

fish during the past week, and as stocks are not very heavy, prices are firmly maintained *Dry Cod* \$5.25 to 5.50; *Green Cod* \$5.50 to 7.50; *Labrador Herrings* \$6.00; *Salmon* \$12 \$11 & \$10 for Nos. 1 & 2 & 3 respectively.

FURS—The accounts from the London fur sales have been received. Muskrats suffered a decline of 30 or 40 per cent. and Beaver 15 to 20 per cent. these were the only kinds sold. In our market all furs have a downward tendency but in the present state of trade dealers are very cautious about buying. Spring rats will soon be coming in but as yet no price has been established. We do not change any of our quotations yet, but only good skins would command the prices quoted last week.

FLOUR—The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st inst. were 51,372 bbls, against 52,782 bbls on the 15th ulto, and 57,683 barrels on the 1st February 1876. Receipts during the past week 9639 barrels; Total receipts from 1st. January to date 35,602 barrels being an increase of 12,572 bbls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1876. The flour market this week has been steady but inactive, and what business was done being chiefly to supply the consumptive demand, yesterday buyers were more inclined to hold off, looking for a break in the prices ruling during the week. To-day there was rather more doing but nothing like activity yet exists. We quote *Superior Extra* \$7.00 to 7.10; *Extra*, \$6.70 to 6.75; *Fancy* \$6.45 to 6.50; *Spring Extra* \$6.15 to 6.25; *Superfine*, \$5.85 to 5.90 *Strong Bakers Flour*, \$6.55 to 6.70; *Fine*, \$5.45 to 5.60; *Middlings* \$4.75 to 5.00; *Pollards*, \$4.25 to 4.50; *Oatmeal*, 5.40; to \$5.50; *Cornmeal*, \$3.10.

GRAIN—*Wheat*—The stock in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st inst. was 71,874 bushels; against 83,874 bushels on the 15 inst. and 247,267 bush. on the 1st of February 1876. There is nothing doing in the grain market on which to base quotations which are still quite nominal. We hear of no sales yet for May delivery nor of any inquiry.

GROCERIES—*Tea*—Japan.—The following is the last report by mail from MESSRS. CHAS. THOREL & Co., dated "Yokohama, 23rd December, 1876, reports generally speaking an almost inactive market." In our market Teas have been firmer. The advance in the price in New York has rather augmented the demand here, and prices obtained for Japans ranged from 20c to 60c. according to grades. Green Teas have also been taken in small lots. Young Hyson, 40c to 65c. Twankay is in some request, 20c to 28c. *Coffee* has met with nothing more than the usual consumptive demand, if anything the market is rather weaker; our quotations for job lots are unchanged, but for round lots some reduction would have to be made in order to effect sales. We quote Java, 30 to 32c; Maracaibo, 24 to 25c; Laguayra, 24 to 25c; Rio, 23 to 26c. *Sugar*—Although some improvement is noticeable in the demand, it is small compared with the quantity held here, and is confined to the supply of local wants. Scotch refined, 9½ to 9½c; dry crushed, 11 to 12½c; granulated, 10½ to 11½c; the market for white sugar closes rather firmer. Raw sugars are dull and inactive holders asking from 9 to 9½c. *Molasses*—Very little doing, and market has ruled weak with a downward tendency for Barbadoes, which has been selling at 46c; Sugar House, 26 to 29c asked. These are the only kinds held here, and are mainly in one hand. *Rice* has been in moderate demand, sales averaging \$4.25 to 4.50 according to quality. *Spices*—We have no change to report in price but the stocks are only moderate holders are firm in their views there have been small sales of most articles at our quotations; Black pepper 11½c; White do. 19 to 21c; Nutmegs 65 to 90c Cassia 15 to 17c; *Fruit*—Layer raisins are

cheap and at present prices do not pay the importers, business in most kinds of fruit is confined to the sale of job lots to the trade, and even this has only been to a very limited extent. Layer raisins \$1.45 to 1.57½; Valencias 6½ to 7½c; Seedless 7 to 7½; Sultanas 9½ to 10½c; Currants our late quotations of 6½ to 7c is barely maintained and we hear of no sales over 6½c Turkey figs 8 to 11c; Prunes 5 to 5½c; Filberts 8 to 8½c; Walnuts 5 to 8½c, others are unchanged.

HIDES—The market is quiet the supply is small but ample for present requirements, prices have declined \$1.00 all round and we now quote No. 1 hides \$7.00; No 2 \$6.00; No 3 ditto \$5.00.

HARDWARE—No improvement in this trade can be noted since the date of our last report; all lines seem to be quiet in the extreme and consequently the transactions for the past week have been of a very meagre sort, and no inducements can be offered to merchants to speculate. Prices remain nominally unchanged.

LEATHER—The market improves but slowly, and with increased receipts prices are in buyers favour. Shipments to England continue and this helps to rid the market of the surplus. *Spanish* sole meets with only moderate enquiry, and ordinary stock is rather weaker. *Slaughter* sells fairly, but outside quotations are obtainable only for choice stock. *Upper* both waxed and grain neglected for the moment. *Splits* sell freely but without improvement in price. *Harness* and *Russetts* are dull and neglected. Measured leather in inactive. Our quotations for this week are.—Hemlock Spanish sole No. B. A. 25 to 26c; do. No. 2, 23 to 23½c; No. 1 Orinoco 24 to 25c; No. 2 ditto 22 to 23c; Zanzibar Spanish sole No. 1 22 to 23c; do. No. 2 19 to 21c; Buffalo sole No. 1, 22 to 23; do. No. 2, 20 to 21c; Hemlock slaughter 26 to 28c, waxed upper light and medium 35 to 38c; do. heavy 33 to 36c; grained upper 35 to 77c; splits large 25 to 31c; do. small 16 to 22c; calfskins 27 to 36 lbs, 55 to 70c; do 18 to 26 lbs 50 to 65c; sheepskin linings 20 to 35c; harness 22 to 28c; buffed cow 14 to 16c per ft.; enamelled cow 17 to 19c; patent cow 17 to 19c; pebbled cow 14 to 16c; rough leather 22 to 26c.

OILS—The demand for fish oils has rather improved during the past week; stocks are light and quotations are firm. *Cod oil* 62½ to 65c; *Seal oil* pale, 62½c; ditto straw, 56 to 57½c; ditto steam refined, 65c; *Linseed* raw, 59c; ditto boiled, 63c; *Olive oil*, 95c to \$1.00; *Petroleum*—Stocks held here are light, and prices are firm; car lots, 38 to 39c; small lots and single barrels, 40 to 41c.

PROVISIONS—*Butter*—Receipts during the week, 578 packages; shipments, 1000 packages; market for butter is firm, but not very active; holders are not pressing sales, and business has been confined to the supply of local wants. Shipping parcels of really good butter could scarcely be placed at our quotations, viz., from 20 to 24c for choice western to eastern townships. *Cheese*—Shipments this week foot up to 3,626 boxes; market dull at 12 to 13½c according to make. *Pork*—Receipts for the week have been 425 bbls; no shipments; market weak and inactive. Mess pork \$20.00 to 20.50; thin mess \$18.50 to 19.00. *Lard* quiet at 11½ to 13c. *Tallow* is nominal at 8½c for rendered; ditto, in the rough, 5½c per lb.

SALT—Nothing of any consequence stirring in this market and quotations may be taken as nominal. Coarse 60c; Fine 70 to 80c; Factory filed \$1.20 to 1.25.

WOOL—The stock of wool held here is small and mostly in one hand. The demand has improved somewhat and there has been more inquiry the past week than for some time back, and prices are the turn better. We quote, Super 28 to 30c; Unassorted 26½ to 28c; Black 26 to 28c.

TORONTO MARKET.

TORONTO, Feb. 8, 1877.

The produce market for the week has been steady but inactive; the stocks in store of wheat are less than half what they were at this date last year, while of barley they are more than double. Flour stocks are small, being about half those of 1875. English advices state that stocks of foreign wheat are greatly reduced, while the British yield is in bad condition owing to the wet weather, circumstances which indicate that a firm tone will characterize the English market for this grain. Of Maize, Beerbohm's *Journal* states the supply in English ports at 100,000 quarters, five times that of 1875 and twelve times that of 1874; in fact "the country is full of it, as a sponge with water" and the price of course low. The stocks of barley, says the same authority, are about the same as in former years, the trade steady, and the price advanced about 1/- per quarter.

The total visible supply of grain in store and in transit as compiled by the *Mail* are: wheat 11,921,143 bush., corn 12,359,453 bush., barley 4,482,738 bush., on 27th ult. against wheat 16,991,979 bush., corn 4,250,692 bush., barley 2,096,015 bush., on corresponding date last year.

The stock market both here and in Montreal has been inactive. Bank stocks have moved in only small lots. Insurance shares showed firmness. Debentures & Loan Company stocks unchanged and dull. Hardware dealers report fair enquiry for spring delivery. Dry Goods move in very small parcels. Provisions are quiet and in the main unchanged. Not much is doing in hides, while leather dealers say that movement is freer than last week, at firm prices. Some lines of groceries have made an approach to activity. A trade sale of tea, rice, fruits &c. damaged at the late fire in Hamilton was held on Tuesday and moderate prices realized.

BOOTS AND SHOES—Nothing new to report in this line, orders have come in tolerably well and are being filled with much less celerity, and more regard to payments than last season. Prices as per list.

CATTLE—Inferior grades plentiful as usual, but few first class *Beves* to be had, prices \$5.00 to 5.25 for choice firsts; \$4.00 to 4.50, and \$3.25 to 3.50 for seconds and thirds respectively. *Sheep*—Receipts five cars. First-class \$8 to 9; seconds \$6.00; thirds \$4 to 4.50 for city sale. *Lambs* are wanted at former prices. Calves rather more plentiful, but many of them too young and underfed.

FLOUR AND MEAL—*Flour*—Stocks in store, 7,503 bbls. against 7,803 last week, and 14,614 on like date last year. But little has been doing during the week; prices are stationary, and the feeling firm. Superior extra we quote \$6.30; extra, \$6.40; fancy, \$6.10 to 6.15; spring extra, \$5.90, at which figure a sale of 300 bbls. was made on Tuesday; we hear also of a small parcel of choice changing hands at \$6 f. o. c. *Oatmeal*—No change in prices. We quote \$5.25 for car lots.

GRAIN—*Wheat*—Stocks in store: fall 64,908 bush., spring 155,175 bush., against fall 205,456, spring 323,203 bushels on corresponding date last year. The market is firm \$1.40 offered for No. 2 and car lots of No. 3 changed hands at \$1.30 f. o. c. Sales of No. 1 spring are reported yesterday at \$1.34 f. o. b and No. 2 changed hands at \$1.32 f. o. c. on Tuesday. *Oats*—Stocks in store 19,878 bush, against 4650 bushels last year. Car lots bring 47 to 48c on track, American also on track at 44c. *Barley* Stocks in store 363,456 bushels against 150,425 last year at this time. The market is quiet for this grain, No. 1 Northern can be bought at 79c f. o. c. No. 2 at 67 to 70c; very little changing hands. *Peas*—Stocks in store 47,808 bushels against 71,815 bushels same date last year. No sales to report.