

POULTRY.—Abundant and slow of sale at 8 to 10c. per lb. for turkeys, and 6c. for geese, with 50 to 60c. per pair for ducks, and 25 to 40c. for fowl.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

Flour, p. brl., f.o.c., Sup. extra.....	\$ 3 65	to \$ 3 70
" " Extra.....	3 60	to 0 00
" " Strong Bakers'...	0 00	to 0 00
" " S. W. Extra.....	0 00	to 0 00
" " Superfine.....	0 00	to 0 00
Oatmeal.....	3 70	to 3 80
Cornmeal.....	0 00	to 0 00
Bran, per ton.....	11 50	to 12 00
Fall wheat, No. 1.....	0 00	to 0 00
" No. 2.....	0 84	to 0 85
" No. 3.....	0 00	to 0 00
Spring wheat, No. 1.....	0 00	to 0 00
" No. 2.....	0 85	to 0 87
" No. 3.....	0 00	to 0 00
Barley, No. 1.....	0 92	to 0 93
" No. 2.....	0 81	to 0 82
" No. 3 Extra.....	0 70	to 0 71
" No. 3.....	0 56	to 0 58
Oats.....	0 32 1/2	to 0 34
Peas.....	0 60	to 0 00
Rye.....	0 60	to 0 00
Corn.....	0 00	to 0 00
Timothy seed, per bush.....	0 00	to 0 00
Clover.....	0 00	to 0 00
Flax, screened, 100 lbs.....	0 00	to 0 00

## PROVISIONS.

BUTTER.—Very quiet; may, indeed, be called very flat. Country offerings increasing and refused—good shipping lots with white out would have been sold here at 10c. could any buyers have been found. Selections still in good demand and steady at 15 to 16c., with all offered wanted. Rolls more abundant and easier at 12 to 14c. for good to choice, and 10c. for poor. Street prices 20 to 22c. for pound rolls, and 14 to 17c. for tubs and crocks of dairy.

EGGS.—Rather unsettled at 19c. for strictly fresh, and about 16c. for salted. Street prices 22 to 25c. for fresh and new-laid, with all of these offered wanted.

CHEESE.—Quiet but steady at 9 to 9 1/2c. for choice, with common to medium offered at 7 to 8c., but very few taken.

PORK.—Small lots have continued to sell slowly at \$13.50.

BACON.—Offerings on the increase and the feeling rather easy; long clear obtainable, in lots not under 100 sides, at 6 1/2c., with small lots going slowly at 6 1/4 to 7c.; Cumberland almost nominal and held usually the same as long clear. Rolls and bellies in fair demand, and selling at 8 1/4 to 9c. for rolls, and 10 to 11c. for bellies.

HAMS.—In steady demand, and going at 11 to 11 1/2c. for new smoked, which seem to be the only sort offered.

LARD.—Has been in less active demand, but steady in price at 9 to 9 1/2c., the latter being for small lots of pails.

HOES.—Were scarce and firm last week, but at close were offered freely by telegraph asking for the best bid, with \$5.25 the reply, and with damp weather a fall from this bid probable. Street receipts small; prices closed \$5.25 to \$5.60.

SALT.—No change in the situation. Liverpool coarse in car lots to arrive held at 65c.; fine selling slowly at \$1.45 and dairy in 30lb. bags at 40c. Canadian inactive at 80c. for car lots and 85c. for small lots.

DRIED APPLES.—A few trade lots have sold as before at 4c. and barrelled going off slowly at 4 1/4 to 5c.

WHITE BEANS.—Hand-picked scarce and wanted at \$1.15 to \$1.25; and dealers selling small lots at \$1.00 to \$1.35, according to quality.

HOES.—Nothing whatever doing—prices purely nominal.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

Butter, choice dairy.....	\$ 0 14	to \$ 0 16
" good shipping lots.....	0 10	to 0 11
" inferior, etc.....	0 03 1/2	to 0 04
Cheese, in small lots.....	0 06 1/2	to 0 09 1/2
Pork, mess, per brl.....	13 00	to 13 50
Bacon, long clear.....	0 06 1/2	to 0 07
" Cumberland cut.....	0 00	to 0 00
" smoked.....	0 00	to 0 00
Hams, smoked.....	0 11	to 0 11 1/2
" cured and canvassed.....	0 07	to 0 10
" in pickle.....	0 00	to 0 00
Lard, in tins and pails.....	0 09	to 0 09 1/2
" in tierces.....	0 00	to 0 00
Eggs.....	0 16	to 0 19
Dressed hogs.....	5 25	to 0 00
Hops.....	0 07	to 0 10
Dried apples.....	0 04	to 0 05
White beans.....	1 00	to 1 35
Liverpool coarse salt.....	0 00	to 0 00
" dairy, per bag 50 lbs.....	0 40	to 0 00
" fine.....	1 50	to 0 00
Goderich, per barrel.....	0 85	to 0 90
" per car lot.....	0 80	to 0 00

## THE HORSE MARKET.

## TORONTO.

There has been no feature in the market during the past week; horses are neither numerous nor easy to purchase. There is a fair demand for workers but they are scarce, and

as the enquiry is small for other classes it leaves business dull. There are no foreign buyers in the city. The horses offered at Grand's, Tuesday, were principally cheap workers; 18 were sold at prices ranging from \$60 to \$130. Mr. W. D. Grand reports the following private sales: pair of carriage geldings 5 years 15.3 at \$400; 13 aged workers for the lumber woods at \$1,300.

## BOSTON.

The supply was large and in excess of the demand, coming from all sections. There were several car loads over the Boston and Albany, five loads over the Fitchburg Railroad and seven head from an Eastern railroad, besides a number by steamers from the East. Sales were made at the former range, but were few, and many horses are still on sale. Saturday's auction sale for good, sound horses, were at \$1.25 to \$1.55, weighing 1,000 to 1,300lbs. each. The dullness of the trade was attributed by some to the Christmas season, and the buying of horses must be postponed. Heavy draught horses were selling at \$175 to \$250 per head. P. H. Dardis had in market a mixed lot of Canada horses at prices ranging from \$150 to \$250 per head.

## MONTREAL.

The horse market has been more active during the past week, there being a fair demand from local buyers for heavy workers and drivers, of which there is a fair supply on the market. At the Horse Exchange the following sales were made: One brown mare at \$160; one chestnut horse at \$125; one bay horse at \$100; one bay mare at \$140; one bay horse at \$110; one pair black horses at \$475; and one bay horse at \$100.

## CHICAGO.

The horse trade has shown no particular change during the past week. It has dragged along under the winter and holiday influence usual at this season of the year. The receipts and shipments have been tolerably fair for the period for the season.

## HIDES, SKINS AND WOOL.

HIDES.—Both green and cured have been in good demand at steady but unchanged prices; cured have gone off at 9 1/2c. for car lots of cows and 10c. for small lots of steers'.

CALFSKINS.—Little or nothing doing; prices as before.

SHEEPSKINS.—In fair supply but readily taken at \$1.00 for city green, and 75 to 90c. for country lots.

WOOL.—Fleece offered only in small lots, and even in these seldom; they have been readily taken at 20 to 21c. Super has sold in round lots at 22c., and extra at 26c., at which prices dealers would have taken more had it been offered. Pulled combing not yet offered.

TALLOW.—Rendered has gone off in trade lots at 6c., which has led to a fall to 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c. in dealers' prices; rough unchanged at 3c. Receipts large.

## Hides and Skins—

No. 1 steers.....	\$ 0 09 1/2	to \$ 0 09 1/2
Cows, No. 2 and No. 1.....	0 07 1/2	to 0 08 1/2
Cured and inspected.....	0 09 1/2	to 0 09 1/2
Calfskins, green.....	0 11	to 0 13
" cured.....	0 13	to 0 15
Sheepskins.....	0 75	to 1 00
Lambskins.....	0 00	to 0 00
Pelts.....	0 00	to 0 00
Tallow, rough.....	0 03	to 0 00
" rendered.....	0 05 1/2	to 0 05 1/2
Wool—		
Fleece, comb'd ord.....	0 19	to 0 21 1/2
" Southdown.....	0 22	to 0 23
Pulled combing.....	0 18	to 0 19
" super.....	0 22	to 0 23
Extra.....	0 26	to 0 27



## Welland Canal Enlargement.

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for the Welland Canal," will be received at this office until the arrival of the Eastern and Western mails on MONDAY, the 25th day of JANUARY next (1886), for raising the walls of the locks, weirs, etc., and increasing the height of the banks of that part of the Welland Canal between Port Dalhousie and Thorold, and for deepening the Summit Level between Thorold and Rainey's Bend, near Humberston.

The works throughout will be let in sections.

Maps of the several localities, together with plans and descriptive specifications, can be seen at this office on and after MONDAY, the 11th day of JANUARY next (1886), where printed forms of tender can be obtained. A like class of information relative to the works north of Allanburg will be furnished at the Resident Engineer's office, Thorold; and for works south of Allanburg, plans, specifications, etc., may be seen at the Resident Engineer's office, Welland.

Contractors are requested to bear in mind that tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms, and, in the case of firms, except there are attached the actual signatures, the nature of the occupation and place of residence of each member of the same; and further, an accepted bank cheque for the sum of Two Thousand Dollars or more—according to the extent of the work on the section—must accompany the respective tenders, which sum shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the works, at the rates stated in the offer submitted.

The amount required in each case will be stated on the form of tender.

The cheque or money thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

A. P. BRADLEY,

Secretary.

Dept. of Railways and Canals.  
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