

**PROVISIONS.**—Pork is rather firmer if anything, though the demand is not particularly strong: we quote Western Mess \$14 to \$15; lard 10 to 11½; hams 14 to 14½; bacon 18½ to 14½; eggs bring 24 to 25c. per dozen for fresh laid. Butter is in fair demand for best qualities only, and some choice creamery has sold at over 25c. We quote creamery 24 to 25c, best township 20 to 21½; fair do 18 to 20c, Morrisburg 17 to 20c, Western 14 to 17c. Cheese is easy and quoted at 11 to 11½ for September and October makes.

**SALT.**—There has been rather more competition of late, and prices of coarse elevens and twelves have been somewhat cut, we quote 47½ for twelves and 52½ for elevens, tens are not in so good supply and 60 cents is still asked. Factory-filled \$1.30 to \$1.50. Eureka \$2.40. Turk's Island 35c. a bushel.

**WOOL.**—There is rather more enquiry for pulled wool, and several mill men have been in town looking for stock. We quote 28 to 30c. for A. super, 23 to 25c. for B.; Cape wool 17½ to 19c. A cargo of foreign wool is re-ported at Boston, for this market.

### TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, NOV. 1, 1883.

Dealers in breadstuffs and provisions find business dull. Not so the grocer or the druggist or the hardware dealer. Dry goods men and clothiers are fairly busy. Some peculiar features show themselves in general trade; one is the extreme caution with which most retailers buy; another is the difference in feeling in various parts of the country. In Western Ontario business is quiet and the feeling almost gloomy; up North a more hopeful vein is traceable; Eastward, again, where barley has been a good crop and in such places as Peterboro and Lindsay, too, orders are more free, and there seems a freer movement. The very limited circulation of money for crop movement, is to be noted. This is because there is so little wheat to move, and because of the 'backwardness of barley in coming forward.' Still, judging from remittances to wholesale men, money is not scarce in the country. Added to the carefulness of most retailers in present purchases it is pleasing to learn that importers' stocks will be light for the coming spring. Prices of cotton goods are perceptibly stiffening.

This has been a sort of "off-week" with the stock brokers, for, added to the languid feeling in stocks since the 3rd, is the fact that the New York Stock Exchange was closed on Tuesday by reason of the American Elections, while our Canadian Exchanges are to-day closed because of Thanksgiving Day. Transactions have been few and unimportant, in either bank or other shares. Nothing very definite has transpired about the difficulties of the group of brokers except Mr. McKellar's assignment.

The goods remaining in warehouse at Toronto were in value as in the following list at the end of September this year and last:

Article.	1882.	1883.
Brandy.....	\$30,734	\$ 26,467
Gin .....	2,322	3,153
Rum .....	772	1,094
Whiskey .....	2,016	4,272
Ale and porter .....	1,110	839
Wines, by the gal .....	30,780	29,173
" " doz .....	3,500	3,927
Cigars and cigarettes .....	3,857	1,191
Manufactures of Tobacco .....	1,072	420
Sugar, all kinds .....	37,338	5,020
Coffee, green .....	988	1,706
Tea, black .....	3,142	185
" green and Japan .....	48,433	23,987
Dried fruits and nuts .....	12,600	21,567
Iron & steel—manufres. of .....	50,733	6,250
Earthenware, china, &c., .....	12,619	8,820
Coal—Anthracite .....	253,850	299,593
" Bituminous .....	79,623	112,896
Coke .....	124	504
Cottons .....	76,636	23,428
Wool—manufactures of .....	50,227	34,238
Miscellaneous articles .....	90,606	170,485
Totals.....	\$793,092	\$779,210

**DRY GOODS.**—The movement of goods is only moderate, and, like other lines this branch of trade is at present quiet. Retail dealers who have been holding off from buying domestic cottons in the expectation that these would be lower because of the Morrice trouble, are disappointed, and as the wholesale dealers have refrained from pressing goods upon them meantime, they are ordering in a moderate way. A fair movement in the ginghams of the St. Croix Mill and the satteens and cotton hollands of the Montreal Cotton Co. A good demand has been made for bleached goods, and the price shows signs of stiffening. Certainly the price of raw cotton for future delivery is advancing, by recent advices. It appears that the American crop this year will be less than 70 per cent. of an average crop. The "bottom was knocked out" of speculation in the Liverpool market last week, when Morris Ranger suspended owing £1,080,000 and some fifteen other cotton operators failed. The partial failure of the American cotton crop, as Mr. Ranger puts it "caused a serious rise in prices and those who had been operating on the bear side suffered by the upsetting of their calculations. Then the bulls pushed their advantage and "short" operators had to go the wall." The Manchester Guardian of 2nd inst says "Despite the slackness of the demand sellers do not seem anxious for fresh business. They are impressed by the firmness of the cotton market and adhere steadily to their quotations." The Financial Chronicle of Saturday makes the visible supply of cotton 2,263,780 bales which indicate an increase of 225,197 bales as compared with the corresponding date of 1882, and an increase of 17,680 bales as compared with the same date of 1881.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—There is not much business to report. The supply is barely equal to demand. Transactions in Flour have been mostly in car or small lots of extras and superiors changed hands at \$5 on Monday and Tuesday while \$5.25 was paid for choice brands. There is no Strong Bakers, in the market, so that our quotations are nominal; Spring extra is neglected; it offered on Tuesday at \$4.85 and was not sold. Oatmeal quiet at say \$4.25 to \$4.30 per barrel in car loads and \$4.50 to \$4.75 in small lots as to quality. Cornmeal sells in small parcels at \$3.50 to \$3.60. Bran continues high. We quote \$12 per ton in car lots and \$12.25 to \$12.50 in smaller quantities.

**HOPS.**—It is not easy to give exact quotations in the present state of the market. Holders are disposed to look for more than brewers will give. Some sales are reported in the neighborhood of Prescott at an average price of 20c., and the Montreal Gazette, which quotes prices at 20 to 25c. says: A few small lots of choice have been sold to brewers here at 25c. per lb, and we quote prices at from 20 to 25c. for fair to choice samples, though some holders persist in asking 30 to 31c. Some Bavarian hops have been purchased in England for Montreal parties at about £7 per cwt. At Malone, N. Y. sales have been made of fine quality Franklin County at 20 to 21c for new and 21c. for last year's growth, and there have been sales at Cooperstown of 5,000 lbs. new and 24 bales do. at 25c. and 3000 lbs. old at same price.

**GRAIN.**—The feeling in breadstuffs in the Old Country market is not strong. Prices here, with the exception of wheat, which is higher by reason of scarcity, are about as at last writing. The latest bulletin of the Ontario Bureau puts the wheat crop of the province at a figure lower than ever. Damage by frost is more extensive, we are told, than was supposed; some samples from the counties of Grey and Bruce are quite spoiled for flour. There is no No. 1 fall wheat

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