

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

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CATTLE.—Receipts have been very small indeed, and the tendency of prices has been upwards, closing at a rise of about 25c.; but as the shipping demand has been very slack, it is by no means certain that this will be maintained. Extra choice beefs for export have stood at \$6 to \$6.25; fair to good at \$5.25 to \$5.50; common at \$4 to \$4.25, and inferior at \$3 to \$3.50. Calves.—Picked, averaging not under 100 lbs., have been steady at \$6 to \$8; and second class \$4.00 to \$5.00, with offerings small. Sheep have been in good demand, and firm; heavy weights for shipment have been worth \$5, and average qualities from \$4 to \$4.50 per cental. Lambs scarce and wanted at former prices; first class have been worth \$4.50 to \$5, and inferior \$3 to \$4 per cental. Hogs have been scarce; now firmer, and wanted at \$7 to \$7.50 per cental.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Very little doing in flour. Superior extra brought \$5 35 ten days ago, and there have been no different quotations since. Extra has been nominal at \$5.30, and other grades not offered. Bran scarce and rather firmer at \$13 to \$13.25 for car lots. Oatmeal very scarce; car lots have been wanted at \$5.50, but not offered; and small lots have risen to \$6 to \$6.25.

GRAIN.—The Mark Lane Express, in its review of the grain trade during the week, says:—"The weather has been autumnal. Heavy rainfalls were general on Tuesday, but it was not sufficient to damage the crops materially. The outstanding crops, however, are endangered. English wheat at provincial markets has declined 1s. to 3s. In London, for finest samples, a slight concession has been made. Millers were not eager buyers. The new crop of foreign wheat remains almost at a deadlock. The off coast supply has been liberal. Many cargoes have been ordered to ports of discharge. There were twenty-five arrivals; ten cargoes were sold and fifteen withdrawn. The floating stock has increased 352,000 quarters compared with that of the corresponding period of 1881. Maize was rather dearer. Sales of English wheat during the week were 1,274 qrs. at 47s. 10d. against 12,671 qrs. at 51s. 10d. for the corresponding period of last year." The Toronto Wheat market has been very quiet, with little or no change in prices. No. 2 spring, nominal at \$1.19 to 1.20. No. 2 fall at \$1.15. There are no car lots of Barley yet offering. Oats still remain at 60c. for old Western.

PROVISIONS.—The market has generally been quiet. Butter has been less in demand for shipment, and shippers have not been inclined to pay over 16c. to 16 1/2c. for selections, at which they could not get them; choice dairy for local use scarce and firm at 18c. to 19c. for small lots on the spot; medium and inferior selling rather more freely at from 13c. to 15c. Country stocks are said to be now very large, and English advices discouraging. Cheese.—Small lots of choice have been steady at 11 1/2c. to 12c., and skim at 10c. There was a lot of 100 boxes of fine sold at 11c. Eggs have sold rather better, and closed rather firmer at 16 1/2c. to 17c. for round lots. Pork.—Small lots have sold steadily at \$25, and cars have been held at \$24.50. Bacon.—There has been a steady demand maintained for long clear, which has sold at 13c. for half-car lots, at 13 1/2c. for tons and 14 1/2c. for cases; Cumberland quiet at 12 1/2c. for case lots; breakfast bacon is almost finished. Hams have been in active demand; canvassed have sold readily at 15 1/2c. to 16c., and smoked at 15c., while pickled are held at 14c. Lard quiet and unchanged, at 15 1/2c. to 16c. for small lots. Salt.—So little Liverpool in the market that quotations may be regarded as nominal; dealers say that round lots are held at equal to 72c. to 74c. Canadian unchanged at \$1.30 for car lots and \$1.32 to \$1.35 for small lots.

WOOL.—The Boston Daily Advertiser reports the wool market up to the 23rd as follows:—"The wool market has been very active, the sales footing up 3,224,240 pounds, making the business only less than the sales of three other weeks since January. The main feature of the market has been some most extensive transactions in unwashed and unmerchantable wools, the sales of which have been 546,800 pounds more than last week. The sales of Texas and Territory wools have been also large, and these are the most popular wools with manufacturers now, as the washed fleece is largely running heavy, making the scoured pound cost more than in these other wools. Here prices have ruled steady, and with wool arriving freely manufacturers buy only just what they want, fearing no scarcity later.

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