

individual and national importance, that every earnest well-wisher of Western Canada should contribute his mite to elevate the industry of the country, and extend the knowledge of her capabilities to the tens of thousands across the seas, who would willingly, and even joyfully, make this fertile British Province their home, had they confidence in its climate and soil.

TORONTO MARKET REPORT.

December, 11, 1856.

The following report of the prices of produce in the Toronto Market, if compared with the Tables in page 6, of the appendix will show the progressive value of such articles.

The fluctuations in the price of wheat during this year have been very considerable, varying from 11s. 3d. to 5s. 9d. at the present time.

WHEAT.—Since the freezing up of the Canal on the other side of the lake, and the late gale, there has been a rather poor demand for wheat. Purchases for immediate shipment have altogether ceased, and the demand has been mainly confined to the supplying of the mills near the city, purchases having been made for mills on Young Street, six miles out. There is too a slight demand for storage for spring shipment, but as it is rather a hazard us business, in the present unsettled state of the markets abroad, we do not apprehend much will be done in this line until about the latter end of January. Prices have declined considerably since the last. The following is the movement for the week: Tuesday 6s 10d; Wednesday unchanged, but depressed; Thursday 6s 3d a 6s 6d; Friday (under the influence of unfavourable news) 5s 6d a 6s; Saturday 5s 8d a 5s 10d; and yesterday 5s 8d a 6s; so that prices closed fully 10d lower than on this day week.

FLOUR.—The flour market has been much depressed, and except small lots for local consumption, we hear of no sales; nominal quotations are, Superfine \$5 1/4 a \$5 1/2, Fancy \$5 1/2, and Extra \$6 per bbl. Farmers flour on the market has sold at \$5 1/4 per bbl in bags.

OATS scarce at a 3s by wholesale and retail, very few coming in and not many in store.

PEAS are in request at 4s a 4s 4d, the latter for large lots of good sample. **POTATOES** have been in moderate supply and have found ready sale at 4s 6d a 5s per bushel. Prices tend upward.

APPLES more freely at \$3 a \$4 per bbl and 3s 6d a 4 1/2 6d per bushel.

POULTRY has not been so plentiful and prices are better. Fowls 1s 10 1/2 d a 2s per pair; Geese (plucked) 2s 6d a 3s 3; each; Turkeys 3s 9d a 4s 6d each.

BUTTER is not so scarce, and fresh has been bought at 1s 4d a 1s 5d; Tub 1 1/2 d a 1s 1 1/2 per lb. Cheese 9d per lb for Ohio; Eggs in demand at 1s 4d a 1s 6d per doz.

PORK.—Dressed hogs have not been so plentiful and prices are better, ranging from \$6 1/2 to \$7 1/2 for medium lots.

BEEF.—Common Beef is worth \$5 1/2 a \$6 per 100 lbs, Prime American for Christmas brings \$7 a \$10. Beef hides sell at \$7 per 100 lbs.

SHEEP have not been so plentiful and are worth \$3 1/2 a \$5 each, Sheepskins 4s a 5s, the latter for fresh-slaughtered. Wool 1s 3d a 1s 4d per lb.

HAY is coming in freely and brings \$12 a \$22 per ton, Straw \$14 per ton and in demand.

Wood higher and moving off the market freely at \$5 1/2 \$6 1/2 per load. Coal has advanced 1s 3d per ton on all qualities.