

having done their best to obtain higher prices but this buyers did not see their way to accede to. As will be noticed stock held here is unusually small for the close of navigation, any little extra demand would be likely to cause a rise in price. The market however closed firmer but very little doing. We quote *Superior Extra* \$6.05 to 6.10; *Extra Superfine* \$5.90 to 6.00; *Fancy* \$5.70; nominal *Spring Extra* \$5.70 to 5.75; *Superfine* \$5.40 to 5.50; *Strong B kers Flour* \$6.20 to 6.40; *Fine* \$5.10 to 5.20; middlings \$4.40 to 4.50; *Pollards* \$3.20 to 3.40; *Ontario Bags* \$2.80 to 2.85; *Oatmeal* \$4.60 to 4.65; *Cornmeal* \$2.90.

**GRAIN.**—*Wheat*.—Stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st inst. were 147,545 bush. against 132,483 bush. on the 15th ult., and 97,163 bush. on the 1st December 1878. Total receipts from 1st January to date, 11,178,658 bush., showing an increase of 3,930,885 bush. on the receipts of the same period of 1878. Total shipments from 1st January to date 10,338,131 bush., being an increase of 3,676,466 bush. on the shipments for the same period of last year. In the absence of transactions prices are nominal. *Peas* are held for 75 to 76c. for 66 lbs. *Oats* are steady at 28½ to 29c. *Barley* and *Rye* are nominal. *Maise* is also nominal.

**GROCERIES.**—*Teas*.—A fair enquiry evident for Japans, which we cannot call any lower in price, still perhaps better drawing teas can be had for the same money. Low grade tea is scarce, good to choice kinds being in fair supply. The range of prices keeps steady at from 30 to 65c, according to quality. Black teas are inactive. *Coffee* is firm but only small jobbing sales transpiring. Java 28 to 31; Maracaibo 22 to 24c; Mocha 30 to 33; *Sugar*, this market has been weak and prices have been the turn lower; business has slackened off and is expected to be quiet till after the holidays. We now quote Cut loaf 11 to 11½c; Granulated 11 to 11½c; Grocers A 10½c; Montreal yellow 8½ to 10c; Scotch refined 9½ to 10c; *Raw sugars* also show signs of weakness and there have been sales of Barbadoes and Porto Rico at 8½ to 9c; *Molasses* dull of sale, but prices are well maintained, sales of Barbadoes at 38 to 40c; Porto Rico 34 to 37c; Syrup are firm at 50 to 65c; *Rice* \$4.30 to \$4.50 market quiet, *spices* are steady and strong, but without much animation. Black pepper 10½ to 11½c; White pepper 18 to 19c; cloves 50c; Cassia firm and advancing 14 to 16c; Nutmegs 70 to 85c; African ginger 8 to 10c; Jamaica ginger 20 to 25c; Mace 75 to 90c. *Fruit*.—The principal feature is a decline in the price of Valencia raisins, which are now selling at 7½ to 7¾c; Layer raisins \$2.25 to \$2.50; Loose Muscatels \$2.50 to \$2.75; Sultanias 9 to 11c; Currants 6½ to 8c; Figs are scarce at 8 to 14c; Tarragona almonds 17 to 20c; Filberts 9 to 10c; Bordeaux walnuts 7 to 8c; Grenoble walnuts 10½ to 11c.

**HIDES.**—The market is quiet and prices are steady at the decline noted last week, \$9, \$8 and \$7, are still the rates for Green Butcher's Hides.

**HARDWARE.**—Since last report business has not been active, a state of things usually expected at this season. Merchants have begun stock-taking, which will occupy them till the end of the year. Latest cables advise further advances in Pig Iron, and at a meeting of the hardware trade held here on Monday, it was determined to advance *Bar Iron* to 2½c per lb., and other lines in same proportion, and we now quote *Pig Iron* per ton: Coltness, \$27½ to 28; Summerlee, \$26½ to 27; Langloan, \$27 to 28; Eglinton, \$25 to 26; Calder, No. 1, \$25½ to 26½; Carnbroe, \$25½ to 26½; Hematite, \$29 to 30; *Bars*, per 100 lbs., Scotch and Staffordshire, \$2.25; best do., \$2.40 to \$2.50; Swedes and Norway, \$4.25 to 4.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.50 to 7; Canada Plates per box, Penn and Garth, \$4.50 to 4.75; Dominion and

Arrow, \$4.75 to 5; Hatton, \$4.25 to 4.50. *Tinned Plates* per box—Charcoal, I C, \$8 to 8.25; Charcoal, I X \$9.75 to 10.25; Charcoal, D C, \$7 to 7.25; Charcoal, D X \$9 to 9.25; Coke, I C, \$7.25 to 7.50. *Tinned Sheets*—Cookley, K or Bradley, 13 to 14c; do., Coke, 12 to 13c; *Galvanized Sheets*, 7½ to 9c; *Hoops and Bands*, per 100 lbs., \$2.75 to 3; *Sheets*, best brands, \$3 to 3.25; *Boiler Plate*, Staffordshire, \$3 to 3.25; do., Lowmoor and Bowling, \$7.25 to 9; *Russia Sheet Iron*, per lb., 14 to 15c; *Lead*, Pig, \$5.25 to 5.50; do., Sheet \$5.75 to 6.25; do., Shot, \$6.25 to 6.75; *Steel*, Cast, 13 to 15; Spring, \$3.25 to 3.50; Tire, \$2.75 to 3.25; Sleigh Shoe, \$2.50 to 2.75; *Ingot Tin*, \$27 to 28; *Ingot Copper*, \$22 to 23; *Sheet Zinc*, \$6.50 to 7; *Spelter*, 6 to 6.50; *Horse Shoes*, \$3.50 to 3.75; *Proved Coil Chain*, 8 in., \$5.25 to 5.75; *Anchors*, 6 to 7c; *Iron Wire*, No. 6, per bl., \$2 to 2.10. *Nails* are unchanged.

**LEATHER.**—The market has been quiet but strong. Transactions have been moderate, but stocks are not large. *Sole Leather* is very firm. There is not much doing in *Black Leather* at present but prices are stiff. *Rough Leather* is scarce and wanted. We now quote, *Hemlock Spanish Sole*, No. 1, B. A., 27 to 28c; ditto No. 2, 25 to 26c; No. 1, *Ordinary*, 25 to 26c; No. 2, ditto, 24 to 24½c; *Zanzibar*, ditto No. 1., 22 to 23c; ditto No. 2, 20 to 21c; *Buffalo Sole*, No. 1, 22 to 23c; ditto No. 2, 20 to 22c; *Hemlock slaughter*, No. 1, 26 to 30c; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 38 to 42c; ditto, heavy, 36 to 40c; *Grained*, 38 to 42c; *Splits*, large, 26 to 36c; ditto, small, 24 to 28c; *Calfskins*, (27 to 36 lbs.) 50 to 70c per lb., ditto (18 to 26 lbs.) 50 to 60c per lb.; *Sheepskin linings*, 25 to 40c; *Harness*, 24 to 32c; *Buffed cow*, 15 to 17c; *Enamelled cow*, 15 to 17c; *Patent cow* 14 to 16c; *Pebbled cow* 13 to 16½c; *Rough* 26 to 30c.

**OILS.**—*Petroleum*.—The market has been active, but prices can hardly be called settled and are not expected to be till the stock held by some parties here and bought at the old rates has been disposed of. The price asked at London is 13c on the cars, which is equal to 17c delivered in Montreal. We have heard of no sales yet over 18c per wine gallon, but much higher prices are looked for when present stocks are sold out. The market for *Fish Oils* is rather quieter but prices, especially for *Cod oil* are still on the upward move. Newfoundland is quoted at 47½, some holders are asking 50, but we have heard of no sales at that figure. Halifax is now up to 44c; *Seal pale* 45c, ditto straws 37½c; ditto steam refined 50 to 55c. The market is fairly supplied with fish oils. *Linseed oil* raw 75c; ditto boiled 80c; *Palm oil* 8½ to 9c; *Olive* \$1.25.

**PROVISIONS.**—*Butter*.—Receipts for the past week 5,680 pkgs; shipments 9,930 pkgs; during the week market has been quiet, buyers and sellers were apart in their views and at the close it was unsettled and irregular. The demand from the U. S., for fine butter makes holders very stiff and present prices are too high to allow a margin on shipments to the English market, holders ask for creameries 27 to 28c; Eastern Townships 22 to 25c; Brockville and Morrisburg 21 to 23c; Western 18 to 20c. *Cheese*.—The market is quiet and nominal at 11½ to 13c. *Pork*, market is dull, price for new mess is \$15 to 15.50; *Lard* 10 to 11½c for Canadian tubs and pails. *Smoked Hams* 1 c; *Bacon* 8 to 9c.

**SALT.**—There is a fair demand for small lots of coarse, ex store at 65c. *Factory filled* is very firm and selling at \$1.00 to 1.10 according to brand, but higher prices are shortly expected to rule.

**WOOL.**—There has been more demand and a steady improvement in this market, sales of unassorted pulled are made from 25 to 27c. Greasy Cape wool also meets with more ready sale at from 21 to 22c.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, 4th Dec., 1879.

On this day week, bank stocks were moving briskly, sales having been then made of Merchants, Dominion, Ontario and Federal. They have been quieter since. On Tuesday, Federal sold at 101½ at the board and at the same outside; 117 was offered same day for Toronto, subsiding to 116 on Wednesday; Ontario steady at 71½; Merchants 90 to 90½; Montreal buyers at 144, with holders weakening to 145 on Wednesday. Not much doing in Loan and Saving Stocks; Canada Permanent sold at 182½ on Tuesday. Western advanced ½, Building and Loan offered at 99½, with 97½ bid. In debentures, County Bonds sold at 102½; cities held at 102½ to 103. Montreal Telegraph began to rise on Monday, influenced by stories of a 4 per cent. six months' dividend; on Tuesday it advanced further, attributed to one party of stockholders purchasing shares, so as to make a change in the directorate. Sales were made at 97 to 100, falling on Wednesday to 97.

With the exception of wool, hides, leather and hardware, the markets have been rather quiet during the week. The weather has been variable, raining and freezing by turns, and roads in the country are growing bad. Prices are almost everywhere firm, and remittances are conceded to be very fair.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—The bulk of the trade is over for the winter season, and an active season it has been; all that can now be expected is sorting orders for stogas and other staples. Prices are very firm and may go still higher, spring goods prices must be raised. Remittances very fair, and cash purchases more frequent.

**CATTLE.**—*Beeves* have been offering in plenty with dull demand and lower prices, only 3½c. per lb. for 1100 lb. steers being offered. Liverpool advices of 20th state that prices were lower and the supply large; at Manchester, trade in cattle was slow, and in London the market dull and weak. *Lambs* have been wanted here at good prices \$4.00 to 4.50; but sheep sold slowly, and only few offered, \$5.00 to 5.50 being paid for firsts.

**COAL AND WOOD.**—A good deal of coal is selling, hard being cheaper by 25c. say \$4.75 for stove and nut, soft is as before reported, \$6 for Briar Hill and Lehigh; \$5.00 for Blossburgh. Wood is moving slowly. *Maple* costing \$5.00 delivered, and *pine* \$4.00 per cord.

**FANCY GOODS.**—The condition of this trade affords somewhat of an index to the feeling of country buyers, for when they are in "the dumps" they will hardly be coaxed to buy fancy wares. Business in this line this fall has been active, the sales of one house in October were 90 per cent. over October, 1878, and in November nearly 30 per cent. in excess. Payments are moderately prompt. Christmas goods moving off well.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—*Flour*.—Stocks in store 12,050 brls. against 9,850 brls. last week, and 4,900 brls. on like date last year. The feeling in this market is very firm; flour being relatively lower than wheat, it is believed that it must advance, as grain holders have no notion that the latter will come down to meet flour; several thousand barrels have changed hands since we last wrote Superiors at \$5.40, \$5.45 and 5.50; Extra at \$4.35; little or no fancy moving, lower grades steady, holders not now anxious to sell. *Oatmeal*.—A car or two sold last week at quotations; *Cornmeal* has advanced, and \$3.35 to 3.50 has now to be paid for small lots.