

has been done the past week at fully firmer prices. Best *Spanish* and *slaughter sole* are in small supply, and firm at the late advance. *Waxed Upper* moves off slowly, but stocks are moderate and prices firm. *Splits* and harness are also in smaller compass, and higher prices are asked. The visible supply of all descriptions of good leather is much less than usual at this season, and the market is stronger in consequence. We quote *Hemlock Spanish Sole*, No. 1, B. A., 22 to 23c.; ditto No. 2 B. A., 20 to 21c.; No. 1 *Ordinary* 21 to 23c.; No. 2 ditto 19 to 20c.; *Zansibar*, ditto No. 1., 20 to 21c.; ditto No. 2, 17 to 19c.; *Buffalo Sole* No. 1, 18 to 20c.; ditto No. 2, 16 to 17c.; *Hemlock slaughter*, No. 1, 22 to 24c.; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 33 to 37c.; ditto, heavy, 32 to 35c.; *Grained*, 33 to 36c.; *Splits*, large, 22 to 27½c.; ditto, small, 18 to 24c.; *Calfskins*, (27 to 36 lbs.), 50 to 65c per lb., ditto (18 to 26 lbs.), 45 to 55c per lb.; *Sheepskin linings*, 20 to 30c.; *Harness*, 22 to 28c.; *Buffed cow*, 12 to 15c.; *Enamelled cow*, 15 to 17c.; *Patent cow* 15 to 17c.; *Pebbled cow* 12½ to 15c.; *Rough* 22 to 24c.

OILS.—*Linseed Oil* keeps firm, with little change in value. Raw is still worth 62 to 63c. and boiled 66 to 67c. *Fish oils*.—There have been small sales of pale straw and brown seal from Gulf ports at very low prices, said to be 2½ cents under our quotations, which are considerably lower than those of last week. We now quote *Cod oil* 35c. for Halifax and 40c. for Newfoundland; *Seal*, pale 32½ to 35c.; ditto straw 27½ to 30c.; ditto steam refined 42½ to 43c.; *Petroleum* is in fair demand and prices are firm but unchanged, prospects are that an advance will take place at the beginning of September. We still quote car lots 11½c.; five to ten barrels 12 to 12½c., single barrels 13c. to 13½c.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*.—Receipts during the week 4716 pkgs., shipments 3065 pkgs. Prices if anything will favor buyers, but there appears to be no disposition to buy even at present low figures. The local demand has been moderately good. Creameries butter is held at 14 to 15c.; Eastern Townships, 10 to 12; Brockville and Morrisburg, 9 to 10c.; nominal, Good to choice Western, 6 to 8½c.; *Cheese*.—Receipts 18,138 boxes; shipments 10,260 boxes, market dull, and easier, good to finest July make can be bought at 4 to 5c. *Pork*.—Market inactive with a downward tendency. Small lots of mess are being sold from \$13 to \$13.25, *Lard* is quiet at 9 to 9½c. *Hams* 11 to 11½. *Bacon* 8 to 9.

Salt.—The demand is quiet but steady and no material change has taken place in prices. *Coarse* is still quoted 50c. to 52½c. and *Factory* filled of well known brands \$1.00.

WOOL.—There is no change to notice in the state of the wool market a few small lots of *Fleece* are occasionally changing hands but hardly sufficient to establish quotation, we quote it nominal at 21c. to 22c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, August 28th, 1879.

The week has been quiet in some lines, especially in produce, provisions and cattle. In hardware and leather, however, a fair trade has been done. Groceries and dry goods merchants are making preparations for an active trade, not, however, till after the festivities connected with the arrival of the Governor General and the Princess are over, the Exhibition opened, and the people settle down to business again. The City begins already to be gay, with arches, transparencies, and mottoes, as well as in devices in gas jets on prominent buildings. The Queen

city is evidently bent on giving a hearty reception to the Queen's representative and the Queen's daughter.

CATTLE.—A quiet week is reported. Export *beeves* have been scarce, and all offering brought readily 4½ to 4¾c; seconds 3½ to 4¾c.; thirds 3 to 3½c. *Sheep* have been plentiful, and some choice for shipment have sold at \$6.00 to 6.50 each, seconds \$4.00 to 4.50. *Lambs*.—Plenty of poor ones offered, and sold at \$2.00 to 3.00, but good have sold at \$3.25 to 3.75. But few calves offering, and demand slack.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Stocks in store 1000 bls. against 900 bls. last week, and 3,850 on like date last year. The market has been very dull all week, and but few transactions can be recorded. These comprised 100 brl. lots of Superior extra, Extra, and Spring extra at prices within our range. There appears to be no Fancy in market and Superfine is dull. *Oatmeal* has begun to offer at outside points, and we believe \$4.50 would be paid for 100 brl lots. *Cornmeal* as before.

GRAIN.—Things are at a stand still, waiting for the new crop to move, which it has scarcely yet begun to do. The following advices, showing receipts of grain in Chicago on Wednesday, indicate that the new crop has commenced to move there, however. Flour 9,661 brls. Wheat 174,000 bush., Corn 240,000 bush., Oats 118,000 bush., Rye 26,000; bush., Barley 16,000 bush. *Wheat*.—Fall.—Stocks in store 12,102 bush. against 12,047 bush. last week, and 10,279 bush. on like date last year. No. 1 is purely nominal here; there is nothing of moment to chronicle as to other grades, which continue as last quoted. *Wheat*.—Spring.—Stocks in store 58,301 bushels, against 58,174 bush. last week, and 13,842 bush. on like date last year. Whatever movement there has been this week in wheat, was of spring, the second grade of which changed hands on the spot in small lots at our quotations. The figure in Chicago yesterday was 87½c; September. There is no No. 1, but a fair quantity of No. 3, which is somewhat stiffly held at 92 to 93c. *Barley*.—Stocks in store 38,211 bush against 38,161 bush last week, and 63,617 bush on like date last year. The standards of this grain are not yet fixed for the season, and it is too early for transactions. We meantime lower the nominal quotations to 65, 50 and 40c for No. 1, 2 and 3 respectively. That the new crop has begun to move in the West is instanced by receipts of 16,000 bushels at Chicago, yesterday which is very early. *Oats*.—Stocks in store 2,200 bush. against 2,400 bush. last week and 14,910 bush. on like date last year. The anticipations of a new crop of this grain, plentiful and of excellent quality, has begun to send prices down; there are but few in market and we hear of no transactions, the price has nominally declined to 35 to 37c. *Peas*.—Stocks in store, 75 bush. against 1 bush. last week and bush. on like date last year. This grain is purely nominal, so likewise are *corn* and *rye*.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Usual quantity of green hides are offering, and taken at 7½ and 6½c. but they have not begun to get plentiful yet. Small lots of *Cured* have been sold at 8c. *Calfskins*, prices unchanged; there is very little doing, the season being about over. *Lambs* and *Pelts*.—quite a fair number offering at last week's quotations. Nothing doing in *Tallow*.

HARDWARE.—In some lines of heavy goods the advance is marked and sustained. *Pig lead* is £2 per ton higher by latest advices and pig copper advanced a week ago £3 per ton. *Zinc spelter* is also higher by £3, which increases the cost of galvanized iron by from £2 to £3. *Bar Iron* is firmer. The advance reported last week of 5/- per ton in Glasgow appears to have held, and helps to stiffen prices here, besides

which the adoption of water ballast by a number of vessels to this side, will tend to enhance the price of pig to the extent of the freight. We do not advance our prices from those of last week, although if one desired to buy a large line of heavy goods he would probably have to pay more for them than a week ago. Shelf goods are moving off pretty actively, and for other classes of hardware there is a fair demand. Money does not come in well; but promises are abundant for September and October.

LEATHER.—A fair demand is evident: *Sole* is stiffer, and ½ to 1c. higher is sought. *Upper* is rather more active, at unaltered prices. *Harness* continues scarce in good weights and qualities, and holders are firm. *French Calf* is steady, and domestic quiet. *Pebble*, there is plenty of poor, but very little first class. *Splits* are not in excessive supply, and prices are maintained.

OILS.—*Cod*.—There is considerable variety in the quality of stocks on hand, a deal being low priced, selling at 38 and 40c. Good can be had at 42 to 45c; the latter figure for single barrels. *Straits* is unchanged. *Petroleum* dull, at 12½c for 5 to 10 lbs., 15c for single bbls. *Lard*.—Extra 60 to 65c. No. 1, 50 to 55c.

PROVISIONS.—There is very little activity in this department of trade. *Mess Pork* is quoted somewhat lower in Chicago, but prices here are not affected. English advices respecting butter are still unfavorable, and cheese continues at so low a price that several factories in the County of Prince Edward shut down last week for the season, while some Oxford ones threaten a similar course. Out of 1,405 boxes offered by factories at London since our last, only 325 boxes sold, on p.t. August *cheese* from Middlesex factories has sold at 5½c. and last week July at 5c. We still quote 5 to 7½c. here. *Butter* is moving slowly at 10 and 11c. for choice, and 5 to 8c. for store-packed and inferior; there is no old in market. *Lard* is in good demand, we quote pails and tubs 8½ to 9½c. and tierces 8 to 8½c. *Bacon* moves slowly; long clear at 7 to 7½c. and C.C. which is scarce at 6½ and 7c. *Eggs* are dull at say 9 and 10c. *Hops* are not offering yet in any quantity; some few new ones are in, but we hear of none changing hands. Buyers are offering from 10 to 14c. according to quality, on the spot.

SALT.—Canadian.—We do not alter our prices. The following are the quotations of Messrs. Gray, Young & Sparling of Sealorth under date 25th inst.—f.o.b., G.T.R. fine and coarse salt, per barrel, 55c; ditto Dairy salt, (filled bags), per barrel, \$1.75; ditto Dairy salt, 10 barrels or over, \$1.65; ditto Clean bulk salt per ton, \$2.50; f.o.b., G.W.R. fine and coarse salt, per barrel 60c. Bulk salt as a fertilizer has been begun to be used, it appears, and will be more largely used so soon as it can be readily obtained and transported.

WOODENWARE, &c.—Business is found very fair for the season, rather a better month than last year at the same time. Wholesale stocks are not large as they used to be, and a cartload is now bought by a wholesale house where a cartload used to be. Payments from the country are not good, retailers promising well for October. *Pails* and *Tubs* unchanged in price. *Mat-ches*.—Telephone \$2.55; No. 2 \$2.75; No. 1 Telegraph \$3.00. *Brooms* are firmer, corn having advanced, and if business revives prices may be advanced. Meantime they continue very low as previously reported. *Washboards*.—Waverley \$2 per doz; Planet \$2 per doz. These are both fresh styles; the Old X board we quote \$1.55 per doz.

WOOL.—We hear of a lot of 10,000 lbs *fleece*, bought by wire on Wednesday by a leading dealer at 20c. and a lot of 3000 lbs on spot at some figure. Very little doing in *supers*. *Extra* is held at 26 though some dealers ask 28 for some choice parcels.