

TORONTO MARKET.

TORONTO, April 25, 1872.

**CATTLE.**—There has been a good local and shipping demand for first class cattle during the week, and with rather a limited supply. Prices have been fully maintained at a range of from 5 to 5½c live weight for 1st class, and 4½c for 2nd class. Not many 3rd class offered, or wanted. Shipments of stall-fed cattle have been somewhat liberal, some few going to Boston, and the rest to Montreal. *Sheep* are very scarce, and still fetch about \$10 first class, and \$7.50 to 8 second class. *Spring Lambs* are in moderate supply, fetching from \$3 to 5. *Calves* are in good supply and fair demand, especially choice, which sell at about \$8; inferior, \$3 to 5.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—*Flour*—The supply has been short of the demand, sales being readily effected at advancing rates. This day week No. 1 superfine was quoted at \$5.40 to 5.45 but sales have lately been effected at \$5.65, spring extra sold at \$5.75, fancy at \$5.85, and extra at \$6, but latterly equal to \$6.25 was obtained for large lots, it is doubtful however, if that price could now be obtained. On Tuesday the Liverpool market which had been quoted at 27s 6d declined to 27s, at the same time that wheat advanced 3d per cental on white, and 1d on the other grades. *Oatmeal*—The last sale of a round lot was at \$4.45 f.o.c.; the demand is still very moderate; small lots are unchanged at last quoted rates. *Cornumeal*—Small lots sell as before at \$3.40 to 3.50. *Bran* is offering more freely. Car loads sold at \$18 on the track, latterly at \$17.

**GRAIN.**—*Wheat*—The market has been strong and active during the week. With advancing prices in Liverpool, buyers were greatly encouraged, and consented to the high rates asked. The bulk of the stocks in store was therefore turned over, holders generally getting out with their own, and not much more, a better result than was at one time anticipated, considering the excessive rate charged for insurance, and the lateness of the season. The principal sales were not reported, but we understand that \$1.30 f.o.b. was readily obtained for cargo lots of No. 1 spring; some small lots brought \$1.31 f.o.c.; No. 1 white sold at \$1.45 f.o.b. *Barley*—There has been no material change in value, and not much activity has yet been shown in this article. A cargo lot of No. 1 changed hands at 70c f.o.c. Another lot of 4,000 bush, of No. 2 sold at 63c f.o.c. Car lots of No. 1 on the track would find buyers at 67c to 68c. *Peas*—There has been a limited enquiry for car lots, for which buyers were found at 75c f.o.c. *Oats*—The market has been moderately active and steady, with buyers at 41c for car loads in bulk, and at 43c up to 44c for cars loaded for shipment. *Rye*—There has been none offered, and prices are nominal at 70c to 72c. *Corn* in moderate demand; sales of car loads reported at 57½c f.o.b.

**GROCERIES.**—Trade is moderately active for the season. Transactions are not as large, as stocks are now much reduced, and the usual spring imports are not to hand. *Tea*—The supply is insufficient for the demand which is still active for all desirable grades of fine greens. Low grade Young Hysons are in good supply, and held at firm prices, but there is not much selling. The ordinary demand for Blacks and Japans continues at the old prices. *Sugar*—Is scarce, and sells readily in small lots at generally unchanged prices. Some raws have been received and find ready buyers. Supplies of these are on the way, and will generally be preferred to English refined. *Coffee*—Stocks have been replenished by imports from the West Indies, and prices are easier. Jamaica is held at 21 to 22c, and San Domingo at 19 to 20. *Fruit*—Remains unchanged. Layers are to be had at \$1.75 to

1.85, but box fruits of all kinds are neglected. *Rice*—There is a good demand for rice, and as stocks are light, firm prices are asked. *Tobacco*—There is no apparent change to note. Buyers are only supplying immediate wants, and all kinds are quiet. It is reported that the Montreal manufacturers are about to advance their present rates.

**HAY AND STRAW.**—The supply of hay continues very fair; the price has advanced to \$26 for the best timothy, ranging down to \$15. *Straw* is very scarce, selling at \$16 for sheaf; \$10 to 11 for loose.

**HIDES AND SKINS** are now comparatively scarce, the former are without the least change in value; No. 1 green inspected fetching 9c; No. 2, 7½c to 8½c. *Sheepskins* continue weak at last quotations, \$2.50 to 3.50. *Calfskins* selling at 12c as before.

**LEATHER.**—Trade is still quiet generally. Spanish sole, however, is in active demand, with stocks light and prices firm. Harness is dull, with full stocks, and sales difficult to make, except at low prices. Other kinds unchanged.

**LUMBER.**—The low water and high freights have somewhat retarded shipping. The first cargo of the season of 115 M per Eveline, has left for Charlotte. At present the water in the harbor is so low that vessels cannot take a full load. There has been no fluctuation in trade during the week and prices still remain high. Pine, clear, \$28; common, \$12; scantling, \$10; common boards, \$10; 1½ flooring, \$13; shingles, \$2.25; lath, \$2.25.

**PROVISIONS.**—There is very little to report under this head. *Butter* is still quiet, stocks being light, and buyers and sellers apart, the former offering 9 to 10c for poor qualities, the latter asking 11 to 12c. Fine butter is very scarce, but as there is now an increasing supply of new rolls, buyers are not so anxious, and offer less, say 16 to 18c. Large rolls on the street market sell at 17 to 18c. *Cheese* remains firm at unchanged rates. *Eggs* are now offering freely at 12 to 13c for lots. *Cumberland Bacon* sells in small lots as before at 7c. *Smoked Hams* at 11c. *Lard* is scarce, and worth 10½ to 11½c and in small lots. *Mess Pork* is still held at \$14, \$13.75 being offered and refused. *Dried Apples* are wanted at 8½ to 8¾c. *Canadian Salt* is nominally worth \$1.15 to 1.20 by the car-load.

**SEEDS.**—The market has been quiet and steady throughout the week; very few large lots changing hands. Business with dealers, however is active, small lots selling readily at \$5.25 to 5.50 for Clover, and \$3 to 3.25 for Timothy; a car-load of the latter sold at \$2.50 f.o.c. Tares selling in small lots at \$1.90 to \$2.

**WOOL.**—The market remains in much the same condition as last reported. There has been no disposition to advance rates above late quotations, and wool is not now so freely offered. Very little has changed hands; one lot of mixed quality sold at 55c., which may be regarded as an average quotation.

MONTREAL LEATHER MARKET.

(Reported by M. H. Seymour)

During the month to the present, business has been unusually quiet for the season, with no considerable demand for any description of stock. The result has been more or less accumulation, which has checked the upward tendency of prices previously existing. Sales of large lots could not be effected except at a reduction on quotations.

*Spanish Sole*—Is inactive. The recent advance is, however, maintained. BA. No. 1, 27c.

*Slaughter Sole*—Is moved in small parcels at about 30c. Some choice light color has been placed as high as 32c.

*Rough*—No particular enquiry. Recent sales 30c.

*Harness*—Has no special call. Price 30 to 32c. An occasional lot of extra selling at 33c.

*Waxed Upper*—Sales have been made at 44c for prime medium averaging 7½ to 8 lbs. Extra choice light, 7 lbs. and under, would command 45c. Heavy, over 8½ to 9 lbs., is not in demand.

*Buff and Pebble*—Very little enquiry for either of late, and prices, though nominally the same, are a shade easier.

*Patent and Enamel*—Unchanged at 18½ to 19½c, according to quality.

*Splits*—Light and medium have had some enquiry, while heavy has been slow of sale.

*Calfskins*—Very flat and difficult of sale.

*Sheepskins*—Russets are in limited supply, ann prices maintained. Colored are less enquired for.

**MIDLAND MANUFACTURING COMPANY.**—The annual meeting of this Company was held at Port Hope, on the 22nd, the President, N. Kirchoffer in the chair. \$41,650 of the proposed capital (\$50,000) has been subscribed and \$3,865 paid in. A site has been purchased for the erection of workshops at a cost of \$2,000. A contract has been entered into with the commissioners of the Intercolonial Railway for the construction of 100 platform cars, the delivery of the whole to be completed by the first of October next. The business concluded with the election of the following directors:—A. T. H. Williams, Lewis Ross, J. G. Williams, N. Kirchoffer, R. O'Neill, Thos. Hayden, G. M. Furby.

**PETROLEUM.**—The exports of petroleum from the United States from January 1st to April 16th, were:

	1872.	1871.
From New York..galls..	17,046,740	19,212,640
Boston .....	441,848	677,944
Philadelphia.....	9,863,513	10,973,654
Baltimore .....	118,002	281,757
Portland .....		
New Bedford.....		
Cleveland .....		

Total exports from U.S.	27,470,103	30,245,995
Same time 1870.....		22,526,061
Same time 1869.....		21,439,205

**THE PRODUCTION OF PIG IRON IN THE WORLD IN 1871.**—The following is an approximate estimate of the whole production of pig iron in the world in 1871, in tons of 2,000 pounds:

	Tons.
Great Britain.....	6,500,000
United States .....	1,912,000
France .....	1,350,000
German Zollverein.....	1,350,000
Belgium .....	896,000
Austria .....	450,000
Norway and Sweden.....	280,000
Russia .....	330,000
Italy .....	75,000
Spain .....	72,000
Other countries.....	200,000

Total.....13,315,000

It will be observed that Great Britain produced about one-half of the pig iron made in the world last year.

—Among the insurance companies reported in the *London Review* as doing business in the United Kingdom, is one denominated the "Primitive Methodist." The subscribed capital of this concern is £10,000. Its paid-up capital reaches the extraordinary figure of £25.

—The Queen Ins. Co., of England, has re-established its agency in Chicago.

—An Insurance bill has been passed by the Ohio Legislature prohibiting the future organization of mutual companies.