FINANCE AND COMMERCE

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 29.

In Montreal to-day sterling exchange was unchanged at 108¾ to 109¼ for round amounts between banks, and at 109¼ over the counter. Drafts on New York at ¼ per cent. premium.

At New York to-day sterling exchange was unchanged at $4.88 for demand notes, and $4.81 for sixty-day bills.

London, Dec. 29, 5 p.m.—Consols, 98 13-16 for money; 98 15-16 for account; bonds, new 4½s, 104¾; new 5's, 104¾; Erie, 31¾; Illinois Central, 131.

STOCKS.

There was a fair business done to-day, and in bank stocks at steady prices. Montreal was offered ¼ lower, or at 168 with 167 bids. Ontario firmer with bids up 1. Merchants' was offered ¼ lower, or at 117½, with bids as before at 116. Commerce sold twice at 136½, and closed with sellers ¼; and bids ¼ higher. Dominion sold at 143, and closed with bids up ½. Hamilton was held ¼, with bids ¼ higher. Standard sold at 102, and closed with bids down ½. Federal was held ½, with bids 2 higher, or at 137. Imperial advanced ¼, and sold at 118. Molsons was wanted at 103.

Loan and Savings stocks were inactive. Canada Permanent was offered at 200, with bids as before at 199. Western was not offered. Landed Credit was weak, being offered 1, with bids 4 lower. Building and Loan was held 2, with bids ½ higher. Ontario was offered as before at 135, with 133 bid.

Miscellaneous stocks were weak. Bids for British America declined ¼. Western sold at 210, closing with sellers 2½ lower, and bids unchanged at 210. Consumers' Gas sold at 145, closing with sellers 3 lower, or at 145¼, with 145 bid. Dominion Telegraph was offered as before at 90, with 88 bid. Montreal Telegraph was not offered, but bids advanced ¼, or to 132¾.

Debentures were wanted as before, but none offered.

The following is the official report of the Toronto Stock Exchange for Wednesday, December 29th :—

Banks.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Trans.
Montreal	168	167	.....
Toronto	.....	140	.....
Ontario	98	97½	.....
Merchants'	117½	116	.....
Commerce	137	136¾	49-31, 136¾
Consolidated	.....	.....	.....
Dominion	143½	143	5 at 143
Hamilton	136	135½	.....
Standard	102½	101½	50 at 102
Federal	138	137	.....
Imperial	118	117½	20 at 118
Molsons	103	.....	.....
Loan and Savings Cos.			
Canada Permanent	200	193	.....
Freehold	159	157	.....
Western Canada	.....	160	.....
Union Loan	148	144½	.....
Canada Landed Credit	135	130	.....
Building and Loan	98	94	.....
Imperial	120	116	.....
Farmers'	.....	122	.....
Canada S. L. L. & A. Co.	159	149	.....
Huron and Erie	.....	143 xd	.....
Dominion Savings and Investment Society	123	.....	.....
Central Canada Savings & Investment Soc.	135	133	.....
Canadian Sav. & Loan Co.	.....	.....	.....
London Loan Co.	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton Prov. & L. Soc.	122	120	.....
National Investment Co.	.....	104	.....
Anglo-Canadian	.....	.....	.....
People's	108	107	.....
Real Estate & North-Western Land & Investment Co.	.....	101	.....
Insurance, &c.			
British America	155	150	.....
Western Assurance	212½	210	30 at 210
Canada Life	316	.....	.....
Confederation Life	.....	.....	.....
Consumers' Gas	145½	145	30-32, 145
Dominion Telegraph	90	88	.....
Globe Printing Co.	105	.....	.....
Montreal Telegraph	.....	132¾	.....
Debentures.			
Toronto, Grey and Bruce	.....	50	.....
Toronto and Nipissing	.....	.....	.....
Debentures, &c.			
Dom. Stock, 6 p.c.	.....	.....	.....
Dom. Gov. Stock, 5 p.c.	.....	109	.....
County (Ont.) Stock, 6 p.c.	.....	108	.....
Tp'p (Ont.) Stock, 6 p.c.	.....	104	.....
City (Toronto) Stock, 6 p.c.	.....	108	.....

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

WEEKLY REVIEW.

THURSDAY, December 30.

PRODUCE.

The past week has been emphatically a holiday season in this market. There has been very little demand for anything, and very little of anything offered, that little being amply sufficient. Prices have been weak on nearly everything except barley, which has held up fairly well. There has been very little of anything coming forward, and the tendency of prices outside has contributed to leading buyers to hold off until a more settled feeling has been established. Stocks have varied but little, and stood on Monday morning as follows :—Flour, 6,200 bbls.; fall wheat, 68,831 bush.; spring wheat, 54,565 bush.; oats, *nil*. bush.; barley, 417,886 bush.; peas, 45,099 bush.; and rye, 10,858 bush., against on the corresponding date last year—flour, 13,050 bbls.; fall wheat, 172,000 bush.; spring wheat, 142,811 bush.; oats, 2,650 bush.; barley, 176,143 bush.; peas, 40,273 bush.; and rye, *nil*. bush. English advices show markets to have been weak and inactive during the last three days. Further cable advices state that during last week foreign grain was inanimate and drooping, with wheat cargoes declining slowly but surely. The yield of the English wheat crop of 1880 is turning out to be less than any of the published estimates, and a good deal of it has been injured by wet in the stack. Supplies last week show a considerable decrease; and were short of consumption; imports amounted to 140,000 to 150,000 quarters of wheat, and 115,000 to 120,000 bbls. of flour, and home deliveries were 160,000 to 130,000 quarters, making a total supply equal to 344,887 to 302,300 quarters of wheat against an average weekly consumption of 454,000 quarters. Mail advices to the 11th inst. state that the imports of wheat and flour into the United Kingdom from August 29th to December 4th, 1880, amounted to 4,818,724 qrs., against 5,822,847 qrs. last year; and the total deliveries from farmers in the whole of the United Kingdom during the same time were computed to have amounted to 2,404,756 qrs., against 1,540,408 qrs. last year, making the total supply in the above time 7,223,480 qrs., against 7,369,255 qrs. in the corresponding period of the preceding harvest-year, being a decrease of 145,775 qrs. in the first fourteen weeks of the harvest-year. The average price of home-grown wheat thus far in the present season was 42s. 5d. per quarter, against 42s. 2d. in the corresponding period last season. The rate of imports in the first three months of the season were at the rate of 17,500,000 quarters for the year, which would be in excess of any year's imports yet recorded. The weather is said to have continued very mild for the time of year, and been highly favourable for outdoor work, but little rain having fallen; good progress consequently being made with autumn sowing. From France and the Continent generally agricultural reports continued very satisfactory. Trade in French markets was quiet, principally in consequence of the discouraging advices from England and America, but the depression in values was not so great as in England; the Paris "term" market, in fact, was firm on the whole. Eight marks flour closed with but little change on the week; owing to the small stocks, outside influences were expected to have but little effect for some time to come. In ports Holders of foreign wheat had to make some concession, although the quantity on passage to France had declined to only 160,000 quarters. At Bordeaux red winter was quoted at 42s. 6d. per 480 lbs., ex-quay, and at Nantes at 50s. 6d. to 51s. 3d. per 480 lbs., free on rail; there seemed to be more demand for white foreign wheats, four cargoes from the English coast having been taken for France. Rye was drooping. Belgian markets were very dull on wheat, with a fall of 6d. to 1s. per quarter at Antwerp, with arrivals of 124,000 quarters. Grain was very quiet in German markets generally. The "term" markets, however, were not quotably lower on wheat, and rye was comparatively steady. At Berlin wheat was inactive, but prices closed rather higher on the week. Rye met a fair demand on the spot and for delivery, also prices were 2½ to 3 marks higher on the week. At Hamburg there was very little animation, but there was no accumulation of stocks, and no material decline in wheat was anticipated. Rye was slow at 1s. to 1s. 6d. decline. At Danzig supplies of wheat were small and of inferior quality, which met but little demand. Supplies of rye were increasing, and prices were rather lower. Stocks in general remain very small in Germany. Trade throughout the Austrian Empire was very quiet for both wheat and flour at declining prices, but with colder weather an improved demand was expected to set in. At the Danubian ports there was a good enquiry for Wallachian wheat for the continent, and the Mediterranean at 34s. to 36s. per 480 lbs., and for Galatz at 26s. to 41s. per 492 lbs. f.o.b. Of rye, stocks were also *nil*, and prices abnormally high. Telegrams received stated that navigation on the Danube was virtually closed. Advices of the 29th ult. from Odessa reported freights more active, especially for the continent, chiefly for barley and seeds. In the Azof ports there was no change; the fresh arrivals of grain remain small, the stocks are almost *nil*. Telegrams from Nicolaieff, dated 8th inst., stated that navigation was closed by ice, which is probably also the case in the Azof ports. Advices from Adelaide, South Australia, of Oct. 30, report a fair demand for wheat at improving prices with a very short supply, but a balance of 35,891 tons, equal to 1,165,000 bush., available for shipment held almost entirely by farmers. Markets in the States remained dull and declining last week, the fall having reached in Chicago about 20c. within the month, and resulted in some heavy failures. At New York it is said that their "moderate exports are in excess of the wants of Western Europe, so that the English, French, and German markets are quite sluggish, and the orders thence are moderate, and in most cases are at limits below the current quotations. The speculative feeling has measurably abated, and there is evidently more willingness on the part of large holders to meet exporters, as about four months of the cereal year has passed, and only a small portion of our great surplus has been marketed. The situation is regarded by many as an unhealthy one, and it is very plain to all that no advantage has been gained by withholding our surplus from market and allowing other nations to supply the wants of Western Europe." This simply confirms what we said a fortnight since—that England is getting enough from this side to supply her wants, and can afford to hold off in hopes of forcing down prices. There was a slight recovery in States markets on Monday, but a relapse on Tuesday and to-day. The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports, and on rail from Western lake and river ports and frozen in on New York canals :—

	1880, Dec. 18, bush.	1880, Dec. 11, bush.	1879, Dec. 20, bush.	1878, Dec. 21, bush.
Wheat	29,709,228	28,673,491	27,857,889	18,917,270
Corn	16,486,285	15,757,056	9,867,120	9,068,572
Oats	3,783,061	3,816,749	2,672,165	2,365,671
Barley	3,057,731	2,993,914	4,608,584	5,600,192
Rye	940,816	932,633	1,127,834	1,565,184
Total	53,956,281	52,143,873	45,633,992	38,166,992

The following table shows the top prices of the different kinds of produce in the Liverpool market for each market day during the week :—

	Dec. 23, 3 p.m.	Dec. 24, 3 p.m.	Dec. 26, 3 p.m.	Dec. 27, 3 p.m.	Dec. 28, 3 p.m.	Dec. 29, 3 p.m.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Flour	12 0	12 0	No Report.	No Report.	12 0	12 0
S. Wheat	9 9	9 9			9 9	9 4
R. Wheat	9 10	9 10			9 10	9 10
White	10 0	10 0			10 0	10 0
Club	10 6	10 6			10 10	10 6
Corn	5 7	5 7			5 5	5 5
Barley	5 3	5 3			5 3	5 3
Oats	6 3	6 3			6 3	6 3
Peas	7 8	7 0			7 0	7 0
Pork	65 0	65 0			65 0	65 0
Bacon	40 6	39 6			39 0	39 0
Beef	77 6	77 6			77 6	77 6
Lard	46 6	46 6			45 9	45 9
Tallow	34 6	34 6			34 6	34 6
Cheese	65 0	65 0			65 0	65 0

FLOUR—The market has been almost dead all week; there has been none offered, and apparently none wanted; prices have, consequently, been purely nominal. There was no change up to the close on Wednesday, and in the absence of transactions our quotations must be regarded as merely an estimate of values.

BRAN—Scarce and inactive, but seems to have been saleable at about $12.

OATMEAL—Quiet and steady; a car sold at $4.10 on track, which is the only movement reported. Small lots sold unchanged at $4.25 to $4.50.

WHEAT—The market has been decidedly inactive, but sales could have been made to millers had holders felt inclined to make concessions which, however, they did not. There seemed to be an improved demand on Tuesday and Wednesday, when No. 2 fall would have brought $1.08 to $1.09; No. 1 spring $1.15, and No. 2 spring $1.12 to $1.13 f.o.c. with none offered. Street receipts small; fall has been selling at $1.05 to $1.06, and spring at $1.10 to $1.14.

OATS—Have remained weak; some few cars have sold at 34c. on track, but more have been offered at the same figure and not taken, and on Tuesday a car sold at 32c. which price would have been the best obtainable on Wednesday. Street prices easier at 34c.

BARLEY—The demand has been more active for this than for any other grain; a good many car-lots have changed hands during the week and generally at steady prices. No. 1 sold last week and on Monday at $1.02; choice No. 2 brought 97c. on Monday; No. 2 sold at 92c. on Monday and Tuesday; extra No. 3 brought 88c. on track on Monday, and 88c. f.o.c. on Tuesday; The market was quiet but steady on Wednesday; when extra No. 3 sold at 86c. f.o.c. and previous prices would have been paid for other grades had they been offered. Street receipts very small; prices ranging from 80 to $1.02.

PEAS—Inactive and generally unchanged; No. 2 sold last week at 67c., which would have been repeated, and No. 1 have been worth 68 to 69c. f.o.c. Street receipts small, and prices easy at 65 to 68.

RYE—Easy, with cars worth about 84c. and street prices ranging from 85 to 87c.

HAY—Pressed quiet but steady at $11.50 to $12.50 for cars. The market has been fairly well supplied, but all wanted and readily taken at firm prices; the range has been from $9 to $13, and the general run from $11 to $12.

STRAW—Receipts have been rather small and prices fairly steady, at from $6 to $7.50 for oat and rye in sheaves.

POTATOES—Cars are in better demand at firm prices; about 40c. would probably have been paid; dealers sell at 45c. Street receipts small, and prices firmer at 40 to 45c. per bag.

APPLES—Nothing reported in car-lots. Street receipts small and prices steady at $1 to $1.50 per barrel.

POULTRY—Receipts were large and the demand active in the latter part of last week; but since then both have fallen off. Boston are buying from 7½ to 8c. for turkeys and ducks, and at 5c. for geese. Street receipts of late small, and prices fairly steady; turkeys still wanted at $1 to $1.50, the latter for fat gobblers; geese steady at 50 to 60c.; ducks scarce at 55 to 65c., and fowl flat at 30 to 40c.

FLOUR, f.o.c.	
Superior extra, per 196 lbs	$4 85 to $5 00
Extras	4 80 " 4 90
Fancy and strong bakers'	5 20 " 5 30
Spring wheat, extras	4 90 " 5 00
Superfine	none.
Oatmeal, per 196 lbs	4 00 " 4 10
Cornmeal, small lots	3 00 " 3 25
BAG FLOUR, by car-lots, f.o.c.	
Extra	4 60 " 4 65
Spring wheat, extra	4 75 " 4 80
GRAIN, f.o.b.	
Fall wheat, No. 1, per 60 lbs	1 12 " 1 13
" No. 2, "	1 09 " 1 11
" No. 3, "	1 05 " 1 06
Red winter	none.
Spring wheat, No. 1	1 15 " 1'16
" No. 2	1 12 " 1'14
" No. 3	1 00 " 1 09
Oats (Canadian), per 34 lbs	0 33 " 0 00
Barley, No. 1, per 48 lbs	1 02 " 1 03
" Choice No. 2, per 48 lbs	0 97 " 0 98
" No. 2, per 48 lbs	0 92 " 0 93
" Extra No. 3	0 88 " 0 00
" No. 3	0 78 " 0 80
Peas, No. 1, per 60 lbs	0 68 " 0 00
" No. 2, "	0 68 " 0 00
Rye	0 84 " 0 85
PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGGONS.	
Wheat, fall, new, per bush	$1 05 " $1 08
Wheat, spring, do.	1 10 " 1 14
Barley, do.	0 78 " 1 03
Oats, do.	0 34 " 0 35
Peas, do.	0 63 " 0 68
Rye, do.	0 85 " 0 87
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs	6 00 " 6 25
Beef, hind-quarters, per 100 lbs	7 50 " 8 00
Mutton, by carcass, per 100 lbs	none.
Chickens, per pair	0 30 " 0 35
Ducks, per pair	0 55 " 0 65
Geese, each	0 50 " 0 60
Turkeys, each	1 00 " 1 75
Butter, pound rolls	0 20 " 0 22
Do. large rolls	none.
Do. tub dairy	0 20 " 0 21
Eggs, fresh, per doz	0 20 " 0 27
Potatoes, per bag	0 40 " 0 45
Apples, per bbl	1 00 " 1 75
Onions, per bag	1 25 " 1 50
Cabbage, per doz	0 25 " 0 50
Celery, per doz	0 30 " 0 60
Turnips, per bag	0 25 " 0 30
Carrots, per bag	0 40 " 0 50
Beets, per bag	0 50 " 0 60
Parsnips, per bag	0 55 " 0 60
Hay, per ton	9 00 " 12 50
Straw, per ton	6 00 " 7 50
Wool, per lb	0 30 " 0 31

FREIGHTS.

GRAND TRUNK RATES—Rates on flour from Toronto to the undermentioned points now stand as follows :—Flour to Kingston, 30c. per bbl.; Gananoque, to Prescott, 35c.; Edwardsburg, to Cornwall, 40c.; Southerntown, to Montreal, 45c.; St. Lambert to St. John, 47c.; Dresden to Lennoxville, 55c.; Waterville to Costigan, 60c.; Danville to Chandlers, 60c.; Doucett's Landing, 51c.; Point Levis, 60c.; Quebec, 62c.; Island Pond to Falmouth, 65c.; St. Henri to Halifax, inclusive, 65c.; St. Jean Port Joli to Riviere du Loup, inclusive, 75c.; Cacouna to Moncton, inclusive, 80c.; Point du Chene (for Gulf Ports and Prince Edward Island, traffic only), 85c.; Humphries to Amherst and Point du Chene, Boundary Creek to Coldbrook, inclusive (except Salisbury Junction), 85c.; Nappan to Richmond and Fisher's Grant to Valley, inclusive (Truro not accepted), 85c.; Pictou, Truro, Halifax, New Glasgow Junction, (for Halifax and C. B. railway traffic), 90c.; Windsor Junction (for Windsor and Annapolis railway, traffic only), 75c.; St. John, N.B., 75c.; McAdam Junction and Fredericton Junction, 75c.; Carleton, N. B., 75c.; St. Stephen, N.B., St. Andrews, N.B., 75c.

THROUGH RATES TO ENGLAND—Rates to Liverpool, via the Dominion and Beaver lines, from Portland, are as follows:—Flour, $1.15; oatmeal, $1.18 per barrel; beef in barrels, 58c. per 100 lbs.; pork, in barrels, boxed meats, tallow, and lard, 58c. per 100 lbs.; butter and cheese, 70c. per 100 lbs., in lots not under 15,000 lbs.; do. in lots from 5,000 to 15,000 lbs., 83c. per cental; oil cake, 50c. per 100 lbs.; flour and meal in sacks, 48c. per 100 lbs.; apples, per barrel, prepaid, $1.36 for lots of 130 barrels or over; clover, 70c. per cental; dressed poultry and dead meats, in lots of 10,000 lbs. and over, prepaid, $1 per cental.

PROVISIONS.

TRADE—Has been very quiet, and is likely to continue so for a couple of weeks.

BUTTER—Inactivity has been the prominent feature of the market since our last, and values seem to have been weak. Receipts of consignments have been on the increase, but the demand for them has been very slack, with none at all for shipment. Choice for the local market has been worth 18½ to 19c., but round lots have been purely nominal. Box-lots of rolls have continued to be fairly active at steady prices; the general run for lots of good quality has been 17 to 18c., but inferior has not been worth over 16c., and choice has occasionally brought 19c. Street receipts of late have been small, and prices easy at 20 to 23c. for pound rolls, and 19 to 21c. for tubs and crocks of dairy.

CHEESE—Seems to have been rather easy; half-skimmed has sold at 12½c., and small lots of fine at 13 to 14c. At the factories good qualities seem to have been offering at 12½c.

EGGS—Receipts have been small, and all wanted at rather firmer prices; round lots of limed have been worth 17 to 18c., and really fresh 19 to 20c. Street receipts small, and prices steady at 22 to 23c. for new-laid, and fresh 20 to 22c.

PORK—Quiet; cars are offered at $16; small lots have sold at $16.50, and single barrels usually at $17.

BACON—Has been inactive and unchanged; Cumberland is held at 7½ to 8c. for tons and cases, and long clear at 8½ to 8¾c. round lots could be had at 7½c. for Cumberland, and 8½c. for long clear, but no demand heard. Rolls steady, at 9½ to 10c. But there seems to have been no movement of any consequence in any sort.

HAMS—Inactive and unchanged at 10½ to 11c. for small lots of smoked, but even these have been selling very slowly. Pickled are held as before, at 9½c., but there is nothing doing in them.

LARD—An active demand has been maintained; all making has continued to sell as soon as offered; tinnets have sold in lots of 25 and 50 at 10½c.; pails have sold usually at 11 to 11½c., but small pails of 20 lbs. weight have sometimes brought 12c. for small lots. Tierces have sold slowly at 10½c. in small lots.

HOGS—Have been in fairly good supply, and selling much as before, at from $6 to $6.10 for car-lots; packers seem determined not to advance beyond these prices.

SALT—Inactive at unchanged prices all over; cars of Liverpool are held at 75c.; small lots usually bring 85 to 87½c.; dairy has ranged from $1.25 to $1.40, according to quantity and the quality of bags; Goderich quiet at $1.30 for cars here, being equal to 80c. at the wells; small lots $1.15 to $1.25.

HOPS—There have been some small sales made at 20 to 22c. for choice new at 16 to 18c. for medium new, and at 11c. for good yearlings, but the market is generally quiet.

DRIED APPLES—Country lots have been inactive, with less demand heard, but buyers could still be found at 3½ to 4c. Dealers sell barrelled as before, at 5 to 5½c, but they have been going off slowly.

GROCERIES.

TRADE—Has been very quiet both in the jobbing line and with the country, but prices seem generally firm.

TEA—There has been no movement reported on English account, nor does there seem to be anything new to notice in reference to it. Lines on the spot have sold slowly, but fairly well for the season. Young Hyson has changed hands at 50c. for a first; at 42 and 45c. for good second, and at 36c. for good thirds. Japans have sold at 22 to 28c. for common to fair, at 35 and 40c. for medium lines. Blacks inactive and apparently unchanged. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retails' lots:—Young Hyson, common to fair, 30 to 35c.; Young Hyson, medium to good seconds, 42 to 48c.; Young Hyson, ordinary to choice extra firsts, 50 to 65c.; Twankays, none; Gunpowder and Imperials, common to good, 35 to 45c.; fine to extra choice, 50 to 80c. Blacks—Congous, 30 to 70c.; Souchong, 40 to 55c.; Scented Pekoes, 45 to 55c.

COFFEE—Has been quiet but no lower; the only job-lot sale reported is that of a lot of Rio at 19c. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers' lots:—Government Javas, 27 to 31c.; Singapore, 20 to 20c.; Rio, 15½ to 19c.; Mocha, 30 to 33c.

SUGAR—The market has been quiet but prices have continued to be firm, with something of an upward tendency. Port Rico has sold in car-lots at 7½c. for dark, and at 7¾ to 7½c. for very bright. Cuba refined has been firmer, with sales of cars at 7½c. for low-grade and 8½c. for medium. Canadian yellows have remained unchanged, with sales at 6c. Granulated has been inactive at unchanged prices. Quotations are as follows, the outside figures being for retailers' lots, and all sugars now being sold at sixty-days:—Porto Rico, per lb., 7¼ to 8c.; Barbadoes, 7¼ to 7¾c.; Scotch, low-grade, 7½ to 7¾c.; medium, 7¾ to 8½c.; bright to choice, 8¼ to 9½c.; Canada refined, 7¾ to 9½c.; Paris lump, 10½ to 11c.; granulated standard, 10½ to 10¾c.

SYRUPS—Quiet, with no jobbing movement reported, but car-lots seem to be offering a cent lower. Quotations are as follows, per Imperial gallon:—Common, none; medium, 55 to 62c.; and choice, 65 to 75c.; sugar-house molasses, none; 40 to 45c.; West India, in hhds., 38 to 42c.; in bbls., 43 to 45c.

FRUIT—Inactive, but very firm. Stocks of all sorts of box-fruits are very small, and are held firmly. Valencias have been nominally held at 8c. for lots of 100 boxes, but no sales reported. Sultanas have been wanted at 10c., but not offering. Layers are nominally unchanged. Currants steady; new have sold at 6½c. for a lot of 50 barrels. Quotations are as follows, the outside prices for retailers' lots:—Raisins, layers, $2.20 to $2.25; London, do., new, $2.75 to $3; loose Muscatelle, $2.50 to $2.55; Valencias, new, 8 to 8½c.; seedless, 10 to 10½c. in kegs; Sultanas, 10 to 10½c.; currants, 1879, ordinary to fine, 5½ to 6c.; choice, 1880, in cases, 7½ to 7½c.; in barrels, 6½ to 6¾c.; filberts, 8½ to 9c.; walnuts, 8 to 8½c.; almonds, Ivica, 14 to 15c.; Tarragona, 16 to 17c.; prunes, 6 to 6½c.; Brazil nuts, 7½ to 8c.; lemon peel, 22 to 23c.; orange do., 20 to 22c.; citron do., 25 to 28c.

RICE—Lots seem about 5c. higher; a lot of 100 bags brought $4.10, and fifties are held at $4.15. Small lots $4.42 to $4.50.

FISH—Inactive and unchanged; trout sells at $3.25, and white-fish at $4.25 in small lots, with very little on hand. Cod has sold quietly and steadily as usual. A few herrings have gone off at $6.50 for Labrador, and $5.75 for shore splits. Quotations stand as follows, the outside prices being for retailers' lots:—Herrings, Labrador, bbls., $6.25 to $6.50; shore, none; splits, $5.75; round, $5; half bbls., $3; salmon, salt water, none; codfish, per 112 lbs., $5; boneless, per lb., 5 to 6c.; trout, $3.75; whitefish, $4.25; mackerel, bbls., none; half bbls., none; sardines, ¼s, 12 to 12½c.; do. ½s, 20 to 22c.

TOBACCO—There has been nothing doing in job-lots, but they are held at former prices. Quotations are as follows:—Blacks, 10's, in boxes, 34 to 40c.; ½s, 6's and 8's, in catties, 38 to 42c.; brights, navy, 3's, 45 to 55c.; solaces, 38 to 45c.; extra brights, 58 to 65c.

LIQUORS—Quiet and unchanged all over. All sorts are now sold by the Imperial gallon. Quotations are as follows :—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, $8 to $8.50; wines—port, $1.50; fine, $2.40 to $5.40; sherry, $1.50; fine, $3.00 to $5.40; champagne, per case, $14 to $36.50; brandy, in wood, Hennessy's Otard's, and Martell's, $4.50 to $5.10; second-class brands, $3.00 to $4.20, according to age; inferior brands, $2.40 to $3.30; in case, Sazerac, $8 to $8.50; do., Otard's, $8 to $8.50; Central Society, $8 to $8.50; do., Hennessy's, $11.50 to $12.50; do., Martell's, $10.75 to $11.25; do., Jules Robins, $8 to $9.25; do., Vine-Growers' Co., $9 to $9.50; do., Jules Bellerie, $7.50 to $8. Whiskey—The following are Messrs. Gooderham & Worts' prices, on which merchants charge an advance of 5 per cent.:—Alcohol, per imperial gallon, $2.53; pure spirits, 65 o.p., $2.54; do., 50 o.p., $2.35; do., 25 u.p., $1.18; family proof whiskey, $1.28; old, Bourbon, $1.38; old rye, toddy, or malt, $1.20; domestic whiskey, 33 u.p., $1.08; rye whiskey, 4 years old, $1.60; do., 7 years old, $1.67; do., 6 years old, $1.70; do., 7 years old, $1.80.

CATTLE.

TRADE—Has been almost dead all week.

BEEVES—Receipts have been next door to *nil*, and they have been quite sufficient, as dealers here are all well stocked for a couple of weeks. Prices have consequently been nominal; but good steers, weighing from 1,300 lbs. upwards, would be readily taken for shipment at $5 to $5.25, and light steers and heifers would bring $4.25 to $4.50. Other grades are not wanted, and prices are purely nominal.

SHEEP—There has been nothing doing, and no enquiry is heard.

LAMBS—None offering, but had they been available they would probably have found buyers at steady prices, or from $4 to $4.13 for lots dressing 45 lbs.; from $3.37 to $3.75 for lots dressing 35 to 42 lbs., and $3 to $3.25 for culls.

CALVES—None offered nor wanted, and prices purely nominal.

HIDES, SKINS, AND WOOL.

TRADE—Has been fairly active through the week.

HIDES—Offerings of green have been large, but all taken at last week's prices. Cured have been in steady demand, with sales of car-lots at 9½c.

CALFSKINS—Beyond the sale of a few Christmas skins there has been nothing doing.

SHEEPSKINS—Green have been abundant, and as high as $1.75 has been paid for a choice lot. Christmas skins, but this must be taken as exceptionally high, and the general run from $1.50 to $1.60. Country skins have come in very slowly, and usually bringing $1.25 to $1.40.

WOOL—Has been in good demand at steady prices; sales of fleece have been made at 30c.; at 30½c., and 31c., which prices would be refused, but holders seem generally inclined to hold out for 32c., so that offerings are small. Super has been quiet and unchanged; but extra super has brought 34½ to 35½c., and a lot of fadeless brought 36½c.

TALLOW—Quiet and easy at 6c. for rendered, with fair supplies. Quotations stand as follows:—No. 1 inspected, 6½c.; $9 to $9.50; No. 2 inspected, $8 to $8.50. No. 3 inspected, $7 to $7.50; calfskins, green, 14 to 15c.; calfskins, cured, 16c.; calfskins, dry, none; sheepskins, 70c. to $1.50; wool, fleece, 30 to 31c.; wool, pulled, super, 30 to 31c.; extra super, 34 to 35c.; wool, pickings, 11 to 12½c.; tallow, rough, 3½c.; rendered, 6c.

BY TELEGRAPH.

MONTREAL.

Dec. 29.—Flour—Receipts, 600 bbls. Business almost suspended for the present. Quotations nominal. Quotations :—Superior extra, $5.35 to $5.40; extra superfine, $5.30 to $5.35; fancy, $5.20 to $5.25; spring extra, $5.20 to $5.25; superfine, $4.90 to $5.00; strong bakers', $5.75 to $6.50; fine, $4.25 to $4.40; middlings, $3.70 to $3.90; pollards, $3.25 to $3.50; Ontario bags, $2.60 to $2.70; city bags, delivered, $3.20 to $3.25. Barley—Nominal. Oatmeal—Ontario, $4.40 to $4.45. Rye—Nominal. Oats—36c. Peas—81 to 82c. Cornmeal—$3.00 to $3.10. Butter—Western, 16 to 18c.; Kamouraska, 13 to 15c.; Brockville, 18 to 20c.; Morrisburg, 19 to 21c.; Eastern Townships, 20 to 22c.; creamery, 24 to 27c. Cheese—12 to 13c., according to quality. Lard—12 to 13½c. for pails. Pork—Heavy mess, $16.00 to $17.00. Hams—Uncovered, 12½ to 13c. Bacon—10 to 11c. Ashes—Pots about $5.00 per 100 lbs. for firsts. Dressed hogs—$6.30 to $6.40.

TOLEDO.

Dec. 29, 10 a. m.—Call—Wheat—No. 2 red, $1.07 bid, $1.08 asked for cash; sales at $1.08½ for January; $1.04½ for February; $1.04½ for March; $1.06½ for April. Corn—No. 2 at 38c. bid, 38½c. asked for cash; 38½c. bid for January; sales at 40c. for February; 43½c. for May. Oats—No. 2 at 37½c. bid, 38c. asked for May. Receipts—Wheat, 5,000 bush.; corn, 10,000 bush.; oats, 1,000 bush. Shipments—Wheat, 30,000 bush.; corn, 12,000 bush.; oats, none.

12 m.—Wheat—No. 2 red 90c. bid, 99c. asked for cash; $1.03½ asked for January; $1.02½ bid, $1.02½ asked for February. Corn—Dull. Oats—Dull.

MILWAUKEE.

Dec. 29, 9.38 a.m.—Wheat—Unsettled; $1.04 for January; $1.05½ for February.

10.30 a.m.—Wheat—$1.01 for December; $1.04½ for January; $1.05½ for February. Receipts—Flour, 10,620 bbls.; wheat, 47,000 bush.; corn, 3,000 bush.; oats, 3,000 bush.; rye, 1,200 bush.; barley, 8,000 bush. Shipments—Flour, 5,923 bbls.; wheat, 2,000 bush.; corn, none; oats, none; rye, 500 bush.; barley, 5,000 bush.

1.02 p.m.—Wheat—No. 2 at $1.05 for cash or December; $1.05½ for January; $1.07½ for February.

OSWEGO, N.Y.

Dec. 29.—Wheat—Steady; sales of 800 bbls. white state at $1.15. Corn—Unchanged; mixed western at 58c. Barley—Unchanged; No. 1 bright Canada at $1.25.

DETROIT.

Dec 29, 1 p.m.—Wheat—No. 1 white, sellers at 99½c. for cash; 99½c. for January; $1.01½ for February; $1.03½ for March; $1.05½ for April; $1.06½ for May; No. 2 white, sellers at 94½c. Receipts—Wheat, 10,000 bush.; shipments, 2,000 bush.

NEW YORK.

Dec. 29.—Wheat—Easy; Chicago, $1.12 to $1.14; Milwaukee, $1.15 to $1.16; No. 2 red, $1.15 to $1.18½ for cash. Corn—Quiet at 57½ to 57½c. Oats—Quiet. Receipts—Flour, 24,203 bbls.; wheat, 95,000 bush.; corn, 52,000 bush.; oats, 14,000 bush.; rye, 6,000 bush.; barley, 7,000 bush.; pork, 967 bbls.; lard, 6,914 tcs.; whiskey, 448 bbls.

2.05 p.m.—Wheat—Sales, 650,000 bush.: Chicago at $1.13 to $1.14; Milwaukee at $1.15 to $1.16; No. 2 red at $1.16½ for cash; $1.16 for January; $1.18½ for February; $1.20½ for March; $1.22½ for May. Corn—Sales 50,000 bush.: No. 2 at 57½ to 57¾c. Oats—Quiet. Tallow—6¼c. Dressed hogs—6 to 7c. Exports—Wheat, 153,501 bush.; corn, 34,685 bush.

CHICAGO.

Dec. 29.—Opening—Wheat—95¾c. for February. Corn—41c. for May; 41c. for July. Oats—34¼c. for May. Pork—$12.47½ for February. Lard—$8.47½ for February.

1.05 p.m.—Close—Short rib—$8.45 for January; $8.57½ to $8.60 for February; $8.70 to $8.72½ for March. Pork—$16.50 bid, $11 asked for December; $12.55 asked for January; $12.75 bid for February; $12.92½ asked for March. Lard—$8.40 for December; $8.47½ for January; $8.60 bid for February; $8.72½ for March.

1.03 p.m.—Wheat—99¾c. nominal for December; 96½c. for January; 97½c. for February; 98½c. for March. Corn—39½c. for December; 39½c. for January; 37½c. for February; 32c. for May; 31½c. for June; 32½c. for July. Oats—28½c. for December; 30½c. for January; 30½c. for February; 33½c. asked for May.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

EAST LIBERTY.

Dec. 29, 11 a.m.—Cattle—Active; prime, $5.50 to $6; fair to good, $4.75 to $5.25; common, $4 to $4.50. Receipts, 1,003; shipments, 306. Hogs—Active; receipts, 3,100; shipments, 1,900; Philadelphia, $6.30 to $6.40; Yorkers, $6.25 to $6.30. Sheep—