

doubtful if any change for the better takes place this fall. For quotations see *Prices Current*.

**LUMBER.**—The lumber trade is marked by an almost unprecedented sluggishness. Reports from Ottawa show that the quantity of square timber floated out this season is greatly in excess of last year's shipments, notwithstanding the individual efforts of each dealer to impress on his neighbor the necessity for curtailment in manufacture. The *Toronto Mail* says that the most sanguine can no longer conceal from themselves the fact that the lumber of Michigan has displaced the lumber of Canada in the Eastern markets of the States. Were the operations of the Canadian lumbermen free from all legislative interference, he might possibly contend with his Michigan rival, and earn a living profit; but when he cannot meet him on equal terms, and has to carry the burden of a two dollar duty the contest is hopeless, and the Canadian must resign. We quote. *Shipping cuts*, \$8.00 per m. feet; *Spruce Sitings*, \$8 do. *Pine*—Common boards and scantling, \$10 to \$16.00 per m.; Clear lumber, \$30 to \$45; First quality lumber, \$30 to \$35; Third class, three inch deals, \$30 to \$36 per m, surface measure; Cull deals, \$18 to \$24 do.; do, dressed, \$35 to \$40 do.; 2 by 1 inch furrings \$4 per 100 pieces; Laths, \$1.30 to 1.50 per m; *Spruce* lumber, \$10 to \$12 per m feet; *Spruce* deals, \$24 per m feet, surface measure; *Hemlock* lumber, \$9 to \$11 per m feet; long pine lumber for building purposes, \$18 to \$34, according to length and size; long hemlock lumber is \$3 less per m feet than pine. *Dressed* lumber—1 inch boards, \$18 to \$20 per m feet; do. 1½ inch roofing, \$20 do.; do. 1½ inch flooring, \$20 to \$24 do.; do. 1½ inch flooring, \$26 to \$30 do.; do. 2 inch flooring \$28 to \$31 do. Prices—Quebec, *Pine deals*, 1st quality, \$30, per Quebec standard; 2nd do, \$56 do; 3rd do \$28. *Spruce deals*, 1st quality \$32 do; 2nd do \$24 do; 3d do, \$16 do.

**OLS.**—No change to note, and we repeat remarks of last week. Steam Refined Seal continues firm at 57½c. in round lots. Stock considerably reduced, and very little to come forward, so that it is likely to advance still further. God Oil is enquired for and is quoted for A inspected 60c. to 62½c. according to quantity—other oils without change.—See *Prices Current*.

**Naval Stores.**—The demand continues fair. **Paints.**—Unchanged.—See *Prices Current*.

**WINES AND LIQUORS.**—Nothing new to report this week. Trade is dull, and no enquiry exists, except for retail wants. Prices are steady. See *Prices Current*.

**PROVISIONS.**—*Butter.*—We have had an active market during the week, and receipts have sold on arrival at full prices. Stocks on hand are light and only of a medium quality. Fine grades are very scarce and much sought after; sales to our jobbing trade having been made as high as 22c. Exporters are buying freely and paying 20½c. to 21½c. for good choice lots. Several large lots of Townships changed hands during the week at the latter price. The rapid advance on this side has not met with a sympathetic move in England, the consequence is small orders are coming in,—in many cases orders are countermanded, so the probabilities are the up turn has been checked. The quality of butter this year is very poor, and it is doubtful if recent purchasers will do any good to the holder. *Eggs.*—Receipts light and prices have a firmer feeling; fresh stock now arriving sells quick at our outside quotations, but most of the stock coming forward is old and stale and has to be sold at best obtainable prices, as they are past keeping. Expect good prices through the fall for fresh stock. *Cheese* very dull, and the discouraging news from the English market completely checks operations. Most of the cheese is going forward on owners account, and the outlook at this writing is very blue.—See *Prices Current*.

**WOOL.**—Continues dull, sales are however being made at quotations, merely to supply present wants of manufacturers. We hear of a better demand and firmer prices being felt in the United States, which, if it continues will,

"no doubt," inspire the wool market here. See *Prices Current*.

**WHOLESALE GROCERY MARKET.**—Groceries are operated in to a fair extent. *Sugars*, up to beginning of week, were very active and firm, in sympathy with other markets. A check on the rapid advance in Yellow Refined, in Britain, with some decline, occurred, but now the turn seems again upwards there. Sales have been made from 7½c. to 9c. here. U.S. Granulated held fully up to last week's prices; Barbadoes Sugars held 7½c. to 7¾c. Stock of Raw Sugars in the United States reported about one-third that of last year. *Teas.*—A dull and rather drooping tendency for ordinary Japans, was current in New York about close of last week, but market now firm and higher. This arises chiefly from demand, and Japans in ports expected to show considerably less than was supposed. Green Teas firm. Market closes steady and firm for all good Teas. *Molasses*—Barbadoes held 45 to 46. *Syrups*—Steady. *Rice* \$3.97 to \$4.10. *Coffees and Spices*—light demand at about previous week's prices. *Fruits*—Telegraph advices report Malaga market opened higher than was expected, but lower figures not improbable before long. *Currants*—The crop had been exposed to severe storms. New Valencia Raisins opened pretty high at Liverpool. Business light in last year's crop Fruits generally.

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Toronto, Aug. 24.

Flour more active and firmer. Superior Extra brought \$5.20; Extra sold at \$5.05; Fancy advanced and sold at \$4.80, and Spring Extra at \$4.40 to 4.45. Wheat inactive and values apparently unchanged. Oats quiet and steady at 34c. Barley and Peas nominally unchanged; on street Treadwell and Spring sold at 98c., and No. 2 Barley at 55c.

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#### RAILWAY RETURNS.

**MIDLAND RAILWAY OF CANADA.**—Port Hope, Aug. 17th, 1876. Statement of traffic receipts for week, from 7th to 14th August, 1876, in comparison with same period last year:—Passengers, \$1,684.10; Freight, \$3,223.50; Mails and Express, \$240.08; Total, \$5,148.08. Same week last year, \$6,800.67. Decrease, \$1,652.59. Total traffic to date, \$156,521.47; do. year previous, \$172,394.67. Decrease, \$15,873.20.

F. WHITEHEAD,  
Secretary.

**NORTHERN RAILWAY OF CANADA.**—The traffic receipts for week ending 6th August, 1876:—Passengers, \$5,249.82; Freight, \$9,442.30; Mails

and Sundries, \$573.70; Total receipts for current week, 1876, \$15,265.82. Corresponding week of 1875, \$15,761.83. Decrease, \$496.01. Total traffic to date, 1876, \$474,690.06. Total traffic to date, 1875, \$438,048.81. Increase, \$36,641.25.

THOS. HAMILTON,  
Secretary.

Toronto, Aug. 17, 1876.

#### IMPORTS.

Comparative statement of Imports at the Port of Montreal from 1st January to 24th August, 1875 and 1876:

	1875.	1876.
Ashes.....	12,393	10,288
Bacon.....	19	211
Barley.....	26,044	67,626
Butter.....	37,093	29,046
Cheese.....	262,426	156,877
Corn.....	1,073,132	1,917,135
Flour.....	599,134	531,739
Lard.....	281	22,893
Oats.....	99,703	1,785,059
Peas.....	726,006	542,767
Pork.....	16,502	8,317
Wheat.....	5,029,645	4,184,184

#### REMARKS.

*Ashes.*—Receipts for the week, 250 brls. Pot. 40 brls. Pearl. Decrease, 2,110 brls.  
*Bacon.*—Receipts, boxes. Increase, 192 boxes.  
*Barley.*—Receipts, bush. Increase, 41,582 bush.  
*Butter.*—Receipts, 3,060 brls. Decrease, 7,147 brls.  
*Cheese.*—Receipts, 14,011 boxes. Decrease, 106,415 boxes.  
*Corn.*—Receipts, 255,510 bush. Increase, 844,003 bush.  
*Flour.*—Receipts, 20,306 brls. Decrease, 67,395 brls.  
*Lard.*—Receipts, brls. Increase, 22,612 brls.  
*Oats.*—Receipts, 52,769 bush. Increase, 1,685,356 bush.  
*Peas.*—Receipts, 3,922 bush. Decrease, 183,239 bush.  
*Pork.*—Receipts, 160 brls. Decrease, 8,185 brls.  
*Wheat.*—Receipts, 226,343 bush. Decrease, 845,461 bush.

#### EXPORTS.

Comparative statement of Exports of leading articles at the Port of Montreal, from the 1st January to 24th August, 1875 and 1876.

	1875.	1876.
Ashes.....	9,434	7,469
Bacon.....	12,921	30,989
Barley.....	336	545
Butter.....	35,677	35,885
Corn.....	810,704	1,741,785
Cheese.....	257,432	262,878
Flour.....	249,487	206,999
Lard.....	17,825	35,350
Oats.....	150,940	2,305,130
Peas.....	1,197,169	903,571
Pork.....	5,567	6,611
Wheat.....	4,656,157	3,710,388

#### REMARKS.

*Ashes.*—Exports for the week, 679 brls. Pot. 118 brls. Pearls. Decrease, 1,965 brls.  
*Bacon.*—Exports, 185 boxes. Increase, 17,168 boxes.  
*Barley.*—Exports, bush. Increase, 209 bush.  
*Butter.*—Exports, 2,887 brls. Increase, 208 brls.  
*Cheese.*—Exports, 25,018 boxes. Increase, 5,446 boxes.  
*Corn.*—Exports, 267,305 bush. Increase, 931,081 bush.  
*Flour.*—Exports, 8,876 brls. Decrease, 42,488 brls.  
*Lard.*—Exports, brls. Increase, 17,534 brls.  
*Oats.*—Exports, 114,722 bush. Increase, 2,154,190 bush.  
*Peas.*—Exports, 47,542 bush. Decrease, 293,598 bush.  
*Pork.*—Exports, 229 brls. Increase, 1,044 brls.  
*Wheat.*—Exports, 192,950 bush. Decrease, 754,769 bush.