

HALIFAX, N.S., Sept. 8, 1881.

Flour still very scarce in this market and receipts small. Some few carloads of Canadian flour have arrived and meet quick sales. Superiors sell at \$7 to \$7.15 at four months, and at or equal to \$7.75 on spot; Extras, \$6.80 to \$6.90; Strong Bakers, \$7 to \$7.25. Oatmeal, \$5.10 to \$5.25. K. D. Cornmeal, \$3.60. Demand for Breadstuffs at present is only for local consumption. After 1st Oct., Fall trade will increase demand for Breadstuffs.

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

(By Telegraph from our Special Correspondent.)

TORONTO, Sept. 8th, 1881.

The streets of this city present an active appearance, the principal attractions being the Regatta and Exhibition. While some branches of business will not be benefited much by this large influx of strangers, there are others that will reap a rich harvest. All the hotels are crowded, and temporary beds are put up in every available place. Among the arrivals are many country merchants, who are taking advantage of cheap fares and combine business with pleasure. Wholesale dry goods houses are doing an active trade, the demand being good for nearly all descriptions of fall and winter fabrics. Travellers meet with considerable competition, but prices appear to be fairly sustained. Mills are kept going, and it is with difficulty that they keep apiece with orders. Heavy woollen goods are easy, and prices of blankets are lower than they have been for several years. Importations are large, and the display of goods is very attractive. Shipments are being made to nearly all districts, and they are heavier than usual to the North-west. Millinery houses are doing an active trade, as are all dealers in fancy goods. These departments will likely do a large business the next two weeks, as merchants prefer choosing from large stocks rather than ordering through travellers. The hardware trade is fairly active and prices firm. In groceries there is a slight improvement, with advances in peppers, syrups and sugars. Provisions are in good demand and higher. The money market continues quiet and steady. The demand for call loans is small, but rates are firm at 5 to 5½ per cent, and time loan on good collaterals rate at 5½ to 6 per cent. Prime commercial paper is discounted at 6 per cent and the ordinary at 7. Sterling exchange is quiet and steady; 60-day bills are quoted at 108½ between banks and 108½ over the counter, and demand bills at 108½ to 108½. Drafts on New York are drawn at ½ premium. The stock market has been quiet and irregular, with the majority of sales in banks. Those of the past few days consisted of Ontario at 79½ and 79½, Montreal at 199, Commerce at 143½ and 144, Dominion at 176 and 175½, Federal at 145½. Loan and miscellaneous shares were dull with few sales, and no changes of importance in quotations. The sales were as follows: Brant Loan at 103, Building and Loan at 103½, London and Ontario at 118, Huron and Erie at 156, and Dominion Telegraph at 99 and 99½. The market to-day closed more active and steady, with sales of Montreal at 199, Ontario at 79, Standard at 107, Imperial at 127, and Building and Loan at 103.

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

Banks.	Bid Sept. 1.	Bid Sept. 8.	Loan Cos.	Bid Sept. 1.	Bid Sept. 8.
Montreal..	195½	198½	Can. Permanent	204	204
Toronto ..	164½	165	Freehold.	163½	163½
Ontario ..	78	78½	Western Can... 170½	170	170
Merchants	123½	124½	Bldg. & Loan.. 103½	102½	102½
Commerce	143½	143½	Imp. Savings... ..	120	120
Dominion	175	175½	Farmers' Loan.. ..	120	120
Hamilton	120½	120½	Land. & Can'du	152	148½
Standard..	165½	167	Huron & Erie..	155	155
Federal ..	145½	145½	Dom. Savings... ..	132½	132½
Imperial ..	127½	127	Ontario Loan... ..	132½	132½
Molson's ..	116½	116½	Hamilton Prov..	133	133

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The volume of trade shows no diminution, it being large for fall goods. Travellers still meet with considerable competition, and prices are comparatively low when leather and labor is taken in consideration. The demand for rubbers is large and profit small.

COAL AND WOOD.—Trade is fairly active, consumers laying in their winter supply. Prices continue firm at \$6 for hard, \$6.50 for the best soft and \$6 for second quality. Wood is in fair demand and steady at \$5.50 per cord for hard and \$4 for pine.

COAL OIL.—There is a good trade reported, and prices are firm at an advance. Barrel lots of refined sell at 24c for Imperial gallon, and five to ten barrel lots at 23½c. Prime American white sells freely at 27c. The crude market in Petrolia is firm at \$1.90 to \$2 a barrel.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.—Apples.—The supply is small, being insufficient for the demand, and receipts are generally of poor quality. Good lots are worth \$2 to \$2.50 per barrel. Beans are dull and nominal at \$1.75 per bushel, with little stock on hand. Eggs are in good demand and higher; country lots are now worth 15c per dozen. Hogs dull; the few ordered by butchers on the market bring \$9 per 100 lbs. Hops are quiet; new are held at 20c to 22c, and yearlings at 16c to 19c. Onions offer freely, and are easy at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per barrel. Potatoes steady with a fair demand at 65c to 70c per bag in car lots. Poultry plentiful and steady at 40c to 50c for chickens and 45c to 55c for fowls. Tallow firm, with sales at 6½c and 6¾c; dealers pay 3c per lb. for rough.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—A fair trade is reported the past week, with some changes in quotations. We quote: Quince Seed is firm at \$4.25 to \$5. Opium steady at \$4.50 to \$5.00. Quinine easy at \$3.15 to \$3.50. Tartaric Acid is unchanged at 58c to 60c. Cream of Tartar unchanged at 35c. Turpentine is higher at 80c to 85c. Linseed Oil steady at 79c for boiled and 76c for raw. Glycerine firm at 38c to 40c. Potass Iodide, \$3 to \$3.25 per lb. Potass Bromide, 43c to 48c per lb. Oil Lemon, \$3.60. Alcohol, \$2.64 per barrel, cash. Morphine easier at \$2.50 to \$3.00 an ounce. Cochineal is quoted at 65c to 70c per lb. Dye stuffs are in moderate demand, and chemicals quiet.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Flour has been inactive for want of stocks. The demand during the latter part of last week was apparently good, but the only sale reported was a lot of choice extra at \$5.85 per barrel. At that time superior extra would have brought \$5.95 to \$6. The last few days, however, values are easier. Superior extra is quoted at \$5.85 to \$5.95, and extra and spring extra at \$5.75 to \$5.85. There is no stock in store, against 700 barrels last week and 150 barrels a year ago. The market to-day is quiet, there being no sales, but the feeling is firmer. Bran is in moderate demand, with car lots worth \$13.50 on track; ten car lots to arrive offer at \$13. Oatmeal is quiet, the demand being very small for car lots, which are worth \$4.25; small lots are worth \$4.50 to \$4.75. Cornmeal dull without sales; but worth about \$3.10.

WHEAT.—There has been a moderate trade within the week, the demand being chiefly confined to fall grades. Values up till Monday were firm at an advance, but since then are easier. No. 2 Fall sold the latter part of last week and on Monday at \$1.32, and an uninspected lot at the same price a few miles east. There were sales of No. 1 Spring at \$1.32 and at \$1.30 on track on Tuesday. Yesterday business was quiet, with buyers of No. 2 Fall at \$1.27, and 5,000 bushels of No. 2 Spring, October delivery, offered at \$1.30, without bids. The stock in store is 22,792 bushels, against 35,743 bushels

last week and 14,863 bushels the corresponding week of 1880. The market to-day close dull, with No. 2 Fall offering at \$1.32, and No. 2 Spring at \$1.31.

COARSE GRAINS.—Barley.—The demand has been good, and a number of transactions for future delivery have taken place on p. t. No. 2 is wanted at 75c on spot, but rail receipts thus far are small. No. 1 offers at 90c, September delivery. The stock in store is 36,848 bushels, against 17,753 bushels last week and 4,611 bushels the corresponding week of 1880. Oats have been scarce all week, and prices ruled firm. A number of car loads changed hands at 40c on track. The stock is 1,410 bushels, the same as last week. Peas have not begun to arrive in quantities, and prices are not established. The street prices are 75c to 78c. The stock is 1,186 bushels against 658 bushels last week. Rye is in good demand for future delivery, and prices very firm. A sale of 5,000 bushels was made on Tuesday at 95c, October delivery, and 97c would be paid for present delivery. No stocks. Corn is dull and purely nominal at 80c.

FREIGHTS.—Rail freights are unchanged. Ocean freights are slightly higher for meats and easier for butter.

GROCERIES.—There is a better feeling noted in this branch of business, and the movement has slightly increased. Sugars are in better demand and firmer. Syrups and pepper are higher, and fruits are firm. Fruits in moderate demand and firm: Valentias are quoted at 8½c; Currants, 7c to 7½c; Sultanias are firm at 15c to 16c; London layers, large lots, \$2.75; Black basket, \$3.50; Blue Crown, \$4.75. Nuts unchanged, at 10c to 10½c for Walnuts and 17c for Almonds. Fish dull and nominal, with small stocks. Sardines steady at 11c to 12c for sardines and no ½s in market. Salmon, \$2. Peppers scarce and higher; white, 22c; black, 16c. Sugars firmer: Granulated, 10c to 10½c; bright yellows, 8½c to 9c; low yellows, 8c to 8½c. Teas quiet and firm on small orders; prices are firm at 50c to 58c for common, Young Hyson, 40c to 50c for medium to good, and 60c to 65c for fine. Common Congou, 30c to 40c; good, 40c; fine 60c to 70c. Syrup higher; common, 58c; amber to choice amber, 65c to 68c per Imperial gallon. Coffee quiet: Government Java, 30c to 31c; Singapore, 20c to 23c; Rio, 18c to 20c; Jamaica, 22c to 24c. Rice steady at \$4.25. Tobacco higher, at 42½c to 55c for 6s and 8s; 48c to 50c for bright navy 3s; 42c to 45c for Solaces; and 55c to 95c for Virginia. Liquors firm: Pure Jamaica Rum, 16 o.p., \$2.75 to \$3; Demerara, \$2.45 to \$2.75. Gin—green cases, \$4.25 to \$4.50; red, \$5 to \$8.50. Wines.—Port, \$1.50; fine, \$2.40 to \$5.40. Sherry, \$1.50; fine, \$3.60 to \$5.40. Champagne per case, \$14 to \$26.50. Brandy in wood, Hennessey's, Oud's and Martell's, \$4.50 to \$5.10; second-class brands, \$3.70 to \$4.20, according to age; inferior brands, \$2.40 to \$3.30. Whiskey (add 5 per cent.). Alcohol, per Imperial gallon, \$2.53; pure spirits, 65 o.p., \$2.54; do 50 o.p., \$2.35; do 25 o.p., \$1.18; family proof whiskey, \$1.28; old Bourbon, \$1.28; old rye, toddy or malt, \$1.20; domestic whiskey, 32 u.p., \$1.08; rye whiskey, 4 years old, \$1.50; do 5 years old, \$1.60; do 6 years old, \$1.70; 7 years old, \$1.80.

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