

being offered for delivery a head at pretty close figures without finding many buyers. The following are present prices in this market: *Pig Iron*.—Per ton, Gartsherrie, \$20.00 to 20.50; Summerlee, \$19.50 to 20.00; Langloan, \$20.25 to 20.75; Eglinton, \$18.25 to 18.75; Calder, No. 1 \$20.00 and 20.50; Hematite, \$25.00 to 26.00. *Bars*.—Per 100 lbs., Scotch and Staffordshire, \$1.80 to 1.90; Best, ditto, \$2.00 to 2.50; Swedes and Norway, \$4.50 to 5.00; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.00 to 6.25. *Canada Plates*.—Per box, Glamorgan and Budd, \$3.40 to 3.60; Arrow, Penn and Garth, \$3.40 to 3.50; Hatton, \$3.20 to \$3.30. *Tin Plates*.—Per box, Charcoal, 1c; Bradley, \$7.00; ditto, other brands, \$6.25; Charcoal IX, \$8.00 to 8.25; Charcoal DC, \$5.00 to 5.25; Coke, 1c, \$5.00 to 5.25; *Tinned sheets*, No. 26, Charcoal, Cockley K, or Bradley, 11 to 11½¢ per lb.; ditto, Coke, 10 to 10½¢; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, best 7½ to 8c. *Hoops and Bands*. Per 100 lbs, \$2.25 to 2.30. *Sheets*.—Best brands, \$2.50 to 2.75. *Boiler Plates*.—Per 100 lbs., ordinary \$2.50 to 2.75. *Russian Sheet Iron*, 9 to 10c. *Cut nails*.—Subject to discount for large lots; per 100 lbs., 12 to 7 in., \$3.00; ditto, 5 dy to 10 dy, \$3.50; Shingle nails, per 100 lbs., \$3.30; Lath nails, \$4.00. *Lead*, per 100 lbs.; Pig, \$5.00 to 5.25; Sheet, \$5.50 to 5.75; Bar, 6 to 6.25; Shot \$6.50 to 7.00. *Steel*, cast, per lb., 12 to 13c; Spring, per 100 lbs., \$3.50 to 3.75; Tire per 100 lbs ditto, \$3.25 to 3.30. *Sleigh shoe*, \$2.62½ to 2.75; *Ingot Tin*, 17 to 18c; *Ingot Copper*, 18 to 18½¢; *Horse shoes*, per 100 lbs., \$3.50 to 3.75. *Proved coil chain*, ¾ in, \$5.00 to 5.50; *Anchors*, \$6.00 to 6.50; *Iron wire*, No. 6, per bdl., \$1.90 to 2.00.

HIDES AND PELTS.—Another advance of 50c all round has taken place in hides, the demand has been moderate, but the quantity offering has not been large. We now quote \$7.00 \$6.00 and \$5.00 for Nos. 1, 2, and 3, respectively; calfskins 8 to 10c. *Lambskins* are beginning to make their appearance, and next week we hope to be able to give quotations.

LEATHER.—Market continues dull and sales are limited to consumptive wants, prices are steady except when needy holders are forced to make sales. In face of the scarcity and advancing tendency of hides there should be no occasion to lower prices, and tanners would do well to hold their stock and limit their production till the prices of the raw material and finished product were both more favorable to them. We quote *Hemlock Spanish sole*, No. 1, B. A., 23 to 24c; ditto, No. 2, B. A., 20½ to 21c; *Zanzibar*, ordinary No. 1, 20½ to 21c ditto, No. 2, 18 to 19c; *Buffalo sole*, No. 1, 20 to 21c; ditto, No. 2, 18 to 19c; *Hemlock slaughter*, No. 1, 24 to 26c; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 32 to 38c; ditto, heavy 31 to 36c; *Grained*, 34 to 36c; *Splits*, large, 26 to 30c; ditto, small, 21 to 27c; *Calfskins*, 27 to 36 lbs., 55 to 65c; ditto, 18 to 26 lbs., 50 to 60c; *Sheepskin linings*, 20 to 30c; *Harness*, 24 to 30c; *Buffed cow*, 14 to 15½¢; *Enamelled cow*, 16 to 18c; *Patent cow*, 16 to 18c; *Pebbled cow*, 12 to 15½¢; *Rough Leather*, 22 to 24c.

RAW FURS.—There is very little doing just now; spring furs are hardly begun to come in as yet, the result of the London fur sales leaving prices here as quoted, which are considered outside quotations, choice lots will, however, bring full prices. We quote: *Beaver*, per lb., \$1.00 to 1.30; *Otter*, \$4.00 to 5.00; *Fisher*, \$4.00 to 6.00; *Mink*, dark prime, \$1.25 to 1.50; ditto pale, 75; *Martin*, 75c; *Large black Bear*, \$6 to 8; *Small ditto*, \$3.00; *Red Fox*, 75c to \$1; *Cross Fox*, \$1.50 to 2.50; *Silver Fox*, \$20; *Spring Muskrat*, 12½¢; *Lynx*, \$1 to 1.40; *Skunk*, dark prime, 30 to 60c; *Raccoon*, 30 to 60c.

OILS.—No change to notice in this branch of trade, which is still without any signs of animation, and prices of fish oils are nominally unchanged. *Cod oil*, 50 to 52½¢; *Seal*, pale, 52½¢,

nominal; ditto, straw, 50c; ditto, steam refined, 57½ to 60c; *Linseed*, 60 to 61c for raws, and 64 to 65c for boiled; *Olive oil*, \$1.00 to 1.10; *Petroleum* is quiet, few sales of any consequence transpiring, and quotations are weak at 16 to 18c, according to lot.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*.—Receipts during the week 1327 packages: shipments 21 packages. There is very little really choice butter in the market, and common is difficult to place unless at low prices. We quote common to medium 9 to 13c: fine to choice 16 to 20; *Cheese*.—Receipts during the week 1116 boxes; shipments 49 boxes; only small local demand has been experienced this week at 14 to 15c; *Lard* is steady at 8½ to 9½¢. *Pork*.—Receipts 434 barrels; shipments 85 barrels; only a few small sales reported of mess at \$13.00 \$13.75, and thin mess at \$11.50 to 12.00. *Eggs* plentiful at 10 to 11½¢.

WOOL.—There has been some enquiry for wool, but we cannot hear of any sales, dealers are looking forward to some demand springing up shortly when we hope to be able to give quotations. As things are at present every quotation we could give would be nominal.

TORONTO MARKETS

Toronto, March 28th, 1878.

"Not hands enough in the house to wait upon the customers," was the unaccustomed response yesterday in three houses, in as many different lines, to the enquiry "how is trade." And if this busy-ness was not everywhere so extreme, it was still obvious, that the cheap rail trips, the trade and auction sales, or the sunshine, or all combined, had made a genuine stir in our wholesale warehouses. Messrs. Hughes trade sale continues, and a large number have been present; the amounts purchased have been for the most part limited, and the long terms openly offered for large purchases have not therefore, we presume, been largely accepted; and it is better so.

We hear it objected that some houses are selling goods excessively low. While this, if it be true, is so far an advantage to the buyers of them, and may serve as an advertisement for this particular market, the game may be not worth the candle if it leave the sellers, and those moreover who would compete with them, without a living profit. This however is a matter more particularly affecting the houses in question and their creditors or bankers. Values are low in many lines, and "jobs" plentiful to those who know where in Britain to look for them. We trust that the nimble sixpence has secured its farthing of profit, as well as the slow shilling its half-penny.

CATTLE.—A considerable quantity of animals is on hand of all kinds, with sales for the best at fair rates, but inferior hang fire. *Beeves* \$4.00 to 4.50 is paid for 1st class shipping lots for transatlantic trade, and occasionally \$4.75 to 5.00 for very choice. 2nds. will bring \$4.00, no sale for thirds. Not many *Sheep* are in market, and they are much wanted at from \$5 to 7.00. For selections \$8.00 has been paid. *Calves* are moving fairly at from \$5 to 10.00.

The cattle dealers of Guelph and vicinity have formed a syndicate and subscribed a capital of \$100,000 for the purpose of buying cattle for the European markets. Some 2,760 head are already bespoken in Wellington county, and they purpose securing in all 5000 heavy animals by the middle of May.

—A Chicago firm has purchased, at prices ranging from \$38.0 to 3.95 per 100 lbs., several hundred head of cattle, to be sent to the pastures of North Germany for fattening.

FLOUR.—Prices continue unchanged at last quotations. The week's business has been light. At the present writing, the views of holders are firm. No heavy transactions have taken place. Stocks in store 30,375 barrels against 31,880 barrels last week and 8,705 barrels on like date last year.

GRAIN.—Sales of spring wheat were made at a slight advance upon last weeks prices. Fall is quiet. *Barley* has moved in moderate quantity during the week. The threatening European news has some little effect upon holders. *Fall Wheat*.—Stocks in store 124,611 bushels against 121,557 bushels last week and 80,473 bushels on like date last year. No 1, is easy at \$1.24 to 1.25; No 2, steady; there is rather more enquiry for No 3, which is relatively higher, say \$1.12 to 1.15. *Spring Wheat*, stocks in store 380,541 bush. against 399,211 bush. last week and 162,339 bush. on like date last year. Prices are 1 to 2c higher, and sales are reported at both 1.08 and 1.10 for No. 1, and \$1.05 and \$1.06 for No. 2. *Oats*.—Stocks in store 7,833 bush. against 9,480 bush. last week and 25,415 bush. on like date last year. Sales were made at 34½¢ and 35½¢. *Barley*.—Stocks in store 174,414 bush. against 184,434 bush. last week and 197,960 bush. on like date last year. Moderate sales were made since we last wrote, within our range. *Peas*.—Stocks in store 23,022 bush. against 19,427 bush. last week and 52,360 bush. on like date last year. Nothing doing in this grain, and prices nominal.

FUEL.—The following are quotations of coal at Halifax, N.S., on 15 inst. Sydney or Little Grace Bay, per chaldron, \$5.50; Langan or New Campbellton, \$4.75; Block House or International, \$5.00; Acadia (at Richmond Depot) \$5.64; do, (at wharf) \$5.50; Drummond (at Richmond Depot) \$5.64; Albion (at Richmond Depot) \$5.25; Caledonia per chaldron, \$4.75; Anthracite per ton \$5.50.

GROCERIES.—Business is rather quiet in every department of groceries. The cheap railway fares have brought but few added customers, and these buy limited amounts. Payments are indifferent, and purchases of a staple character. *Fish* are quiet and no lots moving. *Fruit*, in but limited request. *Molasses* unchanged. The market for *sugars* is active with an upward tendency. The old country prices are higher than a fortnight ago, even deducting this weeks recession. Porto Rico is now quoted at 7½ to 8½¢; and Cuba 7½ to 8c; For English and Scotch refined some houses demand, 9c; for small parcels of very bright, but the general range is represented by our prices current, ground Cuba in large lots at 9½¢; Cut loaf and dry crushed are steady. There is no change worthy of note in *teas* which continue to sell in small lots of young hysons and Japans. *Liquors* are unchanged, and still very quiet.

HIDES AND SKINS.—It is officially announced from Washington that the proposed duty on hides and skins is not to be imposed but that these will be returned to their former position on the free list. The N. Y., hide market has been quiet for a fortnight, and sales are principally in small lots. Over 640,000 head of cattle, an unusual number, are reported to have been killed in South America up to 15th ult., but river Plate hides are reported scarce and firm in tone about that date. Small lots of cured *hides* have continued to sell here at 7½¢, and not so many No. 1, green have offered; *sheepskins* are in fair supply at the usual prices.

LEATHER.—Prices are in the main steady, and the demand very moderate. Bright slaughter *sole*, of light weight is most in request. Spanish not so active. *Upper* is wanted mostly in light weights, *Split*, *buff*, and *pebble*, quiet, good