

SALT.—There have only been a few retail sales of *Coarse* at 80c; *Fine* continues nominal at 90c, and *Factory filled* is procurable at \$1.40 to 1.50.

WOOL.—There has been a little more enquiry this week, and some small sales are reported to have taken place within our range of quotations. Pulled super 32 to 34; No. 1 Black 30 to 31c; Unassorted 32c.

TORONTO MARKET.

TORONTO, February, 25, 1875.

The dullness in all branches of trade noticed in our last still continues prevalent. The partial disappearance of the snow-blockade has modified one of its causes, but another has come into force in the tightness of the money market which threatens to prove more serious. In face of this difficulty none care either to buy or sell any more than can be done with a perfect assurance of safety. Produce has been quiet and stocks in some cases decreasing, but prices steady save in the case of barley. Provisions also are quiet, and the movement in groceries is small. Manufactured and imported goods exceedingly quiet with holders decidedly disinclined to press sales.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—There are very few buyers in the market, and the movement in spring goods has, thus far, been very small. Some orders are coming in from travellers, but they are below those of preceding seasons.

CATTLE.—*Beeves*—There has been a slight increase in receipts since our last, but the supply is still insufficient. Prices are firm and all offering find ready sale at \$5.00 to 5.25 for first-class; \$4.00 to 4.50 for second-class, and \$3.00 to 3.50 for third-class. Should supplies increase, however, it is probable that these prices can be maintained. *Sheep*—The former scarcity remains unabated; an active demand at firm prices fails to draw forth supplies. Prices are firm at \$6.50 to 7.50 for first-class; \$5.00 to 5.50 for second-class, and \$3.50 to 4.00 for third-class. *Lambs*—The state of supply and demand was much the same as in the case of sheep, until the last couple of days when a few came into the market. First-class are much wanted, and any dressing not less than 50 lbs., would now command \$5.50 to 6.50; second-class are worth \$4.00 to 5.00, and third-class in the present scarcity would sell at \$3.50. *Calves*—Remain very steady with an increasing demand at firm prices. First-class dressing not less than 120 lbs., are firm at \$10. to 12., and second-class dressing from 80 to 110 lbs. at \$6. to 8. Third-class are not wanted.

DRUGS.—Trade continues quiet in consequence of bad roads. Quinine, to arrive is offered at 8 to 10c below our quotations, but is scarce on the spot. Balsam, camphor, ergot, oil of peppermint and citric acid are tending upwards. Mercurials are thought to have reached the top and a fall is expected.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—*Flour*—Stocks in store on the 22nd inst, 13,594 brls., against 30,771 the corresponding date of last year. The movement has been very small all through the week partly on account of scarcity and partly on account of a limited demand. Prices have shown but little change. Superior extra has been quiet and neglected all week. Extra sold last week at \$4.40 f.o.b. and is still held at the same figure. Fancy has been quiet, a lot sold yesterday at \$4.20 f.o.b. Spring extra changed hands last week and on Monday at \$3.95 f.o.b. Superfine has been nominal. The market yesterday closed very quiet; the only sale reported was that of the above lot of fancy; Spring extra could have been bought in some cases at \$3.95c. *OATMEAL*—Prices have remained firm; there was a car-load sold last week at \$5.10 on the track and this price would probably be repeated. Small lots are unchanged at \$5.25 to \$5.50. *Bran*—Has

been exceedingly scarce and in active demand at about \$18.00 per cars on the track.

GRAIN.—Stocks in store on the 22nd inst., 432,814 bush.; oats 11,400 bush.; barley, 78,432; peas, 80,667 bush.; rye, 500 bush.; corn, 8,726 bush.; against 641,978 bush. of wheat; 7,122 bush. of oats; 20,097 bush. barley; 78,437 bush. of peas; nil bush. of rye, and 8,600 bush. of corn on the corresponding date of last year. *Wheat*—A fairly steady demand at firm prices has prevailed all week. The movement in fall has been very limited; a car of No. 2 sold on Monday at 94c in store, and seven cars of No. 3 changed hands on Tuesday at 88c in store. Spring has been more active. One round lot sold on Friday at 88c in store, and another on Monday at somewhere about 89c; some cars sold on Tuesday at 88c on the track, and 89c in store. The market yesterday was quiet and rather easy. No. 2 fall could have been sold at 94c, and No. spring at 88c in store. On the street fall sold at 98c; treadwell at 94c, and spring at 89c. *Oats*—Have been very scarce and in active demand, but even an advance in prices has failed to bring them forward. Several cars to arrive sold last week at 46c. Since then none have been offered; could they have been got yesterday 46 to 47c would have been paid. Street prices stood at 48 to 50c. *Barley*—The market has become demoralized, and prices have declined at least fifteen cents since our last. A lot of 2000 bushels of No. 1 inspected sold last week at \$1.40 f.o.b.; but on Monday the best price for car lots of No. 2 was 90c delivered, and on the track, at which figures sales were made. Since then no buyers could be found, so our quotations must be regarded as nominal. On the street prices have declined to 90c. *Peas*—There has been some movement during the week, but on strictly p. t. It is certain, however, that No. 1 must have brought 75c, and No. 2 sold at 73c in store, as these prices were freely offered all week, and yesterday it seemed probable that 76c would have been paid. Street prices 75 to 76c. *Rye*—Sells at 70c on the street, but with very little offering even there.

GROCERIES.—*Coffee* has been quiet and unchanged all week; small lots have been sold at 30 to 31c for Java, and 25½c for a trade lot of Porto Rico. *Fish*—Herrings seem to be very weak; a lot of Labradors sold on p. t.; but we believe that they can be had at 76; small lots bring \$6.25 to 6.50. Cod is unchanged; trout is firmer at \$4.12 to 4.25; of whitefish there is none. *Fruit*—Layers are unchanged; a lot of 200 boxes sold at \$2.75. *Valencias* seem to be unsettled, but sales of round lots were made at 8½ and 9c, and of lots of 25 and 50 boxes at 9½c. *Sultanas* are very scarce and no movement reported. *Currants* are quiet; lots are held at 6 to 6½c. *Nuts* are unchanged at 15½ to 16c for almonds; 9½c for Brazil nuts, and 8½c for walnuts. *Liquors*—Brandies are rather easier and some sorts are quoted at a decline of 25c. *Whiskey* is unchanged. *Rice* remains nominally unchanged at \$4.40 to 4.60. *Syrups*—Are rather firmer; sales have been made of golden at equal to 52c. here, and of amber at 70c. *Sugar*—Prices are rather firmer than at our last. Sales have been made of New York refined at 8½c; of English refined at 8½c; of Montreal refined at 8½ to 9½c, and of Demerara at 8½ to 9c. Dry crushed and ground also are firmer; a mixed lot sold at 10c. *Tea*—Has been very quiet all week; stocks are light, and the demand has fallen off, save for low-grade Young Hysons, which are not to be had. One line of Ping-Suey, a good third, sold at 37c; one line of Japan changed hands at 40c, and another at 41c. Black are equally quiet with greens; the only sale reported is that of a lot of good medinm red-leaved Congou at 58½.

HARDWARE.—The market has continued to be very dull all week; purchasers are few although the stocks outside are said to be small.

There has been no change in prices, nor is there anything to note in the situation beyond a scarcity and firmness in glass. In England pig iron is reported as being steady.

HIDES AND SKINS.—*Hides*—Green are unchanged at last week's decline, and sell at 7c for No. 1 and 6c for No. 2. Cured are still very slow of sale; a car of No. 1 changed hands at 7½c, but this is not likely to be repeated as holders usually stand out for 8c. *Calfskins* remain nominally unchanged. *Sheepskins* prices have declined 15 to 20c. Green usually sell at \$1.50 to 1.60, with something more for very choice.

HOPS.—The market remains inactive with brewers buying only sufficient for immediate wants, and paying about 40c for small lots. New York is reported as dull, and prices 2c lower than last week. Stocks in the States are estimated at 23,000 bales.

LEATHER.—The dullness of last week has remained almost unabated. Spanish sole seems to be almost the only article for which anything of a demand is heard; a lot of 200 sides sold at 26½c. Slaughter is dull, unless light weights which are wanted. Harness is enquired for in some quarters, but is generally quiet; prices of all sorts are unchanged. Cod oil is very steady.

PETROLEUM.—No change has been reported since our last. A fair trade is being done at 26 to 27c for small lots. Cars sell for 24c at London and 25½c here.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*—Continues to be very dull with prices very weak. There was a lot of 200 packages of good shipping quality sold at 19c, which may be regarded as the top price for this grade. For choice dairy suited to the local market 23 to 24c would be paid. Box butter ranges from 18 to 22c according to quality. English markets are again reported weaker. *Cheese*—Remains quiet and unchanged with small lots selling at 14 to 14½c. *Eggs*—Are still scarce and in active demand at a further advance of two to three cents, lots are worth 23 to 24c. *Pork*—There have been sales of one large lot at \$20.50, and of small lots at \$21.50, but cars are now offered at \$20.00. *Hacon*—Some round lots have changed hands on strictly p. t.; small lots are unaltered at 10 to 10½c for Cumberland; long-clean can be had at 11c. *Hams*—Are in fair demand in small lots at steady prices, one lot of 100 smoked sold at 13c; pickled are unchanged. *Lard*—The market is quiet, the only movement being in small lots which sell at 14 to 14½c for tierces, and 14½ to 14½c for tennets. *Hogs*—Have been rather quiet, a good many of those snowed-up have come forward, but are slow of sale; values probably range from \$7 to 8. *Dried Apples*—Are selling fairly this week at from 8½ to 8½c.

SALT.—The movement is small and prices are unchanged. Liverpool course sells at \$1.40 to 1.50, and fine at \$1.60 to 1.70 for small lots. Car-lots of Goderich can be had at \$1.00, and small lots at \$1.10 to 1.20.

WOOL.—The market has been quiet and prices rather easier. There was one lot of 3000 lbs. of super sold at equal to 30½c here, and another of the same amount at 30c delivered. There was also a mixed lot sold at 33c for broken fleece; 32c for tub-washed and 24c for unwashed.

Insurance.

FIRE RECORD.—Invermay, February 20.—The barns and stables of Wm. Simmons, of Arran, were totally destroyed by fire. About four hundred bushels of grain, all the hay and straw, with eleven head of cattle, and a quantity of farm implements were consumed. Small insurance.

Clarksville, February 20.—A fire broke out in the outbuildings of Mr. B. Stephens, two barns, the stable, the granary, with several hundred bushels of grain, and a thrashing machine were destroyed.