

\$1.57½ to 1.65; loose Muscatels, \$1.85 to 1.90; London layers, \$2.25 to 2.50; Sultanas, 7½ to 8½; Valencia, 5½ to 6c; Seedless, 6½ to 7c; Currants, 6 to 6½c; No. prunes in market. Figs, 10 to 12c, according to size of box. Tarragona almonds, 12 to 14c; Filberts, 6½ to 8½c; Brazil nuts 6 to 7c. *Salt*.—Stock nearly all in one hand holders are firm and ask 75 to 80c for coarse factory filled \$1.00 to 1.10.

HIDES AND PELTS.—Market quiet and since the decline noted last week there has been no change in prices. We quote No. 1 hides \$8.00; No. 2, ditto \$7.00; No. 3, ditto 6.00; sheepskins as usual at the beginning of the month are a little dearer and we now quote them 90 to \$1.00.

HARDWARE.—Business seems now to be at a standstill owing to the want of good winter roads. The unfortunate suspension of two houses in this line, the last being Messrs. R. H. Ives, & Co., have somewhat unsettled matters in this trade. The rumours which were rife last week about other houses going to follow, seems to be without foundation. Merchants now stock taking, which will occupy the balance of the year. Prices are nominally unchanged, but holders are more inclined to be stiff, as no addition to stocks are expected for some time and freights are high.

LEATHER.—The demand for the shoe trade continues light; as receipts are ample stocks are accumulating, prices are steady, and with dear hides there is no room for any decline. Prospects are favorable for a steady trade when the boot and shoe houses gets fully to work on their spring orders. We quote *Hemlock Spanish Sol* No. 1, B. A., 23 to 25c; do. No. 2, B. A. 21 to 22c; *Zanzibar Ordinary* No. 1 21 to 22c; do. No. 2 19 to 20 *Buffalo Sole* No. 1, 20 to 21; do. No. 2, 18 to 19c; *Hemlock Slau hier* No. 1, 26 to 28c, *Waxed Upper* light and medium 39 to 40c; do. heavy 33 to 36c; *Grained* 34 to 39c; *Splits* large, 28 to 32c; do. small 21 to 27c; *Calfskins* 27 to 36 lbs., 55 to 70c; do 18 to 26 lbs. do. 50 to 60c; *Sheepskin Linings* 20 to 32c; *Harness* 23 to 31c; *Buffed cow* 15 to 16c; *Enamelled cow* 17 to 18c; *Patent Cow* 16 to 18c; *Pebbled Cow* 15 to 16c; *Rough Leather* 24 to 27c.

OILS.—Market quiet. There were large sales made last week of seal and cod oil at about quoted rates. Stocks are now light. We quote *cod oil*, Newfoundland, 55c; ditto, Halifax, 52½c. *seal oil*, pale, 52½c; ditto, straws, 50c; ditto, steam refined, 60c. *Linseed oil*, raw, 65 to 67½c; ditto, boiled, 69 to 72c. *Olive*, 95c, to \$1.10. *Palm*, 8½c to 9c. per lb. *Petroleum* firm, with steady demand at 18 to 21c., according to size of lot.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*. Receipts during the week, 705 packages; shipments 2,633 pkgs. Market unsettled, but not much doing. Good shipping butter is worth about 18c., the range for medium to fine butter being 15 to 18c. *Cheese*. Receipts 766 boxes. There is very little doing in cheese in this market, business being principally confined to the wants of the retail trade, at 10½ to 11c. *Pork*.—Receipts 70 barrels. Shipments 378 brls. Market quiet and lower. Mess pork \$15.75; thin mess \$14.50 to \$15. Lard, 11c. to 11½c.

WOOL.—Business continues much the same as last week. Small orders are fairly numerous at about 26 to 28c. for Canada pulled. Stocks here are not heavy.

TORONTO MARKETS

Toronto, Dec. 6th, 1877.

The business of the week cannot be called active. Grain and flour transactions have been small; dry goods and grocery orders were moderate; hardware limited. Some sales of dry goods and woollens have been made by the

auction houses during the week, and the sale of fancy goods already noted continues.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—*Flour*.—Stocks in store 000 brls., against 10,452 brls. last week, and 000 brls on like date last year. The market is dull, and there is scarcely any demand. Spring extra has sold in 100 brl lots at 4.90 to 4.95, holders asking these figures at close. Sales of extra have been made at 5.40 and 5.45 during the week, the market closed somewhat weaker in this grade. In other grades, there was little if anything doing. *Oatmeal* is unchanged from last weeks prices, sales are limited. *Cornmeal* 2.90 to 3.00.

GRAIN.—The market has been without animation, and prices close generally weaker. *Wheat* Fall.—Stocks in store 29,874 bush., against 39,887 bushels last week, and 52,535 bush., last year same date. *Spring*, 120,450 bush., against 169,948, bushels last week and 80,741 bush., on corresponding date last year. Quotations are almost nominal, there was no business done since our last except to supply the local demand and even this was not brisk. No. 1. Fall is held at \$1.28 to 1.30, and No. 2 \$1.25 to 1.26. Some holders ask \$1.12 for No. 1 spring, which buyers are unlikely at present to give. No. 2. is proportionately lower, while No. 3. has dropped to \$1.02 to 1.03. *Oats*.—Some sales have been made at quotations, viz., 34c for Canadian and 36c for American. Stocks are 10,999 bushels against 12,620, bushels last week and 7,091 bushels last year. *Barley*.—The close of navigation has as usual occasioned a fall in prices. In No. 1. it equals five cents; the fall of No. 2. is relatively less, that grade being in request for export to Britain, we quote 57 to 59c. One house in this city, Messrs. L. Coffee & Co., report a shipment of 50,000 bushels this week to Great Britain. No demand exists for No. 3. which is nominal at 48 to 50c. Stocks in store are as under: 134,092 bushels against 133,442 bushels last week, and 467,242, bush. on like date last year. *Peas* unchanged in price; no transactions to report. Stock in store on Monday last 7,005, bushels, against 6,799 bush., the previous week.

GROCERIES.—Business continues to be, for the season of the year, very fairly active. *Fruit*—Malaga goods continue to be somewhat firmer. *Denia* fruit a little easier. *Sugars* are without material change.

—The Vintage in France leaves much to be desired, says the Paris, *Revue des Vins*; the vineyards in the Bordelais, the Eastern and central parts have suffered from cold September nights, the frost having stayed the ripening of the grape. Some grapes have therefore been gathered green which will give a rough, harsh wine, others again in the South were helped by October sun and the saccharine element of the berry was allowed more preponderance over the acid. Wines are therefore of very unequal quality this year, and the quantity of Standard wine is likely to be less than usual. In the champagne country, prices of old wines are stronger. In the Summer they are equally firm. In Burgundy, present year's goods are somewhat disappointing in quality and older wines are looking upward. In the South the tendency is firm except in the Herault, where prices have been easier.

Measures of public interest have been prescribed in France for the defence of the grape vines, not only against the phylloxera but also against the doryphora, whose appearance in Germany has troubled the grape cultivators. "Before separating, the French Governmental Commission by an unanimous vote pointed out irrigation as the most efficient means of regenerating our vine-culture in our southern departments, and recommended the Government, who are already occupied with the matter, to consider the projects likely to assure the best methods of employing the water."

HARDWARE.—Not much doing in heavy goods, as dealers for the most part laid in

stocks previous to the close of navigation. Those purchases were, however, not heavy, and there is room to expect a steady winter trade. Metals of all kinds continue dull in the English market, but the new year may witness an advance. Shelf goods are fairly active, and remittances as good as can be looked for.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The market is steady, for green hides, which are now coming forward rather more freely than in November, and a steady demand exists for cured at our quotations. *Sheepskins* are plentiful at 90c and all offering are taken. Nothing doing in *calfskins*. *Tallow*, rough 4½c., rendered 7½c.

PROVISIONS.—The quietness continues, bad roads in the country obstruct the movement, and hinder city receipts. *Mess Pork* remains dull of sale, car lots can be bought in the city at 15.25 small lots being 16.00 to 16.50. *Bacon*, very little doing, sales are limited to retail trade, our quotations about represent the market. Smoked meats are rather more in demand than green, smoked bacon ranges from 9c for C. C., to 10 to 10½ for long clear, rolls are worth 10½ to 11½. Smoked hams are selling as fast as they can be cured at 10½ to 11½c according to weight. They are not yet plentiful. *Lard* steady in price and selling readily, the supply of Canadian is short. *Eggs* are scarce, and a good article will bring 18 to 19c. *Hops* are very dull, and lower than known for many a day, some good ones go begging at 7c., the best say 9c. *Butter* is still very flat, the movement is confined to retail trade, and more is being bought for shipment, ordinary is plentiful with no buyers, choice scarce and in good demand. *Cheese* is firmer, the English advance of 1/- on 3rd makes holders feel better, buyers are offering 12 to 12½c for shipping lots, but holders are stubbornly refusing less than 12½ the wisdom of which may be questioned. *Dressed hogs* are scarce, and selling from 5.25 to 6.00.

SHOE FINDINGS.—The present damp weather is rather an advantage to dealers, and the enquiry is fair but payments slack. There is no marked change in values in findings, but the feeling is firmer. *Prunella* is quiet, being rather out of season. *Elastic Web* is in moderate demand, especially the better class goods; cheap webs are neglected. *Silk* was more in demand, and an effort is made to produce it at a moderate figure, as being more popular as well as more durable. *Hardash*, standard brands are unchanged in price. *American Silk* is pressed upon the market with much persistency, and the English appears to lose ground. *Sheepskin* linings are sold at close prices, the domestic article is "run" by American competitors. French are crowded out of the market. *Shoe threads* are unchanged. *Shoe hardware* is now almost exclusively American, the English Kits cannot compete in quality with the American. For convenience, as well as for finish, they are made with marked ingenuity.

WOOL.—In *fleece* there is nothing doing, and in *pulled* the price keeps low, and the demand extremely languid.

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