

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

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GRAIN.—Trade generally has been exceedingly quiet; wheat is depressed on account of the great drop in outside market, and recovery is anxiously looked for by some holders. *Fall Wheat*—Stocks in store, 230,127 bushels, as compared with 217,822 bushels last week, and 105,805 bushels at a like time in 1881. The only sales reported yesterday were 10,000 bushels of No. 2 at \$1.25, delivery any time up to May, and 10,000 bushels of the same grade at \$1.28 May delivery. There is a buyer of 10,000 more of the latter at \$1.27. Holders are asking about \$1.27 for No. 2 and \$1.30 for No. 1, but the demand is small. *Wheat*—Stocks in store 84,443 bushels, against 75,794 bushels last week, and 74,354 bushels at a like time last year. During the latter part of last week, several cars of Nos. 1 and 2 sold at \$1.31 on track, but prices closed much easier. Yesterday, values were nominal at \$1.28 to \$1.29 for No. 1, and \$1.26 to \$1.27 for No. 2. *Oats*—Stocks in store, 4,513 bushels as compared with 4,554 bushels last week. Offerings have been limited and prices steady; one or two cars of Western sold daily at 42c. on track, and Eastern at 40c. on track on Monday. Street prices 42c. to 44c. *Barley*—Stocks in store 293,947 bushels, against 303,545 bushels last week, and 427,799 bushels at a like time last year. There have been numerous sales of round lots for shipment west on p.t., the chief grade being No. 1. Car lots quiet, with sales also on p.t., but values are pretty much the same as those at the close of last week, viz., 88c. to 89c. for No. 1, 84c. for No. 2, and 78c. to 79c. for No. 3 extra. Street prices ranged from 78c. to 83c. *Peas*—Stocks in store 16,860 bushels, against 16,095 bushels last week, and 71,777 at a like time in 1881. Market remains dull in absence of offerings; prices close nominal at 79c. for No. 1, and 77c. for No. 2. Street prices 78c. to 80c. *Rye*—Stocks in store 17,007 bushels—same as last week. Offerings are fair and prices steady. A few sales have been made at 83c. delivered.

Clover.—There has been a good demand, and offerings are liberal; prices have a wide range on account of difference in quality. Choice lots are wanted, and remain firm at \$5 to \$5.15 per bushel, while inferior seed is easier at \$4.80 to \$4.85 per bushel. *Alsike* continues firm at \$7.50 to \$8.25. *Timothy* nominal, at quotations in absence of offerings.

PROVISIONS.—The demand for butter has been fairly active and prices firm. Large quantities have been bought up for shipment to the States and to the Lower Provinces. They were medium and good qualities, very little choice offering. The latter is worth 20c. to 22c. in tub lots, and good selections in lots are in demand at 16c. *Cheese*—There has been a moderate inquiry, and prices continue steady at 12½c. to 13½c.; in Liverpool there has been a fall of 1s. *Eggs* are scarce and firm at 22c. to 23c. for fresh, and 20c. for pickled. *Pork* quiet, with stock very small; it is held at \$20.50 to \$21. *Bacon* is in fair demand and steady at 10½c. to 11c. for long clear and 10c. to 10½c. for jobbing lots of Cumberland cut. *Ham* unchanged, at 12c. to 13c. *Lard* continues in fair request and steady at 13½c. for tierces, and 14c. to 14½c. for tubs and pails. *Hogs* scarce and steady at about \$8.50 to \$8.65, but buyers not so anxious since the drop in the west.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Stocks in store, 6,933 bbls. against 7,423 bbls. last week and 9,829 bbls. at a like time last year. *Flour* seems to be demoralized, and buyers hold off in anticipation of even lower prices. It is nominally lower than last week, in consequence of the decline of wheat. No sales have been reported, and fortunately for holders stocks are not heavy. Superior extra is nominal at \$5.50 to \$6.50 and extra at \$5.40 to \$5.50. *Bran* continues very scarce and prices are higher at \$15.50 to \$16.00. *Oatmeal* unchanged, at \$4.40 to \$4.65, with few car lots moving.

CATTLE.—Receipts somewhat larger this week, amounting to about 630 head. The majority were inferior to good quality, and prices were relatively high. Several exporters were in the market buying to ship by way of Portland. A few head of choice steers sold at 5c. per lb., average weight 1200 to 1300 lbs. First-class butchers' cattle sold at 4c. to 4½c., and second-class at 3c. to 3½c. *Sheep* in good supply and steady, prices ruling at 4c. to 5c. per lb.; only few sold at the latter figure. *Lambs* in moderate demand and unchanged at 4½c. to 5c. per lb. *Calfes* wanted, and prices firm at \$6 to \$12 per head. *Hogs* rather easier, at 6c. to 6½c. per lb.

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