

evening was 2981 brls Pots and \$29 brls Pearls.  
**Boots and Shoes.**—Orders are coming in a little slowly from commercial travellers, still the indication are that a fair, steady business may be expected through the spring months. There seems to be a disposition on the part of dealers to keep small stocks, and replenish as the state of trade may require. Prices are without essential change although an anxiety on part of some manufacturers to press sales, has prevented so much of an advance as the present prices of leather demands.

**Dry Goods.**—Our City retail trade keeps well engaged. The continued steady winter weather contributes its quota in the way of disposing of seasonable goods, and the splendid country roads are the means of bringing many to the city to buy. Most of our wholesale people have now got their travellers out with Spring samples, but it is somewhat early in the trip to report what is being done. We very much regret to learn that remittances are not at all up to what might be expected.

**Fish.**—There is a better feeling in fish market, more parties enquiring; small sales at full prices continue to be made. Country trade improving as the fish season approaches.

**Flour.**—Receipts for the week, 13,365 brls., receipts, Jan. 1st to 17th inclusive, 12598 brls., making a total of 25963 brls received since 1st January to date. Notwithstanding the increased receipts, the market has further improved, and prices to-day show an advance of 15c per brl. on prices current a week ago. One peculiarity about the recent advance in flour, which now exceeds one dollar per barrel since the close of navigation, is the slowness of it, (the advance in any one week not having exceeded twenty cents per barrel) and the entire absence of speculation. The rise seems to be due almost entirely to scarcity.

**FURS AND SKINS.**—No money, no trade, no raw skins at present. The shipping season is past, and every skin in the country has been sent forward to London for the March sales. Lower prices will be reached. We quote:—Rat, Fall, 12c. to 15c.; Do, Winter, 15c. to 20c.; Coon, 25c. to 75c.; Fox, Red, \$1.20 to \$1.50; Fox, Cross, \$2.00 to \$5.00; Marten, Pale, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Mink, Western Canada, good colors, \$2.00 to \$2.50; Mink, Eastern Canada, prime large, \$2.00 to \$2.50; Mink, Eastern Canada, prime small, \$1.50 to \$2.00; Otter, Dark, prime, \$6.00 to \$9.00; Fisher, Dark, prime, \$7.00 to \$9.00; Lynx, \$1.25 to \$2.00; Beaver, Fall, clean pelt, per lb., \$1.25 to \$1.50; Do, Winter, clean pelt, per lb., \$1.50 to \$1.75; Bear, large prime, \$8.00 to \$12.

**HARDWARE.**—Some travellers are about going out, but one or two recently returned report great quietness in business all through the West; the one hopeful feature being the inability of the Americans to any longer compete with the price of English iron and Canadian rails.

**LEATHER.**—Very little demand for Leather the past week, but prices are firm; in fact Pebble and buff are held at 1c. advance, that is for extra good stocks. Leather of all descriptions must advance as soon as the demand arises which will probably take place next month. Hides have declined the past week. See quotations.

**LIVE STOCK.**—The arrivals of live stock at Point St. Charles last week numbered twenty-five carloads, of which twenty-two were of cattle and the remaining three mixed carloads of cattle and sheep. These with the heavy arrivals on Monday, nineteen carloads of cattle and two mixed loads of cattle and sheep, produced a glut in the St. Gabriel market, and a consequent lowering of prices, amounting to about 4 per cent. less than those of the previous week. First class cattle brought from \$4.80 to \$5.25, per 100 lbs. live weight; second class from \$4.25 to \$4.55, and third class from \$2.75 to \$4.00, the lowest price named having been paid for a number of bulls, which seemed much the worse for their trip. Seven fine steers, weighing 11,450 lbs. brought the highest figure named. Prices must continue low as long as drovers overstock the

market. It might be inferred that over-stocking were not likely to happen at such severe seasons, when well-fed cattle from the farther west portions of Ontario are almost certain to lose at least five per cent of their weight during the journey, causing a serious inroad on the profits of the dealers. Dressed hogs were in full supply, with little demand, and prices are from \$7.25 to \$7.40 per 100 lbs. Sheep are fetching from \$4 to 4.50 per 100 lbs. Live hogs, \$6 per 100 lbs. Hides, pelts and tallow declining. See our quotations on another page.

**LEARNER.**—No change in prices; business is slightly improving; enquiry is being made by property owners with a view of building; architects are hopeful of doing a fair business this coming season.

Ash, 1 to 4 inches, per M.....	\$16 00 to \$20 00
Ash, timber, per M.....	20 00 to 25 00
Birch, 1 to 4 inches, per M.....	18 00 to 22 00
Basswood, 3 to 2 inches, per M.....	15 00 to 20 00
Basswood, extra wide, per M.....	20 00 to 25 00
Black Walnut, per M.....	60 00 to 100 00
Cedar, round, lineal foot.....	00 06 to 00 05
Cedar, flat, lineal foot.....	00 04 to 00 05
Cedar, square, lineal foot.....	00 02 to 00 12
Elm, 1 to 4 inches, per M.....	18 00 to 25 00
Elm, timber, per M.....	20 00 to 25 00
Elm, Rock, 1 to 4 inches, per M.....	30 00 to 40 00
Hemlock, 1 to 3 inches, per M.....	08 00 to 10 00
Hemlock, 3x3, scantling, each.....	00 07 to 00 05
Hemlock, 3x4, scantling, each.....	00 00 to 00 10
Hemlock, timber, per M.....	12 50 to 15 00
Maple, hard, per M.....	20 00 to 30 00
Oak, 1 to 4 inches, per M.....	40 00 to 50 00
Pine, good clear, per M.....	25 00 to 35 00
Pine, common, per M.....	20 00 to 25 00
Pine, sound, 1 inch, planed.....	15 00 to 17 00
Pine, sound flooring, planed.....	12 00 to 15 00
Pine, roofing, planed, per M.....	11 00 to 12 00
Pine, strips, 1 to 2 inch, per M.....	09 00 to 11 00
Pine, strips, planed, 1 to 2 inches, per M.....	11 00 to 13 00
Pine, common culls, per M.....	08 00 to 10 00
Pine, common 3 inch culls, per M.....	06 00 to 08 00
Pine, common 3 inch planed, per M.....	07 00 to 10 00
Pine, timber, per M.....	15 00 to 20 00
Pine, shingles, per M.....	03 00 to 03 50
Pine, 14 lath, per M.....	01 10 to 01 25
Pine, 3x3 scantling, each.....	00 07 to 00 08
Pine, 3x4 scantling, each.....	00 10 to 00 11
Pine, 1x2 furring, each.....	00 02 to 00 03
Spruce, 1 to 2 inches, per M.....	08 00 to 10 00
Spruce, planed, 1 to 2 inches, per M.....	09 50 to 11 00
Spruce, 3 inch, per M.....	07 00 to 08 00
Spruce, timber, per M.....	14 00 to 15 00
Spruce, furring, 1x2, each.....	00 02 to 00 02 1/2
Spruce, wall strips, 2x3, each.....	00 05 to 00 06
Spruce, scantling, 3x3, each.....	00 07 to 00 00
Spruce, scantling, 3x4, each.....	00 09 to 00 10

**PROVISIONS.**—Butter, market remains firm but very little doing, the principal call is from Lower Port shippers. Fine grades could be moved to English shippers if holders would make a slight concession in price, which they don't appear to be willing to do. **Cheese.**—Market firm, no particular activity to note; stocks held principally by shippers who are waiting favorable opportunities to ship.

**SALT.**—Good demand for factory filled salt at prices quoted.

**SEEDS.**—Clover, none offering in this market. Crop in Ontario said to be short, where it is now selling at \$8.00 to \$8.25, with considerable export demand. Timothy comes forward slowly; nothing doing in it; nominal at \$2.40 to \$2.50. White Beans scarce at \$1.40 to \$1.60 per bushel.

**WHOLESALE GROCERY MARKET.**—**Sugars.**—In business there is little to notice as to activity or changes. Sugars are the turn easier, and a drop of 1/4 ct. at least may be noted, still prices here are relatively as low as imports could be well made for. **Teas.**—A considerable quantity of Tea has been sold in New York on speculation. It looks as if higher prices may soon rule; in the meantime markets are quiet. **Molasses.**—Rather dull as well as **Syrups.**—A

slight reduction may be reported.—**Coffees.**—Quiet.—**Rice.**—Firm.—**Fruits.**—Steady, and Currants firm at advance reported.—**Spices.**—Pepper and Cloves firm.

**Wines and Spirits.**—Trade during the past week has been very dull, and we have not heard of any large transactions. All classes of Wines and Spirits are very firmly held, and any small sales that have come under our notice have been effected at full figures.

**Wool.**—A fair amount of business is being done chiefly confined to the finer and medium grade Canadian Wools. Many of the local mills are still only running half and two-third time on account of the falling supply of water.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

(via Dominion Line)

Toronto, Jan. 25.—Flour scarce: Superior Extra sold to-day at equal to \$6.05 here; Spring Extra would bring \$5.80. Wheat sold yesterday afternoon at \$1.33 for No. 1 Spring, and \$1.31 for No. 2, but seems rather easier to-day. Oats to arrive brought 48 yesterday; more wanted. Barley and peas nominal. Hogs, inactive, slow of sale, and prices nominal. Bran, bagged, sold to-day at \$18.50 on the street. Fall Wheat rose to \$1.35 to \$1.50, and Spring to \$1.35. Oats, 50c. Barley, 60c to 74c. Peas, 77c to 80c.

## IMPORTS.

Comparative statement of Imports at the Port of Montreal per Grand Trunk Railway, from 1st to 25th January, 1876 and 1877:

	1876.	1877.
Ashes.....	1,123	712
Butter.....	4,876	1,863
Barley.....	8,400	12,600
Bacon.....	...	...
Corn.....	2,000	400
Cheese.....	...	496
Flour.....	18,330	27,205
Lard.....	...	665
Oats.....	2,850	4,900
Peas.....	14,800	1,200
Pork.....	390	344
Wheat.....	16,980	...

## REMARKS.

**Ashes.**—Receipts for the week, 172 brls. Pot; 4 brls. Pearl. Decrease, 411 brls.  
**Butter.**—Receipts, 680 brls. Decrease, 3,013 brls.

**Barley.**—Receipts, 6000 bush. Increase, 4,200 bush.

**Bacon.**—Receipts, none. Increase, — boxes.

**Corn.**—Receipts, — bush. Decrease, 1,600 bush.

**Cheese.**—Receipts, — boxes. Increase, 496 boxes.

**Flour.**—Receipts, 14,107 brls. Increase, 8875 brls.

**Lard.**—Receipts, 355 brls. Increase, 665 brls.

**Oats.**—Receipts, 1,400 bush. Increase, 2,050 bush.

**Peas.**—Receipts, 800 bush. Decrease, 13,600 bush.

**Pork.**—Receipts, 220 brls. Decrease, 46 brls.

**Wheat.**—Receipts, — bush. Decrease, 16,980 bush.

## EXPORTS.

Comparative statement of Exports of leading articles at the Port of Montreal, from the 1st January to 25th January, 1876 and 1877.

	1876.	1877.
Ashes.....	105	350
Butter.....	9,651	3,812
Barley.....	...	23,216
Bacon.....	3,640	5,168
Corn.....	...	8,500
Cheese.....	10,471	1,462
Flour.....	800	1,309
Lard.....	1,502	6,750
Oats.....	8,133	14,294
Peas.....	53,873	12,408
Pork.....	853	1,135
Wheat.....	67,798	37,872