

leading lines, and although prices in England are rather depressed, values here are well maintained. We quote *Bicarb Soda* \$3.30 to 3.50; *Soda Ash*, \$1.60 to 1.90; *Bichromate of Potash*, 14 to 15c; *Arrow Root*, 11 to 15c; *Borax refined*, 12½ to 14c; *Cream Tartar Crystals*, 29 to 31c; ditto ground 33 to 35c; *Cauistic Soda*, \$2.50 to 2.75; *Sugar of Lead* 13 to 14c; *Bleaching Powder*, \$1.75; *Alum*, \$1.90; *Copperas*, per cwt 90c to \$1.00; *Flour Sulphur*, \$3.00 to 3.25; *Ro 1 Sulphur*, \$2.40 to 2.50; *Epsom Salts*, per 100 lbs. \$1.30 to 1.50; *Sal Soda*, per 100 lbs. \$1.15 to 1.25; *Saltpetre*, per keg, \$9.50 to 10.00; *Sulphate of Copper*, 5½ to 7c; *Pipe Clay* per 100 lbs. 50 to 75c; *Whiting*, per 100 lbs. 70 to 80c; *Opium* \$8.50 to 9.00; *Morphia*, \$3.75 to 4.00; *Castor Oil* 10 to 11c; *Shellac*, 45 to 50c.

FURS.—We have no reports from European markets. In our local market there is a good demand for *Beaver*, *Otter*, *Bear*, and *skunk* and prices realized were rather over our quotations, trappers and traders would do well to forward these skins early, as there have been few offering, and good prices would be obtained now that the market is bare. We quote: *Musk Rats*, 8 to 10c; *Red Fox*, \$1 to 1.25; *Cross Fox*, 2 to 3.00; *Silver Fox*, \$25 to 30.00; *Lynx*, \$1.00 to 1.50; *Marten*, 75c to \$1.00; *Otter* \$5.00 to 10.00; *Mink*—Prime dark, \$1.00 to 1.25; *Beaver*, 2.50; *Bear*—Large prime, \$6 to \$8; ditto small \$4 to 5 00; ditto cubs, \$2 to 4.00; *Fisher*, \$5 to 6.00; *Skunk*—Black 40 to 60c; *Raccoon*, 40 to 60c.

FISH.—Green cod has fluctuated in price during the past week but closes about the same price as this day week or perhaps a shade lower. Labrador herring are not so firm and to make sales of any quantity concessions have to be made, stocks are considerable and quality none too good. We quote them \$5.50 to 5.62½; *Dry Cod* \$4.10 to 4.25; *Green Cod* No. 1 brls. \$4.00 to 4.25; ditto No. 2 brls. \$3.25 to 3.50; *Split Herrings* \$5.25; *Salmon* is unchanged at \$19.00 18.00 and 17.00 for Nos. 1, 2, and 3.

FREIGHTS.—Engagements have been made this week for heavy grain by steamers and iron clippers to Liverpool and Glasgow at 5/3 to 5/6 for present shipment; and to Bristol and London at 6/3 to 6/6. Butter and cheese to Liverpool and Glasgow 35/- per gross ton. Potash 20/- to 22/6, Pearl ash 27/6.

FLOUR.—Receipts for the past week, 25,066 brls.; Total from 1st January to date, 615,325 brls., being a decrease of 85,675 brls. on the receipts for the same period of 1879: Shipments during the week 22,568 brls.; Total shipments from 1st January to date 634,854 brls. being a decrease of 8,046 brls. of the shipments for the same period of 1879. Since the date of our last report, presidential election and Thanksgiving day have intervened which lent extra dullness to this market, on Thursday, however, there was a better demand for the lower ports prior to the close of navigation, and a large quantity of flour changed hands. Since then there has been more or less doing at prices in favor of holders. The market closes to-day quiet but steady as follows *Superior Extra*, \$5.20 to 5.25; *Extra Superfine*, \$5.15 to 5.20; *Fancy, Spring Extra*, \$5.15 to 5.20; *Superfine*, \$4.70 to 4.80; *Strong Bakers' flour*, \$5.75 to \$6.40; *Fine*, \$4.10 to 4.20; *Middlings*, \$3.60 to 3.70; *Pollards*, \$3.25 to 3.40, nominal; *Upper Canada bags*, \$2.50 to 2.65; *Oatmeal*, \$4.25 to 4.35; *Cornmeal*, \$2.80 to 2.90.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—Receipts for the past week 121,267 bush.: Total receipts from 1st January to date 8,683,968 bushels, being a decrease of 2,062,678 bushels on the receipts for the same period of 1879; shipped during the week 220,577 bushels. Total shipments from 1st January to date 8,575,399 bush. being a decrease of 1,058,500 bush. on the shipments for the same period of 1879. European advices have considerably strengthened

ed our local market, and a fairly active business has been done in grain. At the close of the market there was not much doing in wheat but prices are now quoted fully 2c. dearer than on last Tuesday, our figures are now for No. 2 white winter and No. 2 Red, \$1.14 to 1.16; No. 2 Canada spring is nominally \$1.18 to 1.23; *Maize* to arrive is now quoted 54c. in bond; *Peas* meet with good enquiry at 85½ to 85¾c. for 66 lbs; *Rye.*—For cargoes holders ask 95c. *Barley* is worth from 60 to 70c; *Oats* are firm at 33c.

The grain exports from Montreal to the Continent of Europe for the present season show a handsome increase over last year, and the visit of several Belgian grain dealers to Canada lately, is likely to lead to a still further increase of direct trade with continental houses. In 1879 only 697,479 bushels of grain were shipped to continental ports, whereas thus far this season 1,321,231 bushels have been shipped to Antwerp, Hamburg, Bremen, Rotterdam and Havre. Wheat takes the lead with 628,000 bushels, rye takes second place with 320,000 bushels, oats about 200,000 bushels, while corn, peas and barley in smaller quantities make up the aggregate. The shipments of live stock from Montreal to Britain for the present season to date, are 42,541 head of cattle, and 71,044 sheep.

HIDES. There is a good demand for butchers' hides at \$10, \$9, and \$8. *Lambskins* are eagerly sought after at rather higher figures than those reported last Tuesday, and we now quote the prices established for this month at \$1.10 to 1.25.

HARDWARE.—Business for the past week has been generally dull and quiet, and with two holidays during the week helped to stop any little that was being done. Cable reports advise all metals pretty firm, and in the case of tin plates, an advance has been established. Quotations are, we may say, the same as last week. We quote *Pig iron* per ton, Coltness, \$19.00 to 20.00; *Gartsherrie*, \$19.00 to 20.00; *Summerlee*, \$19.00 to 20.00; *Eglinton*, \$18.00 to 20.00; *Carnbroe*, \$18.00 to 19.00; *Bars* per 100 lbs. *Scotch* and *Staffordshire*, \$1.90 to 1.95; best ditto \$2.15 2.25; *Swedes* and *Norway*, \$4.50 to 4.65; *Lowmoor* and *Bowling* \$6.00 to 6.50; *Canada plates* per box—*Glenmorgan* and *Budd* \$3.60 to 3.75; *Arrow* \$3.75 to 4.00; *Hatton* \$3.25 to 3.50. *Tin plates* per box *Charcoal* IC., \$5.75 to 6.00; ditto, IX, \$7.50 to 7.75; ditto, DC., \$5.00 to 5.50; *Coke* \$4.75 to 5.00; *Tinned Sheets*, No. 26, *Char* IC., 11 to 12c; *Galvanized Sheets*, 28 best, \$7.50 to 7.75; *Hoops* and *Bands*, \$2.40 to 2.50; *Sheets*, best brands, \$2.75 to 3.00; *Boiler Plate*, \$2.75 to 3.00; *Lead*, *Pig*, per 100 lbs., \$4.25 to 4.50; ditto, *Sheet*, \$5.25 to 5.50; ditto, *Bar*, \$5.50 to 5.75; ditto, *Shot*, \$5.75 to 6.25; *Cast Steel*, 12 to 12½c; *Spring Steel*, \$4.25 to 4.75; *Sleigh Shoe Steel* \$2.50 to 2.75; *Tire Steel*, \$2.50 to 2.75; *Ingot Tin*, 24 00 to 24 50; *Ingot Copper*, \$17.50 to 18.00; *Sheet Zinc*, \$5.75 to 6; *Spelter*, \$5.50 to 5.75; *Horse Shoes* \$4.00 to 4.25; *Iron Wire*, per bdl. of sixty-three pounds, \$1.80 to 1.85; *Cut nails*, 3in. to 6in. hot cut American and Canadian pattern \$2.60; 2½in and 2½in do. do. \$2.85; 1½ to 2½in do. do. \$3.10; 1½in do. do. \$3.60.

LEATHER.—The business of the week has not been large, though there has been more activity than during the previous week. Prices are for the most part unchanged, but there has been a disposition to cut prices to large customers stocks are however not large. We quote *Hemlock Spanish Sole* No. 1 B. A., 26c to 26½c; ditto No. 2 B. A., 23½c to 24½; No. 1 *Ordinary* 24½ to 25c; No. 2 ditto, 23 to 23½; *Buffalo Sole*, No. 1, 22 to 23c; ditto No. 2, 20 to 21; *Hemlock Slaughter*, No. 1 26 to 28c; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 36 to 42c; *Grained*, 35 to 42c; *Splits*, large 24 to 33c; ditto small, 24 to 28c; *Calfskins*, (27 to 36 lbs.) 55 to 80c. per lb.; ditto (18 to 26 lbs.) 50 to 65c. per pound; *Sheepskin linings* 30 to 50c; *Harness*, 27 to 34c; *Buffed cow* 14 to 17c. per foot; *Enamelled Cow*,

15 to 16c; *Patent Cow*, 15 to 16c; *Pebbled Cow*, 14 to 16c; *Rough Leather*, 24 to 30c.

OILS.—*Linseed Oil* is the turn easier, considerable sales have been reported of Raw on p.t., we quote it 72 to 73c. and boiled 75 to 76c. *Petroleum* is in good consumptive demand and hitherto prices have been well maintained at from 30 to 32c. according to the size of lot, dealers are looking for some reduction in price which possibly may happen ere long. The demand for *Cod Oil* is maintained at 59 to 60c. The enquiry for *Seal Oil* is light and only for steam refined. We quote pale 50 to 55c; straw 45c. and steam refined 65c. per Imperial Gallon.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*—Receipts for the week. 6408 pkgs; Shipments, 12,325 pkgs. There is a good demand for finest to choice butter, but common grades are difficult to move at any price, there being still very large stocks of common butter in the English market. Creameries butter is quoted at 25 to 27c; Finest butter brings from 21 to 23½c; For medium qualities buyers would not give more than 15 to 17c; *Cheese.*—Receipts 10,437 boxes; shipments 15,969 boxes: The market is quiet but steady at 12½ to 13c; *Pork* notwithstanding the fall in prices there has been very little demand for the article. We now quote Mess (heavy) \$17.00 to 17.50; and (thin) \$16.50; *Lard* is in good demand at 12½c for pails; *Smoked Hams* 12½c; *Bacon* 10½c.

SALT.—There has been a moderate jobbing business done in *Coarse salt* at 54 to 56c. *Fine salt* is unchanged.

WOOL.—There has literally been nothing doing in domestic wool for sometime, and quotations at the present would be quite nominal.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Nov. 11th, 1880.

A more than usually satisfactory condition of things in the wholesale trade is reported on all hands this autumn. Not only are retail stocks in better proportion to the means and the sales of traders than was the case three or four years ago, but their modes of purchase and manner of payment are much more business-like and systematic. The present fall season has thus far shown a marked improvement over any like period for years past. The weeding out of a number of incompetent and superfluous traders has had much to do with bringing about this change. Indeed the keen competition, which forced many weak men to the wall, has resulted in the survival of fitter merchants, for the inexperienced and the penniless cannot hope now a days to make headway. Time was when any numskull could get goods on credit, and start a shop in Canada. But the sore lessons of demoralization and loss learned by importers have gone far to cure this evil; and it is recognized that the man of business-knowledge, and the possessor of capital alone should be furnished with goods. There are not so many as usual attempting to open new stores in the country; and some of our wholesale dealers are doing good to themselves and the business community by refusing the applications of would-be storekeepers for stocks of goods. Business in all lines except provisions and dairy produce is fairly active this week. Breadstuffs are generally firm in price.

CATTLE.—We cannot announce any great activity in any sort of animals. The greatest movement has been in *beaves* for the local market, \$3.50 to 4.00 being paid for the few that