

TORONTO MARKET.

worth \$1.55 to 1.65. Valencias 6½c. to 6¾c. Currants 6½c. to 7c. *Fish*.—dry cod is held at \$4.25 to 4.75. Salmon is worth \$15 to 15.25. Herrings neglected. *Liquors* are inactive; high wines are worth 47½c to 50c. for Upper Canada, and 52½c. for Montreal. *Rice*—Is in fair demand at \$4.25 to 4.50 and firm. *Sugar*—Trade is quiet and prices steady; common to good grades of raw are worth \$8.12½ to 8.13; choice parcels \$9 to 9.25; refined is dull and weak, which is reported to be the state also of the New York market. Stocks in that city are 86,774 bshls. of Cuba, 63,538 hhd. Porto Rico, and 344,656 bags, being rather lighter stocks than at the corresponding date of the past two years.

HARDWARE.—The general tone of the market is firm but without any advance on last week's figures. Pig iron, No. 1 Eglinton, ex-ship, has been placed at \$23, and Gartsherric at \$25 per ton; Summerlee is very firm at \$24.50. Other brands are firm at quotations. Bar iron is in very active demand, prices ranging from \$50 to \$54 per ton, according to brand. Scotch bars are scarce. Hoops, bands and sheets are in moderate request at \$3 to \$3.10 per cwt. Boiler plates are moving off steadily at \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt. Canada plates continue very scarce, the very best brands cannot be got under \$4 per box. Tin plates—stocks not heavy, and higher figures are looked for. Cut nails—all lots under one thousand kegs are worth \$3.35 to \$3.40. It is very difficult to secure prompt delivery for large lots.

OILS.—Cod has sold to some extent at 51c. to 52c. Seal is neglected at 55c. to 57½c for steam refined, and 48c. to 51c. for other grades. Crude whale is scarce and nominal at 50c. to 52½c.; olive, \$1 to \$1.10; lard unchanged. Petroleum.—The sales of the last ten days have been larger at 26c to 26½c. for good brands.

PRODUCE.—*Flour*—Foreign advices have latterly been of a discouraging nature, and exercised a depressing influence on this market. Sales towards the close of the week have been rather limited. The market fell off about 10c on Tuesday. We quote: Superior Extra, \$6.40 to 6.50; extra, \$6.15 to 6.20; fancy, \$5.95 to 6.00; fresh supers (Western wheat), \$5.52½ to 5.60; ordinary superiors, (Canada wheat), \$5.55 to 5.65; strong bakers', \$5.75 to 6.15; superiors from Western wheat (Welland Canal), \$5.57½ to 5.65; superiors, city brands, (Western wheat), \$5.75 to 5.80; Canada superiors, No. 2, \$5.10 to 5.20; Western States, No. 2, \$5.10 to 5.20; fine, \$4.80 to 4.85; middlings, \$3.80 to 3.90; Pollards, \$3.25 to 3.50; U. C. bag flour, per 100 lbs., \$2.45 to 2.55; city bags (delivered), \$2.70 to 2.75; oatmeal, per 200 lbs., \$5.70 to 5.75. *Wheat*—Continues quiet and unchanged. A lot of 20,000 bushels No. 2 Chicago Spring brought \$1.27½ yesterday afternoon. No. 1 Spring is worth about \$1.32. *Corn*—Holders offering to sell cargoes at 63c. *Oats*—Remain quiet and unaltered at 34c to 37c. *Barley*—Inactive, and purely nominal. *Peas*—Recent sales have been made at 83c to 84c per bushel by sample, but at present the market is quiet.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*.—The market continues to rule dull and quiet at about 9c. to 11½c. per lb., according to quality. *Cheese*—There have been sales of factory at 8½c. to 9c. per lb. *Eggs* Strictly fresh lots are saleable at about 15c. to 16c. *Honey*—We quote box honey at 12½c to 15c. *Pork*.—The demand for barrelled pork continues to improve, and prices are firm. We quote: mess pork, \$16 to 16.50; thin mess, \$14.50 to 15; prime pork, \$13 to 13.50; extra prime pork, \$11 to 11.25; smoked hams, \$12. *Lard*—Is dull and lifeless at 9c. to 9½c. per lb. *Tallow*—Rules quiet and nominally unchanged, at about \$8.50 to \$9.50 per bbl. for rendered, and 5½c. per lb. for unrendered.

Business has been active during the past week in nearly all departments of the wholesale trade, in some of which they are actually pressed beyond their capacity to keep pace with the demand for goods, and are working day and night almost. A considerable advance is already seen in the amount of sales made as compared with the corresponding season of last year; and notwithstanding the heavy imports it now seems probable that not more than the average amount of goods will require to be wintered over. Grain is still moving slowly through the country, and though the delivery of wheat by waggons has been unusually large during the past week—30,000 to 40,000 bushels perhaps in the aggregate, yet very little has yet come in by rail. Barley, usually the first to come forward, is this year held back, and so far deliveries both by rail and wagon have been trivial. Other grains, also, offer to a very limited extent. The weather has been cold all over the country, and in the early part of the week there was some rain, but not enough yet to supply the requirements in most sections of Ontario.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Trade is active, and orders are sufficiently liberal to keep the factories fully employed. Prices are firm and unchanged.

DRUGS.—Trade is fairly active, but there is no special enquiry. Prices are generally firm, and in a number of articles have materially advanced. *Soda Bicarb* has been in fair supply here, and prices have been accepted below those at which it could be imported, but recently it has been scarcer, with considerable enquiry, and holders are now firm at \$4.25 to 4.50. *Potass Iodide*—in common with all compounds of iodine—has further advanced, the gain during the week being over ten per cent., now quoted at \$7.50 to \$8. *Potash Bichromate* is also firmer, worth 26c. to 27c.

DRY GOODS.—Business continues to be very active, purchasers buying with more and more confidence as the bright prospects of the country are rendered more and more certain by the more accurate knowledge obtained of the magnificent crops that have almost everywhere been garnered. Goods are being taken with unusual celerity, and stocks which were supposed ample to supply all the requirements of the season are already beginning to exhibit symptoms of requiring to be replenished before long. Prices of all articles are very firm, and where it has been found necessary to ask an advance on prices as they ruled a year ago, it has not generally been found difficult to obtain that advance.

FREIGHTS.—There is more enquiry for freights principally for flour to Montreal and the lower ports, and rates have advanced somewhat. Steamer freights for flour are Kingston 15c; to Brockville or Prescott, 20c; to Montreal, 25c. Grain in bags nominal, 10c to Kingston; 12½c to Brockville or Prescott; and 15c to Montreal. By Grand Trunk the rates now in force are as follows:—To Halifax, 85c. for flour, and 43c. for grain; to St. John, 80c. for flour, and 40c. for grain; to Kingston, 25c. and 13c. for flour and grain; to Prescott, 30c. and 15c.; to Montreal, 35c. and 18c.; to Point Levis, 25c. and 28c.; to Portland or New York, 75c. and 38c.; and to Boston, 80c. and 40c.

GROCERIES.—There has been a fairly active trade during the past week, and a good many parcels of teas, sugars, and dried fruit have changed hands. The trade sale referred to last week, and in progress at time of going to press, was fairly, though not eminently, satisfactory. About 1,800 packages of tea were placed, and good prices were generally realized for such samples as were considered suitable for this market. Of general groceries there was only a limited amount taken, the bidding being devoid of animation, and the sale

in this respect a very dragging one.—*Coffee*.—Stocks are light and prices are very firm, but there is not much enquiry at present. *Fish*.—Not much doing worthy of record; about an ordinary trade in dry cod at quotations. *Fruit*.—Layer raisins are rather more firmly held than previously, the prospects being that slightly higher prices will shortly rule. Valencias, on the contrary, though for the time if anything higher than recently, are not expected to maintain present rates. Currants are firm, stocks being comparatively light. *Rice*.—There are very few desirable lots on the spot, but it is offering freely to arrive at quotations. *Spices*.—Nutmegs are scarce and higher, ordinarily good samples being fully worth advanced rates. Cassia is unchanged. Black pepper is firm, and supply limited. *Sugars*.—The market has been fairly active, and prices of raws fully maintained. The competition with Scotch makes has kept down the prices of Montreal soft yellows, which are now selling at rates at which the Clyde refiners no longer find it profitable to place their sugar in this market. Several round lots of both raw and refined and a good many parcels of a retail character have found purchasers at current quotations. In foreign markets prices are firm and not expected to recede, at all events, before the next crop begins to come to market. *Teas*.—There has been a brisk demand for desirable samples, and a good many lines of fine Young Hysons, as well as a few low and medium grades, have changed hands. Of the fine grades the market is now pretty bare, and prices are firm. The supply of medium and low teas is larger, but there is no surplus, and prices of all kinds are well maintained. *Tobacco*.—There is nothing new to report. Manufacturers' lists are unchanged, and there is only the ordinary business passing.

HARDWARE.—Trade is very active, and orders are being received faster than they can be filled by the leading houses. There is no special enquiry for any one class of goods, but all kinds are being taken. Prices are without change, but are very firm, and will probably experience a decided advance at the close of navigation, even if not earlier established.

Hops have advanced rapidly, owing to a greatly deficient crop, both in England and the United States. A great many American buyers have been purchasing in Canada within the past fortnight, and have run the price for the new crop to 30c. and upwards, as high as 40c. having in some instances been paid. It is not impossible that the price will be forced much higher, unless the present advance develop the fact that a good deal of last year's crop is still held, or unless old and inferior hops are used by brewers at the expense of the quality of their beer. If English orders, however, should be sent over to compete with those from the United States—the deficiency in Britain is estimated at two-thirds of the average crop—it is difficult to see to what point prices may reach. Meanwhile, until facts concerning the probable yield are a little better known than at present, it will be well for dealers to operate in them with a good deal of caution, and not to be caught with too many on hand, should there come a break in prices.

LEATHER.—This has been a decidedly dull market during the past week. *Spanish Sole*, which is very scarce, is in demand, especially for heavy, for which full prices are being paid. All other descriptions meet with very little enquiry, and only a considerable reduction in prices would be likely to induce operations.

LUMBER.—Trade is brisk, with no perceptible change in prices. Shipping lumber is being brought forward as rapidly as possible, but there is still a large quantity to come. An average week's shipping has been done, the bulk