

PROVISIONS.—*Pork*—There are no wholesale transactions reported, but there has been a good demand for local consumption in small parcels. Mess pork, \$17.50 to 18.50; thin mess, \$17 to 17.50; prime pork, \$14.50 to 15; extra prime pork, \$13 to 14; hams, smoked, 12c. to 13c. *Beef*—Market dull. Prime mess in tierces, \$27.75 to 28.50. *Butter*—Receipts, 273 kegs; shipments, 236 kegs. The demand has been very light, except for the best qualities of new dairy butter, for which 17c. to 18c. has been paid, fair to good samples bringing 14c. to 16c., and common to medium, 10c. to 13c. *Cheese*—Receipts, 325 boxes; shipments only 82 boxes. The demand has been very light, and prices are nominal. Fine old factory 9c. to 10c.; inferior grades being unsaleable. *Lard*—Dull, at 9c. to 11c. as to quality. *Tallow*—Firm and steady at \$8 to 8.50, but there is hardly any enquiry for it; unrendered tallow is worth about 5c. per lb.

Rice—Remains steady. Aracan, \$4.50 to 4.75; Rangoon, \$4 to 4.50. At these rates a fair amount of business has been done.

SALT.—The current prices are for fine, 73c. to 75c.; coarse, 62½c. to 65c.; and factory filled, \$1.35 to 1.45. A sale of a barge load of old salt was reported at 60c., but 65c. is asked for new.

WOOL.—Reports state that considerable quantities of fleece wool are coming into the western markets, but as yet none of it has found its way here; prices are steady, fleece wool, 29c to 32c; pulled wool super, 28c to 30c; ditto No. 1, 23c to 25c; ditto black, 25c to 27c.

TORONTO MARKET.

Trade has been somewhat quiet during the past week, with little worthy of special notice. The reports from the country are not encouraging, but rather the reverse. With the exception of Fall Wheat, which has been widely sown, and which will give a magnificent yield, the crops are represented in many sections to be scarcely worth harvesting. Spring Wheat will undoubtedly be a small crop. Barley has not been sown over nearly so wide an acreage as last year, and the yield promises to be very light in consequence of the extreme drouth. The straw is very short, and there are consequently fears of the grain not being saved in good condition. With regard to the probable price of the coming crop, it is difficult as yet to form an intelligent opinion, though it is expected that the season will open at figures higher than those that have ruled for some time back, perhaps very much higher; and this will certainly take place should there be as is possible only half a crop harvested. A recent letter from a large Cincinnati dealer asking information concerning prospects in Canada as affecting prices there, contains the following as to the crop in Ohio and elsewhere:—"We are now (June 12) in the midst of our harvest. Nearly all the barley in this part of the country is now cut, and is in good condition. It will be superior in quality to the crop of last season, and it is thought will exceed it in quantity. Accounts from the Northwest are favorable, and with good weather they expect a large crop of good barley. It is supposed the quantity will considerably exceed that of last season." Oats is also a very short crop, and in many sections much of it has been ploughed up. Hay will be deficient in quantity, but the quality will be good. Potatoes would have been a good crop but for the Colorado Beetle, and the ultimate yield cannot now be even guessed at. The Wool clip has been large and of excellent quality, and good prices are being paid, with an active demand from the United States for all combing qualities which Canada has to sell. Country merchants are as a rule very unfavorably impressed with the prospects of the coming season, and they find it even now difficult to make collections, and consequently are getting somewhat behind hand with their remittances. It is much to be feared that trade has been greatly overdone

this Spring, and that this is the case can hardly admit of a doubt when it is considered that a very large increase in importations—30 per cent. as compared with last year has taken place, with no corresponding progress, either in the population or resources of the country. It is the duty of importers to restrain over purchases, as if by any combination of circumstances there should be commercial disaster, they will not be likely to come off unscathed in the financial storm.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Business has been quiet during the past week, and there is no change to note in quotations.

DRUGS.—Trade is still moderately active in this branch of business, but less so than for some weeks. Prices remain firm for leading articles, and there are no alterations to make.

DRY GOODS.—The inactivity ordinarily experienced at this season of the year still exists. Prices of cotton goods are very firm, in consequence of advancing values in the English markets. Yarns have sympathized most rapidly with this improvement, and an advance of \$10 a bale has taken place. Grey and white cottons, prints, &c., &c., however, have undergone no change in price.

GROCERIES.—There has only a moderate business been transacted in general goods during the past week, although for staples there has existed a good demand, with still stiffening prices. *Coffee*—Is quiet and unchanged, though prices continue firm. *Fruit*—Raisins have been inactive, but are firm, especially for Valentias, on which an advance of 5c. has taken place in New York. Currants are in fair demand, with no change to make in quotations. *Rice*—Aracan is in fair supply and demand at former prices. Rangoon has become somewhat scarce, and is enquired for at improved rates; now quoted at \$4.40 to 4.50, with buyers of round lots at \$4.30 and even higher. *Spices*—Not much doing, nor any alteration to notice in prices. *Sugars*—Raws have been in active request during the past week, and holders have been enabled to sell at advancing rates, but are not particularly anxious to reduce stocks. The stock consists chiefly of Cuba in boxes, held at 9½c. to 10c. for ordinary grocery samples, and 10½c. to 10¾c. for bright, with sales to some extent at these prices. Porto Rico in hogsheads is held at 10½c. to 10¾c., and a cargo of very fair Barbadoes just arrived is offered at 9½c. to 10c. Refined sugars have also been freely enquired for, and a good many lots, chiefly medium grade yellows, have found buyers at full prices. *Teas*—There has been a steady demand from the country trade, although but few transactions in round lots have been reported. Fine and low Young Hysons and Blacks have sold pretty freely, with only an ordinary business in other kinds. Prices are firm but nominally unaltered. *Tobacco*—Is quiet and unaltered in price.

HARDWARE.—The demand for goods is still active, with buyers still anxious to obtain immediate delivery of their goods. There is no change whatever to note in quotations.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Hides—Canadian are coming in slowly, and buyers have advanced their prices for green, now paying 8c. for No. 1, and 7c. for No. 2. The market is well supplied with Chicago hides, but prices are firm, and a small advance on quotations might in some instances be obtained. *Catskins*—Are abundant, with very indifferent demand, but prices are still maintained. *Sheepskins*—Very few offering, with prices according to quality. *Lambskins*—A good many are now coming in, but all arriving are readily taken at the current price, which is now advanced to 40c.

LEATHER.—The market continues exceedingly dull for all descriptions of stock, with the exception of *Spanish Sole*, which is in very limited supply, with a ready sale for all offering.

PAINTS AND OILS.—Trade is moderately active, but less so than previously. Prices are without alteration.

PETROLEUM.—There is a very trifling demand

at present either from the regular trade or for speculation, and prices are without further change.

PRODUCE.—The market has continued dull and drooping, the tendency of the English markets having been downwards, with no present prospect of any improvement. *Flour*—Has had little enquiry except for retail lots to supply immediate local wants, and to fill some orders from the lower provinces. Holders have again been forced to yield somewhat in their demands, and prices have gradually receded. The sales during the week included 100 brls spring wheat extra at \$5.50 f.o.c.; 200 brls fancy at \$5.50 f.o.b.; 100 brls ditto at \$5.40 at Norval; 100 brls ditto at \$5.50 f.o.c.; 300 brls No. 1 super at \$5 at Rockwood, and 100 brls spring wheat extra at \$5.50 f.o.c. Some lots are reported to have been placed for the lower provinces, but if so, terms have been kept strictly private. Stock in store on the 15th inst. was 18,000 brls. *Wheat*—There has been a fair demand for both white and spring during the week at about previous prices. The principal sales made public were of 10,000 bush. No. 2 spring at \$1.23 f.o.b.; one car No. 1 fall at \$1.30 f.o.c.; 2,000 bush. No. 1 spring inspected at \$1.26 f.o.b.; and 1,500 bush ditto at \$1.25 f.o.b.; 1,000 bush. midge-proof at \$1.26 f.o.b.; one car spring at \$1.26 f.o.c.; four cars ditto bagged at \$1.25 f.o.c. The stock in store on the 15th inst. consisted of 23,433 bush. fall and 42,841 bush. spring wheat. *Barley*—The impression gaining ground that the growing crop in Canada will be very deficient in quantity, has led to some enquiry, and rather better prices than heretofore have been obtained for a few lots changing hands. No. 1 may now be quoted at 62 to 65c, and No. 2 at 58c. The stock here is not large, consisting on the 15th inst. of only 27,000 bush. *Oats*—Have been offering freely, and sales have been made during the week at 47 to 47½c. Towards the close there was rather more firmness exhibited, and 48c was demanded and in some instances obtained for cars on the track. Two cars of bagged lately sold at 50c delivered. There were 67,213 bush. in store on the 15th inst. *Peas*—Very little has been done during the week. At the close a lot of nearly 2,000 bush. changed hands at 85c f.o.c., and one car at 80c delivered. Buyers are offering 75 to 80c for ordinary to No. 1 samples. *Hay*—The receipts have not been heavy and the market is firm, prices ranging from \$12 to 15 at the close. *Straw*—Is scarce and needed, and worth from \$9 to 12.

PROVISIONS.—There has not been much enquiry from heavy buyers or for shipment during the past week, but the local demand for provisions has been more than usually active.

Butter—Receipts, though improving slightly, are still light. Strictly choice, of which, however, the supply is small, would fetch from 14½c to 15c, while fair to ordinary is a slow sale at 13c to 14c. *Cheese*—New arrives about as fast as required for city needs, and sells at 11c to 12c, according to quantity. *Eggs*—Are in light supply, quoted at about 11c for packed. *Lard*—Sells to a limited extent at 11c to 11½c. *Pork*—Mess is stagnant, with only retail sales at \$18. *Bacon and Hams*—Have had a fair demand. A couple of tons Canada bacon were placed at 9c, and 200 canvassed hams at 13c.

SALT.—The competition between manufacturers of Canadian salt has completely broken down the market, and sales were made as low as \$1.10 for car-loads. At the close holders were less disposed to accept lowest quotations, and \$1.15 was the asking price for cars. It was stated that an attempt was being made by manufacturers to come to some agreement by which prices may be maintained at a point to afford them some reasonable profit.

WOOL.—A large business has been done during the past week, and sales will probably foot up to not far from 400,000 lbs. The market, under the influence of an advance in England and the presence of large orders from the United States, has steadily advanced, with active buyers at the close at from 36c. to 37c. according to quality.