

COMMERCIAL SUMMARY AND REVIEW.

REVIEW OF THE TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, April 30th, 1859.

We continue to have very dull times in the city. Business in merchandise is limited, and the spring purchases fall much short of the usual amount, consequent upon the scarcity of money in the country, and the determination of dealers to sell only to the best men. In produce the business is very light. The attendance of farmers on the market is very small for the season of the year, and will now be less as they are busy in their plowing and sowing. The reports from all parts of the country concerning the growing crop of wheat is very cheering. From almost every locality we hear of favourable news, and Farmers begin to congratulate themselves that the most critical period for the growing crop is past without damages.

WHEAT remains much as last month. The quantity brought in is insufficient to cause any anxiety on the market and there is little or no competition. The demand is very steady and not at all affected by the movements in other markets. For very prime wheat \$1 00 (8s) has been paid freely but the relative quantity of prime sample brought in this week is much smaller than usual, and the average is therefore lower, say \$1 57 (7s 10d) per bushel—medium and common lots have brought from 7s 3d to 7s 9d per bushel, inferior 6s 6d to 7s. The receipts of the whole of the present week do not exceed one thousand bushels, and the market closes very dull.

SPRING WHEAT is in very active request, and for samples fit for seed 7s a 7s 6d has been paid ranging from that to 6s 9d. Scotch Fife Wheat is much enquired for from dealers at 8s a 8s 9d but it is very scarce and cannot be had except when a load is brought in by a farmer.

FLOUR is dull, and from the absence of sales in large lots is a most unquotable. The accumulation here, about 15,000 barrels, has not materially diminished by shipments till Spring and as yet we have no sales for export, to report. The present wholesale quotations are therefore nominal at \$5 a \$6 25 for Superfine, and some held as high as \$6 50 per barrel; Fancy \$6 50 a \$6 75; Extra \$6 75 a \$7 per barrel.

OATS are firmer, and 3s per bushel has been paid in several instances to farmers, the price most current ranging from that down to 2s 10d per bushel.

PEAS are more active, and 4s a 4s 6d is the frequent rate for the best samples.

BARLEY and **RYE** are both in very poor supply at 3s 6d to 4s per bushel.

TIMOTHY SEED is not so firm and purchases of the best varieties could be made at \$1 75 a \$2 20 per bushel.

CLOVER SEED is in good demand and is held firmly at \$1 50 a \$6 per bushel, the first being the who lesale price.

POTATOES are more plentiful, and very good varieties only bring 3s 6d a 3s 9d per bushel. Common kinds are worth 3s a 3s 3d per bushel.

APPLES remain scarce at \$5 per barrel. **ORANGES** \$1¼ to \$5 per box. **LEMONS** \$4 per box.

MEAL remains as before. **Oatmeal** is scarce at \$7 25 a \$7 50 wholesale, and \$8 retail, per barrel.

FAMILY FLOUR moves as freely as usual at \$7 per bbl, for good Family brands; and \$7 50 for the best **EXTRA**s.

BUTTER.—Fresh butter continues scarce at 1s 3d to 1s 5d per lb for the best. Tub butter of No. 1 quality is worth 20c (1s) per lb. Of No. 2 there is a large stock in the market which is dull of sale at 12½c per lb.

CHEESE.—Prime American cheese is now held at \$12 to \$12 50 per 100 lbs.

EGGS are plentiful at 9c to 10c per dozen wholesale, and 10c to 12½c retail.

Poultry is more freely brought in, and finds moderate sale at 2s to 2s 6d per pair.

PORK.—Smoked hams per 100 lbs, \$11 50 to \$12 50 cured do, \$9 to \$9 0; sides, \$8 to \$9; mess pork, per barrel, \$17 to \$18; prime mess, \$14 to \$15; prime, \$12 to \$13. The inside figures are the wholesale rates. There is not much doing, the stock on hand being about equivalent to the year's consumption.