FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8.

ENGLISH MONEY MARKET.

A despatch to the New York press dated London, Jan. 4th, quotes the *Economist* of that date as reviewing the financial situation in England as follows:—"This has been another broken week, but prices for the new account have been very firm. There has been less threatening political news, and the sharp rise in consols was partially due to that circumstance. Gas property has improved. Perhaps the brightest spot in the weekly record is the rapid recovery in bank shares, a movement which is partly reflected in the provinces, and certainly the dividend announcements have, in most instances, given satisfaction. Nearly all United States shares and bonds are higher, the resumption of specie payments, and a satisfactory report of the Erie railway being the chief reasons for the improvements." The *Economist* quotes bank bills, sixty days to three months, at 4½ to 5 per cent discount, and three months' trade bills at 4½ to 5 per cent.

LONDON GROCERY MARKETS.

A cable despatch to the New York press dated London, Jan. 4th, reviews the condition of the above markets during last week as follows:—In Mincing Lane more inquiry prevails for coffee at the recent decline in prices; common kinds, which suffered the greatest fall, are firmer. The sugar market does not show a favourable change; French refined sold 4s a further decline. At to-day's public sales, crystallized Demerara went off at 6d to 1s per cwt. decline. The yield of beet will probably be equal to that of the season of 1877-8. Several cargoes of rice sold at moderate rates. Black and white pepper have been in partial demand at the recent low quotations. Saltpetre was dull.

ENGLISH GRAIN MARKETS.

A cable despatch to the New York press, dated London, Dec. 31st, quotes from the weekly review of the *Mark Lane Express* as follows:—"Another week of severe frost, followed by a sudden and rapid thaw, has brought us to the close of 1878, a year which will not easily be forgotten by merchant or agriculturist as having been fraught with discouragement and loss to both. All farm-work has necessarily been at a stand-still, and farmers have found it hard work to find employment for their men. In Scotland, too, hill stock has suffered severely for want of a fresh bite, which has not been procurable owing to heavy snowstorms. Cattle have had to be fed on half-frozen roots, which were very hard for them. Trade has been necessarily of a holiday character, both at Mark Lane and at country markets, but there has been little or no alteration in prices. The imports of foreign wheat into London have been moderate. The only noticeable features in the return have been the cessation of arrivals from Russia and an increase in those from the East Indies. A quiet but steady demand has been experienced for all descriptions at last Monday's prices, but there has been very little done in barley, oats, and maize, although values have not receded to any quotable extent."

The following is the official report of the Toronto Stock Exchange, Jan. 8th, 1879.

Banks.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Trans
Montreal	138	136	.....
Toronto	119	....	.....
Ontario	66	....	20 at 65½
Merchants'	80	....	.....
Commerce	101½	100½	9 at 101½
Consolidated	57½	55½	.....
Dominion	114½	....	.....
Hamilton	98	....	.....
Standard	78	....	.....
Federal	100	98	.....
Imperial	98	97	.....
Molson's	....	....	.....
Loan and Savings Cos.			
Canada Permanent	174	....	.....
Freehold	....	146	.....
Western Canada	....	145	16 at 145
Union	142	....	.....
Canada Landed Credit	125	123	20 at 125
Building and Loan	107½	....	30 at 107
Imperial	....	110	.....
Farmers'	115½	113½	.....
London & C. L. & A. Co.	123	....	.....
Huron and Erie	....	....	.....
Dominion Savings and Investment Society	123	120	.....
Ont. Sav. and Inv. Society	128	....	.....
London Loan Company	111½	....	.....
Hamilton Prov. and L.	....	111	.....
National Inv. Co. of Canada	....	102½	.....
Anglo-Can. Mortgage Co.	....	104½	.....
Canada Savings and L.	111½	....	.....
Insurance, &c.			
British America	....	107	.....
Western	155	150	.....
Isolated Risk	....	....	.....
Canada Life	....	196	.....
Confederation Life	....	122	.....
Consumers' Gas	114	111	.....
Dominion Telegraph	....	78	.....
Globe Printing Co	139	135	.....
Railways.			
Toronto G. & B. Stock	....	....	.....
" 6, pd. 5 yrs. stg. Bonds	....	....	.....
" 6 N. S pt. 5 yrs. Bonds	....	....	.....
Debentures, &c.			
Dom. Gov. stock, 5 p.c.	....	101½	.....
Dom. Gov. stock, 5 p.c.	....	....	.....
County (Ont.) 20 yr. 6 p.c.	102	101	.....
Tn'p (Ont.) 20 yr. 6 p.c.	....	98	.....
City Toronto, 20 yr. 6 p.c.	....	99½	.....

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8, 1879.

PRODUCE.

Although there seems to have been some little improvement in the market since our last, inactivity has remained the rule. The tendency of prices has varied, being firm in some cases; upwards in others, and downwards in some more. Receipts have been small, partly in consequence of the snow blockade. Stocks have shown a slight increase, and stood on Monday morning as follows:—Flour, 12,040 bbls; fall wheat, 48,249 bushels; spring wheat, 95,900 bushels; oats, 12,630 bushels; barley, 144,349 bushels; peas, 19,203 bushels; *rye, nil*; corn, *nil*, against corresponding date last year:—Flour, 17,975 barrels; spring wheat, 55,723 bushels; fall wheat, 179,315 bushels; oats, 10,420 bushels; barley, 192,187 bushels; peas, 10,898 bushels; rye, *nil*; and corn, 1,290 bushels. Outside markets have generally been quiet. Last Thursday showed a fall of 9d on red wheat in England, and to-day a like fall on corn, while peas went down 6d on Friday; but prices generally seem to have been steady, with sales slow and small. From a delay in the English mails and the blockade of the railroads, we are this week left without our usual English and New York advices, and have little or nothing to say of the trade generally. Cable advices, however, report a decrease of 25,000 quarters in the quantity of wheat and flour afloat for the United Kingdom, which stood at 1,750,000 quarters on the 2nd inst. Stocks of wheat in Liverpool and London on the 31st ult. seem to have been about 350,000 quarters against 850,000 quarters at the close of 1877. Stocks of wheat and corn at the principal ports are said to be light. A despatch of the 3rd inst. says that the wheat markets were dull last week. There had been several arrivals off coast, including California and winter wheat cargoes, Cargoes on passage and for shipment met with no enquiry. On Friday the morning trade was still slow, but there was generally less depression, which seems to have been the case ever since. The weather in England seems to have been very cold and frosty; all farm-work is said to be at a stand-still, and trade of a holiday character both in city and country markets. Imports from Russia had ceased and those from India had increased. In the States markets prices have shown very little change during the week. The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports, the rail and lake shipments from western lake ports, and not including the amount afloat in New York harbour at the undermentioned dates:—

	1878. Dec. 23.	1878. Dec. 21.	1877. Dec. 29.	1876. Dec. 30.
Wheat, bu	18,234,000	18,917,000	10,191,000	13,457,193
Corn	3,528,000	3,050,000	6,010,000	3,459,627
Oats	2,700,000	2,979,000	3,351,000	3,361,425
Barley	5,248,000	5,600,000	4,548,000	5,417,192

Also, 1,723,000 bush rye, against 1,525,000 bush a week previously.

The following were the stocks in London, Eng.:—

	Jan. 1, 1879.	Jan. 1, 1878.
Flour, bbls	not reported.	110,000 to 120,000
Wheat, qrs	290,000 to 300,000	480,000 to 500,000
Corn, qrs	150,000 to 160,000	50,000 to ....

The following table shows the top prices of the different kinds of produce in the Liverpool markets for each market day during the past week:—

	Jan. 2 4 p.m.	Jan. 3 6 p.m.	Jan. 4 6 p.m.	Jan. 6 6 p.m.	Jan. 7 6 p.m.	Jan. 8 6 p.m.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Flour	22 0	22 0	22 0	22 0	22 0	22 0
R. Wheat	8 3	8 3	8 3	8 3	8 3	8 3
R. Winter	9 9	9 9	9 9	9 9	9 9	9 9
White	9 3	9 3	9 3	9 3	9 3	9 3
Club	9 6	9 6	9 3	9 3	9 3	9 3
Corn, new	23 0	22 0	23 0	23 0	23 0	23 0
Oats	2 6	2 6	2 6	2 6	2 6	2 6
Barley	3 2	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0
Peas	33 0	31 6	31 6	31 6	31 6	31 6
Pork	40 0	40 0	40 0	40 0	40 0	40 0
Lard	30 0	30 0	30 0	30 6	30 6	30 6
Beef	80 0	75 0	75 0	75 0	74 0	73 6
Bacon	34 3	34 3	34 3	34 3	34 3	34 3
Tallow	36 6	36 6	36 6	36 6	36 3	36 6
Cheese	45 0	45 0	45 0	45 0	45 0	45 0

FLOUR.—The market has shown scarcely any improvement; there are still no orders in, and scarcely any demand has been heard; prices have continued to tend downwards. Superior extra flying outside has changed hands at equal to $4 here. Extra has been freely offered at $3.90. Fancy has been purely nominal at $4 outside. Spring extra sold to a extent on Monday at $3.65 for choice, and $3.55 for average brands. Since then no movement has been reported, and the market closed to-day with lots neither offered nor wanted and prices nominal at quotations.

BRAN.—Has been scarce and firm, with buyers at $8.75 to $9.

OATMEAL.—Inactivity has remained the rule, with sellers of oatmeal at $3.40 and no buyers until to-day, when one car sold at that figure. Small lots are unchanged at $3.90 to $4.10.

WHEAT.—Sales have been small, but prices have been steady. Fall has remained inactive, but No. 2 would have brought 88c. f.o.c. Spring has sold to a small extent. There has been a steady demand heard for No. 2; a round lot of that grade sold on Saturday at equal to 89c here, and cars brought 88c f.o.c. on Monday. No. 1 has been scarce and firm, with 85c paid for cars on Monday. Since then no sales have been reported, but the market to-day closed firm, with No. 2 fall offered at 90c with 88c bid; No. 3 fall offered at 85c with 83c bid; No. 2 spring offered at 82c with 81c bid, and No. 3 spring offered at 78c with no bids. On the street fall sold at 80 to 91c, and spring at 70 to 83c.

OATS.—Have been scarce and firm. American sold on Thursday at 27 and 27½c, and on Monday at 28c on the track. Canadian have not been offered, but to-day American were offered at 28c, with no bids. Street prices lower at 28 to 30c.

BARLEY.—The market has been quiet, and prices of the lower grades have again declined. No. 1 has been nominal. No. 2 has been inactive but steady at 75c. Extra No. 3 has declined, and holders, after standing out last week for 65c, sold at 63c f.o.c. on Monday. No. 3 was held last week at 55c, but sold at 53c on Monday, and was offered at the same price on Tuesday. There was not much change to-day; extra No. 3 sold at 53c; at 50 and 65c f.o.c., and at 62c on track; No. 3 could probably have found a sale at 53c. No. 2 and No. 1 remained unchanged. On the street to-day prices ranged from 49 to 75c, but good No. 1 would have brought up to 95c had it been in.

PEAS.—Have been firmer and in fair demand; there were four cars of choice No. 2 sold at 60c f.o.c. on Monday, and some more at the same price to-day, but it was bid and refused at the Call Board. No. 3 are worth from 55 to 56c f.o.c. Street prices have ranged from 55 to 60c.

RYE.—Remains unchanged at 50c.

HAY.—Pressed remains inactive and nominally unchanged. Receipts on the market were small up to Tuesday, when they increased; prices have ranged from $7 to $13, with the general run from $9 to $10.

STRAW.—Receipts were small up to Tuesday, and all offering have been wanted; loose and inferior wheat have sold at $5 to $6, and good oat-straw in sheaves at $6.50 to $8.

POTATOES.—Cars have been scarce and wanted and cars to arrive have brought 80c. Street receipts have been very small and prices unchanged at 80c to 90c per bag.

APPLES.—Offerings have fallen off during the week, and prices have been firm at $1.25 to $1.75 for good "cookers," the general run being about $1.50.

MUTTON.—Has been scarce, firmer and wanted; prices have risen and range from $5 to $5.50 per central, the latter for very choice lamb only.

POULTRY.—Offerings have been small and prices firm. Fowl have been steady at 35c to 40c; turkeys rather higher at 75c to $1.25 generally, or $1.50 for fat gobblers; ducks firm at 60c to 70c, and geese quiet at 40c to 55c. Box lots have come forward slowly and have stood at 8c to 9c per lb. for turkeys and ducks and 4½c to 5c for fowl and geese.

FLOUR, f.o.c.

Superior Extra, per 196 lbs	$4 00 to	$4 10
Extra "	3 80	3 90
Fancy and Strong Bakers	3 65	3 75
Spring Wheat, extra	3 50	3 60
Superfine	none.	
Oatmeal, per 196 lbs	3 25	3 40
Cornmeal, small lots	2 25	2 40
BAG FLOUR, by car lot f.o.c.		
Extra	$2 50	$3 60
Spring Wheat, extra	3 20	3 40
GRAIN, f.o.b.		
Fall Wheat, No. 1, per 60 lbs	$0 92	$0 93
" No. 2, "	0 88	0 90
" No. 3, "	0 84	0 85
Red Winter	0 85	0 87
Spring Wheat, No. 1	0 84	0 85
" No. 2	0 81	0 82
" No. 3	0 73	0 76
Oats (Canadian) per 34 lbs	none.	
Oats (American)	0 27	0 28
Barley, No. 1, per 48 lbs	1 00	1 03
" No. 2, "	0 70	0 75
" Extra No. 3	0 63	0 65
" No. 3	0 53	0 55
Peas, No. 1, per 60 lbs	none.	
" No. 2, "	0 60	0 61
Rye	0 50	0 00
PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGGONS.		
Wheat, fall, new, per bush	$0 80	$0 91
Wheat, spring, do	0 70	0 83
Barley, do	0 40	0 95
Oats, do	0 28	0 30
Peas, do	0 55	0 60
Rye, do	0 50	0 00
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs	3 50	4 25
Beef, hind qrs., per 100 lbs	4 00	6 00
Mutton, by carcase, per 100 lbs	5 00	5 50
Chickens, per pair	0 30	0 45
Ducks, per brace	0 60	0 70
Geese, each	0 45	0 65
Turkeys, each	0 75	1 50
Butter, lb. rolls	0 18	0 18
" large rolls	none.	
" tub dairy	0 12	0 13
Eggs, fresh, per doz	0 22	0 25
Potatoes, per bag	0 85	0 95
Apples, per bbl	1 25	1 75
Onions, per bag	0 90	1 00
Tomatoes, per bush	0 60	0 75
Turnips, per bag	0 20	0 35
Carrots, per bag	0 40	0 45
Beets, per bag	0 50	0 60
Parsnips, per bag	0 50	0 60
Hay, per ton	7 00	13 00
Straw, per ton	5 00	8 00
Wool, per lb	0 29	0 00

FREIGHTS

GRAND TRUNK RATES.—Remain unchanged, and from Toronto to the undermentioned points they now stand as follows:—Flour to Kingston, 25c per bbl; Gananoque to Prescott, 30c; Edwardsburg to Montreal, 35c; St. Lambert to St. Johns, 45c; to Rouse's Point, 47½c; St. Albans to Lennoxville, 50c; Waterville to Danville, 55c; Danville to Chaudiere, 60c; Doucett's Landing to Point Levis, 55c; Cacouna to Metapediac, 65c; to St. Johns, 60c; to Halifax, 70c; to Miramichi (for Newcastle), 65c; Point du Chene and Pictou, 70c; Dansville and McAdam Junction, 65c; to Carlton, 65c. Rates on grain one-half of the above per cental.

THROUGH RATES TO ENGLAND.—Through rates *via* Dominion and Beaver lines *via* Montreal stand this week as follows:—Flour, $1.08 per barrel, and wheat 43c per cental to Liverpool. Beef and pork in barrels, 58c; boxed meats, tallow, and lard, 58c to Liverpool, per cental; butter and cheese, in lots not under 15,000 lbs, 52c to Liverpool. Oil cake, 58c to Liverpool, and — to Glasgow. Oatmeal in bags 50c, and flour in bags 52c to Liverpool. Clover, 58c per cental. Apples, $1.33 per barrel.

PROVISIONS.

TRADE.—Seems to have improved slightly since our last.

BUTTER.—The market has remained dull and inactive, with prices almost nominal for all sorts. The only shipping demand seems to be for Dairies of inferior or grease lots at 3½ to 4c, and even this is slack; one lot sold at 4c. Medium is purely nominal, with sellers at 5 to 8c in plenty, and no buyers at any price. Selections have remained dull and weak; the only sale reported is that of one lot at 11c, and even this was for local consumption. The market in fact seems to be utterly demoralized, with no hope of improvement. Box-lots have come forward slowly, and seem steady in consequence of the scarcity at 8 to 12c, very few reaching the latter price; but the opening of the railways is likely to mend it back. Street receipts have been small, and prices steady at 15 to 18c for pound rolls, and 12 to 13c for tubs and crocks of dairy.

CHEESE.—Has shown no change; sales are limited to small lots, and even of these there are only a few selling, at 8 to 8½c for the best qualities.

EGGS.—Receipts have been small, and prices steady at 20c for fresh, and 15 to 16c for limed, with scarcely any fresh offering. Street receipts small, and prices firm at 22 to 25c for really new-laid.

PORK.—Has been inactive, and is quoted 25c lower; cars have been offered at $9.50, and small lots at $10 to $10.50, without finding buyers.

BACON.—Has remained inactive; sales have been small and at rather lower prices. There is no new long-clear offering and old seems scarce; one lot brought 6c. Cumberland is easier, with a few sales at 5 to 5½c for new in case lots, and at 4 to 4½c, the latter very seldom for old. Rolls and bellies remain quiet and unchanged at 8c. Old shoulders are weak, being offered at 3½ to 4c, with no sales reported.

HAMS.—There has been scarcely any demand heard and prices have remained unchanged at 8 to 8½c for smoked; pickled are as before at 7½c. Several hundreds of green have changed hands at 6½ to 6c.

LARD.—Round lots remain inactive; and the value of them is unsettled; small lots have been selling steadily at 7½ to 8c for tinnets and pails, and 7c for tierces.

HOGS.—The rail-blockake has checked receipts and made prices almost nominal all week; the market closed firmer with $3.37 to $3.50 freely bid for carlots, but no sales reported. Street receipts have been small and prices firmer at $3.40 to $4.25, the former being for very poor qualities, and the general run about $4.

SALT.—Is unchanged. Liverpool coarse in small lots sells at 85 to 90c, and fine dairy at $1.40 to $1.70, the latter for small lots. Sales have been few and small. Goderich has sold well at 35c for cars, and 90 to 95c for small lots.

DRIED APPLES.—Dealers have been offering 3½ to 3¾c for round lots now in the market but failed to get them, as holders want 4 to 4½c. Small lots are selling slowly at 4 to 4½c.

GROCERIES.

TRADE.—Has generally remained inactive, both with the country and in jobbing, but prices seem firm for most goods.

TEA.—There has been a slight movement in lines of Young Hyson, with sales of coarse at 23 to 25c, and of a line of seconds at 33c. In Japans there was a chop lot sold on p.t. In blacks there has been nothing reported, but the feeling all over is firm. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers' lots:—Young Hyson, common to fair, 25 to 30c; Young Hyson, medium to good seconds, 30 to 37½c; Young Hyson, ordinary to choice extra firsts, 45 to 65c; Twankays, 30 to 55c; Gunpowder and Imperials, common to good, 25 to 40c; Fine to Extra Choice, 55 to 85c. Blacks—Congous, 25 to 70c; Souchong, 35 to 65c; Scented Pekoes, 45 to 55c.

COFFEE.—Has remained quiet with no movement reported in the jobbing line, and prices unchanged. Quotations are as follows, the outside being for retailers' lots:—Government Java, 28 to 30c; Singapore, 21 to 23c; Rio, 18 to 20c; Jamaica, 20c.

SUGAR.—The market has improved since our last, and considerable sales of American have been made at an advance of 25 to 37c per cental. Yellows have sold at 6½ and 6¾c for Acadia, the former being something uncommon; mediums at 7½c, and bright at 7¾c in job-lots. Extra C. sold some days since at 7½c, but choice has since brought 8¼c in lots of 100 barrels, which is the price now asked. Granulated has brought 8¾c and 8⅞c for round lots, and is now held at 9c. Scotch also has been moving to some extent; several lots of medium sold at 7¾c, and dark has been offered at 7c. Raws remain nominal with nothing in the market save a few hogsheads of Porto Rico. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers' lots:—Porto Rico, per lb., 6½ to 7c; Cuba, none; Barbadoes, none; English and Scotch refined to bright choice, 8 to 8½c; medium, 7½ to 7¾c; do., low grades, 7 to 7½c; New York yellows, dark, 6¾ to 7c; bright yellows, 7½ to 7¾c; Extra C, 8¼ to 8¾c; Dry Crushed, 10 to 10½c; Granulated, 9 to 9½c; Cut Loaf, 10 to 10½c.

SYRUPS.—Have been quiet with no sales of job-lots reported. The local demand has been steady, and prices are steady. Quotations are as follows:—Common, 42 to 44c; Amber, 47 to 52c; Amber choice, 56 to 58c.

FRUIT.—The market has been inactive from the fact that stocks are small and buyers and sellers apart in their views. There was one large lot of Valencias lying at an outside point bought at something over 5c; but on the spot the only movement has been in lots of 25 boxes at 5½ to 5¾c; for round lots 5c has been freely bid and steadily refused. In other box-fruits the only movement has been with retailers. Currants have been steady with sales of 50-bbl. lots of sound at 4½. Prunes have sold in lots of 25 kegs at 4½c. Nuts are scarce and decidedly firm. Prices are as follows, the outside being for retailers' lots:—Raisins, layers, $1.50 to $1.65; Valencias, 5½ to 6½c; new seedless, none; Sultanas, new, 8½ to 9c; loose Muscatelles, new, $1.67½ to $1.87½; Currants, 12½c; 4½ to 5½c; choice, 6 to 6½c old, 5½ to 5¾c; Filberts, 7½ to 8c; Walnuts 8½ to 9c; Almonds, 14 to 15c; Prunes, 4½ to 5½; Brazil nuts; 7 to 7½; Lemon peel, 27 to 30c; Orange do; Citron do, 24 to 27c.

RICE.—Has been inactive and easier; a lot of 50 bags sold at $4.30 being the only sale reported. Small lots unchanged at $4.50.

FISH.—There has been nothing of consequence doing in any line, and it is probable that lots of lake-fish could be had a little below former prices. Quotations stand as follows, the outside prices being for retailers' lots:—Herrings, Labrador, bbls, $5.00 to $2.25; Salmon, salt water, $15.50 to $16.00; Codfish, new, per 112 lbs, $4.75 to $5.00; boneless, per lb, 6 to 6½c; Whitefish, half-bbls, $3.00 to $3.25; Trout, $2.75 to $3.00; Mackerel, bbls, $10; half-bbls, none; Sardines, ¼s, 10 to 10½c; do. ½s, 18½ to 19½c.

TOBACCO.—No movement reported in the jobbing line. Quotations are as follows:—Manufactured 10's, 50 to 57c; do. ½s, 5's, and 8's, 57 to 65c; Navy, 3's, bright, 48 to 54c; Navy black, 37 to 40c; Solaces, 35 to 42c; Extra bright none; Virginia, 50 to 90c.

LIQUORS.—Have been very quiet. Quotations are unchanged as follows:—Pure Jamaica Rum, 16 o.p., $2.25 to $2.30; Demerara, $2.20 to $2.30; Gin—green cases, $4.00 to $4.50; red, $7.75 to $8.50; Wine—Port, $3.50; Sherry, $3.75; Champagne, per case, $10 to $22; Brandy, in wood, $2.75 to $3.50; in case, Sazerac, $8.00 to $9.00; do. Otard, $6.75 to $8.25; do. Hennessy's, $10.25 to $10.50; do. Martell's, $9.75 to $10; do., Jules Robins, $7.50 to $8.00; do., Vine-growers' Co., $9.00 to $9.50; do., Jules Hellerin, $7.00 to $7.50; Whiskey, common, imp., 32 u.p., 93 to 95c; Old Rye, $1.07 to $1.10; Malt, $7.07 to $1.10; Toddy, $1.07 to $1.10; Spirits, $1.05 to $1.07; Native Wine, per gal, 60c to $1; do. do., per case, $3.30 to $6.00; Native Brandy, per gal., $1.40 to $2.50; do. do., per case, $5.05 to $8.50; white wheat whiskey, $1.15.

CATTLE.

TRADE.—Has shown some improvement in the shape of a more active demand since our last.

BEEVES.—The market has been very poorly supplied all week, and all offering have been wanted and readily taken at firmer prices. Shipping lots, that is steers weighing from 1,300 lbs upwards, have been wanted at $4.75 to $5, but scarcely any could be had; lighter weights would have been taken for the local market at $4.50. Second-class have been scarce and in good demand for local consumption and firm in price; the general figure for them has been about $4, but choice lots might bring $4.25. Third-class also have been offered only to a small extent, and have sold readily, usually at about $3.50. The snow-blockade has probably checked supplies, and any considerable increase in them would probably be followed by a fall in the lower grades.

SHEEP.—There have been none offered since our last, but they have been wanted at firm prices. First-class, weighing 150 lbs., have been in active demand at $5 to $5.50, and large lots would probably be taken at $5.75 to $4 per cental. Second-class range in value from $4 to $5.50, but seem to be less wanted than first-class. Third-class are nominal.

LAMBS.—The supply has been small, and all coming forward have found ready buyers at firm prices. First-class, dressing from 45 lbs upwards, have been wanted, and have ranged from $3.75 to $4.50, the latter being for picked lots, or very heavy weights, and the general run about $4. Second-class have ranged from $3 to $3.62, with all offering wanted.

CALVES.—There have been none offered nor are there any wanted, and prices may be regarded as purely nominal.

HIDES, SKINS AND WOOL.

TRADE.—Has shown no improvement since our last; dullness and inactivity are the prominent features.

HIDES.—Green have been coming forward very slowly and are readily taken at former prices. Cured are scarce, with sales few, and of small lots only, at 7 to 7½c.

CALFSKINS.—Have been purely nominal at former prices.

SHEEPSKINS.—Offerings have been very small, but quite as large as were wanted; the new month has brought no advance in prices; the regular figure for green skins is still 85c, but a few of very choice quality occasionally go a little higher.

WOOL.—The dullness shows no decrease; dealers still hold off, and prices remain very weak. Fleece has sold on the street as before at 20c. Super remains inactive, but one lot changed hands at 19c, which seems to be the top price offered. Combing has been nominal.

TALLOW.—Has been offered freely, and selling at unchanged price, for both rendered and rough. Quotations stand as follows:—No. 1 inspected, choice, $4.00; No. 2 inspected, $3.50; No. 3 inspected, $4.00; Calfskins, green, 8 to 10c; Calfskins, cured, 11½ to 12c; calfskins, dry, none; Sheepskins, 85c; Wool, fleece, 21c; Wool, pulled, super, 20 to 21c; extra super, none; Wool, pickings, 8 to 10c; Tallow, rough, 3¼c; rendered, 5 to 5½c.

LEATHER.

Trade has shown but little change during the week. The greater amount of it has continued to be done in country orders. Russets have been in improved demand, and both No. 1 and No. 2 have been selling fairly well. Spanish sole has continued to sell well; but slaughter hides remain dull and weak. Uppers and light splits have been fairly active. There is no change reported in prices. Oils have been in fair demand and steady in price.

Prices are quoted as follows:—Spanish Sole, No. 1, all weights, 24 to 28c; Spanish Sole, No. 2, 20 to 23c; Slaut. Sole, heavy, 22 to 26c; Slaut. Sole, light, 23; to 26c; Harness, 25 to 30c; Buffalo Sole, 20 to 22c; Hemlock Calf, 35 lbs, per doz., 60 to 75c; Oak Harness Leather, 35c; Oak Belting Leather, 30 to 34c; American Oak Harness Backs, 50c; Upper, heavy, 32 to 36c; Upper, light, and medium, 30 to 40c; Kip Skins, French, 95c to $1.10; Kip Skins, English, 70 to 90c; Chicago Slaughter Kip, 65 to 75c; Native Slaughter, 50 to 65c; Splits, large, 24 to 27c; Splits, small, 21 to 24c; Russetts, 39 to 40c; Hemlock Calf (30 to 35 lbs. per dozen), 55 to 90c; Hemlock, light, 45 to 55c; French Calf, $1.20 to $1.40; Cod Oil, 50 to 55c; Straits' Oil, 45 to 50c; Gambier, 7c; Sumach, per ton, $100 to $115; Degras, 8c; Buff, 13 to 16c; Pebble, 13 to 16c; Enamelled cow, 17 to 18c; Patent cow, 17 to 18c.

DRUGS.

As usual at this season business is very quiet, the demand being confined to immediate actual requirements. Opium has fluctuated, settling down at a small advance on former quotations. Quinine is scarce and higher, but besides these there are no changes in quotations. Acid, Tartaric, 42 to 46c; Alums, 2¾ to 3c; Ammon, Carb, 20 to 21c; Ammon, Liquor, 21 to 22c; Antimony, Black, 13 to 16c; Antimony, Tart, 55 to 65c; Ether, Nitrous, 25 to 26c; Camphor, Refined, 40 to 45c; Gum Aloes, Cape, 20 to 22c; Iodine, $5.25 to $6.25; Mercury, Chlorid, 95c to $1; Morphia, Sulph, $2.70 to $2.85; Oil, Castor, 15 to 16c; Oil, Lemon, $2.50 to $2.75; Oil, Peppermint, $2.50 to $2.75; Opium, Tky, $5 to $5.25; Potass, Bitart, 30 to 32c; Potass, Iodid, $5 to $5.50; Quinine, Sulph, $3.95 to $4; Root, Gentian, 8 to 10c; Root, Hellebore, 17c; Root, Ipecac, $2.25 to $2.50; Seed, Canary, 4½ to 5c; Seed, Hemp, 4½ to 5c; Soda, Caustic, 3½ to 3¾c; Sal, Epsom, 2 to 3c; Saltpetre, 8 to 9c; Sal Soda, 1½ to 2c; Soap, Castile, 9 to 10c; Sulphur, Roll, 3½ to 4c; Sulphur, Sublimed, 4 to 5c; Extract Logwood, 10½ to 11c; Indigo, Madras, 90c to $1; Madder, 10½ to 12c; Blue Vitriol, 7½ to 9c; Cochineal, 75 to 85c.

English Markets.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8.

London—Floating cargoes—Wheat at opening, quiet; corn, firm; cargoes on passage and for shipment—wheat, at opening, quiet; corn, steady. Mark Lane—Wheat, at opening, slow; corn, slow. London—Quotations of good shipping Californian wheat for Queenstown, for orders, per 500 lbs, just shipped, 44s 6d; nearly due, 44s. Imports into the United Kingdom during the past week—wheat, 175,000 to 180,000 qrs; corn, 100,000 to 105,000 qrs; flour, 110,000 to 115,000 bbls. Liverpool—Wheat, on the spot, at opening, steady; corn, firm.

GOOD ENOUGH FOR HER.—A lady of fashion, with a pug-dog and a husband, entered the train at Paddington the other day. There were in the carriage but two persons, a well-known professor and his wife; yet the lady of fashion coveted, not indeed his chair, but his seat. "I wish to sit by the window, sir," she said, as he meekly took the next place. "I can't have a stranger sitting close to me. My husband must sit where you are." Again the professor moved; but his wife fired up and protested. "That lady is too exacting," she said aloud, "you should not have humored her." "What does it matter, my dear," he replied, "for such a very little way! She must be getting out at the next station." Now, the next station was Hanwell, Lunatic Asylum place.—*Gentleman's Magazine.*

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