

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Have continued in fair demand, prices remaining firm and unchanged.

CATTLE.—*Bees.*—The receipts since last report amounted to about 200 heads of good average quality. The demand was tolerably brisk, and all offering sold at full prices, the bulk being first-class at from \$4.75 to 5.00; second-class are quoted at \$4.00 to 4.50, and third-class at \$3.50. *Sheep.*—The demand has not been pressing, but the receipts now consisting altogether of clipped were no more than were required. Prices range from \$3.00 to 6.00. *Lambs.* Taken at \$4.00 for first-class; \$3.00 for second-class, and \$2.00 for third-class. *Calves.*—First-class are in limited supply, but second-class and inferior are sufficiently abundant to keep prices down. Prices are firm however, at \$8.00 for first-class, \$6.00 for second-class, and \$3.00 to 4.00 for third-class.

DRUGS.—There has been only a moderate amount of business passing during the week, and there is no alteration to make in quotations.

DRY GOODS.—There has been during the past week only the ordinary amount of trade, but sales will probably foot up fully as much as at the same period of former years. The imports during May were light and in the aggregate less than those for May 1872, cotton goods alone shewing an increase. The following are the figures for the month and five months ended May 31st. 1872 and 1873:—

	May, 1872.	May, 1873.
Woollens.....	\$83,325	\$65,391
Cottons	82,102	101,699
Silks and Velvets	31,831	10,673
Fancy Goods	33,224	32,776
Since Jan. 1. 1872. Since Jan. 1. 1873		
Woollens.....	\$957,784	\$717,051
Cottons	1,168,257	1,139,947
Silks and Velvets	269,338	193,654
Fancy Goods	298,597	395,467

FREIGHTS.—Rates on grain are 2½ gold to Kingston and 3c. U. S. currency to Oswego, with very little doing. Rates on lumber are lower at \$1.75 U. S. currency to Oswego. Coal rates are unchanged at \$2.25 gold from Cleveland, and 60c from Oswego.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—*Flour.*—The market has ruled dull throughout the week, and superfine has further declined, although not to any considerable extent. Other grades have not quotably changed. Extra has had little attention, the only recent sale being of 500 brls. at \$6.50. Fancy is held at \$5.95 to 6.00 with limited sales at these figures. Superfine has been sold at \$5.50 to 5.55, but ordinary No. 1. would not be likely to command over \$5.45. The stock in store in Toronto on the 2nd inst., was 14040 brls and in Montreal 136,208 brls against 6165 brls and 143,171 brls respectively at the corresponding date of last year. *Oatmeal.*—Last reported sale was at \$5.00 and there is now none offering under this figure, quotations ranging from \$5.00 to 5.25 the latter for choice brands only. *Brn.* Inactive and nominal at \$13.50 on the track.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—Spring has been a slim sale throughout the week, buyers holding off in view of a serious decline in the Western and Montreal markets. At the close, however, holders to some extent became prepared to do business, and accepted the situation by selling at \$1.25 fo. b.—about 40,000 bush. changing hands on these terms. White wheat has been entirely neglected, but values are nominally unchanged. Stocks on the 2nd. inst. were 84,193 bush. fall and 158,014 bush spring, against 81,497 bush fall and 137,574 bush. spring the previous week, and 27,236 bush fall and 29,282 bush spring on June 1st. 1872. *Barley.*—One car of No. 1 recently sold at 65c on the track, no other business being reported during the week. *Peas.*—Neglected and nominal. *Oats.*—The market has been firm, with insufficient receipts, owing in part to the interruption on the Great Western caused by the burning of the Oakville bridge. One small

cargo of Eastern came to hand and was disposed of at 43c ex. wharf. Some few cars of Western found buyers at 42c to arrive and at 43c on the spot. No No. 1 Canada arriving, with the exception of a few farmers' loads which have been eagerly taken at 45 to 46c.

GROCERIES.—Business has been generally quiet, with a moderate demand from the country trade. *Coffee.*—Has only been selling to a limited extent, prices remaining firm and without change. *Fruit.*—Raisins have only had a light enquiry, and prices are unaltered at \$1.60 to 1.75 for layers and 4½ to 5½ for Valentias. Currants have sold principally in small parcels at \$6 to 6.25 for new fruit and \$4.50 to 5.25 for old. *Rice.*—Selling in a restricted way at \$4.25 to 4.50 for Arracan, and \$4.10 to 4.25 for Raugoon. *Salt.*—Goderich is without change at \$1.35 for car lots and \$1.40 to 1.50 for smaller quantities. No arrivals of Liverpool coarse to note, the high figures below, which it cannot be laid down here, keeping it out of this market. *Spices.*—Quiet, but firm at quotations. *Sugar.*—Refined has moved off rather slowly at former prices, namely 10½ to 11½c for granulated and broken loaf, and 8½ to 9½c for soft yellow descriptions. Raws have sold at from 8 to 9½c for low to bright grocery. *Tea.*—Very quiet, with no change to note in the condition of the market. *Tobacco.*—Inactive and quotations unaltered.

The following were the imports of the articles named during 1872 and 1873 since Jan. 1st:—

	1872.	1873.
Coffee	91,326	18,318
do.	13,843	3,376
Tea—Green and Japan. lbs.	187,757	230,559
do. do. ..	80,415	76,677
Tea—Black. lbs.	16,715	566
do.	5,745	282
Sugar—all kinds	707,889	1,147,632
do.	46,249	60,707
Rice	162,624	135,072
do.	4,167	3,138
Dried Fruits	7,887	6,639

HARDWARE.—Trade has continued exceedingly dull and there is no alteration to note in prices.

HIDES AND SKINS.—*Hides.*—Moderate receipts with a steady demand at quotations for all offering. *Calfskins.*—All coming in find ready sale at unchanged prices. *Lambskins.*—The dealers are now paying 20 to 25c at which there is only a fair supply.

LEATHER.—*Spanish sole.*—Some round lots have recently been placed at 26 to 26½c but for small quantities jobbing houses are obtaining 28 to 30c. *Slaughter sole.*—Inactive and quotations unaltered. *Upper.*—Has sold at 41 to 42c. but only for choice light stock, other descriptions being neglected. *Harness.*—Is becoming reduced in stock production having been considerably checked of late, and with a better demand prices are firmer, although nominally unchanged. *Russetts.*—In small stock with an active demand for all coming in.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—Very little coming in the receipts consisting almost entirely of large rolls, which have sold at from 14 to 16c. *Cheese.* Selling in small lots at 12½ to 13c for new. *Eggs.* Selling at 11½ to 12c with receipts not more than are required for local requirements. *Lard* firm at 10½c. *Bacon.*—Sales of Cumberland cut to a moderate extent at 8½ to 8¾c. *Hams.*—Quoted at 12½ to 13c for uncovered and 13½ to 14c for covered, business being for the most part confined to transactions of a retail character at outside quotations. *Pork.*—Sales of mess in a small way at \$19.00.

WOOL.—New fleece has offered as yet in small quantities only and prices are not fairly established. Dealers have not hitherto paid over from 30 to 32c, and it is doubtful whether much if any advance will be obtained on these figures. Pulled supers are inactive and nominal.

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