

the shoe manufacturers, but, as western jobbers have already begun to file an appearance in the market, it is expected that the demand for leather will accordingly improve very shortly.

Oils.—Stocks of Cod oil here are not heavy, although the arrival of some fresh cargoes, not yet inspected, is reported. The demand continues steady, but dealings have been confined to small lots, and values remain as previously quoted. Several enquiries for round lots of *Steam Refined Seal* have been received by local dealers this week, but no quotable transactions can be reported. *Linseed* and *Turpentine* remain quiet and unchanged.

Provisions.—The Western provision markets have been weak and steadily declining since our last report. A further drop of 25c to 27½c per barrel for pork, and of 17½c to 20c per 100 lbs. for lard, January and February deliveries, having occurred in Chicago yesterday. There has been a great falling off in the export trade in Western provisions this year, and W. J. Trafton, jun., New York, an acknowledged authority, writing on the subject says: "At the present high prices for fresh pork, the consumption has fallen off greatly, poultry, corned beef and fish being much cheaper and abundant. This great falling off in the export trade, which seems likely to continue for six months or more, is of far more importance prospectively than dealers have any conception of, and its financial importance is not thought of by many. The falling off in the export demand for Western prime mess is very great, and the dealings in options have almost come to a stand still, as the future is so full of doubt and uncertainty." In this market the demand for pork and lard has continued light; and in sympathy with the decline in Chicago prices have been weak and declining. *Mess pork* being now quoted here at \$20.50 for Chicago uninspected, and \$21 to \$21.50 for old pork, inspected. For small lots of the new article \$22 to \$22.50 is, in some cases, asked. Dealers are carrying light stocks, in anticipation of considerably lower rates still. The high prices for *lard* curtails the demand. Dealers refuse to take hold at present asking figures. Fairbanks is quoted at 15½c and Canadian at 15c. *Hams*, always quiet at this period, are moving off in small lots at 13c to 14c for canvassed. No *bacon* in the market. *Eggs* quiet but strong, under light receipts and a good steady demand, at 21c to 22c for the bulk of stocks; strictly fresh lots scarce and command 24c per doz.

Poultry.—The trade in Canadian poultry this autumn promises to be considerably larger than last year; it is believed that the American demand will be more extensive this season than for many years, and the farmers of Ontario and Quebec seem to be prepared to supply it. Already American buyers are in Ontario endeavoring to make contracts ahead, and some are reported to have been closed. It is rather early for shipments to this market, and not much has been done yet, the weather having been decidedly unfavorable for handling dressed poultry; still a number of cases and boxes have been received by one or two dealers in fair condition, and sales are reported here at 9c per lb. for turkeys, and 8c for chickens, in cases. Partridges have also changed hands at 50c to 55c per brace; one lot of 200 brace was bought on Tuesday at the inside figure.

SALT.—Market continues firm, at the late advance, sales being reported at quotation: 57½c to 62½c for Liverpool coarse; \$1 to \$1.10 for factory filled; and \$2 for Eureka filled.

Wool.—There is a steady demand from manufacturers, who have been buying moderate-sized lots of Canada pulled wools during the week at the prices last quoted. In foreign descriptions there is no change to note in either the demand or values; reported sales include 240 bales Greasy Cape at from 20 to 22c.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

(By Telegraph.)

Boston, Nov. 3.—The butter and cheese trade is slow and unsatisfactory. The supply of such fine creamy butter as is quoted at 33c to 36c is very limited. The lower grades move slowly at from 23c to 28c per lb. The indications are that fine fresh made butter will continue scarce and high during the winter. Yesterday's St. Alban's dispatch quoted the butter market a shade lower. General price 25c to 28c; selections 30c to 35c; fair to good 20c to 25c per lb. The cheese market is dull at 12c to 13c per lb. Eggs are less firm at 27c to 28c. Pork is quiet at \$16.50 to \$15 for prime; and \$18.75 to \$19 for mess. Lard is dull at 12½c to 12¾c per lb. Potatoes are rather firm, considering the liberal receipts and light demand. The general price is 85c to 90c per bush. Hay is in good demand at \$22 to \$23 per ton. Apples are plentiful at \$1.50 to \$2.50 for common and good, and \$3 for choice.

New York, 2.00 p.m.—Wheat, No. 2 Red, \$1.43 to \$1.43½ cash, \$1.42½ to \$1.42½ Nov., \$1.46½ to \$1.47 Dec., \$1.49½ to \$1.50 Jan. Corn, 69½c to 70c cash, 69½ Nov., 71c Dec., 73½c Jan. Oats quiet.

Chicago, 1.00 p.m.—Wheat, \$1.29½ nominal Nov., \$1.30½ Dec., \$1.37½ Jan. Corn, 61½c Nov., 63c to 63½c Dec., 63½c Jan., 77½c May. Oats, 43½c Nov., 43½c Dec., 43½c nominal Jan. Pork, \$15.97½ nominal Nov., \$17.45 Jan., \$17.65 bid Feb. Lard, \$1.10 to \$1.15 nominal Nov., \$1.10 to \$1.15 nominal year \$11.45 Jan., \$11.57½ Jan.

Milwaukee, Wheat, \$1.28½ cash Nov., \$1.30½ Dec., \$1.31½c Jan.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

BEERBOHM'S ADVICES—Thursday, Nov. 3.—Cargoes Wheat and Corn—floating cargoes firmer, held higher; cargoes on passage and for shipment, more disposition to buy; medium Chicago or Mil. Wheat, off coast, 51s-6d; Red Winter Wheat, off coast, 53s 9d; Mixed American Corn, off coast, 29s 9d; do, for prompt shipment, 29s 6d. English country Wheat markets quiet. French Wheat markets firm. Liverpool Wheat on spot, steadier; do Corn, quiet but steady. Wheat and Flour in Paris, firm. On passage for the United Kingdom—Wheat, 2,475,000 qrs; Corn, 340,000 qrs. No. 2 Red Winter Wheat for shipment, this month and next, or for prompt shipment, 53s 6d.

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

(By Special Telegraph.)

Toronto, Nov. 3, 1881.

There has been an active demand for the leading lines of merchandize since our previous advices. Trade during October has been highly satisfactory, and the November opening is auspicious. Large quantities of wheat and barley have been marketed by farmers at high prices, and country dealers are ordering merchandize more freely. Within the week a great number of merchants have visited the city, and given their personal attention to purchases. The general tone of the markets is firm, and dealers anticipate a large trade during the current month. There is a fair demand for dry goods, and large sales of hosiery, ribbons, gloves, dress goods, &c., are reported. Heavy descriptions of goods are not going off so rapidly in consequence of the mild weather, but should the weather change an active demand would probably follow. Prices are very firm, with stocks of cotton small. Prints have advanced in the English markets, and silks are also reported as higher. Travellers, as a rule, are all out, and many buyers have left for the pur-

chase of spring goods in the British markets. Notes are being met with promptness in all departments of trade. Hardware still remains active, with dealers busy in sorting-up orders in cutlery. Pig and bar iron and sporting materials were also in good demand and firm. Groceries are more active, but sales of sugars and teas have not been up to expectations. Dried fruits and fish are especially active. Provisions are dull, and breadstuffs quiet and easier. The money market has ruled fairly active and rates slightly easier. Call loans are being made at 5½ per cent, and time loans on good collateral at 6. Commercial paper is unchanged, the discount of A1 being 6 per cent, and the ordinary 7. Sterling exchange is in moderate demand and steady; 60-day bills are quoted at 108½ to 109½ between banks and 108½ across the counter, and demand bills at 109 to 109½. Gold drafts on New York are ½ premium. The stock market has been fairly active, and although in some instances banks were irregular the tone has been strong. Sales within the past few days include Ontario at 59½, 59, 58½, 57, 59, 58½. Dominion at 188½, 189½, 191, 190½, and 189, Standard at 111½ and 112 Federal at 151, 152 and 153, Imperial at 132 and 133, and Commerce at 140½ and 141½. Loan and Miscellaneous shares were more active and firm, with the following sales:—Farmers Loan at 131, Union at 133 and 133½, Building & Loan at 103½ and 103, London and Canadian at 141 and 140½, Canada Permanent at 205, Freehold at 164, Western Canada at 175, British America Assurance at 140, Western Assurance at 206, and Consumers Gas at 141, 142, 142½, 143, and 143½. The market closed to-day with sales of Montreal Bank at 199½, Ontario at 58½, Commerce at 140½, Dominion at 189, Standard at 111½, Federal at 153½, Western Assurance at 206½, and Building and Loan at 103.

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

Banks.	Bid	Bid	Loan Cos.	Bid	Bid
	Oct. 27.	Nov. 3.		Oct. 27.	Nov. 3.
Montreal..	198	199½	Can. Permanent	201	205
Toronto..	161	160	Freehold..	163	164
Ontario..	57½	58½	Western Can..	173	174
Merchants	127½	123	Bldg. & Loan..	102½	103
Commerce	139½	140½	Imp. Savings..	.....	.....
Dominion	187	188½	Farmers' Loan.	131½	126
Hamilton	122	122	Land. & Can'dn	.....	149½
Standard..	111½	111½	Buron & Erie..	.....	.....
Federal..	150	153½	Dom. Savings..	120	.....
Imperial..	132	132½	Ontario Loan..	134	134
Molsons..	.....	115½	Hamilton Prov.	135	134½

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The wholesale trade is fairly active on sorting-up orders, which are larger than usual. The movement this season is highly satisfactory, and prices are being well sustained, although profits are small. Factories are busy on back orders, and Spring makes will soon begin. Remittances are good, and the few losses more than make up for close prices.

COAL AND WOOD.—The demand for coal continues good, and the prices are unchanged from last week. All kinds of hard sell at \$6.50 a ton delivered; the best soft at \$6.50, and second quality at \$6. Wood is fairly active and firm at \$6 per cord for hard and \$4 for soft.

COAL OIL.—The refined market is active, and notwithstanding the lower prices of crude values are unchanged. At \$2 a barrel for crude there was little profit in refined at 24c per imperial gallon. This price is paid for barrel