

increase in the demand during the past week and the supply is equal to the wants of the buyers but does not exceed enquiries. All offerings have found sale at the quotations of last week. First class are still scarce and wanted at \$4.75 to 5.00 but most of what is offered as such is taken at \$4.50. Second class bring readily \$4.00 to 4.25 and third class have been taken readily in default of better at \$3.00 to 3.50. *Sheep*.—The supply appears to be very light and far short of the demand, which is active. Prices incline upwards. We quote, first class \$6.00 to 7.00. Second class are advanced to \$4.75 to 5.50 and third class sell at \$3.50 to 4.00. *Lambs*.—Receipts in these as in sheep have not been sufficient. The demand is active and first class would bring \$4.50; second class \$3.50 to 4.00, and third class \$3.00 to 3.25. *Calves*.—The demand is quiet and offerings are small. First class are worth \$10.00 to 12.00 and second class \$6.00 to 8.00. *Hogs*.—A fair number of live hogs are coming in and changing hands at \$5.75 for store and \$6.00 for fat.

**DRY GOODS**.—The value of the undermentioned articles, entered at the Toronto Custom House during the month of December, was as follows in comparison with the same month in 1874:—

	1874.	1875.
Woollens .....	\$39,150	\$35,443
Cottons .....	27,708	23,309
Silks and Velvets .....	6,244	1,967
Fancy Goods .....	33,249	17,420

The following is the value for the three months ending 31st December as compared with the same period in the previous year:—

	1874.	1875.
Woollens .....	\$202,418	\$166,376
Cottons .....	164,914	111,960
Silks and Velvets .....	30,264	27,893
Fancy Goods .....	136,652	96,833

The value for the year 1875 as compared with 1874 was as follows:—

	1874.	1875.
Woollens .....	\$2,431,537	\$1,775,941
Cottons .....	2,048,835	1,899,197
Silks and velvets .....	419,515	373,006
Fancy goods .....	908,896	783,726

**DRUGS**.—The market has been comparatively quiet, and has received very little attention from buyers. Prices are without the slightest change.

**FLOUR AND MEAL**.—*Flour*.—Stocks in store on the 17th inst., were 9,597 brls., against 13,155 on the corresponding date of last year. No improvement has taken place in the market, the demand is quiet and movements limited. Superior extra has changed hands during the week at \$4.75. Extra is firm, and sales were made at \$4.40 on the track. Fancy ruled nominal all week. Choice qualities of spring extra have sold at \$4.25 f.o.b., but for ordinary lots \$4.15 to 4.20 has been asked and not obtained. Yesterday no transactions were reported. There were buyers of spring extra at \$4.15, and extra was held at \$4.40. *Oatmeal*.—No movements in car lots are reported but they are obtainable at \$4.25 to 4.40. Small lots are steady at \$4.65 to 5.00. *Bran*.—No sales reported since our last; cars are worth \$12 on the track.

**GRAIN**.—Stocks in store on the 17th inst., wheat, 152,497 bush. fall; and 203,458 bush. spring; oats, 5,046 bush.; barley, 97,892 bush.; peas, 47,716 bush.; rye, 1,216 bush.; corn, 900 bush. Against wheat, 41,989 bush. fall; and 145,973 bush. spring; oats, 3,968 bush.; barley, 83,130 bush.; peas 47,468 bush.; rye 537 bush., and corn 10,142 bush. on the corresponding date of last year. *Wheat*.—A slight improvement has taken place in the demand and prices are firm. The latter part of last week and the beginning of the present No. 2 fall sold at \$1.02 f.o.c. In spring on Friday last No. 1 and 2 brought 97c f.o.c., on Saturday No. 1 sold at 98c f.o.c., and on Tuesday at 99c f.o.c. Yesterday the market was steady. No. 2 fall changed

hands at equal to \$1.01½ f.o.c. Spring was quiet with 98c f.o.c. bid for No. 1. *Oats*.—The market has remained steady with sales of car lots at 33½c and 34c on the track. The quotations would be repeated. *Barley*.—Prices are tending upwards as the demand is active and supplies are light. Saturday buyers paid 73c for No. 2, and 63c for No. 3 f.o.c. Monday No. 1 inspected brought 87c, car lots of No. 2 73c, and car lots of No. 3 63c all f.o.c. Yesterday the market was steady, with sales of No. 2 at 73c, and No. 3 at 63c f.o.c. No. 1 would have been taken at 87c. *Peas*.—The market is firm and transactions fair. Yesterday sales of No. 1 were reported at 74c on the track, and No. 2 at 74c f.o.b., these transactions would be repeated. *Rye* is worth 60c at farmers market, nothing doing in car lots. *Clover seed* is worth \$9 per hundred pounds.

**GROCERIES**.—*Coffee*.—The market has not improved any since our last. Java in small lots has sold at 32 to 33c; Rio is worth 23 to 25c; Jamaica 22 to 23c, and East Indian 26 to 26½c. *Fish*.—Labrador herrings are firmer and sales have been made at \$5.00 for lots and \$5.25 for small quantities; Trout are offering at \$3.25, and White-fish are scarce at \$3.50; Cod fish is quiet, and Sardines have sold at 20c for ½'s, and 10½c for ¼'s. *Fruit*.—Sales are small and there is little disposition on the part of dealers to press business. Layers are worth \$2.50; Valencias bring 8½c; Sultanias 14 to 16½c. Currants 7½ to 7½; prunes 6 to 6½c; loose muscatels \$2.75 to 2.80; London layers \$3.76 to 3.80; Malaga figs in mats \$6.00 to 6.25; Eleme figs in cases 15 to 16c. Filberts 9½c; walnuts 8c; new Brazil nuts 8c, and almonds 14½c. *Rice*.—We note no change. To country dealers prices range from \$4.25 to 4.40, and trade lots are obtainable at \$4.05 to 4.12½. *Liquors*.—Whiskey is fairly active at 95 to 96c wine measure for rye and malt, but other kinds are quiet. *Sugar*.—Dry crushed has been quiet at 9½ to 9½c, and in granulated sales were also small at 9½c. Crystalline is steady at 8½ to 9c. Yellow sugars have been more active, and lots of Cuba sold at 7½c for bright, and 7½c for ordinary color, while small lots changed hands at 7½c. Scotch has been fairly active; in bright, four lots brought 8½ to 8½c, and two lots of dark 7½c. Barbadoes and Porto Rico are quoted at 7½c. Montreal refined is scarce at 8½ to 8½c for small lots. *Syrup*.—There is no improvement in the trade as yet, but prices keep firm at past quotations. *Tea*.—Considerable enquiry has sprung up within the last week, and a number of sales have taken place principally in low grades. Lines of Young Hyson have changed hands at 30, 30½, 35, 36, 37, 37½c, and from 42 to 48c. In Japan lines have been moved at 38 to 38½c in low grades, and 46 to 52c for mediums. There is some enquiry for blacks, with small sales of Congou at 45 to 53c.

The following are the values of the undermentioned articles imported at Toronto during the month of December, as compared with the same month in 1874:—

	1874.	1875.
Sugar .....	lbs. 606,880	831,407
Tea (Green and Japan) .....	\$ 34,605	42,393
Tea (Black) .....	lbs. 242,252	71,515
	\$ 106,629	21,337
Cigars .....	lbs. 69,534	20,284
	\$ 23,766	8,763
Dried Fruit .....	lbs. 5,550	—
	\$ 4,713	—
	\$ 39,629	20,437

The following table is the recorded value for the three months ending 31st December as compared with the same period of 1874:—

	1874.	1875.
Sugar .....	\$146,397	\$137,458
Tea (Green and Japan) .....	180,306	103,549
Tea (Black) .....	26,205	31,549

Coffee (Green) ..... 22,612 23,085  
Cigars ..... 11,966 911  
Dried Fruit ..... 110,072 51,379  
The appended statement shows the value of these imports for 1875 in comparison with the previous year:—

	1874.	1875.
Sugar .....	\$504,645	\$506,917
Teas, (Green and Japan) ..	552,171	421,632
Tea, (Black) .....	64,187	105,479
Coffee, (Green) .....	39,194	58,002
Cigars .....	39,274	24,788
Dried Fruit .....	185,868	112,297

**HARDWARE**.—The trade is in a very quiet state. The demand seems to have entirely fallen off and dealers are doing no business worthy of note. Imports are small as the trade both here and abroad is in a very uncertain state and dealers are wisely making an effort in reducing liabilities. Prices remain without any change.

**PETROLEUM**.—Sales are fair for this season of the year, and there is no alteration in prices.

**PROVISIONS**.—*Butter*.—Supplies still continue small, but then there is little demand except for choice qualities. Select brings 19 to 20c. Shipping lots of good quality are changing hands at 16 to 17c. Inferior is worth 14c, and box butter 15 to 17c. *Cheese*.—There is nothing doing beyond a small movement to the local trade at 10½ to 11½c. *Eggs*.—The demand is light, and the small receipts are sufficient. Lots are worth 18 to 19c. *Pork*.—Mess is selling at \$21 for small lots, which is the only movement to note. *Bacon*.—There is some demand for future delivery, and lots of 1,000 and 2,000 sides have changed hands at 8½c to be delivered on the first of March. Small lots are easier at 10 to 10½c, and tons could probably be bought as low as 9½c. Rolls bring 12½ to 13½c, and long clear 11c. *Hams*.—Smoked sell at 13 to 13½c, and pickled are worth 11½c. *Lard*.—Tinnets sell steadily in small lots at 14c. Larger quantities are worth 13½c. *Hogs*.—Prices have advanced and as high as \$7.10 has been paid, and prices may be considered as ranging from \$7 to 7.10. *Dried Apples* are unchanged at 7 to 7½c for loose, and 8½ to 8½c in barrels.

**SALT**.—The market is firm at \$1.15 to 1.20 for Canadian, \$1.10 to 1.20 for Liverpool fine, and \$1 to 1.10 for coarse Liverpool.

**WOOL**.—A number of small lots of pulled have been taken by dealers at the former range of prices 25 to 28c. Fleece is nominal at 34c.

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EXPLANATION.

In order to prevent any misapprehension which may have arisen in consequence of the issue of a Writ of Attachment against A. F. A. Knight, Esq., at the suit of James G. Ross, Esq., the undersigned Inspectors of the Insolvent Estate of Benson Bennett & Co., believe it due to Mr. Knight to explain that the Writ of Attachment was not issued on account of any wrong-doing whatever on the part of Mr. Knight, but merely as the most expeditious mode of testing an important legal question, as to the existence, extent or nature of Mr. Knight's partnership with the Firm named.

J. PORTEOUS, Inspector.  
JAS. G. ROSS, Inspector.  
F. VEZINA, Inspector.

January, 15, 1876.