

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Mar. 19th, 1885.

The condition of the wholesale trade is unchanged from that reported a week ago. There is a moderate volume of business in some lines equal to last year, in spite of the prolonged winter but as yet the movement is restricted to small lots for immediate necessities. The severe weather during the first part of the week under review was a hindrance to trade, but there is apparently a hopeful feeling existing among merchants, and a fair spring trade is expected. Stocks generally are not heavy, and as prices for almost everything rule low, there is room for an advance in case an active demand should set in. In some branches wholesale houses report payments as rather slow.

COAL AND WOOD.—There has been a fair demand for coal during the present week and prices are unchanged. All kinds of hard, as well as the first quality of soft, sell at \$6 a ton delivered. Wood unchanged; the best hard sells at \$5 a cord and second quality at \$3.50. Pine \$4.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Very little business has been done in flour owing to the unsettlement of outside markets, buyers show a disposition to hold off. There is a considerable quantity held, but as there are no free sellers, prices have continued steady. Superior extra is offering at \$1.75, with buyers at \$1.70. Extra is worth about \$5.65 and spring extra \$3.50. Oatmeal.—The market is quiet and prices firm; good to choice are worth \$3.90 to \$4 in car lots and small job lots at \$4.25 to \$4.50. Bran.—Off-rings are restricted, and as the demand is good prices rule firm and higher at \$15.

GRAIN.—Business has been almost neglected this week, and the general tone of prices easier. Wheat is in fair offer, with a limited demand. Buyers and sellers are apart, and sales confined to local millers. No. 2 fall has sold at 82c. and choice No. 2 spring at 80c. No. 1 spring is nominal at 82 to 83c., and No. 3 fall at 79 to 80c. The stock in store shows a slight decrease for the week. Barley.—The demand has slackened off considerably owing to the lateness of the season, and prices have suffered a slight decline: No. 1 is quoted at 73c.; No. 2 sold in car-lots at 67c., No. 3 extra at 62 to 63c. and No. 3 at 59c. Oats.—The demand has hardly been as active this week, and has been met with sufficient offerings. Prices have ruled steady, with sales of car lots at 36½ and 37c. on track. Peas quiet, with business confined to outside lots at 60c. Rye dull, and prices nominally unchanged at 59c. to 60c.

STOCKS IN STORE.

	Mar. 16, 1885.	Mar. 9, 1885.	Mar. 15, 1884.
Flour, bbls
Fall wheat, bush.....	182,478	190,863	91,866
Spring wheat, bush..	153,060	154,911	107,391
Oats " " " " " "	1,400	1,400
Barley " " " " " "	179,293	177,305	161,928
Peas " " " " " "	22,690	21,880	40,739
Rye " " " " " "	3,850	3,850	129
Corn " " " " " "	1,000	1,000

Total Grain.... 541,771 551,209 402,053

GROCERIES.—The business of the week has been fair, but the movement somewhat restricted owing to the severe weather. Stocks in the country are reported generally light, and a firmness in prices is not unexpected. Orders, however, are for small lots. Sugars are quiet and prices unchanged. Choice Porto Rico sell at 5½ to 5¾c., and the best Canadian refined at 5¾c. Granulated unchanged at 6¾c. Teas are in good demand, especially low grades; Young Hyson seconds sold at 22 and 25c. and thirds at 15 to 20c.; medium Japans at 23c., and good Congous at 30c. Rio coffee is unchanged here, but leading markets are weak. Fruit quiet; Valencia raisins are easier at 8½ to 9c., and layers \$2.50 to \$2.75. Tobacco and liquors quiet and unchanged.

HARDWARE.—Business is quiet, the movement being backward owing to weather. Prices remain low, but that is apparently no inducement to buyers. There is much enquiry for builders' material, and a good trade is looked for. The feeling generally is of a hopeful character, and prices are unchanged from those of last week.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Dealers have advanced the prices of green hides, and now pay 9c per lb. for the best steers and 8½c. for cows. Cured

sold during the week at 8½c., but now 9c. is asked. Calfskins are in better supply and unchanged at 12c. for green. Sheepskins are firm, the best bringing \$1.05 to \$1.15, and country lots 90c. to \$1. Tallow is easier at 3½c. for rough and 6½ to 6¾c. for refined.

LEATHER.—A moderate business is doing and prices rule firm. Orders are chiefly for small lots from the country.

LIVE STOCK.—The receipts of cattle this week have been fair for the season, and prices ruled firm. Although the condition of the British markets is very much depressed, there has been a moderate demand for export cattle here, and sales of a few cars were made at 4½ to 4¾c. The supply of cattle at the market on Tuesday were of rather better quality than usual, and butchers paid from 3½ to 4c. per lb. Stockers are in moderate demand at 3½ to 4c. Calves are steady, all the way from \$3 to \$12 a head. Sheep in limited offer and steady at \$5 to \$6 a head. Lambs firm at 4c. per lb. Hogs are unchanged with sales at 4¾c. per lb.

PETROLEUM.—The demand this week has been fair and prices firmer. Barrel lots of Canadian refined are up ½c., and now sell at 17½c., and five to ten barrel lots at 17c. In Petroles crude sells at 80 to 82c. per barrel, and refined is firm at 15c. a gallon in car lots. American oils unchanged.

PROVISIONS.—Trade is reported quiet and although prices show no change, the feeling is easier. Butter is still dull and unchanged; there is no export demand, and lots of medium and inferior qualities are accumulating fast. Dealers as a rule continue to lose money in this product. The chief trade is in small lots of choice to the local trade; fine qualities of tub job at 17 to 18c., and large rolls at 14 to 15c. Lots of inferior sold at 9 to 10c. per lb. Eggs are increasing in supply and prices rule easy; hmed are dull at 12 to 14c. with a large stock; fresh rule at 19 to 20c. per dozen in case lots. Cheese steady at 11 to 12c. for medium to choice in small lots. Pork quiet, with sales of a few small lots at \$15.50 to \$16. Bacon unchanged; round lots of long clear are held at 8c., and small lots job at 8½c.; Cumberland Cut is quoted at 7½ to 7¾c., but no sales reported. Rolls unchanged at 10 to 10½. Hams steady at 11 to 11½c. for smoked, and 10c. for large lots of pickled. Lard quiet and unchanged; tierces sell at 9½c. and small lots in pairs and tinnets at 10 to 10½c. Hogs are not wanted, except by butchers, and a sale of a car is reported at \$5.70. Dried apples steady at 4 to 4½c. for lots and 5 to 5½c. for small lots. Hops dull, small lots of medium selling at 10 to 14c.

WOOL.—The demand is confined chiefly to low priced wools, with a number of sales at 16 to 18c. Selected fleece is quoted at 18c. Supers are dull and unchanged at 20 to 21c., and extra at 25 to 26c.

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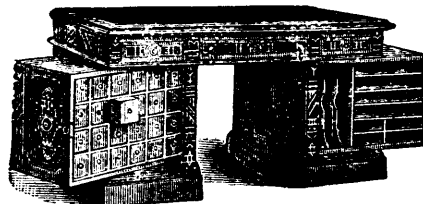
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FIRST DAY OF MAY NEXT,

as the said Trustee will then forthwith proceed to distribute the proceeds of the assets of said estate and will not be liable to any person of whose claim he shall not then have had notice.

Dated, Toronto, this 16th day of March, 1885.

THOMSON & HENDERS N,
Solicitors for Trustee.

R. Y. MILNE,
Care of Donaldson & Milne,
3 Wellington St. East, Toronto, Trustee.