brandies in Cask, stocks of spirits here are light, and prices therefore are well maintained. Any sales made are therefore at full prices. There is no likelihood of change till the arrival of new importations. We quote as in *Prices Current.*

LUMBER.—No signs of improvement as yet in this market; prices remain merely nominal. Dealers are anxiously trying to forecast how the business will open in the Spring, and are expecting increased demands, although it is not likely that the change in prices will be very much for the better. Prices—Quebec, *Pine deals*, 1st quality, \$90, per Quebec standard; 2nd do, \$86 do; 3rd do \$28. *Spruce deals*, 1st quality, \$32 do; 2nd do, \$24 do; 3d do, \$16 do, with little demand. Prices at Montreal: *Shipping cuts*, \$8 00 per m. feet; *Spruce Sidings*, \$8 do. *Pine*—Common boards and scantling, \$10 to \$16 per m.; Clear lumber, \$30 to \$45; 1st quality lumber, \$30 to \$35; Third-class, 11c. each deals, \$30 to \$36 per m, surface measure; Cull deals, \$18 to \$24 do.; do, dressed, \$35 to \$40 do.; 2 by 1 inch furrings, \$4 per 100 pieces; Laths, \$1.30 to 1.50 per m; *Spruce* lumber, \$10 to \$12 per m feet; *Spruce* deals, \$24 per m feet, surface measure; *Hemlock* lumber, \$9 to \$11 per m feet; long pine lumber, for building purposes, \$18 to \$34, according to length and size; long hemlock lumber is \$3 less per m feet than pine. *Dressed* lumber—1 inch boards, \$18 to \$20 per m feet; do. 1½ inch roofing, \$20 do.; do. 1½ inch flooring, \$20 to \$24 do.; do. 1½ inch flooring, \$20 to \$30 do.; do. 2 inch flooring, \$28 to \$31 do.

Oils.—Olive Oil is enquired for, but there is very little in the market and price is firm at \$1.05 to \$1.10 according to quantity and quality. Other Oils unchanged. Seal Oils remaining firm at last week's quotations.

Provisions.—The market in provision is quiet. (See *Prices Current.*)

NAVAL STORES.—Without change and in fair demand.

PAINTS.—A fair demand is springing up for Paints at prices quoted elsewhere.

SEEDS.—The market for Timothy and Clover Seed continues active. We quote Timothy, \$2.50; Red Clover, 13c.; Canary, 14c. to 15c.; White Beans, \$1.00 per bushel.

Wool.—We report continued sales in moderate quantity, for the present supply of mills, all of them seeming to buy only as required. Prices remain unaltered. We quote: Fleeces, 30c. to 35c.; Pulled Wool, Sup., 30c. to 35c.; Pulled Medium, 28c. to 32c.; Pulled No. 1, 26c. to 28c.; Black, 26c. to 32c.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE JOURNAL OF COMMERCE via DOMINION LINE.

Toronto, March 30.—Market quiet. Flour in better supply; extra offering at \$4.65, but no sales reported. Wheat steady but unchanged; buyers offer \$1.08 for No. 2 Fall, and \$1.03 to

\$1.04 for No. 1 Spring, f.o.b. Oats sold at 35c. and 35½c. on truck, but seem easy. Barley quiet, No. 2 sold yesterday at 65c., f.o.b. Peas, steady, car of No. 3 sold at 68c., f.o.b. Hogs steady, car sold last evening at \$8.50. On street, 5,000 bushels of Wheat were sold to-day; Fall brought \$1.06 to \$1.12; Treadwell, \$1.06 to \$1.07; Spring \$1.00 to \$1.04. Oats, 37c. Barley, 60 to 81c. Peas, 74c.

EXPORTS.

Comparative statement of Exports, at the Port of Montreal, from the 1st January to 30th March, 1875 and 1876.

	1875.	1876.
Ashes.....	—	956
Butter.....	18,310	17,741
Barley.....	—	—
Bacon.....	—	23,197
Corn.....	46,712	18,400
Cheese.....	3,143	20,392
Flour.....	—	—
Lard.....	5,041	14,537
Oats.....	60,646	20,034
Peas.....	185,479	126,394
Pork.....	790	2,248
Wheat.....	366,747	314,178

IMPORTS.

Comparative statement of Imports at the Port of Montreal from 1st January to 30th March, 1875 and 1876:

	1875.	1876.
Ashes.....	2,296	2,813
Bacon.....	—	—
Barley.....	17,548	45,200
Butter.....	11,941	10,643
Cheese.....	854	2,658
Corn.....	2,700	2,800
Flour.....	95,288	97,941
Lard.....	—	3,348
Oats.....	16,650	18,250
Peas.....	136,100	126,000
Pork.....	6,020	1,414
Wheat.....	89,701	269,575

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