

PROVISIONS.—Butter.—Receipts during the week 564 pkgs., shipments 301 pkgs., the local demand is good, but there is nothing doing in shipping parcels for the former only choice butter is taken and it commands form 20 to 25c; **Cheese.**—There is nothing doing of any consequence only a small enquiry from retail dealers at 14 to 15c; **Pork.**—No receipts this week, shipments 156 brls.; market dull and prices have suffered a further decline since this day week; we now quote, new mess \$18.50 to 19.00; thin mess \$17.50. **Lard** quiet and unchanged at 11 to 12c; **Tallow** 8½c.

SALT.—A few small sales taking place within our range of quotations. Coarse 60 to 65c; Factory filled \$1.25 to 1.50.

WOOL.—We quote, pulled wool, white, 28 to 30c; black 26 to 27c. At these prices a pretty fair business could be done here just now, were the stock sufficient to meet the demand, but at the present time stocks held here are very small.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, March. 15, 1877.

The flour and grain market is very lifeless, and whatever movement is making is local. We cannot export at present prices, as they are much above transatlantic markets. The slight fluctuations in American cities are for the most part reversed day by day.

In provisions the feature of the market is the great tumble in Chicago. Offers were made on Monday of mess pork for April delivery at \$13.30, and to-day we hear that mess is offered in that city "for the year" at as low as \$12.00. It may be thence inferred how weak and drooping is the feeling in pork. Messrs. Kenyon & Co., New York, the extensive packers for European shipment, have failed.

The ravages among the grape vines in France of the *Phylloxera* have extended to twenty-five departments. This insect has destroyed the vines over a large tract of country which produces wines and brandies, and public traffic as well as private capital and industry is most seriously affected.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Trade for the week has been quiet. The weather has not been such as to give an impulse to purchases of spring goods. There is no especial feature to note, and prices remain as quoted.

CLOTHING.—The week has not shown much activity, the season is as yet rather early for this trade, and but few country buyers are in. Stocks are full, and the trade is principally engaged in filling orders from travellers, which are generally, throughout Ontario, smaller in amount than in previous years.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The experience of wholesale Druggists has not been more favorable than other merchants, as to the condition of trade and payments. There is consequently no great pressure to sell goods, but a tendency to restrict lines, and to scan orders closely. Indigo is firmer, we quote 90 to 95c. Opium has fallen about seven per cent. the prices is now \$7.00 to 7.25; Iodide of Potassium has sustained a sudden and marked advance, owing to the change in price of Iodine. Spirits Turpentine has been easier and we now quote 58 to 60c. but it is tending upwards again. For olive oil, salad, \$1.80 to 2.00 is a more correct quotation.

DRY GOODS.—There is now somewhat more activity noticeable in this line, there are a fair number of country buyers in, but all buying lightly, and finer weather would probably bring more. Stocks are well assorted, probably better than at this time for several years past. They are not however as a rule heavy. Values are unchanged from last weeks report. There is however a firmer feeling in cottons. Payments are backward thus far in the month.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Flour.—Stock in store 7,940 bbls., against 7,490 last week and 20,506 last year. There is very little movement, the limited sales made are for city trade. Superior extra has sold at \$7.00 for small parcels, to \$6.80; a large round lot sold under the inside figure; extra, we note sales at \$6.30 to 6.35, 1,000 bbls. yesterday, and 1,000 last Saturday. Fancy \$6.10 to 6.15; spring extra has sold firm \$5.90 down to 5.80; superfine, transactions at \$5.25. **Oatmeal** is in somewhat better demand, say \$5.50 for 5 to 10 bbl. lots, and \$5.25 per car. **Cor. meal** \$3.00 to 3.25.

GRAIN.—The market is inanimate, prices of wheat and barley weak. Stocks in store:—**Wheat** fall, 76,873 bush. against 76,451 bush. last week, and 312,371 bush. last year. There is no No. 1 in market, and none to come forward, prices therefore nearly nominal. No. 2, odd cars moving at quotations. Spring wheat, stocks in store 160,710 bush. against 153,655 bush. last week, and 505,750 last year. Some holders still ask \$1.40, but \$1.38 is highest moving figure, and sales are but small, for local purposes. **Oats.**—Stocks in store 29,471 bush. against 28,502 bush. last week, and 5,910 bush. last year. The local demand has sent prices up since our last, and 48c has been paid for Canadian. **Barley.**—Stocks in store 276,394 bush. against 301,336 bush. last week, and 205,283 bush. last year. Dull at 74 to 76c for No. 1, while No. 2 has sold at 58c down to 55c. **Peas.**—52,866 bush. in store against 52,977 last week and 114,382 bush. last year. Market inactive.

GROCERIES.—This trade is still dull, purchases being of a "hand to mouth" character. The stocks in the hands of country dealers are low, as a rule; which would indicate either that some increased demand must soon be apparent, or else that storekeepers are determined to keep their stocks lower than they have been doing, a resolution which offers fair ground for approval. **Coffees**, although easier in New York, are firm in price here, the quantity on hand being small. **Rio** is very scarce. **Fish.**—The season is so far advanced that stocks in some lines are about sold out. Herrings are steady; mackerel scarce, whitefish and trout in small supply and prices weak; dry cod plentiful and in moderate demand. The quantity of fish sold is, we believe, less than in former years. **Fruit** is dull, and the supply pretty well reduced, old layer raisins can be had at \$1.10 to 1.30. **Spices** are steady and unchanged. **Rice** still firm at our quotations. The prices of **Sugars** are maintained, the change in Britain advised last week having been, in part at least reserved, of centrifugal there is none in market. **Teas** have been moving somewhat more actively during the week and a shade more firmness begins to be felt. **Tobaccos** we quote dark 58. and 108. say 37½ to 43c. other brands as previously quoted. **Liquors** are slow of sale.

HARDWARE.—In most lines the demand is light, and orders all from travellers. Goods are beginning to arrive and there is a pretty full assortment on hand.

LEATHER.—Quietness reigns; and good buyers, safe men are able to get reductions from prices quoted. Stocks are well assorted as a rule, both in domestic and foreign goods, payments are behind hand. The feeling amongst tanners is not very hopeful the prices of hides of late being too high, and for present quotations of leather are too high still for their interests. We have no alterations to make in our price list which remains as before.

PETROLEUM.—The demand is active since the recent remarkable fall in price, and a good quantity is moving. Considerable has been offered and sold in the city and vicinity; probably a thousand barrels, at lower rates, of an inferior article made in a neighboring city, which stands the fire test but is smoky, and from which the chemicals have not been thoroughly

removed. See price list for quotations.

PROVISIONS.—There is nothing doing in *Mess* pork here; prices are purely nominal. We quote \$17.00 to 17.50, but as it can be laid down for about \$15.60 from Chicago those figures will be difficult to obtain from any considerable buyer. **Bacon**—Long clear, very little in market; Cumberland inactive and in large supply; we quote 7½ to 8½c, with a sale under the inside quotation. **Hams**, 11 to 13c. **Lard** is in ample supply at 11½ to 12½c; the movement is entirely local, the time not having arrived for it to move freely. **Eggs**—The late soft weather was favourable for bringing them in and lowering the price. A good many fresh are offering at rates which our quotations will cover. Hog products of whatever kind can be bought low for cash, the market being decidedly unsettled. In *Cheese* the market is bare of all kinds. A little summer ordinary is to be had at 11 to 13c; fine is worth 16c, and will in all likelihood go higher. The dry season of 1876 shortened the production by nearly a third, and the low prices early in the season stimulated English consumption. **Butter**—Common or medium sorts are not in request, and in the absence of any shipping demand the price is nominal. Fine is wanted at 20 to 23c.

We gather the following statistics of hog packing in Chicago for the season of 1876-7 from the circular of Messrs. Henry Milward & Co.

The number of hogs summer packed from 1st March to 21st. October was 1,194,515 against 728,781 in season 1875-6; winter packed 1,616,200 against 1,568,747 the previous season. The winter packed pork was made into: *Mess* 230,237 bbls., against 200,194 bbls., last year; prime mess 24,003 bbls., against 15,195 bbls., last year; extra prime 21,667 against 6,117 bbls., last year, and other brands totalling say 285,527 bbls., against 234,999; shoulders 18,202,105 lbs., in bulk and 4083 tierces against 24,713,439 lbs., bulk, and 1,834 tierces last year, and hams 44,324,893 lbs. and 31,229 tierces sugar pickled, against 41,306,554 lbs., and 32,054 tierces sugar pickled in 1875-6. The proportion of short cut hams made this year is larger than last by nearly thirty per cent; of long cut and Staffordshire thirty six per cent. smaller, which, from the fact that the two cuts last named are English preferences, indicates the marked lessening of the English demand.

Of Cut Meats the amount made in 1876-7 is over six million pounds less than last year. The decrease is principally in the cuts shipped to Britain, and the only items increased are short clear, bellies and backs. The yield of lard was 172,793 tierces or 55,293,760 lbs., which is an increase of 3037 tierces over last year.

WOODENWARE, ETC.—Business in this line is active; competition has been brisk, and prices are low. The parcels selling are not usually large, but a good quantity of stuff is moved. We quote prices as under per doz.: Pails, two hoop \$1.65 to 1.75 three hoops \$1.85 to 1.90; Tubs from \$7.00 to 10.00 per doz.; matches \$4.00 to 4.25 per case; clothes pins 90c to \$1.25 per case; washboards \$1.65 to 2.50; brooms, gem, \$1.85 to 3.00; hurl \$1.60 to 2.60; O. K. ring neck stalk \$1.55 to 1.90; dusters \$1.25 to 1.60; hearth, do., \$1.50 to 1.80; velvet, do., \$1.50 to 1.90. Per reduced list 15th Feb.

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