

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 23, 1882.

Since this day week there have been few important commercial features to chronicle. Business generally has been quiet and changes in values insignificant. Travellers complain of bad country roads, which are a drawback to the movement of grain. Sorting-up orders are not numerous, and wholesale dealers are generally busy in the execution of spring orders. The importations of dry goods are large, but arrivals have been somewhat delayed owing to the late storms. The scarcity of cotton goods the past season has induced a number of houses to import, and foreign stocks of these goods are heavier than usual. A larger volume of business is reported by many houses from January up to date than during the same period of last year. Remittances continue good, and prospects are encouraging. The money market rules firm; the demand is good for call loans, which are quoted at 6 to 6½ per cent. Time loans are nominal at the same rates. There is a good supply of commercial paper offering, which is discounted at 6 per cent. for gilt-edged and 7 for good. Sterling exchange is firm at 109½ to 110½ for 60-day bills and 110½ to 111½ for demand bills. The stock market was active up till Monday at advancing prices, but since then there has been less demand, and bank shares close irregular. In loan and miscellaneous shares there are few changes to note.

COAL & WOOD.—Trade continues quiet at the prices of last week. Egg, Stove, Grate and Chestnut sell at \$6.50 a ton delivered; the best soft at \$6.50 and second quality at \$6. Wood is in fair demand and steadier at \$5.50 per cord for hard, and \$4 for pine.

CLOVER.—The export demand has fallen off considerably, and prices are easier. A very satisfactory trade has been done the past season, the movement being larger than for several years. Dealers are paying \$5 to 5.05 for choice car lots on spot, and inferior qualities are dull at \$4.75 to 4.85 per bushel. Street lots of good seed bring \$4.90 to 5.15. Alsike is steady at \$7.50 to 8.25, according to quality.

DRUGS.—The demand has been fairly active, and the movement thus far is satisfactory to dealers. Prices are about the same as those of last week. Turpentine and potass iodide are a shade easier; chemicals are firm, with stocks as a rule small.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The stock of Flour in store is 6,658 barrels against 6,933 barrels last week, and 8,351 barrels at like time last year. There has been scarcely any demand the past week, but prices close somewhat firmer in sympathy with other markets. Offerings are small, and prices consequently are easily sustained. On Monday a sale of superior extra, old standard, was made at \$5.52½, and on Wednesday, extra, new standard, sold at \$5.47½. Bran rules firm, with restricted offerings; cars for local trade are worth \$16 on track. Oatmeal is quiet, there being little demand; good to choice car lots are worth \$4.55 to 4.65 and small lots \$4.75 to 4.90.

GRAIN.—There have been few transactions during the week, and the feeling as we go to press is firmer than it was a week ago. Holders of wheat are firm, and the disposition is not to sell round lots at present. Fall Wheat stocks in store, 245,108 bushels, as compared with 290,127 bushels last week, and 103,059 bush. same time 1881. There has been a moderate demand but sales few. On Saturday No. 2 sold at \$1.25 and \$1.26 was bid to-day, with holders asking \$1.27. A round lot of red winter sold at equal to \$1.28. No. 1 fall is nominal at \$1.28. Spring Wheat—Stocks in store 88,250 bush. against 84,493 bush. last week and 74,586

bush. in 1881. a mixed lot of nos. 1 and 2 sold on Friday at \$1.29, and since then little has changed hands. Holders ask \$1.28 for no. 2 and \$1.30 for no. 1. Oats—Stocks in store 4,113 bush as compared with 4,513 bush last week. The demand inactive and prices easy, although offerings limited. Western sold at 42c. early in the week and 41c. at the close. Street receipts small and prices steady at 42 to 44c. Eastern offer at 41c. Barley.—Stocks in store 286,136 bush against 293,947 bush. last week and 400,563 bush. at a like time last year. There have been a number of transactions on p.t., some for shipment West. Car lots are easier with sales of No. 1 at 88c., No. 2 choice at 83 and 84c. on track. No. 3 extra at 78c. and No. 3 at about 73c. Street prices are firm at 80 to 85c. Peas.—Stocks in store 17,845 bush. as compared with 16,860 bush. last week and 74,874 bush. in 1881. Market has been quiet and prices nominal, at 79c. for No. 1. and 77 to 78c. for No. 2. On the street 100 bushels sold yesterday at 82c. Rye.—Stocks in store 16,607 bushels against 17,007 bush. last week and 12,223 bush. at a like time last year. Offerings are fair and prices easy at 88c. The total stocks of grain in store in this city are 659,509 bushels against 646,887 bush. last week and 670,303 bushels at a like time in 1881.

GROCERIES.—There has been a moderate enquiry during the week, but the movement has by no means been large. Teas have sold fairly well in bond, the demand being chiefly for firsts and mediums; a round lot of black sold at 35c and others at 25c upwards. Coffees continue quiet and unchanged; Sugars are steady with round lots of granulated worth 9½ to 9¾; Syrups are in good demand at an advance of two cents all round. Fruits show little change, prices are firm at quotations, in sympathy with outside markets. Fish are in small stock, with pickerel and whitefish almost exhausted. Tobaccos firm at last week's quotations. Liquors are in fair demand and firm.

HARDWARE.—A very satisfactory trade is reported for the past week. Travellers are out and doing well, and letter orders are numerous. Shelf goods are meeting with fair demand, and prices are steady. Prospects are bright for a large spring trade, and the North-West demands are increasing.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Prices are unchanged this week, and the supply of hides is moderate. Green are quoted at 7½c for cows and 8½c for steers. Sales of cured have been made at 8½c. Calfskins are steady at 14c, and the supply small. Sheepskins are in fair receipt, and steady at \$1.25 to 1.50 for green, the latter price being for No. 1.

LEATHER.—The movement is moderate, and prices are unchanged from last week. There have been a few sales of Slaughter and Spanish, stocks of which are not very abundant.

PETROLEUM.—The demand for refined Canadian oil continues fair, but prices as yet are by no means firm. Five to ten barrel lots sell at 18c per Imperial gallon, and single barrels at 18½c. Prime American sells at 26c, and water white at 30c.

LUMBER.—The feeling in lumber and woods generally is firm; the unfavorable season for operations in the forest and the demand for building purposes, have sent up prices in a number of lines, notably clear and pickings, lath and shingles. We quote below prices at close of last year and prices now, to show the advance:

	31st Dec. '81.	Feb. 23, 82
Clear 1½ and upwards.....	\$55.00	\$57 00
Pickings, 1½ and upwards.....	25.00	27 00
Inch clear and pickings.....	22.00	25 00
Flooring, 1½ and 1½.....	13.00	13 00
10 and 12 inch stock dressing.....	14.00	14 to 16
10 and 12 inch common stock.....	11.00	11 to 12
Inch dressing, sidings.....	14.00	14 00

Mills culls are not materially altered in price, ranging from \$6.50 to 7.50; Shipping culls are

quoted at \$10.00; 2 inch plank \$10 to 10.50; shingles XXX 16 inch, \$2.50; XX do. \$1.50; lath \$2.00, as compared with \$1.40 two months ago; scantling 2x6, 2x8, 2x10, 2x12, \$10.50 to 11.

PROVISIONS.—Fewer buyers of butter have appeared in the market this week, but prices continue firm on account of limited receipts. Really choice tub is wanted at 19 to 22c but it is difficult to get. Ordinary to medium qualities are in fair offer and unchanged at 13 to 18c. Fresh pound rolls on market bring 25 to 27c for basket lots. Cheese is in moderate demand and a shade easier, at 12 to 13c per lb. Eggs are in good demand and firm at 23c for fresh and 20c for pickled. Pork is quiet but firmer, holders asking \$21.50 to 22.00. Bacon firm, with a fair demand, and sales at 11 to 11½; for long clear in a jobbing way; Cumberland cut is firm at 10 to 10½. Hams quiet and firm, pickled 11½ to 12c, and smoked 13 to 14c. Lard is firm at 13½c for tierces, and 14 to 15c for tubs and pails. Hogs are not offering freely, and prices are nominally unchanged at \$8.50 to 8.65 for car lots.

WOOL.—There is little doing in fleece, which is nominal at 23c. The demand for clothing wools is fair, with numerous sales. Pulled super sold at 27c. and extra at 32 to 34½c.

HAND-IN-HAND

Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

The Annual Meeting of the Members and Shareholders of the above Company will be held in the City of Toronto, at the offices of the Company Nos. 23, 24 and 26 Church Street, on MONDAY, the 13th day of MARCH, 1882, at the hour of Three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing Directors and for the transaction of other business.

By order of the Board,

HUGH SCOTT,
Secretary.

Dated this 20th day of Feb., 1882.

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