

\$23.50 is paid, Western being worth from \$22.25 to \$25.00. *Lard* is in fair enquiry in pails at 14½ to 15c, and in tierces at 14½ to 14¾. *Smoked Hams* 13 to 14c. *Bacon* 13 to 13½c. Eggs steady at 17 to 17½c.

**SALT.**—There have been no arrivals as yet, but they are looked for about the end of this week. The market has been very quiet and easier. We now quote *Coarse* at 65 to 70c.

**WOOL.**—Fine wools are firm, Greasy Cape 19½ to 21c, and Australian 23 to 25c. Domestic wool is dull and difficult to sell. We quote pulled wool A super 32 to 33c. B super 30 to 31c. No. 1 26 to 28c.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, 1st June, 1882.

Variable weather, for the most part chilly, has kept trade back, and the May turn-over in wholesale warehouses has therefore been limited. It has been an especially bad season for summer dress goods and millinery. Still, although country merchants have but slightly broken their stocks, and have, for a second season in succession, reason to find fault with the weather, the farmers in many places appear to think that the fall grain will be none the worse, but possibly the better for the prolonged low temperature. Not more than the usual amount has been done of ploughing in wheat and resowing with coarse grain; and the prospect for the growing grain is good, while the recent rains have stimulated pasturage. It appears certain that there is no scarcity of dry goods anywhere; and the attempts now being made to force fall sales in this line in default of sales of spring are not prudent.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—*Flour.*—No transactions to record this week and the feeling is weak. City bakers are for the most part supplied now with patent process flour. Superior extra, and extra are the only brands in market and these are nominal as quoted. Stocks in store 2,750 bbls. against 2,627 bbls. last week and 4,200 bbls. last year. *Oatmeal* is firmer and \$5 to \$5.25 is now got. *Bran* is weak and lower since the grass began to grow richly and \$13.00 is about all that can be now realize.

**GRAIN.**—*Wheat.*—There has been a dull market, consequent on the Whitsuntide holidays in England and Decoration day holidays on Monday and Tuesday in the States. The English market continues to be easy though without any marked decline. Some white wheat sold both this week and last at \$1.30 for No. 2. Stocks in store are 171,863 bush. as compared with 170,658 bush. last week and 82,433 bush. at a like time in 1881. The bulk of wheat is in store here is No. 2, and No. 1 grade is rarely seen. *Wheat.*—Nothing doing. Market strictly nominal. Millers are not making any immediate enquiry, but the supply is likely to be all wanted in time. Stocks in store now are 61,667 bush., against 71,720 bush. last week, and 81,338 bush. last year. *Oats.*—The higher prices of a week and a fortnight ago have brought more of this grain into market, and prices have eased off. No. 1 sold on Tuesday at 48c; stocks in store 10,273 bush. as compared with 9,413 bush. last week, and 9,295 bush. at a like time in 1881. *Barley.*—The season is closed and there will be no more malting and no more trading until a new crop. The stock is reduced to small compass and prices are nominal. Stocks in store, 6,841 bush. as compared with 7,313 bush. last week and 25,915 bush. at a like time in 1881. *Peas* are dull and not wanted even at the decline of 1 to 2c. Stocks in store, 12,996 bu. against

13,234 bu. last week and 39,105 bu. at a like time last year. *Rye.*—12,498 bush. in stock against 11,700 last week; nominal at 80c. *Corn* dull at 90c.

**HARDWARE AND METALS.**—Business has been quiet during the week, but money comes in very fairly indeed. British advices of 18th May are to the effect that pig iron continues steady with a fair trade doing. As to tin and terne plates, Robert Crooks & Co.'s circular says: "More failures and talks of failures, and more realization on buyers' part that higher prices are imminent." We therefore lower quotations here for both ingot and grain tin. *Lead* is dull both here and in Britain. *Copper* went up to £68 in May but reacted to £67. Prices here are in the meantime steady. *Cut Nails* are steady at quotations. *Window Glass* is in limited supply and poor assortment.

The annual report of the American Iron and Steel Association shows that there has been a remarkable decline in the prices of iron and steel products in the United States since December, with a decreased demand. The decline in prices is partly due to very heavy importations.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—Partly because of limited supplies, business in this line has been quiet. *Hides* are in fair request, green scarce, 8½c. being paid for steers and 7½c. for cows; cured command 8½c. in small parcels, and a car sold at 8½c. *Calfskins* steady at 13c. for green and 14 to 15c. for cured; *Sheepskins*, very few offering and little doing; *Lambskins* bring 25c. readily enough with prospect of more shortly. *Tallow*, rough we quote 4c., and rendered 8 to 8½c.

**LEATHER.**—We can hear of no features of special interest, prime Spanish *Sole* is scarce, and as the season advances this description will be still more scarce, the chances are in favor of higher rates of prime. Ordinary sole is in abundant supply, and large transactions favor the buyer. *Upper.*—Remains very low without accumulation, light choice is the only kind buyers look at, heavy being neglected and poor stock unsalable. *Calfskins* of choice make, of which there are now several tannages on the market find ready sale at full rates. *Buff and Pebble* are in moderate request, *Splits*, unless prime makes, are very dull of sale, and then only when concessions are made; We quote small 20 to 26c. we have no change to note in *kips*, which are in good variety. *Frenchcalf* maintains its prices and only medium or inferior skins can now be had at \$1.20. *Materials* are steady in price, gambier still holding full rates. *Oils* are firm cod at 55c. and straits at 45 to 50c.

**PROVISIONS.**—A fair jobbing trade has characterized the week, but there are no marked features to be noted. Butter is somewhat firmer this week, with lighter receipts. 16c has been paid for choice quality. There is no export demand. Cheese remains steady, the jobbing trade being supplied at 11 to 11½c. The cable quotation has been steady at 60/ for a fortnight. Meats are without activity. There is a very firm feeling in hog products, though no sales of large lots have transpired. There has been inquiry on Winnipeg acct. for large lots of long clear *bacon*; this description is firm at 12½c; C. C. we quote firm at 11½c. Stocks of Canadian *lard* are pretty well used; this article is worth 15c, American at 15½c is more largely sold. *Hams* are steady at 14½ to 15c.

**WOOL.**—Canada *fleece.*—Farmers have brought in a few small lots, which have been taken off the market at 19c. but the demand is dull, we quote say 21c. Foreign wools are in good request from mills, and prices are well maintained. Prices are unchanged as follows: Southdown English domestic super, and lambs 28 to 33 according to quality. Cape wools 18½ to 21c. Australian and New Zealand, both greasy 21 to 24c. Persion 22 to 23c.; Spanish greasy 15 to

18c.; East Indian 17 to 22c. Scotch cheviot 30c. Canadian pulled lamb and super 27 to 28; dullest extra 33 to 34c.; fleece clothing (fine bowns or cross breeds) 32 to 38c.; pulled Com-pings 20 to 21c. fleece combing 20 to 23c.

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