

stocks light. Pepper 20 to 20½c; cassia in fair supply with light demand at 20 to 22; nutmegs 85c to \$1.00; Jamaica ginger 22 to 23c. **Fruit.** Layer raisins were largely dealt in at \$2.00 early in the week, but holders have now advanced price and are holding for \$2.10 to 2.20. Valencias 6½ to 7½c; large sales have been made within our range of quotations, market firm. Currants 5½ to 6c for new crop; Figs 11½ to 12½c; Almonds are scarce and advancing sales reported at over 15c; Filberts 12 to 15c; Walnuts 7½ to 8½c. Shelled fruit are low in stock in this market.

**HIDES AND PELTS.**—Demand moderate, prices declining, we now quote:—No. 1 inspected, \$8 to 8.50; No. 2 ditto \$7.00 to 7.50; No. 3 ditto, \$6.00 to 6.50; sheep and lamb skins, 90c to \$1.; calf skins, 1c per lb.

**HARDWARE.**—In the absence of transactions prices may be considered nominal, though there is but little disposition to make concessions in favor of buyers. The most important question just now is what turn are prices likely to take in the early part of the coming year? No satisfactory answer can be given to this question until after the Christmas holidays. Meantime small orders are being filled at current rates and stocks are light for the season. We repeat the quotations of last week;—**Pig Iron** Gartscherrie \$37 to 38; Summerlee, \$36 to 37; Laugloan, \$36.00 to \$38.00; Eglington \$34.00 to 35.00; Glengarnock \$35 to 36; Carnbroe \$34 to 36; Monkland and Clyde \$33 to 35. Hematite \$42 to 44. **Bar Iron** per 100 lbs. Scotch \$3.25 to 3.35; Staffordshire \$3.25 to 3.35; ditto refined \$3.50 to 3.70; Swedes \$5.50 to 6.00 **Hoops and Bands** \$4.00 to 4.50; Sheets \$4.50 to 5.50; Boiler plate \$4.50 to 5.50; Russian sheets \$16 to 17; Galvanized sheets \$9.00 to 11. **Canada Plates** per box; Hatton \$6.50 to 6.75; Arrow and Garth \$6.75 to 7.00; F. and W. crown \$7.50 to 8.00. **Budd Lion** \$7.00 to 7.25; Glamorgan \$6.75 to 7. **Tin Plates** per box: Charcoal IC \$11.00 to 11.50; ditto IX \$13.00 to 13.50; ditto DC \$10.00 to 10.50; ditto DX \$12.00 to 12.50; Coke IC \$10.00 to 10.50. **Tin**—Block per 100 lbs \$34 to 35; Antimony \$18 to 19. **Zinc** sheet \$7.50 to 8.00; ditto spelter \$6.50 to 7. **Lead** per 100 lbs. Bar \$6.50 to 7; ditto sheet \$7 to 7.50; ditto pig \$6.25 to 6.75; shot \$7.00 to 7.50. **Nails** cut \$4.25 to 5.75; ditto pressed \$7 to 10; ditto horse 5 to 10 0/0 disc off list; Spikes pressed \$6 to 7. **Steel**.—Cast \$14 to 16; ditto spring \$6 to 7; ditto sleigh shoe \$5.50 to 5.75; anvils \$10 to 11 per 100 lbs; vices \$12 to 14; anchors \$7.50 to 9; manilla rope 13.50 first quality. **Blasting powder** \$3.50 to 4; sporting powder \$4.25 to 5. **Boiler tubes**, 2 in 22c; 2½ in 24c; 2½ in 26c; 3 in 31c; 3½ in 24c; 4 in 53c; 5 in \$1.00. **Iron wire** per bale up to No. 6 \$3.20 to 3.30.

**LEATHER.**—Business is dull; most of our manufacturers are busy taking stock, consequently transactions have been of a very trifling nature, and leading to no change in quotations, which remain the same as last week, viz.:—Spanish sole No. 1 25 to 26c do No. 2, 23 to 24c. Buffalo sole No. 1, 22 to 23c; do No. 2, 19 to 21c; Hemlock slaughter 27 to 31c; waxed upper light and medium 37 to 42c; do. heavy 33 to 37c; grained upper 35 to 42c; large splits, 26 to 32c; do. small 18 to 25; calf skins (27 to 36 lbs) 60 to 80c; do. (18 to 26 lb) 50 to 70c; sheep-skin linings, 35 to 45c; harness, 27 to 30c; buffed cow, 14 to 17c. per foot; enamelled cow 18 to 19c; patent cow 19 to 20c; pebbled cow, 14 to 17c; rough leather 28 to 29c.

**LIQUORS.**—Brandy.—This market continues to rule firm, but prices this week exhibit very little change, favorite brands sell at \$2.25 to 2.50 in wood, cases \$7.75 to 8.25. **Gin.**—All good brands are in demand and a shade dearer, but not quotably higher. DeKuyper in wood sell at \$1.44 to 1.48½; red cases \$7; green cases \$3.90 to 4. **High wines.** In active demand at \$1.47½ to 1.50.

**NAVAL STORES.**—We have no change to report in this branch of business. The demand is about over for the present, we continue to quote spirits of turpentine 60c. **Rosins** strained \$4.25; No. 2 \$4.50; No. 1 \$5; **Pale** \$5.50 to 7; **Coal tar** \$3; **pine tar** \$5; **pine pitch** \$4.75 to 5.

**OILS.**—Market generally is firm, but the demand is small. **Cod oil.**—57½ to 59c; steam refined seal is held for 62½ to 65c, no sales transpiring. **Crude whale** 50 to 55c; **Raw linseed** 72½ to 75c; **Boiled linseed** 77½ to 80c; firm at these prices. **Olive.**—Is steady at 95c to \$1.05, but as reports from the place of production speak of small returns, it is expected that an advance will shortly take place. **Petroleum.**—Market this week has been dull with a very light demand, car loads are offered at 31½c.

**PROVISIONS.**—Butter.—Receipts 2,760 kegs; shipments 1,771 kegs, market quiet and prices are a shade lower. We quote store packed western 18 to 20c; dairy ditto 21 22c; Brockville and Morrisburg 22½ to 24c; Townships butter 23 to 25c. **Cheese.**—Market dull, fine factory 11 to 11½c; finest factory 11½ to 12c. **Pork.**—Market steady mess; \$18.50; thin mess \$17.50. **Beef** quiet at \$15.75 to 16. **Lard** quiet 10 to 10½c; **Tallow** 7 to 7½c.

**SALT.**—Market quiet with light demand, but about equal to the present supplies. Coarse is freely offered at \$1.20 to 1.25. Fine nominally \$1.00.

**WOOL.**—In absence of transactions in Canadian wools prices are nominal.

## TORONTO MARKET.

TORONTO, Dec. 4, 1873.

Quiet continues to be the prevailing characteristic of the wholesale trade of this city. Grain has been coming in but slowly, the very severe weather followed by a sudden thaw, having greatly checked the deliveries from farmers, receipts by rail being also light.

The following were the imports at this port during the month of November, and for the eleven months ended November 30th, as compared with the corresponding period of 1872:—

	1872.	1873.
Dutiable Goods. Nov....	\$649,174	\$628,919
Free Goods .....	280,963	375,346
	\$930,137	\$1,004,265
Previous ten months	12,737,963	12,809,537

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The exports for November last were of the value of \$383,628, against \$318,154 for the corresponding month of 1872.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—Trade is quiet with nothing special to note.

**CATTLE.**—Beef.—There are still a good many coming in, but the demand has been equal to the supply, and there are none held over. Prices have been steadily maintained, and there is no change to note in prices. Sales have ranged from \$2.50 to 4.50, and include the following: 8 head, selected, at \$4.50 live weight; one car, averaging 1,400 lbs at \$59; one car, averaging 1100 lbs at \$33; two cars averaging 1200 lbs at \$42; four cars of mixed cattle, averaging 1100 lbs at \$38; one car of oxen, averaging 1600 lbs at \$50. **Sheep.**—The receipts have been fair, but there is still a good demand, and sales are readily made at former prices, say \$5 to 6 for first class, \$3.50 to 4 for second class, and \$3 for third class. **Lambs.**—Continue to sell at from \$2.50 to 5, with receipts quite up to the demand. **Calves.**—Are in demand for choice at \$8 to 10, inferior ranging down to 3. **Hogs.**—Selling at \$4 to 4.25 per 100 lbs.

**DRUGS.**—Business is now very quiet, and there is no change of any importance to note in prices.

**DRY GOODS.**—There has been only a light trade done during the past month, although a good many small orders to assort stocks have been received. The imports were light, but in the aggregate about the same as for November of last year. The following are the figures for the month and eleven months ended November 30, 1872 and 1873:—

	Nov. '72.	Nov. '73.
Woollens .....	\$70,498	49,683
Cottons .....	38,837	59,031
Silks and Velvets .....	13,440	11,770
Fancy Goods .....	36,587	37,374

	11 months, '72.	11 months, '73.
Woollens ....	\$2,605,983	1,817,389
Cottons .....	1,981,435	1,961,895
Silks & Velvets ..	494,480	395,796
Fancy Goods..	773,643	909,030

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—Flour.—Stock on the 1st inst was 2,277 brls, against 4,479 brls the previous week, and 3,389 brls the corresponding date of last year. The market has been firm, but less active than previously, transactions having been only of a limited character in all the leading grades. Superfine is nominal at \$5 to 5.10. Some sales of spring wheat extra were made at \$5.20 to 5.25 and of extra at \$5.60 to 5.65. Nothing doing in superior extra. **Oatmeal.**—Unchanged at \$4.60 to 5 according to brand.  **Bran.**—Late sales of car loads have been at \$12.50 on the track.

**GRAIN.**—Wheat.—Stocks on the 1st inst. 118,622 bush, against 116,955 bush the previous week and 23,154 bush the corresponding date of 1872. The English markets have further advanced since last report, but owing to difficulties in the way of shipment prices here though firm have not responded to the rise abroad. Spring wheat is steady at \$1.12 to 1.14, with sales at these figures. Treadwell is saleable at \$1.18 to 1.20. White wheat is not offering freely, but would command \$1.25 f.o.b. for No. 1 and \$1.22 for No. 2. **Barley.**—Stock on 1st inst. 14,538 bush, against 16,948 bush the previous week, and 53,324 the corresponding date of 1872. Business has been limited in consequence of light receipts, but there are buyers at fully previous prices for all coming in say at \$1.12 to 1.15 f.o.b. **Peas.**—Inactive and nominal at 58 to 60c. **Oats.**—The market has been pretty well supplied with both American and Canadian oats, which have sold at 38½ to 41c on the track, the latter being rather an outside price. **Rye.**—Steady at 70c. **Corn** held at 50c.

**GROCERIES.**—The following were the imports of several leading articles for November 1872 and 1873:—

	1872.	1873.
Tea—Green and Japan...lbs.	83,126	52,903
	\$ 42,126	20,397
Tea—Black.....lbs.	21,135	15,364
	\$ 7,265	6,562
Coffee .....	32,100	70,347
	\$ 5,474	10,007
Sugar .....	lbs.230,534	601,342
	\$ 13,126	30,767
Molasses .....	lbs.32,190	143,010
	\$ 411	2,108
Wines .....	galls. 16,037	3,992
	\$ 15,509	6,481
Cigars .....	lbs. 8,857	4,330
	\$ 7,066	2,045
Rice .....	lbs. 23,520	16,800
	\$ 642	546

The market has been very quiet, with few changes to note in quotations, for which reference is made to list of prices elsewhere.

**HARDWARE.**—There has been only a light business done during the past past week, and prices are without change. The imports during November were \$38,699 of hardware, and \$18,738 of iron subject to duty, against \$35,469 of hardware and \$26,846 of iron, in the corresponding month of last year.