

Red Fox \$1, to \$1.25. Marten 75c. to \$1, Otter \$8 to \$10, Beaver \$2 to \$2 50, per lb. Skunks 60c. Bear \$8 to \$10 for large.

Wool.—In Canadian there has been an increased inquiry for pulled but in Australian or Cape wool there has been little or no demand. We quote greasy cape 17½c. to 19c. Australian 20c. to 31c. as to quality, Canadian pulled supers 30 to 33c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, March 15, 1883.

The movement of general merchandise continues moderate, with here and there some signs of increasing activity. It has been difficult for travellers to get about in the back country, and for this reason a number have returned home. The spring trade is not likely to be as large as the past two seasons. There is a disposition to buy in small parcels. Remittances are reported variously, and on the whole hardly up to anticipations.

Money has ruled at unchanged rates. There is little demand from brokers, with rates on bank stocks ruling at 7½ and 8 per cent. on call. Time loans at 7 to 7½ per cent. on first-class collaterals. A moderate amount of commercial paper offers and discounts are 7 per cent. on prime and 7½ on ordinary paper. Sterling exchange is easy: 60-day bills are 108½ to 108½ between banks and 108½ to 108½ across the counter. Demand bills are quoted at 109½ to 109½. New York drafts are ½ to ¾ premium. The stock market has been very unsettled, bank shares being depressed on account of the numerous failures taking place; Montreal declined from 205 to 202½; Ontario from 112½ to 111½; Toronto from 184½ to 182; Merchants from 123½ to 123; Commerce from 133½ to 132½; Imperial from 140½ to 138½; Federal from 159½ to 158½; Molsons from 129 to 128; Dominion and Standard steady, with sales at 139½ and 114½ respectively.

DRY GOODS.—Although the spring is late in coming, there is nothing slow about the way merchants have prepared for spring trade. Stocks are large and varied, and the assortment shown in this market leaves nothing to be desired. Among the novelties of the day we notice first DRESS GOODS: Wine French woollens and cheaper English or German imitations are the vogue in this line. In debeiges, checks are still worn, but are larger and louder than before, resembling a sort of Frenchy tartan. Nuns' veiling has this season rather more of a crepe effect. Nuns' cloth is still fashionable and sells well, we find it in a number of new colors. Brocade debeige is seen in mode, seal, terra-cotta electric and cadet shades, and is entirely novel and tasteful. Self-check alpaca is observable, and we cannot help noticing, among much that is rich and handsome in silk fabrics, an Ottoman cord dress silk of a *Transit of Venus* pattern. Cotton dress goods exhibit marked taste and delicacy of pattern, from the ordinary cheap print to the delicate sateen. More expensive prints are saleable of late years, and the fanciful patterns are sought for. There is the satin-finished cambrie; cretonnes of wonderful and fantastic Dolly Varden patterns; gossamer sateen, brocade sateen; and at the top of the list the Manola sateen, as fine as film and patterned in delicate Watteau landscapes or Kate Greenaway genre groups. Organdies muslins are in use still, and polka-dot muslins; and a very dainty and precious line is of India print mulls, for summer dresses.

FANCY GOODS.—A pretty novelty is Madras muslin curtains, in black, brown, grey and facelle ground, embroidered in pink and blue; these, we are told, are mostly going to Winnipeg. Check mantle cloths are bright in colors, and ulcerings of all deep shades are seen. Some very rich black satin mantles are shown, heavy with embroidery. Satin gimp, chenille gimp and satin piping are much used in ornamenting mantles or dress fronts. Chenille, it appears, is superseding bugles, being seen in black and tints, alongside of it is the iridescent bead trimming, known as "shaded moonshine." Buttons continue to be much used. It is worth while to note that, in ivory buttons, the Canadian are the best, they sell more readily and give better satisfaction than the English, besides which the factories are more accessible for sorting-up purposes. The most expensive button is the cut pearl of changing shades; next, the pearl with hand-painted centre; an oddly brilliant design is the French one of a bright metal net work

covering an iridescent glass button. In laces, which are greatly worn for trimming, the Milano is a new style; Spanish are plentiful in cream and black, to trim, and there is Spanish lace for fichus, from ½ to ¾ yard wide. The fan pattern lace abounds, and imitation embroideries, in colors and white. Chenille fichus and chenille fringe are frequently seen. The 'Patience' handkerchief adopts all the æsthetic shades, as well as white, and is in embroidery nearly as elaborate as the dresses of the loving damsels in the opera. There are net ties, worked in chenille, and tie net embroidered in tints. Silk gloves this spring include the "Jersey," a long 15-button style, in terra cotta and opera tints, and the "Amy Robsart," similar but with puffed tops. Then there is the "Marguerite" mitt, with the Amy Robsart top, in prune, peacock, crimson, cardinal, terra cotta and black. Tan shades are running strongly in kid and silk gloves; so, too, are light bronzes and and terra cottas.

MILLINERY.—The past week has been a great one in this market for country milliners, and for city ones too. The "opening days" of our millinery importers and the cheap railway fares brought a great number of visitors to the wholesale ware-rooms. Up to Wednesday last, over 500 buyers were registered by the Board of Trade, most of them down for millinery. "What are they buying?" do our readers ask. That cannot well be answered in a paragraph, but some novelties may be noted. The prevailing shades are electric blue, terra cotta, a mingling of pink and orange; crushed strawberries, an imitation of strawberries and cream; mahogany and sap phire. It is noticeable, however, that dark colors prevail in straws. An abundance of flowers will characterize hats and bonnets this season, roses will be *en vogue*, while the daisy, forget-me-not and chrysanthemum are the stylish flowers, especially the last named. Feathers with a good sweep will be needed for the big hats which are to be worn, chenille fringe, cashmere trimmings, white and tinted lace, silk and faille will be used to trim. English styles in hats and bonnets will prevail. Leghorns will be much worn. Lacy materials will necessitate lacy trimmings; bonnets will still retain somewhat of the poke shape, hitherto prevalent. Parasols are worn large and cannot, it seems, be too gaily ornamented; the cheaper ones are printed, some are worked in silk and some embroidered with pearls; the inside is lined with printed or worked flowers, handles imitate shepherds' crooks, rams' horns, and other fantastic shapes. Silk hose are elaborately embroidered or patterned.

STAPLE FABRICS.—There is this to be said about cottons that domestic fabrics are no longer scarce, as they were last year; greys or shirting or cottonades can be had from the mills readily as required and merchants have no longer to beseech the mill men for them. Values are not materially altered; the list issued in January, and which showed a reduction of, say, 2½ to 3½ per cent. is maintained. There is a remarkable demand for cottonades, made at Cornwall and Dundas. Imported winnies are plentiful and popular. Cotton goods are steady abroad, linens, according to the latest accounts from Ireland, are without feature and values are maintained. Woollens, Huddersfield goods are in ample supply, Dutch clothes are in market as well as German and French. Canadian wool tweeds make an excellent display, and in quality and style are very creditable. It is needless to say they are plentiful. Unions are tolerably abundant and usually good value. We remark, as to tweeds and knitted goods of home make, that orders of these for next fall are likely to be materially smaller than last year. We know of one house whose order in 1882 was for 6,000 dozen of knitted goods which orders for 1883 only 1,500 dozen. The disposition is general to restrict orders and manufacturers are disappointed accordingly.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Offerings of flour have been more liberal this week, but the export demand having decreased and outside markets receded, prices here show a considerable decline. Superior Extra has sold at \$4.60 to \$4.50, with more sellers at the latter price. Extra sold at \$4.50 to \$4.40. Spring Extra, purely nominal at \$4.35. Bran, demand is good, and on account of scarcity prices are higher, with sales of car lots at \$14. Cornmeal is quiet and firm at \$3.75 to \$4. Oatmeal continues in limited offer, with prices ruling firm at \$4.85 to \$5 in car lots; small lots sell at \$5.10 to \$5.35.

GRAIN.—The movement during the week has been moderate. Prices of wheat are lower, barley steady, and rye and peas higher. There has

been little doing in spring wheat, and prices close nominal at \$1.07 for No. 1 and at \$1.04 to \$1.05 for No. 2. Fall sold the latter part of last week at \$1.03 for No. 2 and \$1.01 for No. 3, and yesterday at \$1 for No. 2 and 97c. for No. 4. The quantity in store is now larger than at the corresponding period of several years. Barley quiet and steady, with little offering and the demand moderate, No. 2 sold at 72c. No. 3 extra at 66c. No. 3 in Northern at 55c. and sample lots at 59 on track. Oats are steady, there being sales almost daily of western at 44c. on track; eastern are worth 43c. Peas are in good demand and firm, No. 2 being worth 78c. Rye is higher with sales at 65c. and 68c. Corn quiet with prices unchanged at 62c. to 65c. for Canadian.

STOCKS IN STORE.

The following table shows the quantities of grain and flour in store here at the dates mentioned:

	March 12, 1883.	Mar. 5, 1883.	Mar. 13, 1882.
Flour, bbls.	7,945	6,070	7,718
Fall wheat, bush. .	351,429	327,970	260,575
Spring " " ..	152,646	136,357	92,470
Oats " " ..	1,461	1,661	6,223
Barley " " ..	41,040	130,506	230,486
Peas " " ..	13,431	12,702	27,441
Rye " " ..			15,774
Corn " " ..	3,000	2,887	
Grain total..	663,007	612,283	682,344

GROCERIES.—Trade has been moderately active and prices throughout are firm. Fish are scarce and unchanged in price, dry cod selling at \$6.50 to \$7, and trout at \$5.00, to \$5.25. Fruits steady, Valencia raisins still at 8c. Sultanias at 10c. to 10½c. and currants at 6½c. to 7c. according to quality. Sugars are firm, granulated

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