

freely; their consumption in this country increases yearly.

**WINKS AND LIQUORS.**—Market quiet and unchanged; no quotable demand except for Brandy and Gin, which are selling in jobbing lots at firm prices. At the trade sale yesterday the bidding for Brandies, which are expected to advance ere long, was spirited. Champagnes dull, and in Wines but a small movement in low grades of Ports and Sherries.

**Wool.**—There has been little or no business doing in wool since our last issue, and quotations for all kinds remain firm and nominally unchanged. There is no quotable demand from manufacturers, but holders remain firm and confident. Of foreign descriptions, stocks are almost entirely in the hands of one dealer, and no movement is expected until after the holidays. The Boston wool market continues fairly active and steady, and, though sellers may yield a little on such lots as are pressed for sale, the tone of the market is generally firm. Receipts of wool in Boston last week comprise, 8,649 bales domestic and 1,774 foreign, against 5,602 bales domestic and 2,081 foreign for the like period last year. The total receipts since January 1 comprise 323,736 bales domestic and 95,185 bales of foreign, against 375,896 bales domestic and 60,410 bales foreign for the like period of 1879.

#### AMERICAN MARKETS.

Chicago, Dec. 23, 1.03 p.m.—Wheat, Dec. 95½c; Jan., 96½c; Feb., 97½c; Mch., 98½c. Corn, Jan., 36½c; Feb., 37½c; May, 42c. Oats, Jan., 29½c; Feb., 30½c; May, 34½c. Pork, 2.10 p.m., Dec., \$11.50; Jan., \$12.45; Feb., \$12.67½; Mch., \$12.85. Lard, 1.01 p.m., Dec., \$8.30; Jan., \$8.35; Feb., \$8.45; Mch., \$8.57½. Milwaukee, Wheat, Jan., 95½c; Feb., 96½c.

#### ENGLISH MARKET.

Beerbohm, 23rd Dec., 1880.—Floating cargoes Wheat, Maize, quiet, steady. Cargoes passage Wheat, steadier. Maize quiet. Good cargoes, Red Winter Wheat off coast was 47s, now 46s 9d. Liverpool Spot Wheat dull. Maize ½ penny cheaper. Passage U. K. ports, call and direct ports: Wheat 2,150,000, qrs.; Maize, 320,000 qrs.

#### TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

(By Telegraph from our Special Correspondent.)

Toronto, Dec. 23rd, 1880.

At this time of the year it is generally expected that trade in wholesale departments will be small. The present year is not an exception, except probably in a few branches. The produce markets have ruled dull, and the immense crops in the West are now producing an unsettled feeling in the markets. The European demand is small, and the tendency is to lower prices. Our farmers, however, are inclined to hold, and receipts of grain the past week have been unusually small. The wholesale dry goods trade is quiet, with some houses taking stock and preparing for the spring trade. Orders are for small lots of cotton and woollen goods to replenish assortments. Travellers, however, report a disposition on the part of dealers to hold back until after the holidays, when an active trade is expected. There are no changes to note in prices, but cottons are firm, and an advance expected. The retail trade in small wares is active, and furs are receiving considerable attention. Hats and caps are moving freely, and dealers, as a rule, are hopeful. The money market is less active in absence of a large movement in grain, and rates are steady at previous quotations. Prime commercial paper is discounted at 6 to 7 per

cent., as to name and date all loans are quiet, being seldom called for, and are nominally unchanged at 4 to 4½ per cent. Time loans, on good collateral, rule at 5 to 5½. Sterling exchange is quiet and steady at 108½ to 108¾ for 60-day bills over the counter, and 108½ to 109 on demand. There have been few transactions in banks during the week, and the market since Monday has been lower. No sale of Bank of Montreal have been made. Ontario sold down from 98½ to 96, Commerce from 137½ to 136½, Federal from 134 to 133½, Hamilton at 115 and 116 for the fully paid-up stock, and Imperial at 116. Loan and miscellaneous shares have been quiet and steady; a number are quoted ex-dividend. Western Canada sold at 167, Building and Loan at 94, Western Assurance at 222, and Consumers' Gas at 145, 147 and 146.

The following are to-day's bids for banks and the leading loan companies as compared with last Thursday:

Banks.	Bid Dec. 23.	Bid Dec. 16.	Loan Cos.	Bid Dec. 23.	Bid Dec. 16.
Montreal.	167½	165½	Can. Permanent	109	108
Toronto.	141	139	Freehold.	157	157
Ontario.	97	96	Western Can.	160	164
Merchants.	115	116	Bldg. & Loan.	93½	91
Commerce.	136½	139	Imp. Savings.	110	119
Dominion.	144	144½	Farmers' Loan.	122	121½
Hamilton.	104	104	Land & Cn. In.	149	149
Standard.	100½	104	Huron & Erie.	148	148
Federal.	133	132	Don. Savings.	.....	.....
Imperial.	116½	117½	Hamilton Loan.	.....	.....
Molson's.	.....	103	Hamilton Prov.	120	.....

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—Houses in this branch of business report a quiet week, which is natural at this season of the year. Most of the factories are busy on Spring goods, and from indications it would appear as if a large trade was expected.

**COAL.**—The movement during the week has been moderately active, and the high prices show no signs of weakening. Stocks are light, and some dealers find difficulty in supplying their orders. Rail receipts will be heavier this winter than ever before, on account of the small receipts during navigation. Egg, stove grate and chestnut are firm at \$7 a ton; first quality soft coal, \$6.50, and second quality \$6.

**COAL OIL.**—There has been a fair demand during the week, and it is thought that prices have touched bottom. The price during the year doubled, the quotation in the Spring being 15c and in November 30c per gallon. Large lots now sell at 25c, and small lots at 26c.

**COUNTRY PRODUCE.**—Apples.—There has been a rather better demand the past week; and although quotations are not higher, they are firmer. Round lots of choice fruit, in barrels, sell at \$1.75, and inferior qualities at \$1 to \$1.50. Beans are unchanged in price, and offerings are as a rule of poor quality; common country lots sell at \$1.20 to \$1.25, and hand-picked at \$1.45. Country Lard is still offering in small quantities, and firm at 10c to 10½ per lb. Eggs are coming forward in limited quantities; fresh case lots bring 19c to 20c per dozen, and lined 18c. Hogs have continued steady the entire week at \$6.10 for choice lots weighing 220 lbs., and \$6 for those weighing from 80 to 190 lbs. Hops are unchanged, and, on account of high prices, brewers have been purchasing elsewhere; quotations are from 16c, to 22c, per lb., the latter price for choice. Onions are in moderate demand and firm, at \$2.75 for large lots and \$3 to \$3.25 for small lots. Potatoes are in better demand and higher; car lots would now bring 40c per bag. Poultry are firm, and the demand good; geese and chickens are now from 5c to 6c per lb. for boxed lots, and turkeys, and ducks 9c to 11c. Tallow is quiet, there being little demand; dealers pay 3½c for

rough and 6c for rendered, and the top selling price is 6½c.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—A good business is doing in drugs, and the tone of the market firm. Payments are being well met. Quinine has advanced to \$3.60, and Opium to \$8.75, both of which are very firm. Oil of Peppermint is firm at \$4.50 per lb. and Winter-green at \$4.75. Glycerine is steady at 30c to 32c, and Castor Oil at 11c. Morphia unchanged at \$4 an ounce. Linseed Oil is quoted at 79c for raw, and 83c for boiled. Heavy chemicals are quiet, and prices unchanged.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—The demand for flour during the week has been unusually small, and no sales of importance have been made. What few orders there are for export are filled at outside points. The latter part of last week a sale of strong bakers was made at \$5.40, and on Tuesday 125 barrels of a choice brand of superior extra sold at \$5.05. Ordinary brands of the latter have offered freely at \$5.00, without buyers; and extra at \$4.90 with the same result. Market very dull to-day; holders would have to make concessions to effect sales. The stock in store has increased from 4,600 barrels last week to 5,684 barrels. Outmeal is unchanged; cars offered during the week at \$4.10, with \$4 bid; small quantities sell at \$4.25 to \$4.50. Cornmeal is dull, with sales confined to small lots at \$2.90 to \$3. Bran is quiet and rather easier; the last sale of a car was reported on Monday at \$13.25.

**WHEAT.**—The demand has been inactive this week, and the feeling is much easier in sympathy with the great decline in Chicago. Spring wheat, however, is well sustained, and prices at the close are equal to those at the opening. The latter part of last week there were sales of No. 2 choice Spring at \$1.16, ordinary No. 2 at \$1.15, No. 1 Fall at \$1.13, and No. 2 Fall at \$1.11. The next sales reported were on Tuesday, when No. 1 Spring changed hands at \$1.17, and No. 2 Spring at \$1.15. Yesterday the market was quiet and unchanged, with a little enquiry for Spring. Market quiet to-day without sales, \$1.08 was bid for a car of No. 2, Fall Wheat; \$1.14 for No. 1 Spring; \$1.11 for No. 2; and \$1.07 for No. 3 Spring. Stocks are about the same as last week, viz.: 110,871 bushels against 269,171 bushels the corresponding week of 1879.

**COARSE GRAINS.**—Barley.—There have been few transactions during the week; holders are asking high prices, but there is little disposition on the part of buyers to purchase. A good many car lots are offering, and prices may be said to be rather easier at the close. On Friday sales of No. 1 were made at \$1.02 and \$1.03, No. 2 choice at \$1, No. 2 ordinary at 94c, No. 3 extra at 88c. Since then no sales were reported until Tuesday, when No. 3 extra sold at 87c, on track. On Wednesday, a car of No. 2 sold at 90c on track. The demand to-day is light, with sale of a car load of No. 2 choice at 98c. Other grades nominal. The stock in store increased 18,000 bushels during the week, being now 416,835 bushels against 161,282 bushels the corresponding week of last year. Peas were in poor demand during the week and prices are easier; cars of No. 2 sold on Saturday at 68c, but it is difficult getting that price now. No. 1 is nominal at 68c to 69c, and No. 2 sold yesterday at 67c. Stocks increased 4,000 bushels since our last review, and are now 41,913 bushels as compared with 34,953 bushels the corresponding week of 1879. Oats are in moderate demand and steady; car lots have changed hands daily at 34c on track. There is no stock in store. Rye is dull and inactive, with a sale yesterday at 84c. Corn is quiet and easier in sympathy with the West, but prices are nominal at 58c.

**FREIGHTS.**—There is no change in rail freights which are firm on the basis of 24c on flour to Belleville and 40c to Montreal. To Liverpool by Portland flour is \$1.18 per barrel; pork and