

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LONDON, Feb. 23, 1882.

(Beerbohm's advices)—Floating Cargoes—Wheat and Corn, quiet. Cargoes on passage—Wheat, rather easier; Corn, steady. Good cargoes of California Wheat, 48s.; Mixed American Corn, 29s. 6d. Fair average No. 2 Chicago Spring, 47s. 8d. English and French Country Wheat markets quiet. Liverpool Wheat on spot, dull; Corn, quiet but steady. Amount of Wheat on passage to U.K., 2,950,000 qrs.; Corn, 120,000 qrs. Paris—Wheat and flour, rather easier.

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

(By Special Telegraph.)

TORONTO, Feb. 23, 1882.

The trade situation shows no decided change from that of last week. In a few branches the reports are fairly satisfactory, but the movement generally has been restricted on account of bad roads. A large number of orders have been received for dry goods, and deliveries at present keep packers very busy. The importations have been larger than usual, and especially so of tickings, denims and ducks. Prices are steady, and although they are likely to remain so, no material advance is looked for in the face of large foreign stocks. In a number of instances we hear of a larger business than usual from the beginning of the year, and the outlook is considered satisfactory. The increasing number of failures among country merchants is to many a note of warning. Hardware dealers are doing quite an active trade, and prices continue steady at former quotations, with the exception of a slight decline in bar iron. In groceries there is a moderate movement, with few changes in quotations. Provisions have been quiet, and prices a shade firmer. The hog packing season is over, and stocks of bacon and pork are much smaller than usual at this season. Breadstuffs quiet with holders as a rule firm; shippers complain of high prices, and are unable to do business. The money market has been firm, with banks doing a good general business since our last. Loans on stocks rule at 6 to 6½ per cent. for time and call, but the former being little wanted. Gilt-edged commercial paper is discounted at 6 per cent., and the ordinary run at 7. Sterling exchange is firm; 60-day bills are quoted at 109½ between banks and 109¾ across the counter, and demand bills at 110½ to 110¾. Gold drafts in New York easy at par to 1-16 between banks and ¼ to 3-16 across the counter. The stock market has been quiet; bank shares were strong early in the week, but they close irregular. Among sales were Montreal at 205, Ontario at 61½ and 61¾, Commerce at 142½, 142, 142½ and 142, Imperial at 136, 136½, Federal at 161½, 162 and 161, Merchants at 128½, Dominion at 196½ and 196, Standard at 114½ and 114. Loan and Miscellaneous shares quiet and steady with sales of Freehold Loan at 175, Western Canada at 186, National Investment at 110, Canada Permanent at 225½, London and Canadian at 148½, Imperial Savings at 112, Western Assurance at 178, and Consumers Gas at 155, 155½ and 155. The market closed strong to-day, with sales of Ontario at 61½, Merchants at 129½, Commerce at 142, Imperial at 136½, Federal at 161, Dominion at 196½, Canada Permanent at 225, Freehold at 180, and London and Canadian at 148.

Following are closing bids to-day as compared with those of last Thursday:

Banks.	Bid Feb. 16.	Bid Feb. 23.	Loan Cos.	Bid Feb. 16.	Bid Feb. 23.
Montreal	204	204½	Can. Permanent	225	224½
Toronto	168	167	Freehold	176	180
Ontario	609	613	Western Can.	185	185
Merchants	127½	129½	Bldg. & Loan	107½	107
Commerce	141½	142	Imp. Savings	111½	111½
Dominion	193½	195½	Farmers' Loan	124½	125½
Hamilton	.....	.....	Land. & Can'dn	147½	147
Standard	.....	.....	Huron & Erie	156	159
Federal	159	160½	Dom. Savings	120½	120½
Imperial	138½	136½	Ontario Loan	192	.....
Molson's	125	126½	Hamilton Prov.	.....	.....

BOOTS AND SHOES.—There has been less activity during the past week, which will enable dealers to catch up on previous orders. Manufacturing departments are kept busy, and the shipments are fair. Payments are fairly satisfactory.

COAL AND WOOD.—The demand for coal has been moderate, but the trade generally is not as satisfactory as dealers would wish. Prices are unchanged at \$6.50 for hard and best soft, and \$6 for second quality of soft. Wood is unchanged at \$5.50 for hard and \$4 for pine.

COAL OIL.—The refined market is moderately active and prices steady at former figures. The expected firmness has not yet arrived. Single barrel lots of Canadian sell at 18½c, and five to ten barrel lots at 18c. American prime is unchanged at 20c and water white at 30c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.—Apples.—The demand is inactive, and prices unchanged at \$3 to \$3.25 per barrel. Stocks are being reduced by shipments to Britain. Beans dull and firm, at \$2.50 to \$2.60 per bushel; stock small. Eggs are scarce and firm at 23c for case lots of fresh and 20c for pickled. Hogs are not offering very freely, and there are few buyers; sales have been made at \$8.50 to \$8.65, the latter for choice cars. Hops dull with trade confined to small lots at 22c to 24c for choice and 18c to 20c for medium. Onion are in better demand and steady at \$2.25 per bbl. Potatoes are dull with no shipping demand and few cars offering, they are worth 95c to \$1 per bag on track. Poultry scarce, with no boxed lots offering; prices on open market are 8c to 9c per lb. for chickens and geese, and 12c to 13c for ducks and turkeys. Tallow quiet and firm at 8c for small lots of refined; rough is worth 4c, and dealers pay 7½c to 7¾c for rendered.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The demand for drugs is fairly active, with numerous letter orders. Oil Lemon is unchanged, at \$4.25 to \$4.50 per lb. Golden Seal Root higher at 60c per lb., and Cuttle fish bone at 55c to 60c. Opium is firm at \$4.75 to \$5. Quinine is easier at \$3.15 to \$3.25 per oz. Tartaric Acid is unchanged at 58c to 60c. Cream of Tartar unchanged at 35c. Turpentine steady at 95c to \$1. Linseed Oil steady at 79c for boiled and 76c for raw. Glycerine firm at 45c to 47c. Potass Iodide, easier at \$2.90 per lb. Potass Bromide, 43c to 48c per lb. Alcohol continues firm at \$2.75 per gallon. Morphine steady at \$2.75 to \$3 an ounce. Cube Berries, easier at 65c per lb. Chemicals are low in stock and firm.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—There has been little demand for flour the past week, and, fortunately for holders, offerings have been restricted. Shippers complain that our prices are much too high, and until British prices go up or ours go down there will be no business. Superior Extra, old standard, sold at \$3.52½; new standard is held at \$3.60. Extra sold yesterday at \$3.47½. The stock in store is 6,658 barrels against 6,933 barrels last week and 8,351 barrels the corresponding week of 1881. Bran is in fair demand and firm, with a sale of a car at \$16. Oatmeal quiet, ordinary to choice lots are held at \$4.55 to \$4.65; small lots sell at \$4.75 to \$4.90. Cornmeal dull and nominal at \$3.60 to \$3.65.

WHEAT.—During the latter part of last week this market was dull and demoralized, but the past few days there has been a better feeling, in sympathy with outside. Transactions for the week, however, have been small. On Friday and Saturday there were sales of Nos. 2 Fall at \$1.25, Red Winter, at \$1.28, and Nos. 1 and 2 Spring together at \$1.29 f.o.c. On Monday and Tuesday No. 3 Spring sold at \$1.23. Yesterday the market was quiet, and prices nominal at \$1.26 for No. 2 Fall, \$1.29 to \$1.30 for No. 1 Spring, and \$1.27 to \$1.28 for No. 2 Spring. The Wheat market closed dull to-day, with no sales. The stock in store is 333,356 bushels against 314,560 bushels last week and 182,645 bushels the corresponding week of 1881.

COARSE GRAINS.—Barley.—There have been sales to the States on p.t., and the few car loads sold to the trade here have been at easier prices. Round lots of Nos. 1, 2 and 2 choice have changed hands on p.t. Car lots of the former are worth 83c. On Monday and Tuesday No. 2 choice sold at 83c on track and No. 2 extra at 76c, on track. Yesterday the market was unchanged. The stock in store is 286,136 bushels against 293,947 bushels the previous week and 400,563 bushels the corresponding week of 1881. The barley market is quiet, No. 1 offered at 89, and No. 2 at 84, without bids. Oats are easier; the demand has been moderate; sales of western were made the latter part of last week at 42c on track and on Tuesday and yesterday at 41c on track. Eastern nominal at 40c. The stock in store is 4,113 bushels against 4,513 bushels the previous week, and none the corresponding week of 1881. Oats firmer at the close, with sales at 42, Peas dull and nominal at 79c to 80c for No. 1 and 77c to 78c for No. 2. The stock in store is 17,845 bushels against 16,860 bushels last week and 74,874 bushels the corresponding week of 1881. Rye is quiet and easy at 83c. The stock in store is 16,607 bushels against 12,223 bushels the corresponding week of 1881. Corn dull and nominal at 75c to 78c.

FREIGHTS.—Rail freights are unchanged, on the basis of 40c per barrel flour to Montreal. Ocean rates to Liverpool via Portland are also unchanged. Flour, in sacks, 38c; boxed meats and pork, 51c per cental; Tallow and Lard, 50c; Butter, over 15,000 lbs, 63c; do, under 15,000 lbs, 76c; Oil Cake, 41c; Clover Seed, 55c; Apples, 30 barrels and over, \$1.14.

GROCERIES.—There has been a fair trade during the week, with but few changes in quotations. Fruits are firm and in small stock, and fish likewise. Halifax shore at \$5.50. No. 1 Labrador herrings, \$6.75. Sardines, 11c for 4s and 22c for 4s. Canned lobster sells at \$1.40 to \$1.70. Salmon, \$1.80 to \$2.10. Quintal cod is quoted at 54c; boneless, in 40 lb. boxes, 5c; do, in 5 lb. boxes, 5½c. Fruit in moderate demand and steady: Valencia's firmer at 9½c to 9¾c; Sultanias, 12c to 14c; Currants steady at 6½c to 6¾c; choice do, in barrels, 7½c to 7¾c; do in half barrels, 7½c to 7¾c; Vostizza in cases, 9½c. Malaga fruit firm; London Layers, \$3.25; loose Muscatels, \$3.25; common Layers, \$3; Black Basket, \$4.50; finest Dehesa, \$7.00 to \$7.25; do 4 boxes, \$2.25. Figs, 15c; Almonds, 18½c to 20c; Brazil nuts, 8½c; Walnuts, 8½c; Filberts, 10c; Lem-on peel, 20c; Orange peel, 20c; Citron, 30c. Sugars firmer; round lots of Granulated are selling at 93c, and small quantities at 94c. Low Yellows are quoted at 7½c to 8½c, and Bright 8½c to 9c. Porto Rico 7½c, and Barbadoes 7½c. Syrups higher; Common, 58c to 62c per imperial gallon; Amber, 65c to 70c; Molasses, 40c to 42c. Teas more active, with sales of round lots in bond at 23c to 30c. Young Hyson—common, 30c to 38c; good to medium, 40c to 45c; finer sorts, 50c to 60c; extra firsts, 75c. Congou Teas—common, 25c to 40c; good, 40c; fine, 60c to 70c. Peppers unchanged at 23c for white, and 16c for black in lots. Rice steady at \$3.87½ to \$4.12½. Tobaccos firmer. Manufactured Black goods—3s, 6s and 12s, 39½c to