

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

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The excited condition in European financial markets has not extended hither, for there is plenty of money to be had by good marks at six per cent. Operations in stock have been limited for the week, and prices remain without noteworthy change from last Thursday. Grain and provisions are quiet, albeit prices were unsettled by the breaking of the Chicago grain corner. Payments are for the most part good, affected, however, in some localities, by the unseasonable weather and bad roads.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Flour.—The market is dull; odd cars of superior and extra have changed hands at quotations. Stocks in store are 6,220 bbls., against 5,045 bbls. last week. Oatmeal is steady at unchanged prices. Bran is in active demand; \$14.50 has been paid and \$15 is now asked.

GRAIN.—The total of grain in store is 60,000 bushels less than last year, but 32,000 bushels more than last week. All grains are quiet here. The Chicago market broke on Monday, some 6,000,000 bushels being held "cornered," and No. 2 spring ran down from \$1.35 to \$1.31 by Tuesday, but recovered to \$1.34 yesterday. The English market has been easy, but improved somewhat within a day or two. Stocks in store of spring wheat are 72,452 bushels, as compared with 68,105 bushels last week, and 66,333 bushels at a like time in 1881. Some trifling sales have been made at within our range. Fall wheat.—Stocks 206,384 bushels, against 183,303 last week, and 92,077 last year. Oats are firm at 40c. for No. 1 and 38c. for No. 2. Stocks in store are 8,313 bushels, same as last week. Barley has been selling in all grades at about quotations, but is now the turn easier. The stocks in store are 326,677 bushels, against 321,284 bushels last week, and 459,951 bushels at a like time last year. Peas.—The price is steadily maintained, but very little business doing. Stocks in store, 15,274 bushels, against 15,012 bushels last week, and 67,943 bushels last year. Rye, steady; 16,673 bushels in store, against 15,277 bushels last week.

HIDES, &c.—Market weak, and prices of green dropped to 7 1/2c. for cows and 8 1/2c. for steers, with cured 8 1/2c. to 9 1/2c. Large orders have been taken at the reduced figures, and there is a prospect that prices will now be steady. PROVISIONS.—We have no advance to note on our last quotations, but values are firmly maintained. In Chicago, Mess Pork declined 50c. per bbl., sympathetically with the break in wheat, but yesterday had recovered to the highest point, \$18.70. Dressed Hogs of heavy average have sold in car lots here at \$8.50 per 100 lbs., while on the farmers' market as high as \$8.75 has been paid by butchers. Butter remains in the same condition, stocks again accumulating, with no shipping demand; rolls are dull and easy at from 15c. to 17c. as to quality. Cheese is dull, at unchanged prices. Eggs rather easier, selling at 19c. to 20c. Dried Apples quiet, no transactions of any moment transpiring. White Beans.—None in market.

There is a decline of 1,010,000 in the number of hogs packed this season, which is equal to over 17 per cent. And compared with a year ago, the advance in prices is \$1.50 per 100 pounds gross on hogs, or 2 1/2 per cent.; \$5.15 per bbl. on mess pork, or 3 1/2 per cent.; \$2.35 per 100 lbs. on lard, or 2 1/2 per cent.; \$2.45 per 100 lbs. on sides, or 3 1/2 per cent. Exports to date since Nov. 1, of bacon and pork 149,000,000 lbs., or 79,000,000 lbs. less than a year ago, and of lard 76,000,000 lbs., or 19,000,000 less than a year ago. Special reports to the Cincinnati Price Current show the number of hogs packed from November 1 to date, and latest mail dates, at the undermentioned places, with comparisons, as follows:

Table with columns for location, 1882, 1881, and 1880-81. Locations include Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Louisville, Kansas City, Cedar Rapids, St. Joseph, Sabula, Iowa, Atlantic, Des Moines, Peoria, Ill.

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