

sales only to report. Prices were somewhat irregular. Extra changed hands recently at \$5.50 in store for a lot of 1,000 brls., but there is not much offering under \$5.60 f.o.c., at which it is, however, scarcely saleable. Spring wheat extra has been taken to a fair extent at \$5.20 in store, which is about its present value. Superfine is still quoted at \$5 to 5.10, last sales having been at \$5. *Oatmeal*.—Quiet and unchanged. *Brans*.—Few sales to note, and prices steady at \$12 to 12.50 on the track, by the car load.

GRAIN.—*Wheat*.—In store on the 9th instant, 536,103 bushels, against 485,638 bushels the previous week, and 282,978 bushels, the corresponding date of last year. Liverpool quotations have continued to decline, and a further fall in prices of 3d per cental has been established in that market. Here there has not been much change. Sales of white wheat have been at \$1.21 in store for No. 2; No. 1 Treadwell being taken at the same figure. Spring has changed hands at \$1.18 in store, but there is not much offering under \$1.20, which is above the views of buyers. *Barley*.—Sales during the week have been at \$1.48 to 1.50 in store for No. 1, \$1.45 for No. 2, and \$1.40 for No. 3, closing with more offering and prices scarcely so firm. *Peas*.—In store on the 9th inst. 55,145 bushels against 44,693 bushels the previous week and 2,997 bushels the corresponding date of last year. There has not been much doing in car lots, but some few sales have been made at 70c in store for No. 1, and 67c for No. 2. *Oats*.—The supply on the spot has been rather light, and with a steady demand, prices are firm and higher. Sales have recently been at 39c on the track. *Rye*.—No sales reported, except of farmers loads, which command 70c.

GROCERIES.—*Coffee*.—The stock in first hands is now limited to a few parcels of Java, which are held at higher figures, with sales at 37½c. *Fruit*.—Raisins are advancing. Layers are now held at \$2.40 to 2.50. Valentias are firm at 7½ to 8½c. Currants are steady at 6 to 6½c for good samples. *Rice*.—Is offered in quantity at \$4.80, but for small lots \$5 is the current price, the market being firm at these figures. *Spices*.—Cloves are practically out of the market and prices are nominal. Cassia is in fair supply and unchanged. Black pepper is held at 22½ to 23c for round lots. *Sugar*.—Has met a steady demand. Cuba centrifugal in cases has sold to a fair extent at 8½c. Yellow refined has had a good enquiry, with sales chiefly of bright samples at from 8½ to 9½c. New York hard whites are quiet and unchanged at 10½ to 10¾c. *Tea*.—The market has ruled firm, with a fair enquiry, sales including fair to medium Young Hysons, low Japans and medium to fine blacks at full prices. *Tobacco*.—Inactive and quotations without attention. *Liquors*.—Brandy is firm and advancing. Hennessy's in wood is quoted at \$2.75, with very light stocks held here.

HARDWARE.—Trade is still quiet, though beginning to show some symptoms of improvement, and prices are unaltered.

HIDES AND PELTS.—*Hides*.—In fair supply and steady demand at previous prices. *Calfskins*.—There are a few coming in, which sell at 11c for green. *Sheepskins*.—The supply continues fair, with buyers at from \$1.40 to 1.75 according to quality.

LEATHER.—The market has been quiet, and prices are without noticeable change.

PETROLEUM.—The trade in refined continues fair, and prices remain as last quoted, namely 17½ to 19c according to quantity.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*.—Has been very scarce, and no sales of shipping lots are reported. The retail consumptive demand is active, and higher prices have been paid, say 24 to 27c for strictly fine. *Cheese*.—The market is quiet and prices are nominally unchanged. In Liverpool the

quotation has further advanced, now standing at 73s. 112 lbs. *Dried Apples*.—Stocks throughout the country are reported as very light, and there is not much held here. Prices in consequence are very firm, with no sales under 8½ to 9c. *Eggs*.—Fresh are worth about 20 to 22c, pickled 18c, and limed 15 to 16c, with a plentiful supply, and prices tending downwards. *Lard*.—Has been selling in round lots at 10½ to 10¾c up to 11c for smaller quantities, but now held at 10½ to 11c. *Bacon*.—Cumberland cut is selling at 8½ to 9c, the lower price for large lots only. Sales of smoked are reported at 9½c and of spiced rolls at 11c. *Hams*.—Are quiet but firm at 11½ to 12c. *Pork*.—Mess has sold in a limited way at \$17.50. *Dressed Hogs*.—The market has been scantily supplied, and prices have advanced. Sales in the early part of the week were at \$6.80 to 6.90, but recent business has been at \$7 to 7.25, and for light average there are buyers at \$7.40 to 7.45.

WOOL.—The market continues quiet. Pulled super is worth 28 to 30c, the latter price having been offered for choice. Pulled combing would bring about the same figures.

MONTREAL LEATHER MARKET.

(Reported by M. H. Seymour & Son.)

Montreal, Feb. 3, 1874.

The past fortnight has witnessed an improved demand for stock, and sales have been fair for the season. Receipts have been liberal, and prices have varied little if any.

Spanish sole.—There has been rather more scarcity of medium weights, which is most in demand at present, prices however, are steady at 25 to 26c.

Slaughter sole.—Larger transactions have taken place showing an improved inquiry and quotations range from 27 to 30c.

Rough.—A little more demand has been had for light weights, we quote price 28c.

Harness.—Unusually quiet, with considerable stock in market.

Buff.—All No. 1 stock is readily placed at 17 to 17½c.

Pebble.—Has had a moderate inquiry, but latterly receipts have been somewhat in excess of demand.

Patent.—Less inquiry than usual.

Enamelled.—Supply is small, and price of best stock has advanced 1c per foot.

Splits.—Have sold more freely, chiefly in medium and light, but stocks of all kinds except fine light are ample.

Calfskins.—No particular demand.

Sheepskins.—The inquiry has fallen off and highest recent rates are with difficulty realized. Colors are only in limited request.

HALIFAX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—At the annual meeting of the company, held on the 2nd Feb., the following gentlemen were elected directors for the present year:—John W. Young, Esq., Thos. Abbott, Esq., Daniel Cronan, Esq., George Esson, Esq., John P. Mott, Esq., John Gibson, Esq., Robie Unacks, Esq. At a special meeting of directors subsequently held, the following officers were elected: Jno. W. Young, Esq., President; John Gibson, Esq., Vice-President; Richard Tremain, Sec'y and Treasurer.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.—The annual meeting of the Shareholders of this Railway, was held in Port Hope on the 20th inst., when the following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year, viz: N. Kirchhoffer, Esq., Lewis Ross, Esq., M. P., Wm. Fraser, Esq., J. Fedor Schepeler, Esq., Adolph Hugel, Esq. At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, A. Hugel, Esq., was re-elected President, and Fred. Whitehead, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer.—*Times*.

—The Nova Scotia Iron Works has stopped, for want, it is said of adequate capital.

—President Winston and Stephen English have buried the hatchet, and quiet reigns once more in New York insurance circles.

—Mr. Milton Cartwright has resigned the presidency of the Canada Southern Railway, and Mr. P. S. Cable of Rock Island Ill., was elected as his successor.

—The Nova Scotia Marine Insurance Company has declared a dividend of \$10 per share, the first for several years past. The Union Marine Insurance Company has declared \$600 per share.

—The County of Lunenburg, N. S., owns 190 schooners, 17 brigs, and 2 barks, of a total tonnage of 14,497 tons; of which craft 18 were built in 1873, with a tonnage of nearly 3,000 tons.

PICTOU BANK.—John Crerar has been elected president, and R. P. Grant vice-president of the Pictou Bank. The other directors are Jeffrey McColl, William Gordon, R. Doull, J. R. Noonan, and Isaac A. Grant.—*Halifax Chronicle*.

—A Board of United States Engineers have reported against the construction of any railway bridge across the Detroit river, in consequence of the obstacle it imposes to the free navigation of the river. It appears that the tonnage carried across the river by railways is not more than one-third of that carried down by vessels.

—The great evil of business in Canada is the long credits claimed by farmers and too willingly conceded by merchants and tradesmen. Half the bankruptcies and most of the difficulties in conducting business is caused by the slow returns, and yet, with a full knowledge of these things, few are found with firmness enough to depend on a cash business or short credits, although men dealing for cash only are nearly always successful, and many accumulate large fortunes. The commencement of another year presents a favourable opportunity for adopting a new system in finance, and we hope that many of our merchants and mechanics will not be slow to adopt "short credits or ready money." One merchant in Guelph advertises his intention of rendering his accounts quarterly, and requiring immediate payment thereafter. We are quite satisfied that such a plan would prove mutually beneficial, not less so to those who pay than those who receive.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO.

In the matter of William Hewitt, boot and shoe dealer, an Insolvent.

I, the undersigned William Thomas Mason, of Toronto, have been appointed Assignee in this matter. Creditors are requested to file their claims before me within one month.

W. T. MASON, Assignee.
Dated at Toronto, this 7th February, 1874.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of Thomas Houston, an Insolvent I the undersigned, John Kerr, of the city of Toronto, have been appointed Assignee in this matter.

Creditors are requested to file their claims before me within one month.

JOHN KERR, Official Assignee.
Toronto, 7th Feb., 1874.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of W. R. Brown, an Insolvent. A first and final dividend sheet has been prepared, open to objection until the first day of March, after which dividend will be paid.

JOHN KERR, Assignee.
Toronto, 12th February, 1874.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of George Barker, an Insolvent. The Insolvent has made an assignment of his estate to me, and the creditors are notified to meet at the Insolvent's place of business in Oshawa, on Saturday the 28th day of February, at 3.30 in the afternoon or on the arrival of the mixed train from Toronto, to receive statements of his affairs and to appoint an assignee.

JOHN KERR, Interim Assignee.
Toronto, 10th 1874.