

SEEDS.—Since our last report the market for *Clover* continues unchanged, and without any transactions' worthy of note. It may be quoted at \$5 to \$5.50 per bushel; no export demand at present. *Timothy* is in better demand since our last; the market, however, is not so well supplied, farmers are holding back for higher prices, but there is a considerable quantity in the country. Prices range from \$2.60 to \$2.75 per bushel.

WINES AND LIQUORS.—Trade continues quiet; business confined to sales of small lots of brandy at firm prices. Stocks are comparatively light, and, under an anticipated good demand, values, especially for brandies and low grade wines, are expected to advance this Spring. The high class of wines are reported in better demand this season. The market is almost bare of old Tarragonas.

WOOL.—The London sales are progressing at steady prices. At the opening there was a decline of 5 per cent. established on the prices of the previous sales, and an easier feeling was thus brought about in all the markets; but the bidding since has been so good that the impression prevails that values will shortly be restored to a higher basis. This market continues quiet; manufacturers are still pursuing a hand-to-mouth policy in purchasing, and no large transactions can be reported, in either foreign or domestic descriptions. For foreign wool we revise our prices, as Greasy Cape could be bought here at 18c to 18½c, and Australian at from 32 to 34c. Values for domestic unchanged. A local firm has received samples purchased at the London wool sales.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

(By Telegraph.)

Chicago, March 3, 2.30 p.m.—Wheat, March, 98½c; April, 100c; May, 104½c. Corn, 2.35 p.m., March, 37½c; April, 38½c; May, 42½c. Oats, 1.02 p.m., March, 29½c; April, 29½c; May, 34c. Pork, 2.11 p.m., March, \$14.00; April, \$14.57½; May, \$14.72½. Lard, March, \$9.92½; April, \$10.05; May, \$10.15. Milwaukee, Wheat, April, 99c; May, 103½c.

ENGLISH MARKETS.—By Cable.

Beerbohm's, 3rd March.—Floating cargoes, Wheat steady; Maize, none offering. Cargoes passage Wheat, firmly held; Maize, steady. Arrivals off coast for orders, Wheat, Maize, nil. Liverpool Spot Wheat strong; Average Red Winter, No. 1 Spring about 1 penny dearer; Maize unchanged. On passage U. K. ports, call, Wheat, 2,425,000 qrs; Maize, 280,000 qrs.

Liverpool, 3 March, 11.30 a.m.—Flour, 8s 6d to 11s; Spring, 8s 6d to 9s 4d; Red Winter, 9s 2d to 9s 9d; White, 8s 10d to 9s 5d; Club, 9s 6d to 9s 9d. Corn, old, 5s 7d; new, 5s 6d. Pork, 68s; Lard, 52s; Bacon, 40s to 41s.

London, 3rd March, 11.30 a.m.—Cons. 99 3-16 money; 99½ account. Bonds, new 4½s, at 14½; new 5s at 3½. Er. 50½; Ill. C., 136½.

MARITIME MARKETS.

(By Telegraph.)

Halifax, N.S., March 3, 1881.

Our market in breadstuffs and in all lines continues unusually dull and discouraging; certainly inactivity is anticipated for months of January, February and March, but so far during present year trade and the responsibility attached to time, sales in general way has been anything but encouraging, and, so far as can now be seen, the future outlook for Halifax with regard to its local trade is not encouraging. Our attachments to and connections with the outports are not becoming closer or more harmonious. The Intercolonial under the tariff arranged for it by G.T.R has failed, and will continue to fail, unless some radical changes

are made in it to secure Halifax its legitimate share of the maritime trade, and closes business relations with the outports. One Boston house averages an annual trade of upwards of \$1,000,000 with three firms in one of our outports not five hours' sail from Halifax, and the entire trade of Halifax with the entire people of aforesaid outport is less than half the sum mentioned. Stocks are small, particularly of flour and meal, but equal to requirements, of which there is only a retail demand. Chipman & Co. quote at 3 and 4 mons. as follows: High grade Superior Extra, \$5.25 to \$8; Standard Superior, equal Toronto inspection, \$5.65 to \$5.75; Extra, \$5.50 to \$6; Strong Bakers', \$5.95 to \$6.10. Spring Extra, \$5.25 to \$5.40. Bran per ton, \$20 to \$20.50; Oatmeal, \$4.85 to \$4.90; Cornmeal, \$3.25 to \$3.30; Oats, 47c to 49c. Butter, 16c to 18c.

St. John, N.B., March 3, 1881.

Flour has assumed a firmer tone, and prices are 10c. higher than for a fortnight past. The quotations for standard qualities are: Superiors at \$5.75 to \$6.00, Extras \$5.65 to \$5.75, High Patents \$6.75 to \$7.25. This week the sales have been very large in anticipation of a rise here, caused by the continued advance in the English market. Retailers are stocking up, and this has reduced the stocks of wholesalers to a smaller amount than usual. To meet this the imports have been rather light. Oatmeal is easy at 85c, while the price of cornmeal remains at \$3.25. There has been a sharp advance in beans, no good stock can be purchased less than \$2 a bushel, a rise of 30 cts. The molasses stocks are light, with prices unchanged; sugar is easier.

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

By Telegraph from our Special Correspondent.

Toronto, March 3, 1881.

The demand for general merchandise has been fairly active during the past week. In several departments the movement has been large, and wholesale dealers look for an active business the present month. One of the most active branches at the present time is millinery. The display is large, with well-chosen assortments, and during next week a number of the houses will have "opening" days. The stores have been well filled for a few days past, and goods are selling in large and small parcels. The wholesale dry goods trade is fairly active. The greater part of the Spring goods have been received, and packers and clerks are kept busy in filling orders from travellers. Cotton goods are in fair demand and firm, and the movement in woollens is moderate at steady prices. Remittances are said to be satisfactory, they being as good as at any previous period. In hardware orders for shelf goods are numerous, and the wholesale grocery trade is rather quiet. Provisions have not been as active this week on account of the unsettled feeling in the West; but hogs are very scarce and firm. The money market has been a little unsettled during the week, but loans are without change, there still being a sufficiency of funds offering. Call loans rule at 4½ to 5 per cent., and time loans, on good collateral, at 5 to 5½. Commercial paper has been a little more active, with gilt-edged discounted at 6 per cent., and the general run at 7. Sterling exchange has been unsettled; 60-day bills are quoted at 108½ between banks and 109 over the counter, and demand bills at 109½ to 109. Gold drafts on New York are at 1½ to 1½ premium. The stock market during the week

has been quiet and generally steady for banks, the chief feature being the advance of 7 per cent. in Dominion. There were sales the past few days of Montreal at 183½, Ontario at 98, Commerce at 139½, Dominion at 157, 158, 159, 160½, Federal at 138½, Imperial at 120½, and Standard at 104. Loan shares were in good demand and higher in many instances, while miscellaneous shares were steady. The following sales were made: Canada Landed Credit Company at 137, London and Canadian at 149 ex-dividend, Brant Loan at 120½, Canada Permanent at 205½ and 206, and Dominion Telegraph at 93.

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

Banks.	Bid Mch. 3.	Bid Feb. 24.	Loan Cos.	Bid Mch. 3.	Bid Feb. 24.
Montreal..	182½	183	Can. Permanent	205	208
Toronto..	149	145	Freehold..	157	157
Ontario..	98	97	Western Can.	166½	166
Merchants	117½	117½	Bldg. & Loan..	103½	103
Commerce	139½	138½	Imp. Savings..	119	119½
Dominion	160	152½	Farmers' Loan..	180	129
Hamilton	118½	118	Land. & Can'dn	146½	153
Standard..	104½	103½	Huron & Erie..	160	157
Federal..	139½	137	Dnm. Savings..	114	114
Imperial	121	119	Ontario Loan..	131	132
Molson's	Hamilton Prov.	128	126

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The demand has not been as brisk the past week, but travellers report a good trade up to date. There is considerable activity in factories and warehouses, with large shipments going out.

COAL.—Business continues quite active, and stocks are kept low, although there is apparently a large number of cars coming in. All descriptions of hard coal are \$8 a ton delivered; best quality of soft, \$7.50, and second best 7.

COAL OIL.—There is a moderate movement at unchanged prices. Large quantities bring 23c per imperial gallon, and small quantities 24c. A large quantity that had been inspected in London has been seized on account of its not coming up to gravity test.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.—*Apples.*—There is no change in the condition of trade, and prices remain firm at \$1.75 per barrel for choice lots and \$1.25 to \$1.50 for ordinary. *Beans* are quiet and unchanged, at \$1.45 for the best hand-picked, and \$1.30 to \$1.35 for second quality. *Country Cane Lard* is worth 11c per lb. *Eggs* remain easy on fair receipts, with fresh case lots selling at 20c to 22c per dozen. *Hogs* are scarce and firm, with sales yesterday at \$8 and \$8.25, the latter price being for exceptionally fine ones. *Hops* are quiet but steady; there is a moderate demand for first qualities at 21c, but few such lots offering; inferior to good sell at 15c to 18c. *Onions* are quiet and firm, with barrels worth about \$4. *Potatoes* are in good demand, with shipments to St. Louis during the week; cars are worth 50c to 55c per bag. *Poultry* is firm at 10c to 11c per lb., for turkeys and 6c to 7c for geese. *Tallow* is moderately active and firm, with sales at 6½c and 6½c.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There is a good business reported the past week, without change in quotations. *Opium* continues steady at \$8.50; *Quinine*, \$3.75 to \$3.80; *Tartaric acid*, 60c; *Cream of Tartar*, 35c; *Turpentine*, 82c to 85c; *Linseed Oil*, 79c to 83c for boiled and raw. Chemicals and dyestuffs unchanged.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—*Flour.*—There has been a better demand during the past week, and holders are firmer. During the latter part of last week, sales of Superior Extra were made