

We quote; *Otter* \$4.00 to 7.00; *Fisher* \$5.00 to 7.00; *Mink* dark prime \$1.50 to 1.75; ditto pale \$1.00; *Martin* \$1.00 to 1.10; *Bear*, \$3.00 to 8.00; according to size; *Red Fox* \$1.00 to 1.25; *Cross Fox* \$2.00 to 3.00 *Silver Fox* \$20.00 to 40.00; *Muskrat* fall 12c; ditto kits 5c; *Lynx* \$1.00 to 1.50; *Skunk* 30 to 50c; *Raccoon* 10 to 30c.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*.—Receipts during the week 2,354 kegs; Shipments 4,785 kegs. There has been a decidedly better feeling in this market, and a moderate demand exists for good qualities of butter at 20c; but there has been little movement in poor qualities. *Cheese*.—Market quiet and small; sales transpiring are at 12c to 12½c. *Pork*.—Receipts during the week 367 brls; shipments 11 brls.; a few small sales are taking place within our range of quotations, but no large transactions are reported. Mess Pork \$15.50 to 16.25; Thin Mess \$14.50 to \$15. *Lard* quiet at 10½ to 11c.

WOOL.—There is nothing doing this week in wool, and our quotations of 25 to 27c for Canada pulled is nominal.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 27th, 1877.

The close of the new year finds us with weather fitter for April. No ice, no snow, and in the country districts of Ontario, no roads, for the slush is such that in many parts of the province there is no getting about. This is, of course, bad for the business of the country stores, and prevents remittances to the city. The principal wholesale warehouses have agreed to close their warehouses on Monday previous to New Year's day, as they did the day before Christmas.

Some withdrawal of government funds from the Bank of Montreal has taken place, but the reduction of discount fully balances this, and there is no scarcity of money for legitimate purposes. Although the stock market is not active, some sales have been made of insurance stocks: Western brought \$1.41, and British America \$1.15½ before close of books. Bank stocks have ruled weak, excepting Federal and Imperial which held their own. To-day, however, banks are a shade firmer. Sales of Union Loan Co., are reported at \$1.34.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—This trade is in much the same condition as last described. Houses meantime taking stock, and considering spring samples and their chances. Prices are without change.

DRY GOODS.—The business done since our last has been limited. This being holiday week, nearly every one in the wholesale way is taking stock. Besides this, most of the warehouses were closed, by agreement, on Monday last as well as on Christmas day.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—*Flour*.—Stocks in store 17,282 barrels against 16,552 barrels last week and 6,512 barrels on like date last year. The sales for the week have been moderate, and confined to *Extra*, 100 barrels of which sold on Wednesday at \$5.45, and Spring *extra*, of which there were sales within range. Other grades are quiet and unchanged excepting *Fancy* which is firmer.

GRAIN.—But little is doing on 'change, and it might as well have done as the wholesale trade did, *i. e.*, close from Saturday to Wednesday. *Wheat*.—Fall. Stocks in store 51,370 bushels against 43,475 bushels last week and 35,590 bushels at like date last year. Quotations of this grain are purely nominal, there having been no sales since our last. *Spring*.—Stocks in store 164,175 bushels against 146,914 bushels last week and 124,159 bushels on like date of last

year. Some sales of car lots have been made to millers at quotations, both of No. 1 and No. 2. *Barley*.—There have been moderate sales at our quotations, and the market closed with firm prices yesterday. There is no pressure to sell. The stocks in store are increased to 179,770 bush. this week, against 151,555 bush. last week and 438,407 bush. on corresponding date last year. *Oats*.—Stocks in store 11,223 bush. against 9,520 bush. last week and 17,925 bush. on like date last year. The market is quiet, and quotations as before. *Peas*.—Stocks in store 9,833 bush. against 8,748 bush. last week and 29,026 bush. same date last year. There are no sales to report, and prices are nominal. *Corn*.—2000 bushels in store against 13,366 bush. last week.

GROCERIES.—Business is very limited this week, and most houses have agreed to close from the Saturday before, to the Wednesday after New Year's day. There is but little alteration in prices to be noted.

Meyer & Coblenz, of Bingen-on-Rhine write at close of November: the frosts of September and October destroyed three quarters of the entire crop, and in many vineyards the wine produced has been exceptionally poor. Besides which, the temperature in other districts has prevented the ripening of the fruit. All this causes a decided tendency upward in price for old wines, especially 1874. This year's champagnes certainly will not be high class, but the clarets and brandies of the present year promise to be good, the crop in the Charente is short, prices are firm and looking upward.

HARDWARE.—The general trade is very quiet and many houses taking stock. Orders are small, and remittances backward in consequence of the absence of snow, and the abundant presence of mud. Tin plates we quote twenty-five cents lower all round. Pig lead is easier, say \$5.25. Ingot copper and sheet copper are firmer in English markets; Ingot tin steady. No enquiry for pig iron here.

LEATHER.—There is not much demand at present from manufacturers, who are for the most part stock-taking. Orders from the country keep up to an extent not to be expected from the weather which prevails. There are no heavy stocks on hand.

PROVISIONS.—The market is extremely dull and the present mild weather has upset the calculations of the packers, who cannot bring in hogs without much risk, and therefore the packing of dressed hogs is practically stopped at the moment. The feeling seems to prevail that hog products must still be lower, the quantity of hogs in Great Britain and the States, every where is so much greater than ever before. We quote mess pork at \$15.50 to 16.00. In *bacons* long clear changes hands in small quantities, we quote 8½ to 9c; C. C. has been offered in round lots at 6½ without finding buyers. Smoked is lower; *Hams* are easier say 10½ to 11½c; *Lard* is more plentiful and moves at 9½ to 11c according to quality and package. *Eggs* are unchanged. *Hops* dull, dried apples are in good demand at 6½ to 7c for jobbing lots.

SALT.—Canadian is unchanged. Liverpool coarse firm, and likely to rise; St. Ubes easier, we now quote \$15.00 to 20.00.

WOODENWARE.—This trade is as quiet as other trades are, prices are without change, except in matches which are 25c per case lower. Brooms dusters &c, are meanwhile steady, although an advance is quoted in broom corn, and quotations may shortly rise.

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The Company will commence operation on the 1st of January, 1878.

Further information can be obtained at the Head Office or Agencies.

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Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of TEN PER CENT per annum on the Capital Stock paid-up, has been this day declared for the half-year, ending the 31st inst., and that the same will be payable on and after

Wednesday, 2nd day of Jan. next.

The Stock and Transfer Books will be closed from the 22nd to 31st inst., both days inclusive.
By order of the Board.

F. A. BALL, Manager.
British America Assurance Office,
Toronto, Dec. 18, 1877.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Northern Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, at the ensuing session thereof, for an Act to remove doubts as to the power of the Company to work or lease the line of railway of the North Simcoe Railway Company; and also for general powers to enter into agreements with any other Railway or Tramway Company for the use or working by running powers, lease or otherwise, by either Company, of their or either of their respective Railways or Tramways, or any portions or sections thereof; and further for defining the rights of the Company in regard to own ship and working of branches, sidings, switches or tracks laid to mills, factories, and the like, and generally for other and cognate purposes.

G. D'A. BOULTON,
Solicitor.
Toronto, 11th December, 1877.