FINANCE AND COMMERCE

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 15.

In Montreal to-day sterling exchange sold at 10¾ for round amounts between banks, and at 10⅞ over the counter. Drafts on New York unchanged at ⅛ per cent. premium.

At New York to-day sterling exchange was unchanged, at $4.82 for demand notes, and $4.79 for sixty-day bills.

STOCKS.

Bank stocks were again weak to-day. Montreal was offered 1 lower, with no bids. Bids for Toronto declined 1, or to 139, with sellers at 141. Ontario sold at 96, and closed with sellers 2¼ and bids 2½ lower. Merchants' was held ½ higher, with bids ½ lower. Commerce was offered 1, with bids ½ lower. Dominion sold at 142 and 142½, closing with bids down ½. Hamilton was offered ½ lower. Standard declined ½. Federal was offered 1 lower. Imperial sold at 118½ and closed at a fall of ½. Molsons was wanted at 125½.

Loan and Savings stocks were inactive, and showed very little change. Bids for Freehold rose ½. Building and Loan was held ½ higher, with bids ½ lower. Montreal Investment and Manitoba and N. W. was quoted xd.

Miscellaneous stocks were easy. Consumers' Gas was offered 3 lower, or at 149, with 147 bid. Dominion Telegraph was offered 1½ lower, and Montreal Telegraph ½ lower.

Debentures were wanted as before, but none offered.

The following is the official report of the Toronto Stock Exchange for Wednesday, December 15th:—

Banks.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Trans.
Montreal	167	.....	.....
Toronto	141	139	.....
Ontario	96½	95½	10 at 96
Merchants'	117	115	.....
Commerce	139	138½	.....
Consolidated	.....	.....	.....
Dominion	142½	142	.....
Hamilton	114-8	.....	.....
Standard	104½	104	.....
Federal	134	133	.....
Imperial	119	118	16 at 118½
Molsons	.....	102½	.....
Loan and Savings Cos.			
Canada Permanent	198	.....	.....
Freehold	159	157½	.....
Western Canada	164	164	.....
Union Loan	146	142½	.....
Canada Landed Credit	140	140	.....
Building and Loan	99	90	.....
Imperial	120	.....	.....
Farmers'	.....	121½	.....
London & C. L. & A. Co.	151	149	.....
Huron and Erie	.....	148	.....
Dominion Savings and Investment Society	123½	.....	.....
Ont. Sav. & Investment Soc.	.....	.....	.....
Canadian Sav. & Loan Co.	.....	.....	.....
London Loan Co	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton Pro. & L. Soc.	.....	.....	.....
National Investment Co.	.....	104	ex-div.
Anglo-Canadian	.....	.....	.....
Peoples'	110	.....	.....
Manitoba & North-Western Loan & Investment Co.	.....	101	ex-div.
Insurance, &c.			
British America	158	.....	.....
Western Assurance	227	.....	.....
Canada Life	.....	316	.....
Confederation Life	.....	200	.....
Consumers' Gas	149	147	.....
Dominion Telegraph	93½	.....	.....
Globe Printing Co.	105	.....	.....
Montreal Telegraph	134½	133	.....
Railways.			
Toronto, Grey, and Bruce	.....	50	.....
Toronto and Nipissing	.....	.....	.....
Debentures, &c.			
Dom. Gov. Stock, 6 p.c.	.....	.....	.....
Dom. 5-20's Stock, 5 p.c.	.....	106	.....
County (Ont.) Stock, 6 p.c.	.....	108	.....
Tp'p (Ont.) Stock, 6 p.c.	.....	104	.....
City Toronto Stock, 6 p.c.	.....	105	.....

Transactions for Dominion, 100-100 at 142; 10 at 142½.

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS—WEEKLY REVIEW.

THURSDAY, December 16.

PRODUCE.

The market has generally shown some improvement since our last, though the tendency has been different in different lines. Offerings have continued to be small, but the demand cannot be said to have been very active. There has been no demand for either wheat or flour for export, and millers have been complaining that wheat here is higher than in States markets, and getting themselves to grind Yankee wheat. The situation looks as if we were approaching a turn in the market, which might show that England is getting enough to enable her to refuse to take wheat from this side at ruling prices, and force them down to her own level. English markets showed something of a firm feeling on Monday and Tuesday; but to-day resumed the tenor of last week, when they were declining, with very little business doing, and foreign grain depressed. The supply last week continued in excess of the average consumption. Imports amounted to 215,000 to 220,000 qrs. of wheat and 90,000 to 95,000 bbls. of flour, and home deliveries were 167,073 quarters of wheat, being equal to 483,322 to 491,134 quarters, against an average weekly consumption of 454,000,905. The quantity of wheat and flour in transit on the 9th inst. showed an increase on the week, and amounted to 2,075,000 quarters, against 1,982,000 on the 25th ult., and 2,226,000 on the corresponding date last year. The total quantity of wheat in sight on this continent and in transit for Europe on the 26th ult. was 47,073,000 bushels, against 52,326,000 last year, and 43,305,000 three weeks ago. Mail advices to the 27th ult. state that the net imports of wheat and flour into the United Kingdom from August 29th to November 29th, 1880, amounted to 4,018,444 qrs., against 5,017,019 qrs. last year; and the total deliveries from farmers in the whole of the United Kingdom during the same time were computed to have amounted to 2,943,572 qrs., against 1,240,376 qrs. last year, making the total supply in the above time 6,962,016 qrs., against 6,257,395 qrs. in the corresponding period of the preceding harvest-year, being a decrease of 195,379 qrs. in the first eleven weeks of the harvest-year. The average price of home-grown wheat thus far in the present season was 42s. 2d. per quarter, against 48s. 6d. in the corresponding period last season. The total supply of 6,962,000 qrs. in the period is estimated by *Beerbohm's List* at 362,000 quarters above the average consumption in that period, and the addition of this quantity to the stocks as bringing them up to 2,412,000 quarters against 1,850,000 on the 30th of September; 1,575,000 on the 30th of June, and 4,510,000 on the 31st of December, 1879. Continental advices state that in France prices of wheat experienced a rather rapid and marked advance, under the influence of the continued rise in America and the United Kingdom. Home-grown wheat was generally quoted higher, whilst on foreign, which had previously been very slow to follow the improvement, the advance was more marked, Bordeaux quoting prices 4s. per quarter higher within a week; red winter there was quoted at 51s. 6d. to 52s. 6d. on the 26th ult., 480 lbs., whilst at Havre 50s. 6d. is the last quotation, free on mill. This brings the level of values nearer to that in England, but still much below that in America, so that fresh transactions were momentarily impracticable. The week's imports of wheat at Marseilles were 68,500 qrs., at Bordeaux 13,500 qrs., and at Havre 29,600 qrs. At Marseilles the stock in the docks had slightly increased to 70,000 qrs. In Germany markets were very much unsettled in consequence of the publication of the official estimate of the result of this year's crops in Prussia; the figures published show the wheat yield to be five million quintals above that in 1879; that of rye seven millions above, and that of oats four millions above that of 1879; whilst potatoes are estimated to yield 59 million quintals more than in 1879. These estimates surprised the commercial world, and partly paralysed business, being out of accordance with previous ideas and previous commercial estimates, and people seemed inclined to wait before doing anything beyond supplying their immediate wants. Advices from other parts of the continent are meagre; but the fact that exports of wheat at Odessa from January 1 to October 31 were only 852,000 quarters, against 3,620,000 quarters in the corresponding period last year will prove decisively the seriousness of the failure of the crop in Russia. The export of wheat in October, 1880, was only 19,000 quarters, against 98,000 quarters in September; of rye, only 14,000 quarters were shipped in October, and 7,000 quarters in September. Australian advices state that the exports from South Australia up to October 5th had amounted to 237,715 tons wheat and flour, leaving about 60,000 tons still available for export. In the States markets have continued to be decidedly weak, though prices have been rather unsettled, with their tendency varying. At New York the export movement continues light, shipping margins still being adverse and grain for immediate delivery very scarce. The indications are that an unusually large proportion of the surplus grain crop will have to be carried by western operators during the winter; and it seems probable that they may have a good deal to carry, as it appears that stocks of wheat in the interior markets awaiting transport to Chicago and Milwaukee are unusually large for this period. Trade in western markets is almost entirely speculative, as there is admitted to be a margin of 5 to 10c. against them on No. 2 wheat. Exports are falling off; those of wheat from seaboard ports in the week ending on the 4th inst. were 1,317,577 bush. v. 1,786,302 bush. the previous week, and for the last eight weeks, 18,347,035 bush. v. 22,529,067 in the corresponding eight weeks in 1879. The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports, and the rail shipments from Western lake and river ports afloat on New York canals:—

	1880. Dec. 4. bush.	1880. Nov. 27. bush.	1879. Dec. 6. bush.	1878. Dec. 7. bush.
Wheat	26,959,859	21,622,492	27,350,955	*17,015,020
Corn	15,753,676	15,663,147	10,837,993	8,424,155
Oats	3,557,593	3,657,399	2,768,320	2,423,417
Barley	2,361,443	2,449,389	4,073,070	5,295,152
Rye	913,044	871,647	1,191,633	1,200,826
Total	50,046,585	48,284,514	46,860,631	33,908,559

*Afloat at New York not included.

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

	Dec. 9, 5 p.m.		Dec. 10, 5 p.m.		Dec. 11, 5 p.m.		Dec. 13, 5 p.m.		Dec. 14, 5 p.m.		Dec. 15, 5 p.m.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Flour	12	0	12	0	12	0	12	0	12	0	12	0
S. Wheat	9	10	9	10	9	10	9	10	9	10	9	10
R. Wheat	10	1	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0
White	9	11	9	11	9	11	9	11	9	11	9	11
Club	10	5	10	6	10	6	10	6	10	6	10	6
Corn	5	8½	5	8	5	8	5	8	5	8	5	8
Barley	5	3	5	3	5	3	5	3	5	3	5	3
Oats	6	2½	6	2	6	2	6	2	6	2	6	2
Peas	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	7	0
Pork	63	0	62	0	67	0	67	0	67	0	66	0
Bacon	43	0	43	0	43	0	43	0	43	0	42	0
Beef	57	0	57	0	57	0	56	0	77	6	77	6
Lard	45	6	45	9	46	6	46	6	46	6	46	0
Tallow	35	6	35	6	35	0	35	0	35	0	35	0
Cheese	65	6	65	6	65	0	65	0	65	0	65	0

FLOUR—The market has been rather more active, though the total of business done has been small. Superior extra firmer; alot of 1,000 barrels sold at $5 in store on Saturday. A lot outside sold at equal to $5.05 on Monday. Extra inactive, with $4.95 bid on Monday. The market was inactive on Tuesday, and unsettled to-day; when a lot of choice extra sold at equal to $4.95, but with more offered at $4.90, and superior extra held at $5 to $5.05. Other grades nominal.

BRAN—Easier; sold last week at equal to $13.25; was offered at $13.50 on track on Tuesday, and to-day, with $12 bid.

OATMEAL—Scarce and firmer; a car of good quality sold at $4.10 on track, which price would have been repeated to-day. Small lots firm at $4.25 to $4.50.

WHEAT—Has been inactive at unsettled prices; no demand for shipment has been heard, and any sales to millers through the week have been on p.t. There was no movement reported until to-day, when prices declined; No. 2 fall sold at $1.10 f.o.c., and No. 3 was offered at $1.10, with $1.08 bid; spring remained nominal, but would not have brought over $.17 to $1.18 for No. 1, or $1.15 to $1.16 for No. 2. Street prices declined to $1.05 to $1.10 for fall, and $1.14 to $18 for spring.

OATS—Have been rather easier; cars on track sold on Friday and Saturday at 35c., but all Monday they went off at 30c. and 34c., and on Tuesday and to-day were offered at 33c., with no buyers over 34c., and one car sold at that figure. Street prices, 35 to 36c.

BARLEY—The market has shown increased activity, and prices have recovered considerably from the previous fall. On Thursday ordinary No. 2 sold at 57c. f.o.c.; but on Friday and Saturday there were sales at 55c. for No. 1; at 52c. for choice No. 2; at 48c. for ordinary No. 2; at 42and 42½c. for extra No. 3; and at 78c. and 75c. for No. 3, all f.o.c. On Monday sales were made at 56½c. for No. 1; at 52c. for choice, and 48c. for ordinary No. 2; and at 42c. for extra No. 3, all f.o.c. On Tuesday a lot of No. 1 and choice No. 2 sold at $1 for No. 1 and 88c. for choice No. 2, which seems to have brought an extra price from being with the other. The market to-day was inactive, but with plenty of buyers at quotations; the only sale reported was that of a car of choice No. 2 at 88c. f.o.c. Street prices had risen to 88c. to $1.05 to-day.

PEAS—Inactive and easier with buyers and sellers apart; for car-lots 68 to 69c. have been the best bid, but holders have refused these prices preferring to store the grain. Street prices steady at 65 to 70c.

RYE—Quiet and easier; the best bid for cars seem to be 86 to 87c. Street receipts small; some sales at 87c.

CORN—Has sold at 60c. on track.

HAY—Pressed quiet, with cars ranging from $11.00 to $12.50. Receipts on the market have been fully sufficient and prices generally lower as before at $8.00 to $13.00 with the great bulk selling at $10.00 to $11.00.

STRAW—Offerings have been equal to the wants of buyers, and prices have been easier, at from $7.00 to $8.50 for oat and rye straw in sheaves; with loose sold at $4.75.

POTATOES—Cars rather firmer, and have sold at 40c. on the track. Street receipts have not been very large, and prices have been fairly steady, at about 45c. per bag.

APPLES—No sales of car-lots reported, but they are worth $1.30 to $1.40 per barrel, and sell in small lots at $1.60. Street receipts large, and prices steady, at $1.00 to $1.75. English advices say:—"Receipts at Liverpool average about 10,000 barrels per day, notwithstanding which prices are maintained fairly well. When we consider that in three months time we have received half a million barrels, it will be seen that there is no limit to the quantity that can be consumed here when prices are reasonable."

POULTRY—Receipts of boxlots have fallen off considerably, and prices have been rather firmer, at 7 to 8c. per lb. for turkeys and ducks, and 4½ to 5c. for fowl and geese. Street receipts small, and prices steady, at 9c. per lb., or 78c. to $1.25 for turkeys; at 45 to 55c. for geese; at 55 to 60c. for ducks, and 30 to 40c. for fowl.

FLOUR, f.o.c.	
Superior extra, per 196 lbs	$5 00 to $5 05
Extras	90 4 25
Fancy and strong bakers	5 25 0 00
Spring wheat, extra	5 00 0 00
Superfine	none.
Oatmeal, per 196 lbs	4 10 4 25
Cornmeal, small lots	3 00 3 25
BAG FLOUR, by car-lots, f.o.c.	
Extra	4 60 4 75
Spring wheat, extra	4 80 4 90
GRAIN, f.o.b.	
Fall wheat, No. 1, per 60 lb	1 13 1 14
" No. 2, "	1 10 1 12
" No. 3, "	1 07 1 08
Red winter	none.
Spring wheat, No. 1	1 17 1 18
" No. 2	1 15 1 16
" No. 3	1 10 1 40
Oats (Canadian), per 34 lbs	0 34 0 00
Barley, No. 1, per 48 lbs	1 00 0 00
" Choice No. 2, per 48 lbs	0 97 0 98
" No. 3, per 48 lbs	0 93 0 94
" Extra No. 3	0 85 0 88
" No. 3	0 78 0 80
Peas, No. 1, per 60 lbs	0 68 0 00
" No. 2	0 66 0 00
Rye	0 86 0 87
PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGGONS.	
Wheat, fall, new, per bush	$1 05 $1 10
Wheat, spring, do.	1 10 1 18
Barley, do.	0 85 1 05
Oats, do.	0 35 0 36
Peas, do.	0 65 0 70
Rye, do.	0 87 0 88
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs	6 25 6 50
Beef, hind-quarters, per 100 lbs	4 50 5 00
Mutton, by carcase, per 100 lbs	none.
Chickens, per pair	0 25 0 35
Ducks, per pair	0 50 0 60
Geese, each	0 45 0 55
Turkeys, each	0 75 1 25
Butter, pound rolls	0 21 0 23
Do. large rolls	none.
Do. tub dairy	0 20 0 21
Eggs, fresh, per doz	0 20 0 25
Potatoes, per bag	0 45 0 50
Apples, per bbl	1 00 1 75
Onions, per bag	1 25 1 50
Tomatoes, per bush	none.
Cabbage, per doz	0 25 0 50
Celery, per doz	0 30 0 60
Turnips, per bag	0 25 0 30
Carrots, per bag	0 40 0 50
Beets, per bag	0 50 0 60
Parsnips, per bag	0 60 0 70
Hay, per ton	8 00 12 00
Straw, per ton	7 00 8 00
Wool, per lb	0 30 0 31
Corn, per doz	none.

FREIGHTS.

GRAND TRUNK RATES—Rates on flour from Toronto to the undermentioned points now stand as follows:—Flour to Kingston, 30c. per bbl.; Gananoque to Prescott, 35c.; Edwardsburg to Cornwall, 40c.; Summertown to Montreal, 40c.; St. Lambert to St. John, 47c.; Durham to Lennoxville, 58c.; Waterville to Costicook, 65c.; Danville to Chaudiere, 70c.; Dorbont's Landing, 51c.; Point Levis, 50c.; Quebec, 50c.; Island Pond to Falmouth, 65c.; St. Henri to L'Islet, inclusive, 65c.; St. Jean Port Joli to Riviere du Loup, inclusive, 75c.; Cacouna to Metis, inclusive, 80c.; Point du Chene (for Gulf Ports and Prince Edward Island, traffic only), 75c.; Humphries to Amherst and Point du Chene, Boundary Creek to Coldbrook, inclusive (except Salisbury Junction), 35c.; Nappan to Richmond and Fisher's Grant to Valley, inclusive (Truro excepted), 35c.; Pictou, Truro, Halifax, New Glasgow junction (for Halifax and C. R. railway traffic), 30c.; Windsor Junction (for Windsor and Annapolis railway, traffic only), 75c.; St. John, N.B., 75c.; McAdam Junction and Fredericton Junction, 75c.; Carlton, N.B., 75c.; St. Stephen, N.B., St. Andrews, N.B., 75c.

THROUGH RATES TO ENGLAND—Rates to Liverpool, *via* the Dominion and Beaver lines, from Portland, are as follows:—Flour, $1.15; oatmeal, $1.15, per barrel; beef in barrels, 55c. per 100 lbs.; pork, in barrels, boxed meats, tallow, and lard, 35c. per 100 lbs.; butter and cheese, 75c. per 100 lbs., in lots not under 15,000 lbs.; do. in lots from 5,000 to 15,000 lbs., 85c. per cental; oil cake, 50c. per 100 lbs.; flour and meal in sacks, 45c. per 100 lbs.; apples, per barrel, prepaid, $1.30 for lots of 120 barrels or over; clover, 70c. per cental; dressed poultry and dead meats, in lots of 10,000 lbs. and over, prepaid, $1 per cental.

PROVISIONS.

TRADE—Seems generally to have been rather quiet.

BUTTER—Discouraging reports from England have checked the demand for shipment save for selections of extra choice quality; for these 19c. would still be paid, but so few packages come up to the standard that holders are not inclined to accept the bid. Round lots are purely nominal at 15 to 17c., with holders generally unwilling to sell, and buyers few and far between. Inferior is purely nominal. Rolls have been in fair supply, and rather easy at 16 to 18c., though basket lots, very clean and well clothed, may bring 19 to 20c. Street receipts small and quality poor; pound rolls sell at 20 to 22c. for the best offering, but choice would bring something more; tubs and crocks 18 to 20c. English advices state that markets are inactive, and prices nominal for any but the very finest, which sells readily at steady prices.

CHEESE—The only movement is in small parcels, and even this is quiet; prices are steady at 13 to 14c.

EGGS—Generally unchanged; all offering wanted and taken at steady prices; limed bring 17 to 18c., and fresh, when they can be got, which is seldom, 19 to 20c. in round lots. Street prices range from 20 to 25c., according to quantity and quality.

PORK—Cars have been offered at $16.25, but not sold; small lots going off quietly at $16.50 to to $16.75.

BACON—There has not been much changing hands; prices have been steady; Cumberland could be had in lots of 200 sides at 7½c.; tons and under sell at 7¾ to 8c. Long-clear quiet at from 8½ to 9c., the latter probably for single sides. Rolls steady and unchanged at 9½ to 10c.

HAMS—Seem to have been quiet but steady; lots of from 50 upwards usually sell at 10½c., and small lots at 11c. There is nothing doing in either canvassed or pickled.

LARD—In good demand, and selling at unchanged prices as fast as it is made. Pails bring 11½ to 12c.; tinnets usually 11c., and tierces 10½ to 10¾c. for kettle-rendered; but steam-rendered might be had about a cent lower.

HOGS—Here in good demand and selling usually about $6.15 until Tuesday, when the wet weather caused prices to become weak, and one car sold at $6. To-day the market seemed rather better, and $6.12½ was paid for a rail lot, though 2 cars sold at $6. Street receipts small; prices firm at $6.25 to $6.50.

SALT—Generally unchanged; cars of Liverpool have sold at 78c.; small lots usually bring 85 to 87½c. Dairy has ranged from $1.25 to $1.40, according to quantity and the quality of bags. Goderich active at $1.05 per bushel for car-lots, and $1.15 to $1.20 for small lots; and at $5.50 per ton in bulk.

DRIED APPLES—Country lots of good quality have brought 4c., but this should be regarded as the top price, and the range as going down to 3½c. for inferior. Dealers sell barrelled as before at 5 to 5½c.

HOPS—The improved demand has been maintained; choice new are held at 22c. with 21c. bid; good have sold at 20c.; medium are offered at 18 to 18c.; choice yearlings have sold at 12c., and the range at the close seems to be from 9 to 11c.

GROCERIES.

TRADE—Seems to have improved somewhat during the week.

TEA—There has been less movement in lines, and the market seems to have been easy. Young Hyson inactive, with nothing reported. A line of Ping-suey of common quality sold at 30c. Japans have sold fairly well at 27½c. for common; at 31½c. for good common; at 34 to 37½c. for medium, and at 41c. for good; medium. Blacks quiet; one line of low-grade Congou sold at 32c. On English account low-grade Congous have been active at 8d. to 10d. per pound for first Young Hysons have sold at 1s. 6d. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers' lots:—Young Hyson, common to fair, 33 to 40c.; Young Hyson, medium to good, 45 to 50c.; Young Hyson, ordinary to choice extra, firsts, 50 to 65c.; Twankays, none; Gunpowder and Imperials, common to good, 35 to 45c.; fine to extra choice, 50 to 80c. Blacks—Congous, 30 to 70c.; Souchong, 40 to 55c.; Scented Pekoes, 45 to 55c.

COFFEE—Seems weak; sales of job-lots have been made at 20c. for Singapore, and at 15½c. for common Rio. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers' lots:—Government Java, 27 to 31c.; Singapore, 20 to 23c.; Rio, 15½ to 19c.; Mocha, 30 to 33c.

SUGAR—Has been generally steady, and in fairly good demand. Raws have sold in car-lots at 7½c. for Porto Rico; at 7¾c. for Cuba, and at 7½c. for Barbadoes. Scotch has been going off in cars at 7½c. for low grade; at 7¾c. for medium, and at 8½c. for fair yellows. Granulated yellows have sold much as before. Granulated seems to have been inactive at 10½c. for job lots of standard. Quotations show no change since our last. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers' lots, and all sugars now being sold at sixty-days:—Porto Rico, per lb., 7½ to 8c.; Barbadoes, 7½ to 7¾c.; Scotch, low-grade, 7½ to 7¾c.; medium, 7¾ to 8½c.; bright to choice, 8½ to 9½c.; Canada refined, 7½ to 9½c.; Paris lump, 10½ to 11c.; granulated standard, 10½ to 10¾c.

CATTLE.

TRADE—Has remained very quiet all week.

BEEVES—The supply has been very small since our last, as the Christmas cattle have been offered to any extent, and buyers have been holding off in consequence waiting for them. But as country fairs will be held to-day it is probable that a considerable business may be done before the week closes. Sales have been chiefly of small lots to supply immediate wants, and at generally unchanged prices. Christmas-class cattle, that is steers weighing from 1,200 lbs. upwards, have been firm at $4.50 to $4.75. Second-class, consisting of light steers and heifers and fleshy cows, have been steady at $3.75 to $4.25, and third-class dull and not much wanted at $3 to $3.50. On Tuesday, a car of steers averaging 1,350 lbs. sold at $5½; a car of mixed at $4½, and a lot of twenty-one head of mixed at $5½.

SHEEP—Offerings have been small, and a fairly good demand has prevailed at steady but unchanged prices. There has been none fit for export offered, but good sheep, dressing from 125 lbs. upwards, have been taken at about $4 per cental, or from $5 to $6 per head. Any below this weight are slow of sale, but inferior range from $4 to $4.75.

LAMBS—Have sold steadily all week; all offerings have been taken, though dealers have been waiting to get some choice lots for Christmas. Picked lots dressing not under 48 lbs. have been worth $6 per cental, with very few to be had. Good first-class, dressing about 45 lbs., have sold at $4 to $4.12. Good droves, dressing from 35 to 42 lbs., have usually ranged from $3.37 to $3.75, and culls have sold as low as $3 to $3.25. A lot of 130 head sold on Tuesday at $4 per cental.

CALVES—Inactive at unchanged values. Christmas calves may sell well, but none have been offered as yet. Prices usually stand at $6.50 to $7.50 for first-class, dressing from 100 to 120 lbs., and $3.50 to $5.50 for second-class, dressing not under 60 lbs., with inferior not wanted.

HIDES, SKINS, AND WOOL.

TRADE—Has been fairly active since our last.

HIDES—Prices of green have declined 50c. per cental; offerings have been fully equal to the wants of buyers. Cured sold before the fall in green at 10½c., but have since been offered at 10c.

CALFSKINS—Unchanged at former prices.

SHEEPSKINS—Have continued abundant and steady at $1.50 for the best green, and with dry ranging from $1.10 to $1.35 for the great bulk of those offering.

WOOL—The increasing activity and upward movement of the preceding week have since been maintained. Round lots of fleece have sold at 30 to 31c., which prices would still be paid, but a good many holders want still more. Pulled has not risen in sympathy with fleece; super. has sold at 29 to 30c., and extra-super. at 35c.

TALLOW—Has shown no change; offerings have been considerable, and prices have remained as before, at 5 to 6½c. Quotations stand as follows:—No. 1 inspected, choice, @9.50 to $10; No. 2 inspected, $8.50 to $9; No. 3 inspected, $7.50 to $8; calfskins, green, 14 to 16c.; calfskins, cured, 17c.; calfskins, dry, none; sheepskins, 70c. to $1.50; wool, fleece, 30 to 31c.; wool, pulled, super, 29 to 31c.; extra super, 31 to 36c.; wool, pickings, 11 to 12½c.; tallow, rough, 3½c.; rendered, 6 to 6½c.

BY TELEGRAPH.

MONTREAL.

Dec. 15.—Flour—Receipts, 3,665 bbls.; the market is dull; to effect sales further concessions would have to be made; sales of 100 bbls. middlings at $3.75; 125 bbls. superior extra at $5.52½; spring extra at $5.40; superior extra at $5.50 to $5.55; extra superfine at $5.45; fancy at $5.30; spring extra at $5.35 to $5.40; superfine, $5 to $5.10; strong bakers', $6 to $6.50; fine, $4.10 to $4.50; middlings, $3.75 to $4; pollards, $3.50 to $3.70; Ontario oats, $2.65 to $2.75; city bags, delivered, $3.20 to $3.25. Barley—65 to 77c. Oatmeal—Ontario, $4.40 to $4.45. Rye—87 to 89c. Oats—34 to 35c. Pegs—31 to 32c. Cornmeal—$3. Corn—60 to 62c. in bond to arrive. Canada wheat—Nominal; No. 2 white winter, $1.19 to $1.20; No. 2 red winter, $1.19 to $1.20; No. 2 spring, $1.25 to $1.27. Butter—Western, 17 to 19c.; Kamouraska, 14 to 15c.; Brockville, 18 to 20c.; Morrisburg, 19 to 21c.; Eastern Townships, 20 to 22c.; creamery, 24 to 27c. Cheese—12 to 12½c., according to quality. Lard—12 to 12½c. for pails. Pork—Heavy mess, $16.50 to $17.50. Hams—Uncovered, 12½ to 13c. Bacon—10 to 11c. Ashes—Pots, firm, $5.20 to $5.25 per 100 lbs. Stocks in store here and in hands of millers are:—Wheat, 116,494 bush.; corn, 23,00 bush.; oats, 3,625 bush.; barley, 6,170 bush.; rye, 7,547 bush.; flour, 32,045 bbls.

PETERBORO'.

Dec. 15.—Market quiet all round. Deliveries are only limited, and prices easy. Wheat is offering slowly at $1.15 to $1.17, the latter price being paid for an exceptionally good load. Peas—Quiet and nominal. Barley—Sluggish and weak. Rye—Offering and in moderate demand at 80c. Pork—Receipts dropping off, but market strong and prices firmly held; as high as $6.50 has been paid, but this is for very heavy. Butter—Steady, and sold for local use at 17 to 20c. Poultry very scarce and higher; very little of any kind offering, and farmers seem to hold off for better prices at Christmas market. Wheat, spring, $1.15 to $1.17. Peas, 64 to 65c. Barley, 55 to 60c. Oats, 30c. Rye, 76 to 80c. Pork, $5.50 to $6.50. Corn, 78 to 80c. Butter, fresh, 18 to 20c.; keg, 17 to 20c. Cheese, 9 to 10c. Beef, $3.50 to $5. Mutton, 5 to 6c. Eggs, 16 to 17c. Hay, $9 to $10. Lard, 12 to 13c. Chickens, 25 to 50c. per pair. Ducks, 40 to 60c. per pair. Geese, 40 to 65c. each. Turkeys, $1 to $1.05 per pair. Hides, $7 to $7.50 per cwt. Wool, 28 to 27c. Wood offering in large quantities.

KINGSTON.

Dec. 15.—Barley, 85 to 90c. Peas, 67 to 68c. Rye, 82 to 85c. Wheat, none. Oats, 33 to 34c. Receipts, light.

ST. CATHARINES.

Dec. 15.—Flour—No. 1 super, $2.75 per cwt. Wheat—Fall, $1.10 to $1.12; spring, $1.08 to $1.10. Barley—38c. Peas—60c. Oats—33c. Butter—Fresh, 23 to 25c. per lb. Eggs—Fresh, 24 to 25c. per doz. Cheese—13c. Hay—$12 to $14 per ton. Potatoes—65 to 70c. per bag. Corn—57 to 60c.

LONDON.

Dec. 15.—Wheat, spring, $1.70 to $1.85; Delhi, $1.68 to $1.75; Treadwell, $1.68 to $1.75; Clawson, $1.68 to $1.75; red, $1.68 to $1.75. Oats, 80 to 92c. Corn, 90c. to $1.02. Peas, 65c. to $1. Barley, $1.30 to $1.40. Rye, 80c. to $1. Clover seed, $4.50 to $4.75. Timothy seed, $2.75 to $3. Eggs, retail, 20 to 22c.; basket, 18 to 20c. Butter, lb., 24 to 26c.; crock, 20 to 24c.; tub, 18 to 20c. Cheese, 12 to 12½c. Lard, 9 to 11c. Wool, 25 to 27c. Potatoes, per bag, 55 to 65c. Apples, per bag, 33 to 35c. Onions, per bush., 75c. to $1. Chickens, per pair, 25 to 50c. Ducks, 35 to 50c. Dressed hogs, $5.50 to $6. Beef, 4 to 5½c. Mutton, 6 to 7c. Fall flour, $3 to $3.25; spring do., $2.75 to $3. Oatmeal, fine, $2.50 to $2.75; granulated, $2.70 to $3. Graham flour, $2.75 to $3. Cornmeal, $2.50 to $2.60. Shorts, $14 to $18. Bran, $12 to $14. Hay, $9.50 to $10.50. Sheep and lambskins, each, 75c. to $1.25. Calfskins, green, No. 1, per lb., 10 to 11c.; do, dry, 15 to 17c. Hides, No. 1, $8 to $9; do. No. 2, at $7.50; do. No. 3, at $6.50.

BRANTFORD.

Dec. 15.—Fall wheat, white, $1.05 to $1.07 per bush.; fall wheat, red, $1.05 to $1.07 per bush. Oats, 31 to 34c. per bush. Barley, 60 to 70c. per bush. Rye, 75 to 80c. per bush. Peas, 62 to 65c. per bush. Corn, 56 to 58c. per bush. Clover seed, not quoted. Hay, $8 to $10 per ton. Straw, $2 to $2 per ton. Flour, $2.75 $2.90 per 100 lbs. Butter, 20 to 22c. per pound. Cheese, 12 to 13c. per pound. Lard, 12c. per pound. Eggs, 20 to 25c. per dozen. Tallow, 5 to 6c. per pound. Potatoes, 40 to 50c. per bag. Apples, per bag, 40 to 50c.; dried, 80 to 90c. per bag. Fine shorts, $15 per ton. Bran, $12 per ton.

GUELPH.

Dec. 15.—White wheat, per bush., $1 to $1.08; Treadwell, per bush., $1 to $1.08; red winter, per bush., $1 to $1.08; spring, per bush., $1.05 to $1.12. Peas, per bush., 60 to 70c. Barley, per bush., 65 to 80c. Oats, per bush., 32 to 34c. Potatoes, per bag, 40 to 50c. Turnips, per bush., 7 to 9c. Hay, per ton, $7.50 to $9.50. Butter, per pound, 16 to 18c. Eggs, per dozen, 17 to 19c. Pressed hogs, per 100 pounds, $6.50 to $6.75. Hides, per pound, 7 to 8c. Sheepskins, each, 75c. to $1.50. Geese, per brace, 80c. to $1. Ducks, per brace, 40 to 50c. Turkeys, per brace, $1 to $2. Cordwood, hard, per cord, $5.50 to $4.

OTTAWA.

Dec. 15.—Hay—$9.00 to $10.00 per ton. Oats—20 to 30c. per bush. Peas—63 to 65c. per bush. Barley—40 to 45c. per bush. Corn—55 to 60c. per bush. Buckwheat—40 to 45c. per bush. Beans—80 to 90c. per bush. Potatoes—40 to 45c. per bag. Butter—18 to 22c. per pound. Eggs—18 to 20c. per dozen. Chickens—40 to 45c. per pair. Mutton—6 to 7c. per lb. Beef—4 to 5c. per lb. Rye—80 to 85c. per bush. Pork—6 to 7c. per lb. Wheat—$1.20 to $1.30 per bush. Geese—40 to 55c. each. Turkeys—65 to 75c. each.

TOLEDO.

Dec. 15, 10 a.m.—Call—Wheat—No. 2 red, 99c. bid, $1 asked for cash; sales at $1.08½ for December; $1.01 for January; $1.02½ for February; $1.06½ for March; $1.10½ for April; $1.13 for May. Corn—No. 2 at 41½ to 41¾c. for cash; 41½c. asked for December; 41½ to 42c. for January; 46½ to 46¾c. for May. Oats—No. 2 at 33½ to 34½c. for cash. Receipts—Wheat, 44,000 bush.; corn, 36,000 b