

latter half of May. Several car lots of spot iron have also changed hands at \$25 to \$26 for leading brands of Scotch Pig, and it is stated on good authority that even higher prices have been paid by needy buyers. Of Siemens Pig 150 tons have been sold during the week at \$25 to \$26.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—Market has continued quiet and firm; the supply of native *Hides* in first hands is light, and holders of foreign are not pushing sales, in view of a probable scarcity. Two or three local dealers have sold their supplies for several months, in advance, and prices for butchers' offerings rule firm at the previously quoted figures, \$8, \$7 and \$6 respectively for Nos. 1, 2, and 3. A carload of city inspected changed hands at 9c for No. 1, and another car of No. 1 Buff reported sold at 9½c per lb. In Chicago also hides are very scarce, the weekly product being less than the average daily supply at the like period last year. *Sheepskins* very scarce, and command \$1.40 to \$1.50 each; *La. skins* getting larger and worth more money, quoted at 25c to 30c each. *Culfskins* irregular, selling at 13c and 14c per lb; it is rather difficult at the moment to quote an established price.

**LEATHER.**—There has been rather more business doing in all kinds during the week, but there is little if any change to note in the tone of the market, as compared with a week ago, and values are nominally unchanged. Stocks of black leathers continue large, but as a few manufacturers are already commencing to cut for Fall goods, and as there seems to be an impression that prices have touched bottom and that therefore it is safe to buy, there have been some speculative purchases made by manufacturers during the week; these include 1,200 sides of *Upper* at 34½c; two lots of 1,000 sides each of *Upper* at 31½c to 34c; twelve tons *Splits* at 20c to 22c, and a two-ton lot at 21c. Considerable quantities *Slaughter Sole* have changed hands at 29c. *Slaughter* and *Spanish Sole* continue rather scarce, and in good demand. The shoe trade, as reported last week, are evidently open for any good bargains that may be offered, but while circumstances are in favor of higher prices for leather are long, any improvement will depend mainly upon the judgment exercised by tanners in keeping their production within certain limits.

**OILS.**—Owing to further unfavorable accounts from the fisheries, holders here of *Seal* oil are very firm, and have advanced prices to 62½c to 65c per Imp. gallon, but no transactions have yet been reported at these figures. Not more than one-third of an average catch is now expected, as only 150,000 seals are reported to have been secured by the first trip, all the principal vessels having been heard from. *Spirits of Turpentine* and *Linseed* oil remain steady and firm at last week's quotations, with no sales of consequence transpiring. In *Cod* oil there have been a few transactions during the week, about 100 brls having changed hands at 52c Imp., and small lots of Newfoundland A have been disposed of at 55c to 57½c.

**PROVISIONS.**—Chicago pork market was lower yesterday, having declined 15c per brl., and lard also fell 7½c per 100 lbs., while in Liverpool pork advanced 1s. to 92s., and lard appreciated 1s. 6d. to 58s. 6d. The stocks of pork in Chicago are 293,870 brls, against 217,957 brls at the like date last year. The stock of lard amounts to 132,691 tierces, against 92,540 tierces a year ago. The Liverpool market also has been stronger this week; lard advanced 6d to 66s 6d, and bacon 1s to 61s 6d on Tuesday. In sympathy with outside markets, local provisions have ruled very firm, with a considerable advance for *Mess Pork* and all hog products since our last report. A good jobbing demand has been experienced the last few days at \$22 to \$22.25 for Canada short cut pork, at \$21.25 to \$21.75 for Western, at 14½c to 15c for Fairbanks lard, and 14½c to

14½c for Canada do; case lard quoted at 16c. The sale of two cars Western *Mess Pork* in two lots was made by a local firm last week at about \$21; and sales of 500 pails Fairbanks lard are reported at 14½c. Smoked hams steady at 13½c to 14c, breakfast bacon at 13c to 13½c, and shoulders are selling at 10½c to 11c. *Eggs*—Receipts have been light, but the supply is increasing as the opening of navigation approaches, and accordingly there is a tendency toward lower prices; now quoted at 17c to 18c, with the majority of sales at the outside figure. Demand very fair. *Maple Syrup* very scarce, and worth 95c to \$1 per gal; *Maple Sugar* also scarce and higher, quoted at 10c to 12c per lb. The quantity made so far this season is unusually small.

**SEEDS.**—The market for *Clover* is firmer and tending upwards, now quoted at \$9.25 to \$9.50 per cental, with stocks rather light. Lower Canada *Timothy* is scarce; quoted at \$3.40 to \$3.50 per bushel, and Western *Timothy*, now being imported from Chicago, quoted at \$3.10 to \$3.30 per do. The demand for both *Clover* and *Timothy* is active.

**WINDOW GLASS.**—Manufacturers in Belgium having advanced their price list, dealers here very firm at our quotations, and one large holder is said to be endeavoring to establish an advance of 10c all round.

**WINES AND LIQUORS.**—The uneven traffic on the G. T. R. seems to have delayed goods to such an extent that merchants are awaiting the opening of navigation on the upper lakes to see what improvement it will bring, and for the usual reductions in freight rates. Local trade is moderately good, and prices of the leading *Brandies* and *Gins* have been well maintained, although stocks of the same are light. There has also been some transactions in *Champagnes*. Prospects for the coming season are good.

**WOOL.**—As stated in our last report, manufacturers appear to be tolerably well supplied, and are only buying small parcels occasionally, hence business is light. A few sample parcels of *Cape* and *Australian* have changed hands at unchanged quotations; and in domestic descriptions we have not heard of any reportable transactions. An increased demand is expected shortly when the new clip comes forward.

## TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

(By Special Telegraph.)

Toronto, April 20, 1882.

Business generally has been quiet in this city the past week. On account of the improved tone in breadstuffs, the demand for both wheat and flour has increased. Quite a number of large transactions have been made at outside points for shipment to Liverpool, and some dealers consider that present stocks will barely suffice to carry us through until the next crop. Cured meats have also enhanced in value in sympathy with the western markets. The supply of these on hand is small, and imports will likely be larger than ever before the season is over. The wholesale dry goods trade has been quiet, owing somewhat to the unpropitious weather. In all lines values remain steady, and no changes seem to be anticipated. Orders are small, and confined chiefly to sorting-up lots for spring and summer wear. In hardware the movement has been fair at steady prices. Stocks of heavy goods are small. There has been a fair business in groceries, with sugars the chief features. Liquors are firm, as are also tobaccos. The money market is fairly active at unchanged rates. Call loans have been made at 6 to 6½ per cent, and time at the same rates. There is a moderate amount of commercial paper offering, and discounts are unchanged at 6 for prime and 7 for ordinary paper. Sterling exchange

continues firm; 60-day bills between banks are 109½ to 109¾, and 109½ over the counter, and demand bills at 110½ to 110¾. Gold drafts on New York quiet and steady at 8 to 8-16 premium. The stock market has been fairly active, and prices of banks showed an advance, especially Montreal, Ontario and Dominion. Among sales the past three days were Montreal at 211½, 211¾ and 212, Ontario at 66½, 67 and 68¾, Toronto at 176, Merchants at 135, Commerce at 145 and 145½, Imperial at 138 and 139, Federal at 167½, 168 and 169½, Standard at 118½ and 118¾, and Dominion at 210, 209, 208½, 209 and 210 ex-dividend. Loan and miscellaneous shares were a little more active and in many cases higher. There were sales of Union Loan at 133½, Land Security at 144½, Canada Permanent at 223½, and 230, Hamilton Provident at 135 and 134, Farmers Loan at 129, National Investment at 110½, Huron & Erie at 161, Western Canada at 200, Consumers Gas at 152½ and 152¾, Dominion Telegraph at 93, Montreal Telegraph at 130, and Western Assurance at 177. The market to-day closes irregular, with sales of Ontario at 67½; Commerce at 145½ and 145¾; Imperial at 138½; Dominion at 210½; Consumers Gas at 153½; Telegraph at 132; Canada Permanent at 233, and Western Canada at 202½.

Following are closing bids to-day as compared with those of last Thursday:

Banks.	Bid April 13.	Bid April 20.	Loan Cos.	Bid April 13.	Bid April 20.
Montreal.	211	212	Can. Permanent	223	233
Toronto..	175½	176	Freehold.....	180	180
Ontario..	65½	66½	Western Can..	195	202½
Merchants	133	135	Bldg. & Loan..	106½	106
Commerce	145½	145	Imp. Savings..	111½	112
Dominion	209½	210½	Farmers' Loan.	129	128½
Hamilton	129	129	Land & Can'dn	140	39
Standard..	117½	118½	Huron & Erie..	161	161
Federal...	166½	169	Dom. Savings..	120	121
Imperial...	138½	138½	Ontario Loan..	133	133
Molson's...	133	133	Hamilton Prov..	131	131

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—The strike continues, and as a consequence business is almost checked. Orders continue to come in for summer goods, and some difficulty will be experienced in filling them. There are no changes to note in prices, and payments are better than they were.

**COAL AND WOOD.**—The coal trade at present is quiet, with sales of small lots at unchanged prices, viz: \$6.50 for all kinds of hard as well as the best soft, and \$6 for second quality of soft. Receipts from Oswego are increasing. Wood is unchanged at \$5 per cord for hard and \$4 for pine.

**COAL OIL.**—The demand is slack, which is usual at this season of the year, and prices unchanged. Barrel lots of Canadian refined sell at 18½c per Imperial gallon, and five to ten barrel lots at 18c. American prime sells at 25c to 26c, and water white at 28c to 30c. Crude in Petrolia is steady at \$1.50 per barrel.

**COUNTRY PRODUCE.**—*Apples*.—There are few offerings, and prices are firm; car lots of choice are worth \$3.50 to \$3.75, and small lots sell at \$4 to \$4.50 per barrel. *Beans* are scarce and firm; they are worth \$2.65 to \$2.75 per bushel. *Eggs* are in fair receipt and easier; the demand is moderate, dealers paying 13c per dozen for case lots and selling at 14c. *Hops* are firm, with few offerings to butchers at \$8.50 to \$8.75. *Hops* are quiet, brewers buyers in small quantities for immediate use; the best are worth 23c to 25c and medium 19c to 21c. *Onions* remain unchanged; the demand is inactive and prices steady at \$2 to \$2.25 per barrel. *Potatoes* are in moderate receipt, and the shipping demand fair; cars at \$1 to \$1.10 per bag on track. *Poultry* scarce and firm, and prices nominal. *Tallow* in small supply and firm, with sales of rendered at 8c and 8½c, the latter for cakes. Dealers pay 4c for rough and 7½c to 8c for rendered.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—During the week business has been fairly active at firm