

**GREEN FRUIT.**—The better tone which was noticed in the apple market last week has not resulted in much business. Sales of several round lots of winter stock are reported at \$2.00 to \$2.50 per bbl. Jobbing lots at \$2.50 to \$3.00. Some enquiry has been experienced from Cincinnati, but without any result, so far, in the shape of business. Cable advices are firm at a further advance of 2s to 3s.—Oranges are steadier, at \$4.75 to \$5.00 per case, as some dearer fruit is now on the way. Lemons are quiet at \$2.00 to \$3.00 per box. Cape Cod cranberries \$15 to \$17 per bbl; ordinary \$8 to \$9.50. Dates, new, 5½c to 7c and old 4c. Evaporated apples, 8c to 9c; dried apples 4½c to 5½c. Almeria grapes \$4 to \$7 per keg as to quality.

**GROCERIES.**—The sugar market continues to develop decided strength, a further advance of ½c per lb. having taken place on granulated and raw. Sales of round lots were made yesterday at 6½c, but it is said that figure would not be repeated, 6 7-8 to 7c being now the quoted rates. Yellows range from 4½c to 5½c. The sale of a cargo of Jamaica sugar is reported on p.t. The Government have reconsidered their decision to collect the duty on all drawbacks of raw sugars, and an order-in-council has since been passed exempting from taxation the drawback on German beet root sugar. The following cable was received from London a few days since: Receipts at the four ports, U. K. for the week ending Jan. 17 were 13,900 tons; deliveries 13,500 tons; stock decreased, 2,600 tons; excess stock over last year, 11,001 tons. Java, No. 15, 14s 9d; 96 deg. centrifugals 14s 0d; fair refining, 12s 6d. Beets, prompt delivery, 11s 7d. Strong with an upward tendency. To-day's quotations compare as follows with last year: Java, No. 15, 21s. 9d; Centrifugals, 96 deg., 21s 0d; Fair refining, 18s 0d. Beets, 88 deg., 17s 6d." A cable from the Philippine Islands says:—Advices to January 19 show 3,000 tons had sailed for the United States, since Jan. 1st, against 1,625 tons for the United States for same time last year. 22,121 tons are now afloat for the United States, against 43,780 tons for same time last year. Jan. 19, Manila superior £10 10s, c and f, and Iloilo superior £15 10s, c. and f." The market for molasses has been more active, sales being reported of 200 puncheons of Barbadoes at 30½c and 400 puncheons of Trinidad at 26c. Prices have since advanced and Barbadoes are now quoted at 32c to 32½c, and Trinidad at 27c to 28c for choice. Syrups firm at the late advance. The fruit market remains quiet. Prices are:—Valencia raisins 9c to 9½c as to quantity, off brands at 8½c to 8¾c. Malaga fruit scarce at \$3 to \$3.25 for London layers, and \$2.80 to \$2.90 for loose muscatels. Sultanias 6c to 7½c. Blème raisins 7½c to 8½c. Currants 4½c to 5½c in barrels. Prunes dull at 4½c to 4¾c for Bordeaux. Figs 9c to 9½c for Blème in cases, and 9½c to 11c in boxes; in bags and kegs 6c to 7c; Malaga in mats 4c to 4½c. In teas there is a little more doing, buyers who held off being more inclined to buy now that prices are stiffening. Coffee and spices are unchanged. Rice \$3.50.

**HIDES, ETC.**—Dealers report a quiet but firm market. No. 1 Montreal inspected selling at 9½c and No. 1 green at 8½c. Toronto and Hamilton No. 1 are steady at 9½c, No. 2 Toronto 9c, and No. 2 Hamilton 8½c. Western States hides are firm at 9½c to 9¾c for No. 1 Bull. Chicago calfskins steady at 13c to 13½c, and Montreal skins at 12c. Sheepskins are steady at 70c to 80c each, according to quality.

**HOPS.**—A dull week and drooping market is the best description that can be given of hops, the supply both here and in the country being largely in excess of requirements, and holders find it imperative to make concessions in order to realize. Country holders appear to be more inclined to sell, but the difficulty is to place the goods offered. Prices here are purely nominal at 11c to 12c for choice, 8c to 10c for fair to good, and 6c to 7c for poor qualities.

**IRON AND HARDWARE.**—The market for pig iron is as dull as ever, the low prices which Western operators offer being too low to admit of business. Advices from England report the trade there in a very unsatisfactory condition, many of the joint stock companies having been run at a great loss during the past nine months, owing to the severe decline in prices. In this market, however, although things are dull now, some are inclined to look at the future more hopefully, as consumers, as a rule are bare of stocks, and it is claimed that they will soon be compelled to order irrespective of prices. Prices are quoted as follows:—Siemens, \$18 to \$18.50; Coltness, \$20 to \$20.50; Langloan, \$19.50 to \$20; Calder, Gartsherrie and Summerlee, \$18 to \$18.50 to \$19; Dal-mellington \$17 to \$17.25; Eglinton, \$16.50 to \$17. Finished iron quiet; bars, \$1.70 to \$1.75; sheets, \$2.40 to \$2.60; plates, \$2.50 to \$2.75. Tin plates, I. O. charcoal, \$4.40 and I. O. coke \$4. In metals a further advance is cabled in ingot tin which is up to £76 17s 6d, and copper is firm at £54. Here prices are firm at 18c to 19c for tin, and 13½c to 14c for copper. General hardware is quiet, but travellers will soon be on the road, when an increased trade is looked for.

**LEATHER.**—The market has been almost at a standstill during the week, so far as trading in round quantities is concerned, the only sale reported being a lot of about 400 sides of ordinary B A. sole on p.t., but known to be at a low figure. In black leather the demand is very slow, manufacturers buying only for immediate wants, and they appear to be small. Remittances are fair for the season.

**NAVAL STORES.**—No material change has transpired in this line during the week. Spirits of turpentine is quiet but steady at 48c to 50c. Rosins are firm all round, common kinds being quoted at \$2.50 to \$2.60, and fine pale at \$4.25 to \$4.75. Pine pitch and tar quiet, and oakum is unchanged.

**OILS.**—Business during the week has been limited, but prices are generally sustained all round. Prices are quoted as follows:—Cod oil, 53c to 54c for Halifax, and 57½c to 60c for Newfoundland. Steam-refined seal oil, 65c to 67½c; linseed oil 57c to 58c for raw, and 60c to 61c for boiled.

**PETROLEUM.**—The market for refined oil is unchanged, but buyers are loth to buy ahead at present prices. It is said that some are getting the benefit of a shade in prices from the refiners. Quotations are more or less nominal at the following rates: car lots in store, 17½c to 17¾c, broken lots 18c, and single barrels 18½c to 19c.

**POTATOES.**—Keep very low-priced in Canada and the United States, and farmers generally appear to be willing to accept ruling values, which are quoted here at 45c to 50c. per bag retail and at 35c. wholesale. In the country they are offered at 25c. to 35c. per bag in car lots as to position.

**PROVISIONS.**—An improved enquiry is reported for Canada short-cut mess pork at \$15.50 in good-sized lots up to \$16.07 for small parcels. Western short-cut clear pork is quiet, but holders do not care to accept less than \$15.50. A large quantity of pork will probably be barrelled this season, judging from the large number of hogs purchased by packers during the past week or ten days. Receipts of dressed hogs have been quite liberal of late, but they chiefly comprise purchases in the West for packers' account. Sales are reported in car lots at \$6.25 to \$6.40 per 100 lbs. Tallow is steady at 7½c to 8c, as to quality.

**RAW FURS.**—Cable advices have been received here of the Hudson Bay Company's sale of furs, to the effect that beaver declined 30 per cent at the commencement of the sale, but towards the close a slight improvement took place which brought down the average decline to 25 per cent as compared with last January's sale. Muskrat also declined 25 per cent. Here the season is about over, so far as the local trade is concerned, and until the spring collections of furs are received there will not be much doing here. Prices are quoted as follows:—Beaver, full, per lb., \$2.75 to \$3.25; beaver, winter, per lb., \$3 to \$3.50; bear, large, per skin, \$8 to \$12; bear, cub, \$4 to \$7; fisher, \$4 to \$7; red fox, \$1.30 to \$1.40; cross fox, \$2.50 to \$5; mink, large dark, 75c to \$1; mink, small, 50c to 60c; muskrat, 8c to 10c; otter, large dark, \$10 to \$12; otter, small, \$7 to \$9; marten, \$1 to \$1.25; raccoon, 40c to 60c, and skunk, 60c to 70c. Skins not prime may be valued at fully 25 per cent less than these quotations.

**SEEDS.**—In this market there is scarcely anything to report, although from Western advices we learn of some business in red clover at points west of Toronto for English account to be shipped via New York. The price mentioned was not for publication, but it is known to be above \$4.50 per bushel f.o.b. at point of shipment. Prices here are quoted as follows:—Clover seed \$5 to \$5.25, alsike \$8.50, and timothy \$2, flax \$1.15 to \$1.25.

**WOOL.**—The market is almost bare of Cape wool, but fresh supplies are expected shortly. The demand is slow, but prices are firm, as follows:—A supers 26c to 28c, B supers 22c to 24c, and unassorted at 18c to 20c. Foreign wool is quoted as follows:—Cape 16½c to 17½c, and Australian 22c to 30c.

## TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

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Business this week shows no important change in condition as compared with a week ago. An improved trade is undoubtedly expected, and this hope produces a better feeling. There are indications of a fair spring trade, but the volume will not likely be greater than last season. A good many travellers are now out, but the orders they receive are for small parcels. The weather has been favorable, but money is not circulating as freely as it ought in the country. The wheat movement is yet restricted owing to irregular markets abroad. The money market is quiet and unchanged here; the demand for call loans is restricted, owing to a very dull stock market; and time loans are negotiated with a good deal of caution. The rates of call loans on stocks are 5½ to 6½ per cent, the latter being the most common. On debentures as low as 5 is reported. Time loans 6 to 7, according to security. Commercial paper in moderate offer and rates unchanged at 6½ to 7½ per cent, the former for gilt-edged. Sterling exchange is dull and firm; 90-day bills between banks are quoted at 108½ and demand bills at 109½. The rates across the counter are ½ more. New York drafts are 1-16 premium between banks and ½ across the counter. The stock market has been extremely dull, the business reported this week being less than