

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, September 29, 1881.

Provisions and Breadstuffs have gone up remarkably in consequence of scarcity of the first-named and advances in the English market for the latter. Metals and hardware are very firm as well as very active, the leather market steady, and that of dry goods brisk. It is possible that the good prices for grain have caused it to begin moving to market early, and so given an impulse to country trade.

CATTLE.—The market is quiet and prices weak. Advances from Britain are unfavorable for shippers and 4½ to 5c. are the best prices paid here for the *beeves* bought for export. Butchers' cattle brought 3½ to 4c. Not much doing in *sheep*, which range from 3½ to 4½c. *Lambs* range from 3 to 4c. *Calves* are not in demand.

DRY GOODS.—The outlook is a very satisfactory one. Sorting-up trade continues active; orders in person and by letter are a full average and travellers find it comparatively easy to sell and to get a decent profit. It is likely therefore, that a large aggregate of goods will be sold this autumn. Staple cottons are still in limited supply compared with the demand, the mills cannot turn them out fast enough. Woollens dealers report a fair business in tweeds and a brisk enquiry for flannels, dress goods and underwear. The trade in hosiery and knitted goods of home manufacture is large.

FLOUR.—The market is firm and active. Stocks in store here 960 barrels as compared with 625 bbls. last week and 150 bbls. at like period of 1880. The demand is principally for *Superior* or *Extras* which are both scarce, the low water having shut off production in a number of mills in the Province. There appears to be no *Spring Extra* or *Superfine* in market. Sales are reported of *Superior Extra* on Monday at \$6.20 and yesterday at 6.25, while holders ask \$6.15 for *Extra*.

GRAIN.—The total stocks of all grain in store here are 292,897 bush. against 138,783 bush. last week and 139,679 bush. last year. *Wheat.*—The British market continues to advance and advices from the West are of a higher tenor. There is an active demand here at our quotations, and No. 1 White Wheat is held to be worth \$1.31 afloat. Sales have been made of cars and cargo lots during the week at \$1.35 1.36 and 1.37. Stocks in store are 98,176 bush. against 64,220 bush. last week and 9,988 bush. at like time last year. *Wheat.*—Spring.—Prices higher and firm. Stocks in store, 18,980 bush, against 10,793 bu. at same period of 1880. Sales are reported during the week at \$1.37 for No. 1, and \$1.35 for No. 2. *Oats.*—Dull and easier; say 41c. for No. 1, and 40c. for No. 2. *Barley.*—A good demand has existed all week and the market closes steady at quotations. Stocks in store, 172,384 bush, against 65,829 bush last week, and 114,000 bush at like time of 1880. No. 1 brought 96c. on Tuesday, in car lots; No. 2 choice, is quoted at 91c. and No. 2 at 88c.; other grades 82 to 85c. *Peas.*—Market nominal in absence of transactions. Stocks in store, 2,381 bush, against 1,191 bush last week, and 4,638 bush at like time last year. *Rye.*—Worth 95c. on street; nothing of consequence doing. Stocks in store, 1,976 bush, against 1,250 bush last week and 3,766 bush at like time last year. *Corn.*—Steady at 75c. Gooderham & Worts probably hold what there is in the market.

GROCERIES.—There are no features of especial interest to note. Prices continue to rule as at date of our last.

HIDES & SKINS.—Altho' there is no fall in prices, *hides* are a trifle easier, the supply becoming more plentiful. *Calfskins* nominal. The prices of *lambs* and *pelts* are advanced 5c. we now quote, 90c.; *Tallow*, rough, 3½c.; rendered, scarce and wanted, dealers will pay as high as 7c.

HARDWARE.—A steady demand continues for both metals and shelf goods. The feeling in metals is one of great firmness, and in pig iron quotations are quotably higher. It is very difficult to get fulfilment, in Britain, of orders for iron given months ago, and this fact keeps the supply short in this market.

LEATHER.—An active trade is being done almost all over the list. *Sole* keeps up in price and both Spanish and slaughter meet with good demand. *Upper* continues steady and in fair supply. *Harness* is wanted, especially prime heavy, and brings good figures. There is an enquiry for domestic *calf*, the best makes of which can hardly be obtained fast enough. *Buff* and *pebble* are not very active, prices as before. *Splits* are steady and not moving rapidly. *Russels* meet with ready sale.

PROVISIONS.—The market continues firm, but smallness of stocks curtails amount of business. There has been a good jobbing demand for bacon: long clear at 12½, Cumberland, 11½ to 12. But little demand has been heard for mess pork. *Butter.*—Fine quality keeps very firm, the city demand being good; export situation remains unchanged. *Cheese* is still firm, at London on Saturday 10,000 boxes were offered but held so high that none sold. Ingersoll market of Tuesday was firm in view of the light Fall make asking 12½ to 13c for August; for September and October 13c. *Eggs* are higher, say 16 to 17c. as to quantity. Very few sales are being made of *Hops*, growers are asking too much and brewers holding back. Sales could be made at 16 to 18c. for good hops but they are held at 19 to 23c.

WOOL.—A somewhat better feeling is observable in Canada fleece, which is probably a reflection from the improved feeling in the wool markets in the United States. But there are no transactions of consequence, not much fleece offering, 24c. has been paid on the market for a few fleeces. We quote; Southdown pulled, fleece and matchings, 32 to 38c. English domestic super and Lambs' wool, 28 to 35c. according to quality; Cape wools 18 to 20c.; Australian and New Zealand, both greasy, 21 to 23c; Persian, 21 to 23c. Spanish, greasy 15 to 18c.; East India, 22 to 27c; Scotch Cheviot, 30c; Canadian pulled lamb and super, 27 to 29; pulled extra, 35 to 37c; fleece clothing (fine downs or cross breeds), 32 to 38c; pulled combing 20 to 22c; fleece combing 23 to 24c.

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PROVISIONS.—All hog products are strong and in same articles stocks are very bare. *Pork* very firm inspected western mess is less scarce than last week and sells in jobbing lots at 23 50 \$24.00. *Lard*, the supply is light, and price well maintained city rendered sells in small lots at 15 to 15½; *Hams* canvassed quotes at 14 to 15½c; *Bacon* 12½ to 13; *Eggs* meet with improved demand and are steady at 16½ to 18c. Dairy Products maintain firm tone though not moving actively, *Cheese* shipments for a week or two have been light, and 12 to 12½c for August makes with 13c for September. There are some large holders here: Cable 61/- *Butter.*—Orders from Britain are rare and transactions are few, hardly enough to base values upon. Holders are confident, however, and one refused 20c for 500 pgs. selected Western. We quote:—Creamery, finest, 24½ to 25c; Medium to fine, 23 to 23½c; Eastern Townships, finest, 21½ to 22c; medium to fine, 20 to 21c; Morrisburg, finest, 20½ to 21½c; Medium to fine, 18½ to 20c; Brockville, finest, 19½ to 20, Medium to fine, 17 to 18½c; Western, finest 17 to 19c; Medium to fine, 15 to 16½c.

BRITISH MARKETS.

Beerbohm's report, dated London, 28th Sept., is as follows: Floating cargoes—Wheat and maize strong. Mark Lane—Wheat and maize firm. Good cargoes red winter wheat, off coast, was 55s to 55s 6d, now 55s 6d; do., California was 54s 6d, now 54s 9d. London—Fair average red winter wheat, present and following month, was 54s 6d, now 54s 9d; do., prompt shipment was 54s 6d, now 54s 9; No. 2 Chicago, prompt shipment, was 51s 6d, now 52s. Imports United Kingdom for the week:—Wheat, 395,000 to 400,000 qrs.; maize, 135,000 to 140,000 qrs.; flour, 160,000 to 165,000 bbls. Liverpool—Spot wheat improving; California average red winter and spring one penny dearer; maize improving. Paris—Flour and wheat firm. On passage to Continent—Wheat, 620,000 qrs.; maize, 130,000 qrs.

Liverpool quotations for this week were as under, the prices of wheat and flour being top figures:

	Sept. 26th	27th.	28th.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Flour.....	13 0	13 0	13 0
Spring Wheat....	10 6	10 6	10 6
Red Winter.....	11 2	11 2	11 2
White.....	11 1	11 1	11 1
Club.....	11 6	11 6	11 6
Corn.....	6 1½	6 1½	6 1½
Oats.....	6 4	6 4	6 4
Barley.....	5 3	5 3	5 3
Peas.....	7 4	7 4	7 4
Pork.....	80 0	80 0	80 0
Lard.....	62 0	62 0	62 0
Beef.....	92 6	92 6	92 6
Bacon.....	50 6	50 6	50 6
Tallow.....	43 0	43 0	43 0
Cheese.....	61 0	61 0	61 0