

**FLOUR.**—We have no improvement to note in the demand for flour. The receipts for the week have been 10,000 barrels, all nearly of which must have gone to increase the stock. The sales that are making are at former prices.

**FURS AND SKINS.**—The losses to shippers have been very heavy this year. There is no prospect of a recovery in prices, and at the forthcoming fair at Leipzig next month, lower figures are looked for than at the March sales, as the quantity of furs shipped there is fully one-third more than in preceding years. While all kinds of skins shipped from this country have suffered such a serious decline, all imported skins to be manufactured into goods to supply our own wants will command, on an average, about last seasons prices. We quote:—Rat, Fall, 10c. to 14c.; Do. Winter, 12c. to 16c.; Coon, 25c. to 60c.; Fox, Red, 75c. to \$1.25; Fox, Cross, \$2.00 to \$3.00; Marten, Pale, 75c. to \$1.00; Mink, Western Canada, good colors, \$1.50 to \$2.00; Mink, Eastern Canada, prime large \$1.50 to \$2.00; Mink, Eastern Canada, prima small, \$1.00 to \$1.50; Otter, Dark, prime, \$5.00 to \$7.00; Fisher, Dark, prime, \$5.00 to \$7.00; Lynx, \$1.25 to \$1.75; Beaver, Fall, clean pelt, per lb., \$1.25 to \$1.50; Do. Winter, clean pelt, per lb., \$1.50 to \$1.75; Bear, large prime, \$3.00 to \$10.

**LIVE STOCK.**—The arrivals of the past week at Point St. Charles amounted to about twenty-seven carloads of cattle and three carloads of hogs. At the St. Gabriel market on Monday, the show of cattle was unusually fine, many of them having been shipped with a view to the Easter market. Those of the first class sold as high as \$7.25 to \$7.50 per 100 lbs. live weight. For ordinary grades prices were somewhat lower and in less demand than for the previous week. There was a number of very large bulls on the market, one of which, weighing nearly three thousand pounds and labelled with the purchaser's name, was exhibited to admiring crowds in the streets. Many of the best cattle were from the vicinity of Guelph. Live hogs were quoted at \$5.50 to \$6.50 per 100 lbs. live weight. Sheep as in our last. Some small lambs were disposed of at the Viger market, Tuesday, at prices ranging from \$2.75 to \$3.50 each. Milch cows were not in much request. Sales were made of three superior animals at \$10, \$16 and \$56, respectively; others were sold as low as \$22 to \$35 each. Some few sheep were sold at \$1 to \$5.75 each. Hides, pelts and tallow unchanged.

**LEATHER.**—A brisk business has been done in Wax Upper this week, several thousand sides having changed hands. As the manufacturers are now pretty well supplied, the chances are that this class of stock will decline. Pebble very dull. Buff and Splits in fair demand, but at reduced prices. Spanish Sole in steady demand. Slaughter, quiet.  $\frac{1}{2}$  April will likely be a quiet month.

**PROVISIONS.**—*Butter.*—Owing to the season drawing so near to the close, holders show more anxiety to sell, and prices are the turn easier. It is true stocks are light, but they are ample for all requirements until new butter comes in. The usual trade with the Lower ports at this season is entirely cut off, in consequence of American markets being so much lower than this. The trade passing is merely of a retail character and for anything approaching table grades, the market may be called moderately active. *Cheese.*—There is no change to note in this article. Stocks are light and holders are confident of sustaining present prices. The English markets are not so active, and it is thought cheese has reached its highest point.

**SALT.**—No change to note. We quote factory filled salt at \$1.25 to \$1.40; Coarse, 62½c. to 65c. **SEEDS.**—Clover. Market quiet; samples from Ontario are still offered at \$8.00 to \$8.50, per bushel without transactions. Timothy; market pretty well supplied, with some inquiry for it. Price \$2.40 to \$2.60 per bushel.

**WINES AND SPIRITS.**—We have heard of several sales of Red Wines at very full prices, but as the stocks of these wines have become much reduced, we anticipate a further gradual ad-

vance to meet that which has taken place at Tarragona and Marseilles. Beyond this and the continued firmness in Hennessy Brandy and DeKuyper Gin, we have no new feature to report. The market continues quiet, and sales are confined to retail transactions.

**WHOLESALE GROCERY MARKET.**—Continued dullness prevails in Groceries, with very little in the way of alteration in prices to notice. *Sugars.*—Yellows 8½c. to 19c.; Granulated 10½c. to 11½c. Indisposition to press business except on a cash basis, a basis having in it much of value and safety, and the pity is that it is not more generally adopted. *Teas.*—Low, ordinary Japanese dull. The finer kinds command fair value. In other Teas business is quite light. *Molasses and Syrups* steady. *Coffees, Rice, Chemicals, Spices and Fruits* are nominally about as before reported with small sales.

**Wool.**—No change since last week's report. The stocks of wool of most grades are small, and all will be wanted before the new clip comes in, still the languid feeling prevails, and the want of sufficient profit to manufacturers, between the cost of the raw material and the goods when in market, makes many of them careless about running their mills, others keep on working with the hope of a better turn of affairs soon.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, March 29.—Flour Spring Extra \$6.05 f.o.b.; Extra, \$6; Superior, \$6.90; Wheat, sales No. 1 at \$1.40; No. 2 at \$1.38; more offering at same figure. Barley quiet; No. 1. 70c to 75c; No. 2, 55c to 55c. Oats, Canadian at 47c; American at 37c on track. Peas, No. 1 at 75c., No. 2 at 73c. Corn, 50½c f.o.b.

## OIL REPORT.

(From our own Correspondent.)

PETROLIA, MARCH 26TH, 1877.—Business continues very quiet, and no strikes worthy of note since last report. Mr. Englehart's last well, mentioned before, is still pumping close on 200 barrels per day. This is the largest well in the district by long odds. The Crude Oil Tanking Co. are now issuing warehouse receipts. The oil is held for six months free of storage after which they charge 1c. per barrel per month, and it is deliverable at any time on demand F. O. B. cars. This will be a direct benefit to the producer, and will also have the effect of encouraging speculations in Crude, which could not formerly be made without trouble and heavy expense. Crude remains firm in price, \$1.00 to \$1.25. Refined oil rather weaker owing to the decline in the demand at this season and the small Refineries being now fully in operation. It is quoted F. O. B. London at 11c. to 12. per wine gallon. The shipments for last week were as follows: Crude, 5,333 barrels; Distillate, 1320 barrels; Refined Oil, 470 barrels.

## RAILWAY RETURNS.

**GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.**—Return of traffic for week ending March 17th, 1877, and the corresponding week, 1876. 1877.—Passengers, Mails and Express freight, \$47,018; Merchandise, \$115,418; Total, \$162,436. 1876.—Passengers, Mails and Express Freight, \$19,627; Merchandise, \$139,169; Total, \$158,796. Decrease, \$26,360.

**MIDLAND RAILWAY OF CANADA.**—Port Hope, March 19th, 1877. Statement of traffic receipts for week, from 7th to 14th March, 1877, in comparison with same period last year:—Passengers, \$1,169.08; Freight, \$2,017.50; Mails and Express, \$253.32; Total, \$3,440.00. Same week last year, \$4,053.72. Decrease, \$603.82. Total traffic to date, \$34,169.48; do., year previous, \$41,973.63. Decrease, \$19,804.15.

**NORTHERN RAILWAY OF CANADA.**—The traffic receipts for week ending 22nd March, 1877.—Passengers, \$3,406.90; Freight, \$5,817.73; Mails and Sundries, \$571.85; Total receipts for current week, 1877, \$10,796.48. Corres-

ponding week of 1876, \$10,439.53. Increase, \$356.95. Total traffic to date, 1877, \$122,848.54. Total traffic to date, 1876, \$113,318.41. Decrease, \$20,469.90.

## EXPORTS.

Comparative statement of Exports of leading articles at the Port of Montreal, from the 1st January to 29th March, 1876 and 1877.

	1876.	1877.
Ashes .....	956	1,470
Butter .....	17,741	14,257
Barley .....	...	35,808
Bacon .....	23,197	13,556
Corn .....	18,400	157,902
Cheese .....	20,392	33,498
Flour .....	2,215	3,699
Lard .....	14,537	12,395
Oats .....	20,034	45,656
Peas .....	126,391	50,038
Pork .....	2,248	3,349
Wheat .....	314,178	133,306

## REMARKS.

*Ashes.*—Exports for the week, 75 bbls. Pot. Increase, 514 bbls.

*Butter.*—Exports, 122 bbls. Decrease, 3,484 bbls.

*Barley.*—Exports, — bush. Increase, 35,808 bush.

*Bacon.*—Exports, 2,013 boxes. Decrease, 9,641 boxes.

*Corn.*—Exports, 15,214 bush. Increase, 157,902 bush.

*Cheese.*—Exports, 325 boxes. Increase, 13,106 boxes.

*Flour.*—Exports, — bbls. Increase, 1,484 bbls.

*Lard.*—Exports, 4,136 bbls. Decrease, 1,142 bbls.

*Oats.*—Exports, — bush. Increase, 25,622 bush.

*Peas.*—Exports, — bush. Decrease, 76,356 bush.

*Pork.*—Exports, 151 bbls. Increase, 1,101 bbls.

*Wheat.*—Exports, — bush. Decrease 180,872 bush.

## IMPORTS.

Comparative statement of Imports at the Port of Montreal per Grand Trunk Railway, from 1st January to 29th March, 1876 and 1877:

	1876.	1877.
Ashes .....	2,813	2,460
Butter .....	10,643	8,056
Barley .....	45,200	37,800
Bacon .....	...	9
Corn .....	2,800	4,400
Cheese .....	2,658	1,124
Flour .....	97,941	108,677
Lard .....	3,318	10,970
Oats .....	18,250	28,650
Peas .....	126,000	4,000
Pork .....	1,414	3,701
Wheat .....	269,575	1,500

## REMARKS.

*Ashes.*—Receipts for the week, 168 bbls. Pot. bbls. Pearl. Decrease, 353 bbls.

*Butter.*—Receipts, 558 bbls. Decrease, 2,587 bbls.

*Barley.*—Receipts, — bush. Decrease, 7,400 bush.

*Bacon.*—Receipts, 1 box. Increase, 9 boxes.

*Corn.*—Receipts, 499 bush. Increase, 1,600 boxes.

*Cheese.*—Receipts, 10 boxes. Decrease, 1,534 boxes.

*Flour.*—Receipts, 8,078 bbls. Increase, 10,736 bbls.

*Lard.*—Receipts, 2,043 bbls. Increase, 7,622 bbls.

*Oats.*—Receipts, 4,890 bush. Increase, 10,400 bush.

*Peas.*—Receipts, 490 bush. Decrease, 122,000 bush.

*Pork.*—Receipts, 477 bbls. Increase, 2,367 bbls.

*Wheat.*—Receipts, — bush. Decrease, 268,075 bush.