

showers of snow which has improved sleighing a little. Yesterday and to-day the weather was milder and inclining to thaw.

**ASHES.**—*Pots.*—There has been little or no change in the state of the ashes market since the date of our last report. The demand has been light and sales of firsts were made at our last closing quotation of \$4.70 to 4.75, closing steady at these figures. For inferior there has been no demand and quotations are nominal. In *Pearls* there have been no transactions, and our quotation of \$4.95 to 5.00 is nominal. The stocks at present in store are pots 2705 brls.; pearls 1113 brls.

**CATTLE.**—In the market yesterday there were twelve car loads of cattle exposed for sale, for which there was a brisk demand, the prices obtained averaged \$4.00 to 5.25 per 100 lbs. live weight. There were no *Live Hogs* on the market; *Dressed Hogs* were in fair supply and sold at \$7.40 per 100 lbs.

**DRY GOODS.**—The state of the country roads which have been, and still are in a bad state for the want of snow, has not tended to improve things in this line of business, which is still very dull. A few orders for spring tweeds are coming to hand, but merchants generally only expect to do a light spring trade, and importations will, as a rule, be small. Clothing is still in moderate demand. Remittances are the cause of general complaint.

**RAW FURS.**—Arrivals of skins are still very scanty, any offering are taken within our range of quotations, but it is expected that the result of the London sales this month will have the effect of reducing prices in this market, meantime we continue to quote Beaver \$1.75 to 2.00; Black Bear \$6.00 to 12.00; Fisher, \$5.00 to 7.50; Silver Fox \$25.00 to 60; Cross Fox \$2.00 to 5.00; Red Fox \$1.25 to 1.60; Lynx \$1.50 to 1.75; Labrador Dark Martin \$7.00 to \$8.00; Pale Martin \$1.25 to 1.50; Prime Dark Mink \$2.50 to 3.00; Dark 2nd Mink, \$1.50 to 2.00; Fine Dark Otter \$8 to 10; Fall Muskrat 17 to 20c; Winter do. 20 to 23c; Spring, do 27 to 30c; Raccoon 25 to 60c; Skunk 20 to 50c.

**FLOUR.**—The stocks in store and in the hands of Millers on the morning of the 15th inst. were 55,485 brls.; against 53,117 brls. on the 1st inst., and 75,159 brls. on the 15th of January, 1875. Receipts for the past week were 4,500. The slight improvement which we noticed in the flour trade has been maintained, and a greater quantity of flour has been changing hands than for sometime previous, although prices do not present any very material change. We have heard of no sales for forward delivery this week. To-day the market closes quiet with a firmer feeling, but no heavy transactions transpiring. We quote *Superior Extra* \$5.15 to 5.20. *Extra Superfine* \$4.85 to 4.90; *Fancy* \$4.70 to 4.75; *Spring Extra* \$4.50; *Superfine* \$4.10 to 4.15; *Strong Baker's flour* \$4.75 to 5.00; *Fine* \$3.70 to 3.75; *Middlings* \$3.05; *Pollards* \$3.55; *Upper Canada Rag flour* \$2.20; *Oatmeal* quiet at \$4.75 to 4.85; *Cornmeal* \$3.70 to 3.75.

**GRAIN.**—*Wheat.*—The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 15th inst. were 276,379 bushels; against 328,309 on the 1st inst. and 189,710 bushels on the 15th of January 1875. The receipts for the past week were 800 bushels, nothing doing in this grain and quotations are nominal. The same remark applies to all other grains except *Barley* a sale of which was reported at 57½c. Our quotations are 55 to 60c. *Pot Barley* \$5.25; *Pearl Barley* \$10.00.

**GROCERIES.**—*Teas.*—In our market there has been very little enquiry, and we only hear of one sale of high grade Japan tea. We quote, common to good common Japan 35 to 37½c. Medium ditto 45 to 47½c; Fine ditto 50 to 52½c. We hear of a large quantity of Japan tea being offered in this market by merchants and travellers from New York, but we have not heard of sales if they

have taken place. Greens in sympathy with the London market are held for higher prices but the demand is small. Blacks are neglected. *Coffee.*

—Small sales only reported, stocks are still very light and no change to make on our prices of the previous week. *Sugar.*—The principal business done this week has been in Scotch refined fair sales of which have taken place at 7½c. In granulated American sugar there has not been much movement prices steady at 8½ to 8½c. *Raw sugar* has been very quiet at 6½ to 8½c. For local refined there is a steady demand; Grocers A 8½c; Confectioners A 8½c; Ground 8½c; Extra ground 9½c. *Molasses.*—Owing to the smallness of stocks prices are firm, but at the moment there is not much demand. We quote Muscovado 32½ to 35c; Barbadoes 40 to 42c sales within that range; Centrifugal 30 to 32½c. *Syrups* quiet and unchanged. *Rice* is freely offered at \$3.75, but at the moment there is very little demand. *Fruit.*—The market has ruled dull all week. New Layers have been dealt in from \$2.25 to 2.50 according to size. Valencia raisins are held at 8c; New currants are offering at 6½ to 7c; Sultanias 13. *Spices.*—There is very little demand just now, but stocks of most kinds of spices are getting low. Black pepper in sympathy with producing markets has a downward tendency and can be bought at 12 to 12½c; Nutmegs of a good quality are scarce and asked for, we quote 95c to \$1.10; Cassia 17c; Cloves 48 to 50c. *Hops* holders asking 12½ to 15c.

**LEATHER.**—A moderate demand continues from the city trade who purchase only as they require to work up for orders received. Receipts though light are more than ample for the consumptive demand, and shipments continue to Europe. Prices are believed to have touched bottom, but tanners who are holding stock, expecting an advance, are likely to be disappointed, as no advance is possible till the present general trade of the country improves. We quote Hemlock Spanish sole No. 1 B A. 23½ to 24c; do. No. 2 21 to 22c; Buffalo sole No. 1 20 to 22c; do. No. 2 18 to 19c Hemlock slaughter 24 to 26c; waxed upper light and medium 30 to 36½c; ditto heavy 30 to 32c; grained upper 32 to 35c; splits large 20 to 29c; do small 15 to 20c; calfskins 27 to 36 lbs, 55 to 75c; do 18 to 26 lbs 50 to 65c; sheepskin linings 25 to 40c; harness 24 to 26c; buffed cow 13 to 16c per ft.; enamelled cow 18 to 19c; patent cow 19 to 19½c; pebbled cow 12c to 16c.

**LIQUORS.**—There is nothing special to report in this branch of business, demand has been much lighter than during previous years and quite of a jobbing character. *Brandy*, of the favourite brands sells from \$2.40 to 2.75 in wood, and from \$8.25 to 9.25 in cases. *Gin.*—*Dekuyers* in wood \$1.55 to 1.60; red cases \$1.75; green cases \$4.00. *Rye Whiskey* is in good demand at 34c in Bond per car load equal to \$1.01½ duty paid. *High Wines* have also been dealt in to a very fair extent at 57c in Bond per car load equal to \$1.92 duty paid.

**OILS.**—There is very little demand for *Cod oil*, however, it is held at 60c; *Seal* pale 65c; ditto straw 62½c; ditto steam refined 67½; *Menhaden* oil 45c; no *Whale* oil in market; *Olive* for the common kinds 95c to \$1.00, but for the finer kinds \$1.20 is the current rate; *Linseed* oil, raw 52½ to 57½c; ditto boiled 57½ to 62½c.

**PAINTS.**—We have no change to make on our list this week, trade has not yet begun to revive; we quote *White lead* pure, 100 lb. kegs \$8.00, 200 lb kegs \$8.80. *Blue coal* oil brls. \$1.70 for 25 lb irons; \$6.25 for 100 lb kegs; *Black paint* \$1.10 for 25 lb. irons; *Brunswick green* \$1.20 for 25 lb irons; *Venetian Red* \$1.10 for 25 lb. irons; *French Yellow ochre* \$1.10 for 25 lb. irons; *Metallic oxide* Indian red shade \$1.50 for 25 lb. irons; \$5.50 for 100 lb kegs; *Metallic Fire Proof Roofing Paint* 1.50 for 25 lb.

**PROVISIONS.**—*Butter*—Receipts for the past

week have been 1307 kegs, shipments 1,730 kegs. There is a good demand for really choice butter from the townships, which readily commands our outside quotation, which is 1c dearer than last week. Low grades of butter are neglected and at the moment a drug in the market. We quote store-packed western 17c, but there was some offered under that price without finding a purchaser. Dairy western 18 to 19c; eastern townships butter 21 to 23c. *Cheese*—No receipts this week, shipments 2,684 boxes. The improvement in England has somewhat stiffened this market, and there is a moderate demand for shipment at 10½ to 11c, but holders are firm asking higher prices. *Lard* is in fair local demand at 13½ to 14c, according to package. *Pork*—Receipts 35 brls.; shipments 77 brls. The business doing just now is quite of a retail nature at about 50c over our wholesale quotations, which are for mess \$21.50, and thin mess \$21.00. *Tallow*—Rendered quiet and nominal at 8c per lb., do. in the rough 5c per lb.

**SALT.**—Market dull, very few sales taking place just now. We quote coarse 70c; fine, 75c, and factory filled \$1.20 to 1.35.

**WOOL.**—There are evidences of some improvement in the demand for wool, the enquiry is increasing and several sales have taken place since this day week within our range of quotations. Super 26 to 28c, and black 26c.

## TORONTO MARKET.

Toronto, January 20, 1876.

Business generally is disappointing and profits small. The open winter has certainly checked the movements of goods, and many dealers feel timid about the future and dissatisfied with the result of late operations. For a long time it has been anticipated that with the curtailment in importation and the exhaustion of merchandise throughout the country, there would spring up a renewed demand for goods which would lead to a more healthy business at better prices. These expectations are correct in theory and must eventually bring about a sound state of trade, but there is no deciding when they will be realized. Throughout the following report we give statistics showing the curtailment which has taken place in this city in several lines of goods—a curtailment which is yet going on.

The value of the Toronto imports for the month of December as compared with the same month in 1874, is as follows:—

	1874.	1875.
Dutiable goods.....	\$741,582	\$462,778
Free goods .....	117,545	127,269
	\$859,127	\$590,047
Value of imports for the three months ending December 31st:—		

	1874.	1875.
Dutiable goods ....	\$2,606,834	\$1,753,679
Free goods .....	552,151	436,508
	\$3,158,985	\$2,190,187

Value of Toronto imports for 1875 as compared with 1874:—

	1874.	1875.
Dutiable goods....	\$13,147,178	\$10,402,757
Free goods.....	2,139,838	1,617,650
	\$15,287,016	\$12,020,407

Decrease in 1875—\$3,266,609.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—Factories are running on good time, and are busy with spring orders though a great many have not as yet been received. Travellers are out, and many of their orders are confined to sorting up, but some good orders for spring goods have been taken. Prices show no change.

**CATTLE.**—*Beeves.*—There has been a steady