

been wet, latterly however it has been fair and warm, and more suitable to harvest operations—the crops in this region have suffered a good deal from the late heavy rains.

ASHES.—*Pots.*—The receipts during the past week have been small, and the market has been somewhat irregular, but with a general upward tendency. Firsts have sold as high as \$3.80 to 3.95, at which the market closes, but without much business doing. A small quantity of seconds have been placed at \$3.45. *Pearls* are without animation, a few sales of firsts have been made on private terms supposed to be about \$5.45. Stocks at present in store are *Pots* 2,809 brls.; *Pearls* 343 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—There has been only a moderate business done during the week. We make no change in the reduced quotations of last week, repeated as under: Men's *Stoga* \$2.00 to 2.50; do., *Kip Boots*, \$2.50 to 3.00; do., *French Calf*, \$3.25 to 3.75; do., *Buff Congress*, \$1.50 to 1.75; do., *Split Brogans*, 90c to \$1.00; Boys' *Split Brogans*, 85 to 90c; do., *Buff and Pebbled Congress*, \$1.35 to 1.60; Women's *Buff and Pebbled Bals.*, \$1.10 to 1.50; do., *Prunella Bals*, 50c to \$1.50; do., do. *Congress*, 65c to \$1.25.

CATTLE.—Arrivals of cattle have been large, the great proportion of which were for shipment to Europe, leaving comparatively few for sale here. Prices have been firmer but without any particular demand. *Hogs* were in fair supply; sales at \$4.75 to 5.00 per 100 lbs. live weight, and \$5.90 per 100 lbs. dressed weight.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There has been a fair jobbing demand this week, but without any change in prices. Stocks are generally pretty full, and round lots could possibly be obtained rather under our quotations. We quote: *Bi Carb Soda*, \$2.95 to \$3.00 per 112 lb keg, *Soda Ash*, \$1.50 to 1.72½ per 100 lbs, *Cudbear*, 10 to 18c per lb.; *Arrow root*, 11 to 15c per lb.; *Borax*, 9 to 10c per lb.; *Cream Tartar Crystals*, 24c to 25c per lb; do *Ground*, 27 to 30; *Caustic Soda*, \$2.50 per 100 lbs. *East India Senna*, 7 to 12c per lb.; *Sugar of Lead*, 12 to 14c per lb.; *Bleaching Powder*, \$1.30 to \$1.37½ per 100 lbs.; *Madder*, 8 to 9c per lb.; *Alum*, \$1.35 to \$1.65 per 100 lbs.; *Copperas*, 1 to 1½c per lb.; *Sulphur*, 3c per lb.; *Brimstone*, 2½ to 2½c. *Epsom Salts*, \$1.50 per 100 lbs., *Sal Soda*, \$1.00 to 1.05 per 100 lbs.; *Saltpetre* held \$7.50 to 8.00 per 112 lb. keg, *Blue Vitriol* 5 to 6c per lb.

DRY GOODS.—There is little doubt that the wet weather which has prevailed interfered to some extent with business, which, so far as this month has gone, has been very quiet. It is expected that so soon as the crops are brought in freely to market greater activity will be shown.

FREIGHTS.—Rates for ocean freight have slightly advanced, and a number of engagements have been made for heavy grain to London, Liverpool and Glasgow at from 4/- to 5/-; and for oats at 3/9 to 4/-. There have been no engagements transpiring for orders. The rates asked for all U. K. are 6/3 to 6/9.

FLOUR.—Receipts during the past week, 24,042 barrels. Total receipts from 1st Jan. to date, 453,561 brls., being an increase of 82,121 brls. in the receipts for the corresponding period of 1877. Shipments during the week 13,985 brls. Total shipments from 1st Jan. to date 333,159 brls., being an increase of 70,852 brls on the shipments for the same period of last year. The flour market has been dull and sluggish all week, with a declining tendency, and business has been confined within narrow limits, yesterday however, the market became firmer and a pretty sharp advance of from 5 to 10c took place on Saturday's prices. To-day the market closes firm with a good enquiry at our quotations. We quote *Superior Extra* \$5 to 5.10; *Extra*, \$4.85 to \$4.90; *Fancy*, \$4.75

4.80; *Spring Extra*, \$4.75 to 4.80; *Superfine*, \$4.55 to \$0.00; *Strong Baker's Flour* \$5.00 to \$5.25; *Fine*, \$3.45 to \$3.60; *Middlings*, \$3.15 to \$3.25; *Pollards*, \$2.90 to \$3.10; *Ontario Bags*, \$2.35 to \$2.40; *Oatmeal* \$4.00 to \$4.15.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—Receipts during the week 176,190 bushels. Shipments during the week 195,704 bushels, total shipments from 1st January to date 2,757,721 bushels being an increase of 2,178,663 bushels on the shipments for the same period of 1877. Market inactive and quotations are nominal, U. C., No. 1 and 2 spring \$1.06 to \$1.10. *Maize*, 48 to 49c; with sales within our range. *Peas* are firmer but only small sales are reported from 83 to 84c. *Oats* have been largely dealt in at 29½c a bushel. *Barley.*—There has been none in market and prices are nominal.

GROCERIES.—*Teas.*—There has been very little demand for teas this week; there have been arrivals new crop Japans, for which holders are asking for common to fair 24 to 28c. Fair to good 28 to 35c. Fine to finest 38 to 47c. We do not hear of anything being done in Greens or Blacks. *Coffee* only in the usual retail demand at quotations. *Maracaibo* 19 to 22c; *Java* 26 to 29c; *Mocha* 29 to 32. *Sugar*—*Barbadoes* and *Porto Rico* raw sugars are still in good demand, as showing better value than imported yellows. Raw is offering at 7½ to 7¾c; *Scotch* refined 7½ to 8½c; *Granulated* 9½ to 9¾c. *Molasses*—The demand continues to improve, and fair sales have been made to the trade. We quote *Barbadoes* 38½ to 40c; *Trinidad* 33 to 35c; *Porto Rico* 37½ to 40c. *Syrups* are dull. *Golden* 42 to 45c; *Amber* 48 to 50c. *Rice* is advancing and sales this week have been fair at \$4.37½ to 4.62½. *Spices*—There has been the usual jobbing demand. *Black pepper* is firmer at 9 to 10; *cloves* 39 to 44c; *cassia* 15 to 16c; *nutmegs* 60 to 90c; *mace* 75 to 80c; *Jamaica ginger* 18 to 22c. *Fruit*—Stocks are now pretty low, but there is quite sufficient for present demands. We quote *Valencias* 6½ to 7c; new layer raisins \$1.45 to 1.65; *Loose Muscats* \$1.70 to 1.85; *Sultanas*, 6½ to 7c; *Currants*, 5 to 6c; *Tarragona Almonds*, 14½ to 15c; *Figs*, 8 to 10c; *Filberts*, 7 to 8c; *Walnuts*, 6½ to 10½c. *Salt* in fair demand. *Coarse*, 53 to 57c; 10 to the ton. *Factory* filled 90c to \$1.10.

HIDES are selling at \$7, \$6, and \$5, for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively, but the market is bare. *Lambskins* 40 to 45c.

HARDWARE.—Although English reports are more favorable, there has been no change as yet in our market, and business continues to be very dull. Prices are steady but unchanged, and people are sanguine of a good deal of activity a little further on in the season. We continue to quote:—*Pig Iron* per ton—*Gartsherrie*, \$17.75 to 18.00; *Summerlee*, \$16.75 to 17.00; *Langloan*, \$18.00 to 18.25; *Eglinton*, \$16 to 16.25; *Glenarnock* \$16.50 to 17.00; *Calder No. 1* \$17 to 17.50; *Carnbroe* \$16.50 to 17; *Clyde*, \$15 to 15.50; *Hematite*, \$25 to 26. *Bars.*—Per 100 lbs., *Scotch and Staffordshire*, \$1.75 to 1.80; *Best*, ditto, \$1.95 to 2; *Swedes and Norway*, \$4.50 to 4.75; *Lowmoor and Bowling*, \$6 to 6.25. *Canada Plates.*—Per box, *Glamorgan and Budd*, \$3.25 to 3.35; *Penn and Garth*, \$3.25 to 3.35; *Hatton*, \$3 to 3.20. *Tin Plates.*—Per box, *Charcoal IC*, \$5.50 to \$5.75; *Charcoal IX*, \$7.50 to \$7.75; *Charcoal DC*, \$4.75 to \$5.00; *Coke IC*, \$4.75 to \$5.00; *Tinned sheets*, No. 26, *Charcoal*, *Cookley K*, or *Bradley*, 10½ to 11c per lb.; ditto *Coke* 9½ to 9¾c; *Galvanized Sheets*, No. 28 best 7½ to 7¾c. *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs., \$2.40 to 2.50. *Sheets*, best brands, \$2.50, to 2.60. *Boiler Plates* best per 100 lbs., \$2.50 to 2.75; *Russian Sheet Iron*, 9 to 9½ lb; *Cut nails.*—Per 100 lbs., 12 dy to 7 in., \$3.00; ditto, 5 dy to 10 dy, \$3.80; *Shingle nails*, \$3.80; *Lath nails*, \$4.60, subject to the usual trade discounts. *Lead*,

Pig, per 100 \$4. to 4.50; *Sheet*, \$4.75 to 5.25; *Bar*, \$6 to 6.25; *Shot*, \$6 to 6.52; *Steel*, cast, per lb., 13 to 14c; *Spring*, do, per 100 lbs., \$3.50 to 3.75; *Tire do.*, \$3 to 3.25; *Sleigh shoe*, \$1.60 to 2.75; *Ingot tin*, 17 to 18c per lb.; *Ingot copper*, 18 to 19c per lb.; *Horse shoes*, per 100 lbs., \$3.25 to 3.50; *Iron Wire* No. 6, per bdl., \$1.60 to 1.75.

LEATHER.—There is no particular feature to report this week in the state of the Leather market. Good *Spanish Sole* is scarce and in demand. *Measured Leathers* are also equired for. Stocks are fair of most kinds. We do not alter quotations this week. We quote: *Hemlock Spanish sole*, No. 1; B. A., 23 to 24c; ditto, No. 2 B. A., 19 to 20c; *Buffalo sole*, No. 1, 19 to 20c; ditto, No. 2, 18 to 19c; *Hemlock slaughter*, No. 1, 24 to 26c; *Waxed Upper*, light 34 to 37c; ditto, medium and heavy, 30 to 36c; *Grained*, 32 to 36c; *Splits*, large, 27 to 30c; ditto, small, 22 to 26c; *Calfskins*, 27 to 36 lbs., 50 to 65c; ditto, 18 to 26 lbs., 45 to 60c; *Sheepskin linings*, 20 to 35c; *Harness*, 20 to 30c; *Buffed cow*, 12 to 16c; *Enamelled cow*, 15 to 18c; *Patent Cow* 16 to 18c; *Pebbled cow* 12 to 15c; *Rough* 25 to 30c.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—Receipts during the past week, 3,654 pkgs; shipments, 1,024 pkgs; the demand for this article does not seem to improve, and lots are difficult to place unless of very superior quality; the highest price obtainable to-day for Township butter was 16c; Dairy butter downwards in proportion. *Cheese.*—Receipts, 18,250 boxes; shipments, 18,210; there is very little movement in this article, buyers are cautious as to the condition of cheese during this hot weather; for ordinary good cheese 7c to 7½c would be about the present market value. *Pork.*—Receipts, 26 brls; shipments, 201 brls; this market is firm in sympathy with the western markets, and we now quote *New Mess* \$13.75 to 14.25; *Thin Mess*, \$13.00 to 13.25, the latter being in small supply. *Lard* is firm and advancing, from 9c to 10½c is paid according to package.

WOOL.—There has been only the usual small lots demand, the state of the market is not looked on as encouraging. We quote *Fleece wool* 25 to 26c; *Lambs wool* 23 to 25c. No sale of large lots has been reported for a long time past.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Aug. 15, 1878.

The past week has not developed any new features worthy of special notice. There has been a rather better movement in Dry Goods and Provisions, more buyers being in the market than during the week previous. Groceries, and nearly every other line of business, has been quiet, sales being principally of a retail character. On the whole, business is rather more active than at this time last year, and the prospects of the fall trade promise greater things than have been known for the past four years. The bread stuffs' market has been quiet owing to the lack of over demand for flour, and the scarcity.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Travellers expect to finish their work on the road this week, meanwhile the factories here are all kept busy filling orders for fall stocks, which they will not likely complete before the middle of November. There continues a quiet, steady sorting up trade, sales being made regularly of goods for immediate requirements. Some dealers expect to do a rushing business during the exhibition week. Of course there is no change in prices, and remittances are about as slow as ever.