

TORONTO MARKET.

TORONTO, April, 22nd, 1875.

Trade cannot be said to have improved since our last. It is true that the amount of monetary stringency felt is small, but all are acting on a very cautious system in conducting business, and the first spring purchases being now over, the effect is being felt. Produce is quiet; there has been less disposition manifested to buy on speculation. Orders are few, and prices of the great staples a turn easier. Provisions have been quiet. Groceries have kept up fairly well. Manufactured and imported goods are generally less active.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The demand has fallen off during the week, and trade is now rather quiet. Prices are very firm, and some of the factories are running on short time.

CATTLE.—*Bees.*—Receipts have been small and insufficient. Prices are firm at \$5.00 to 5.25 for first-class; \$4.37 to 4.50 for second-class, and about \$4.00 for third. *Sheep.*—Have been very scarce and seemed to be tending upward. First-class will bring \$7.50 to 9.00; second-class \$5.00 to 6.50, and third about \$4.00. *Lambs.*—Yearlings are worth as much by weight as are sheep. Spring lambs are in fair supply, and selling at \$4.50 to 5.00 for first-class, and \$3.00 to 4.00 for second-class with third-class unsaleable. *Calves.*—Are in fair supply but all wanted. Prices are unchanged at last week's quotations. First-class dressing not less than 120 lbs. still sell at \$10.00 to 12.00, but second-class dressing from 75 to 100 lbs. are worth over \$5.00 to 7.50. Third-class are not wanted.

DRUGS.—Goods are in active demand. Opium has declined. Quinine is held only in small quantities, and is expected to be dearer. Extract of logwood has risen $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Iodides also are rather higher. Linseed oil remains cheap, and adulteration is said to have been resorted to in some cases.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—*Flour.*—Stocks in store on the 19th inst., 14,876 brls., against 33,376 on corresponding date of last year. The demand has continued active all week at generally unchanged prices. Superior extra has been quiet; a lot sold last week at equal to \$4.75 here, but this must be taken as the very lowest price. Extra has been quiet at \$4.55 to 4.60. Fancy has been scarce, and changed hands on Friday at \$4.35 f.o.b. Spring extra has been active with sales of large round lots on p. t. Sales were made last week at \$4.15 and \$4.20, and on Tuesday at equal to \$4.22 $\frac{1}{2}$ here; for May delivery \$4.30 f.o.b. has been offered and refused. Superfine has remained inactive. Fine has been steady with sales at \$3.60 and \$3.62 $\frac{1}{2}$ f.o.c. The market has been inactive for the last couple of days and closes weak at quotations. *Oatmeal.*—Has been moving more freely, sales of cars have been made at \$5.10 on the track and equal to that price here; small lots are unchanged at \$5.40 to 5.60. *Bran.*—There is nothing of consequence doing, nor is much enquiry heard; cars are not worth over \$16.00.

GRAIN.—Stocks in store on the 19th inst.:—Wheat 535,372 bush.; oats 32,284 bush.; barley 10,240 bush.; peas 122,842 bush.; rye 100 bush.; corn 3,500 bush.; against 654,949 bush. of wheat; 1,318 bush. of oats; 1,209 bush. of barley; 96,182 bush. of peas; nil bush. of rye, and 850 bush. of corn on the corresponding date of last year. *Wheat.*—The demand seems to have fallen off, and prices to have become a turn easier. Scarcely any movement has occurred. Spring has been offered at \$1.00 f.o.b. for May delivery without finding buyers, though it is possible that 98c might be got. For present delivery it would not bring over 96c f.o.c., nor No. 2 fall over 98c f.o.c. On the street fall has been selling at 98c to \$1.00, and spring at 94c. *Oats.*—Have continued scarce, in good demand, and firm in price. Car-lots sold last week and

on Monday at 45c on the track. Yesterday five cars to arrive changed hands at 46c on the track. On the street 46 to 48c has been paid. *Barley.*—The movement has been small but this was due, in some measure at least, to small offerings. Prices have been much the same as at our last. On Friday No. 2 sold at a price equal to 99c here. On Saturday No. 1 changed hands at \$1 on the track. On Monday No. 2 sold at \$1.00 f.o.c. Yesterday No. 2 changed hands at 98c, and \$1.00 in store. On the street from 98 to 99c was paid. *Peas.*—The demand has remained active and prices steady. Cars have sold at 84 to 85c in store and on the track, the former being paid for uninspected on Tuesday. These prices would be repeated. On the street prices have been firm at 84 to 85c. *Rye.*—Sells at 70c on the street, with but little offering.

GROCERIES.—*Coffee.*—Has been quiet; the only movement reported is the sale of a few small lots at 30c for Java and 27 to 28c for Ceylon; *Fish.*—There is scarcely any movement in any sort and prices must be regarded as partly nominal. *Fruit.*—Layers are offering in lots at \$2.65 but not selling. One lot of 800 boxes of Valencias sold at 9c but this sale was made under exceptional circumstances and lots could still be had at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Sultanias are quiet one small lot sold at 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Prunes are lower; a lot in boxes sold at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Currants have been fairly active; lots of 50 barrels sold at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, but holders now ask rather more. Nuts are selling quickly at unchanged prices. *Liquors.*—Brandy has continued to be active; Henessey's in wood has sold at \$2.60 and outside brands at \$2.30. Whisky is unchanged. *Rice.*—Remains nominally unchanged at \$4.40 to 4.60 for small lots. *Sugar.*—The market has remained unsettled all week in consequence of the prevalent uncertainty in reference to the custom duties. Stocks are rather small, particularly those of English, and Montreal, refined. No movement is reported in either of these nor in raws; values, as well as we can judge, stand at quotations. One round lot of New York refined sold at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Dry crushed and ground are easier; the former sold at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and the latter at 9c. *Syrups.*—Sales of round lots have been made to the trade at an advance; golden has brought equal to 50c, and amber equal to 60c here. *Tea.*—There was a chop, consisting of 11 lines sold on p. t., and sales have been made on Montreal, account of which we have no report. One line of Young Hyson sold at 33c, and another at 34c. Japans are wanted but buyers and sellers are apart. One line of Souchong of medium quality sold at 45c. *Tobacco.*—Remains very quiet, no sales are reported and prices seem weak, but quotations remain unchanged.

HARDWARE.—There has been scarcely any change in the business since our last. Prices remain firm, but no alteration is noted. Shipments of pig iron are expected with the opening of navigation, but no sales to arrive are reported.

HIDES AND SKINS.—*Hides.*—Green remain quiet and unchanged at the late decline. Cured are not wanted and fail to find buyers, even at 7c. *Calfskins.*—Are unchanged, at 11c. *Sheepskins.*—The general price of green is \$1.60 to 1.80, but for some very choice \$2.00 is sometimes paid. *Lambskins.*—Have begun to offer and sell at 15c.

HOPS.—There has been a slight movement through the week. Some lots of first-class sold at 35 to 37c, and small lots have gone off at one to three cents more.

LEATHER.—The market remains in much the same condition as at our last, the cold weather is said to be tending to retard trade. The supply of goods in most cases is equal to the demand. Sole leather is unchanged in price; three lots of 100 sides of No. 1 Spanish sold from first hands at 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Harness is scarce and

in demand; one lot of 100 sides sold from first hands at 29c. Russets are in good supply but steady. French and foreign stocks are firm. Cod is very firm.

LUMBER.—Trade is fairly active and would be still more so were it not that monetary stringency checks building operations. Receipts by rail are increasing. An improvement in trade is expected on the opening of navigation, as certain grades are in demand on the other side of the lake.

PETROLEUM.—Remains unchanged at former quotations, and seems likely to continue so; a fair trade is being done for the season.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—Has been quiet, but as stocks are now small the feeling is rather firmer; one lot of 100 packages of good shipping sold at 14c and some small lots of inferior at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 13c. Choice for local use is worth 17 to 18c. Box-butter is slow of sale at 12 to 15c. English advices are discouraging. *Cheese.*—Remains quiet with prices ranging from 14 to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. *Eggs.*—Were very weak until the last couple of days when some recovery was manifest; lots would now bring 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 13c. *Pork.*—Has been in fair demand; a car of Canadian mess sold at \$21.50 and small lots at up to \$22.00. *Bacon.*—Seems rather less firm than in last week; a lot of 100 sides of Cumberland sold at 10c. *Bacon.*—Seems rather less firm than in last week; a lot of 100 sides of Cumberland sold at 10c; tons and under bring 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Smoked meats are generally unchanged, but shoulders are firmer; a lot of 100 sold at 10c. *Hams.*—Are in fair demand; a lot of 1,000 smoked sold at 10c on p. t.; lots of 100 short-cut have brought 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., and small lots 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. *Lard.*—Is firm in price; one lot of 80 and another of 75 tinnets sold at 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., and the same price was refused for another lot of 200; small lots are selling as high as 15c. *Hogs.*—Are scarce and bringing \$8.50 to \$9.00 on the street. *Dried Apples.*—Are quiet and unchanged in price at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.

SEEDS.—Clover is very scarce and lots are wanted at \$10.25 to 10.50, and Hungarian would bring \$2.25 to 2.50. Nothing doing in lots of other sorts but dealers are selling at \$11.00 for clover; \$5.75 to 6.00 for timothy; \$3.00 to 3.50 for tares; \$2.60 to 3.00 for Hungarian and \$15.00 to 16.00 for Alsike.

WOOL.—There has been some little movement since our last. Sales of super have been made at 30c; of combing at 31 to 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. of black at 29c and of burr clippings at 8c. The quotations of super and combing seem, however, to be the bottom of the market; holders usually ask 32c.

WHAT COURTESY DID.

There was a very plainly dressed, elderly lady, who was a frequent customer at the then leading dry goods store in Boston. No one in the store knew her, even by name. All the clerks but one avoided her, and gave their attentions to those who were better dressed and more pretentious. The exception was one young man, who had a conscientious regard for duty and system. He never left another customer to wait on the lady, but when at liberty he waited upon her with as much attention as though she had been a princess. This continued for a year or two until the young man became of age. One morning the lady approached the young man, when the following conversation took place:

Lady—"Young man, do you want to go into business for yourself?"

"Yes, ma'am," he responded; "but I have neither money, credit, nor friends, nor will any trust me."

"Well," continued the lady, "you go and select a good location, ask what the rent is, and