

Pale \$5.50 to 8.00. Pine Tar is scarce and has sold as high as \$4.25 to 4.50; Pine Pitch \$3.50 to 4.00. In Coal Tar and Pitch there is not much doing, any sales transpiring being at \$2.80 to 3.00.

OILS.—The market has been tolerably steady but the amount of business done has been small. Cod oil has sold in small lots at 52½c. to 53c.; Pale Seal 52½c. to 56c.; Steam Refined 54c. to 57½c.; Straw Seal 48c. to 50c.; Linseed raw 72½c. to 75c.; ditto boiled 77½c. to 80c. Olive is very dull at last week's quotation.

PETROLEUM.—There is an increasing demand and the deliveries from the store are in excess of the receipts, and transactions have been generally at advanced rates. Rates by car load regulated here 27c. to 27½c. in small lots. There was nothing done under 28c. to 30c.

PROVISIONS.—Butter.—Receipts during the week, 2,511 kegs; shipments 3,128 kegs. The demand has been light, and prices are easy; for strictly choice butter, 16 to 17½c. is paid; 14 to 16c. for fair to good, and 11 to 13c. for common to medium. Cheese.—Receipts 4,364 boxes; shipments 12,985 boxes. The business done here has been to a fair extent at 8½ to 9½c. for new factory. The shipments, it will be noted, are large, but a good deal has been shipped direct on factory accounts. Pork.—Receipts 50 brls; Shipments 782 brls. This market is moderately active and has advanced somewhat since last week, closing to-day steady at the following rates: Mess Pork \$15.75 to 16.25; Thin Mess \$15.24 to 16.00; Prime Pork \$15.00 to 15.25; Extra Prime Pork \$12.50 to 13.00; Smoked Hams 12 to 13c.; Lard is nominal at 9 to 9½c.; Tallow quiet and unchanged.

SALT.—Market is quiet and easy. Coarse salt is dull and in no demand at 55c. to 57½c. Some little doing in fine at 70c., and Factory filled at \$1.35 to 1.40.

WOOL.—The quotations for wool are still unchanged; business is good, and an advance in prices is looked for.

TORONTO MARKET.

In most branches of wholesale trade there has been a fair degree of activity during the past week, and a good many out-of-town men have visited the city to select stocks of Dry Goods for the fall trade.

Remittances continue light, retail storekeepers reporting that they find it very difficult to collect their accounts, as the farmers have had to use their ready money in paying for labour. Harvesting operations are progressing very rapidly, the weather having continued favorable, and the bulk of the grain is now cut and threshed.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Trade has been tolerably brisk during the past week, and a large number of orders have been received and filled. Prices continue very firm, and as the raw material, with the single exception of upper leather, is becoming saleable at stiffening figures, no falling off can be anticipated in the quotations for manufactured goods.

DRUGS.—Business has been rather inactive during the past week, and prices are without any alteration.

DRY GOODS.—The regular fall trade may now be said to have commenced, a large number of buyers having visited the city, and orders to a large extent having been booked. Stocks are large and attractive, and the temptation offered to purchasers to buy heavily is great. Some of the leading houses here, however, are understood to be acting with great caution, and are disposed to restrain over eager buyers rather than to press their goods. The importations during last month, especially of woollen goods, were uncommonly heavy, and were nearly all taken out of bond. The following figures show a comparison between the imports of 1870 and 1871 for the month and eight months ended August 31.

—August.—		
	1870.	1871.
Woollens.....	\$325,750	560,829
Cottons.....	283,864	297,170
Silks and Velvets.....	90,236	116,088
Fancy Goods.....	86,932	89,494

—Since Jan. 1st.—		
	1870.	1871.
Woollens.....	\$905,282	1,358,005
Cottons.....	1,119,553	1,462,944
Silks and Velvets....	254,193	366,458
Fancy Goods.....	301,742	374,636

FREIGHTS.—There is more enquiry for freights principally for flour to Montreal and the lower ports, and rates have advanced somewhat. Steamer freights for flour are to Kingston 15c; to Brockville or Prescott, 20c; to Montreal, 25c. Grain in bags nominal, 10c to Kingston; 12½c to Brockville or Prescott; and 15c to Montreal. By Grand Trunk the rates now in force are as follows:—To Halifax, 85c. for flour, and 43c. for grain; to St. John, 80c. for flour, and 40c. for grain; to Kingston, 25c. and 13c. for flour and grain; to Prescott, 30c. and 15c.; to Montreal, 35c. and 18c.; to Point Levis, 25c. and 28c.; to Portland or New York, 75c. and 38c.; and to Boston, 80c. and 40c.

GROCERIES.—Business has been rather quiet during the past week, both in staple and general groceries, and sales have been considerably restricted. The following are the imports of the articles named for the month and eight months ended August 31:

—August.—		
	1870.	1871.
Coffee, green.....lbs	27,711	44,229
" " ".....	3,215	5,290
Tea, Green and Japan.lbs	157,201	120,601
" " ".....	61,191	48,758
" Black.....lbs	24,439	63,611
" " ".....	7,071	23,038
Sugar.....lbs	458,983	453,530
" " ".....	24,403	27,262
Brandy, Gin, Rum, and		
Whiskey.....	2,330	2,713
Dried Fruit.....	6,189
Rice.....lbs	110,880	78,600
" " ".....	2,412	2,029

—SINCE JAN. 1.—		
	1870.	1871.
Coffee, Green....lbs.	151,343	188,231
" " ".....	18,588	22,681
Tea, Green and		
Japan.....lbs.	750,162	1,079,100
" " ".....	292,442	345,401
" Black....lbs.	131,409	160,169
" " ".....	41,692	56,472
Sugar.....lbs.	3,554,832	2,007,064
" " ".....	183,117	116,446
Dried Fruit.....	8,041	39,960
Brandy, Gin, Rum,		
and Whiskey..	36,985	28,001

HARDWARE.—Business is brisk, with an active demand for both heavy and shelf goods. Prices are very firm, but are without change. Stocks are now pretty well assorted, though not very heavy. Cut Nails are not accumulating, but the delivery is rather more forward than it was a short time since. Orders can now be filled as received. A new factory, with 25 nail cutting machines, is about to be opened in Montreal, which, in addition to the increased machinery recently put in in some of the older factories, gives greatly increased facilities for the manufacture of nails. Pig iron is scarce and wanted, and prices are likely to rule very high before next spring. In other respects stocks are sufficiently well assorted to meet the present demands of the trade. The imports were: of Hardware, \$29,052, and of Iron, paying 5 per cent duty, \$6,117, in August, 1871, as against \$19,009 of Hardware and \$10,139 of Iron in August 1870.

HIDES AND SKIN.—Hides continue to arrive in quantities quite insufficient to meet the existing demand, but no advance in prices can be

noted. Calfskins are also in small supply, the few coming in selling freely at quotations. Sheepskins are gradually advancing in value, and 75c. is now paid for all fresh-slaughtered that come in.

LEATHER.—There is some improvement noticeable in the leather market, nearly all descriptions of stock except Upper meeting with a fair demand. Spanish Sole is in request, and stock being light prices are firmly maintained. Slaughter meets a good demand, and prices have slightly improved, and are firm at the advance. Upper continues to accumulate without any outlet to work off the stock on hand. Holders would probably accept rates even lower than quotations if offered for a round lot. Calf is in fair demand for both French and Canadian but prices are unaltered. Russels have a good enquiry, and full prices are obtainable.

PAINTS AND OILS.—Trade is again quiet. There is no change to note in quotations.

PETROLEUM.—There is rather more activity to note in the demand for Refined Oil, both from dealers in Ontario and from the Lower Provinces, and considerable shipments are being made. The demand for shipping oil continues active, and prevents any undue accumulation of oil in the hands of those by whom the Dominion trade is supplied. Prices are firm, but there is no change to note.

PRODUCE.—A fair enquiry for breadstuffs has again existed, the demand as a rule being in advance of the offerings. This has been true, especially of wheat, receipts of which have been very insignificant. Early in the week there was a slight decline in Liverpool and Western markets, but subsequently this was recovered, and a firm feeling is now generally manifested by holders. Flour.—The small amount offering has tended to check business, the few small sales reported having been within the range of quotations, which may be stated at \$5.00 to 5.10 for fresh ground superfine, \$5.15 to 5.20 for Fancy, and \$5.25 to 5.30 for Extra. Wheat.—With a fair enquiry and light receipts; prices for white wheat have closed at an advance of several cents on last weeks quotations. No sales reported, except on private terms, and these only to a very limited extent. Barley.—Sales of single car loads were made in the fore part of the week at 62½c. to local malsters, but subsequently sellers were unable to obtain over 60c, which is still offered. Two carloads sold at 59c. For cargo lots 55c. is bid and refused. Receipts both by rail and waggon have so far been very light. Oats.—The market has been dull and drooping, buyers holding off notwithstanding a further decline in prices. Sales of car-loads in the early part of the week were reported at 39c. but in one instance at least under 38c. was accepted and at the close buyers were offering only 36c., holders for the most part asking 38. Peas.—None offering, and no enquiry. Hay.—Has come in rather more freely, and has sold at \$14. to 18. Straw.—is scarce, and brings \$12 to \$14.

PROVISIONS.—There has not been much doing during the past week, and prices are entirely without change. Butter.—continues inactive in the absence of any enquiry from shippers; strictly choice dairy is worth 16c., and ordinary to good, 14½c. to 15½c. Cheese.—quiet, with a fair local demand at 9½c. to 10½c.; round lots are neglected, being offered at 8½c. to 9c. without resulting in sales. Eggs.—are somewhat abundant and prices drooping, 10c. only offered for packed. Bacon and Hams.—meet a good demand for local consumption at previous prices. Pork.—Sales to a small extent of mess are reported at about \$16. Lard.—quiet and unchanged.

SALT.—Canadian sells steadily at \$1.50 ex cars. Liverpool coarse is offered at 76c. f. o. c.

WOOL.—There has been little doing in fleece, for which 38c. to 38½c. has been paid. Pulled is wanted, 35c. being freely offered and 36c. paid in occasional instances, according to quality.