

SALT.—There is not much doing, occasional car lots of *coarse* are sold at about 65c; *Factory* filled \$1.00 to 1.10.

WOOL.—The demand for wool has fallen away again, but even if there was any activity in the market there is very little domestic wool here, our quotation of 25 to 27c for unassorted wool is nominally unchanged.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, 11th Dec., 1879.

Whatever activity characterized the general trade of the city within the week has been very unequally distributed. The dry goods trade has been very quiet, so has that of groceries, while provisions were dull. All these were doubtless more or less affected by the prolonged soft weather. Boot and shoe merchants are looking eagerly for frost and snow to help business and collections. The leather market is very firm and moderately active. Hardware has moved perhaps better than any other line during the week, the stiffness in values continuing. Flour and grain have undergone an advance since we last wrote, and demand for both has been active, checked however by the firm attitude of holders. Cattle have been inactive, hides and skins steady, but wool is excited and moving in large quantities at high prices.

Bank and other stocks show movement although rather less buoyant in tone than at the close of last week. Toronto sold on Monday at 116, Commerce at 119½ on Tuesday here and 120 outside. Ontario on Wednesday at 72½; Merchants which sold in Montreal at 89½ is held here at 91. Federal 101½ bid, 102 asked. A number of small transactions took place in loan society stocks; on Monday Union sold at 129½, Imperial at 110, Building and Loan at 95½, Ontario at 132, for Canada Permanent, 182 and 183 was offered, and for Freehold 144.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—But a quiet trade is doing at present, it is between seasons. Prices and terms are, as we elsewhere notice, dividing the attention of manufacturers with stock-taking. Country collections are meantime difficult, the roads being bad, and remittances are frequently inadequate. Prices are higher in some staple lines, as we indicate in the prices current, *e. g.* Men's Kip and Calf boots, and Congress gaiters women's batts and pegged Balls. When the prices of spring goods come to be revised, some decided advance may be looked for. It must come, but there is much coyness, apparently, about beginning it.

FLOUR.—Stocks in store 16,650 brls. against 12,050 brls. last week and 6,100 brls. on like date last year. A continual advance in British markets has sent prices up here 15 to 20c. all round since we last wrote. American markets, too, are stronger and there is a great disposition here to buy, which is only hindered by the advanced views of holders. Round lots and cars of flour have changed hands during the week at our figures. Superior extra selling at \$5.75 and spring extra at \$5.40.

GRAIN.—The grain market has advanced within the week, prices of all grains except oats being higher. **Wheat.**—Fall.—Stocks in store are 134,092 bush. against 149,788 bush. last week, and 36,783 bush. on like date last year. Old country prices advanced 3d. to 4d. and the feeling is stronger; the West has also advanced and buyers here are more plentiful and more anxious than sellers, being less particular about

quality and anxious only to secure shipping lots. We hear of round lots, No. 2 changing hands at \$1.29 and all grades having advanced from 4 to 5c. **Wheat.**—Spring.—Stocks in store 99,912 bush. against 77,929 bush. last week and 51,230 bush. on like date last year. There is much inquiry, and a disposition to buy, but holders are very firm and not anxious to sell even at this week's advance, which is equal to 3 to 4c. Some round lots of No. 2 have sold at \$1.27, and this price would probably be still paid. **Oats.**—Stocks in store 212 bush. against 240 bush. last week and 12,688 bush. on like date last year. The market is dull and lower: receipts have been considerable (although they do not show in the warehouse returns, being mostly sold on track,) and as the demand is only local, there is a present over supply. We quote 36 and 34 for No. 1 and 2. **Barley.**—Stocks in store 138,167 bush. against 181,288 bush. last week and 134,647 bush. on like date last year. Last week witnessed a spurt of enquiry, to complete shipments by lake, this caused an advance of several cents over the quotations of last week. Demand has fallen off now that navigation has done, and the market closes dull, though the advanced prices are nominally unchanged. We quote, say, 76, 66c and 56c for Nos. 1, 2, & 3. **Peas.**—Stocks in store 26,390 bush. against 14,826 bush. last week and 29,639 bush. on like date last year. A good demand for shipment is apparent, and prices are better. No. 1 we now quote 67 to 68c. and No. 2, 66c firm.

GROCERIES.—In this branch of trade, there is a moderate and healthy business doing; prices generally are firm, though the upward movement appears to have spent itself. Remittances are fair. **Coffees** are steady at unchanged prices. **Fruit**, after much activity and buoyant prices, has quieted down, and is steady at quotations. **Spices** maintain their value, and nuts are being more asked for as the Christmas season approaches. No change to note in **Syrups**. Although it cannot be quoted lower, the sugar market is slightly easier in tone, granulated we quote ½c lower, but all others unchanged. **Teas** are in exceedingly light stock in town, and have not yet reached the price which they would require to cover importation. Prices in New York for lines are slightly easier, but in England they are firm.

HARDWARE.—A very fair steady business is doing, orders from travellers are moderate, and house purchases numerous but not large. Prices of all commodities in this line are held firm. **Ingot tin** maintains its price as noted last week, **tin plates** are firm, and for Canada **plates** no less than our quotations would be accepted. Another advance has taken place in galvanized **iron** and we raise our prices ½c. all round.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The price of hides has reached a giddy point; old dealers tell us that they have never in their experience known such prices. On Saturday last by common consent, apparently the figure paid for **green** was dropped to 10 and 9c which is now being paid and a good many are coming in. It is possible to get 10½c. for **inspected**, a car sold at that price on Tuesday, and small lots later. Not many **Calf-skins** offering, but they are taken and cured sell slowly at our quotations. There is no stated price for sheepskins which are paid for according to their quality some bring \$1.10 and some as high as \$1.50 and are offering freely day by day.

LEATHER.—In other lines than sole, the demand seems to be temporarily quiet, but considerable lots of Spanish continue to move, and B. A. and slaughter good are getting into few hands, 29 and 30 is now asked for lots of choice. **Harness** as well as **upper** is firm, prices in other lines continue as quoted. A Paris cable of Wednesday announces an advance of 20 per cent in **French calf**, which makes prices very firm in this market. **Oils** are firmly held; **Ma-**

PROVISIONS.—The continued mild weather has prevented much activity in packing operations, hogs in car loads would be taken at \$5.75 here, and the movement is upward. It is expected that \$6.00 will be paid for them as soon as the weather hardens to permit extended operations. We do not change quotations, which are almost nominal in the absence of transactions, with the exception of **lard**, for which there is a good demand owing to the high price of butter. For **butter** there is fair demand from the local trade, 20 to 22c. is obtained for choice tub, with 20 to 21c for large rolls. **Cheese** is steady, with small sales at current prices. **Dried Apples** are firm, though there is no active demand. **Hops.**—We are told that in Montreal, brewers are stocked with hops bought last year at 7 to 9c. for which this year they would have to pay 26 to 30c. Sales have been made in Montreal at 33 to 35c. with 15 to 18 for inferior. New York and Chicago advices say prices are lower by 3 to 5c. and German hops are pouring into Britain.

WOOL.—The demand from the United States continues active, and large shipments have been made since we last wrote, probably a number more will be made for Eastern. American buyers are still negotiating, Canadian wool bids fair to be all cleared out by this means, and the prices are noteworthy. Our city dealers have paid 31c. within the week for lots of 4000 and 3000 lbs. **ulled**, 30c. is readily paid to day; 31c has been paid for several round lots *fiore*. Extra brings 35c.

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