

criptions except *Muskats*, which will undoubtedly be lower in value before long. The prospects for *Fox* also are not bright. As the offerings increase lower prices are expected all around. Meanwhile we quote as before: Bear, \$7 to \$10; Fisher, \$7 to \$9; Otter, \$10 to \$12; Beaver per lb., \$2.50 to \$3; Red Fox, \$1.25 to \$1.75; Cross, \$2 to \$5; Martin, \$1 to \$1.50; Mink, \$1 to \$2; Lynx, \$1.50 to \$2; Skunk, 50c to 90c; Raccoon, 40c to 60c; Full Muskrat, 7c to 10c; Winter do, 9c to 11c; Kitts, 2c to 5c.

HAY, ETC.—Increased receipts in this market have caused a considerable decline in prices, and Timothy hay is now selling at \$10.50 to \$11 per 100 bundles of 15 lbs. each for good to choice; common cow hay brings \$3.50 to \$10, as to quality. As soon as farmers are enabled by the ice bridge to cross the river from the south side, prices will likely suffer a further decline. Straw rules steady at \$5.50 to \$6 per 100 bundles.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—As intimated at our last reference, business in general hardware is now confined to filling small orders, and these are not so numerous; no large transactions, except in heavy goods, are looked for until after the close of the year. There is a continued brisk demand for skates. Payments reported good, and prices firm but nominally unchanged throughout the list. *Tin plates* are meeting with more enquiry, but holders are quite firm; they could doubtless effect many more sales were they willing to concede to lower prices. *I. C. Coles*, in lots of 500 boxes and upwards, have passed between dealers at \$4.50, and charcoals at \$5.50, but the market seems to be pretty well cleared of lots to be had at these prices. Jobbing lots have been sold to consumers at \$6 for *I. C. charcoal*, and at \$8 for *L. X.* For a lot of about 1,000 boxes a bid to-day was refused. *Pig Iron.*—Market continues firm, with an upward tendency; the feeling is one of great confidence, as the outlook is promising, but buyers are still unwilling to follow holders in their views of an advancing market, and sales are chiefly for small lots of from 10 to 50 tons to consumers. When it is remembered, however, as previously reported, that two-thirds of the stock held in this market is owned by the makers in Glasgow, who are not anxious to sell, that it could not now be imported, except at an advance of about \$1.25 per ton on current prices here, which are stated by some to be below the cost of production, and that foreign markets are strong and steadily advancing, it is difficult to see what buyers can gain by holding off any longer. There is now every probability of considerably higher prices ruling after New Year's. A sale between dealers of about 100 tons Glengarnock at \$20; also of a lot of 50 tons to a Toronto consumer, delivered, at \$23, is reported. A mixed lot of 1,000 tons of Glengarnock and Carabro was under offer yesterday at a limit, but there was a difference of 25c between it and the highest bid. Latest cable advices quote warrants in Glasgow firm at 53s, Summerlee at 62s, and Eglington at 58s,—about the same as quoted last week.

HOPS.—This market rules quiet and firm; brewers are buying only small lots, as necessity compels them, and those who carry large stocks are not buying at all. This year's crop commands from 17c to 20c per lb., for fair to good qualities, but few sales are reported. Lemay's London circular, issued 15th ult., says:—There is no material alteration with regard to English to report. There is a fair trade doing, and prices are exceedingly firm. Choice continental hops are from 10 per cent to 15 per cent dearer; medium qualities in better demand at late rates. The demand for Americans continues, little or nothing offering on the spot. Prices for the best qualities advancing. Advices from Nuremberg report that the Bavarian market has undergone a material change upward. Trade very active, and large quantities have been taken out of the growers' hands. In some districts all this year's yield has been sold out, and otherwise stocks have been sensibly reduced. During last week

an agent in this city for one of the largest Nuremberg firms received instructions to transmit any further orders by cable, as the market still shows a rising tendency.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The market continues to be well supplied with green hides both from local butchers and from the West, States hides continuing to arrive in considerable quantities by rail. The demand is steady and fair, not brisk, and prices remain firm and unchanged, at the figures ruling for several weeks. A few calf skins have changed hands at the nominal price of 12c per lb. *Lambs' pelts* are rather firmer, and may be quoted at from \$1.15 to \$1.30 for this month, though there is no decided advance on last week's prices.

LEATHER.—Another quiet week has been experienced by the leather dealers, and, as previously reported, business is likely to continue small until after the manufacturers have finished stock-taking. A few sales of No. 1 B. A. sole have occurred, the prices paid being 26c to 26½c; also of best union light splits at 30c to 32c, and of common belt knife splits at 24c to 26c. *Harness* not much wanted, and prices easier, though not notably lower. Values for most descriptions rule firm and unchanged.

OLS.—The market for cod oil rules steady at 47½c to 50c per wine gal., or 60c Imperial; sales of 50 brl. lots have been made at these figures. Stocks light. *Steam Refined Seal* steady, at 6½c Imperial gal.; stocks becoming reduced, and no more to arrive until after the new catch,—about next May. *Straw Seal* worth about 48c, Imp. gal. No *paid out* in the market. *Naval Stores.*—Turpentine is weaker in New York, but the price here is unchanged. It was offered here this week at 53c, Wine gal., for a 50 barrel lot, but not sold, so far as can be ascertained.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts of hogs in Chicago for November have been unprecedentedly large, including 1,111,997 head; shipments for the month were 65,712 head. The total number packed in Chicago since the commencement of the new season is 953,000, against 707,000 for the like period last year, showing an increase of 246,000 this year. For *Pork* and *Lard* the Chicago market is at present writing weak, with a decline yesterday of 27½c to 30c per barrel for pork, and of 12½c per 100 lbs. for lard. Closing prices were: *pork*, \$13.57½ January, \$13.72½ February; and *lard*, \$4.62½ January, \$8.75 February. This market has ruled dull, with stocks pretty well reduced. *Mess Pork* is in light demand at \$17 to \$17.50, but sales are confined almost entirely to lumbermen's requirements, and generally small. A few car loads, however, have been reported sold at \$17.50. *Lard* very scarce, and wanted at 12½c to 12¾c for pulls; no tubs in the market. These quotations are for Ontario new lard, which is coming forward slowly. There is no Fairbanks' in the market, but one dealer is offering it to arrive at 12½c. Canadian lard is expected to meet with the most demand during the winter. *Hams.*—New Ontario hams, of which a few only have been offering here as yet, are worth 13c; demand slow. *Dressed Hogs* coming forward very slowly, and are sold, chiefly to arrive, in car lots at \$6.50, and in jobbing lots at \$6.75 to \$7. *Eggs.*—The position remains as reported last week, except that prices for strictly fresh have advanced, owing to the limited supply of this description, and are now quoted at 24c to 26c; packed are worth 21c to 22c.

POULTRY.—There is a fair supply of poultry now in the market, receipts having been freer during the past week, but some dealers complain that a great deal of the stock arriving is poorly dressed. Sales of lots in boxes are reported at 7c to 8c per lb. for turkeys, 6c to 8c for ducks, and 4c to 6c for chickens and geese, according to quality. Venison is now in the market, and saddles have sold at 7c per lb. Partridges are worth 45c to 55c per brace.

PETROLEUM.—The demand for immediate consumption continues fairly brisk, but there is no speculation apparent, and prices are easy, though unchanged. We hear of another carload having been seized and condemned at Kingston on Tuesday for being below the legal fire test.

TALLOW.—Owing, it is stated, to a decline in values for oleomargarine, prices for tallow in this market have suffered a decline of ½c to 1c per lb. during the week. Rough tallow is now worth 4½c to 5c, and rendered, 6½c to 7c per lb.

WINES AND LIQUORS.—A small jobbing business continues to be done, but no large sales reported. Stocks have been reduced to a low point, and prices remain firm and unchanged.

WOOL.—Continues firm, especially foreign descriptions, in sympathy with the leading American markets, which have considerably advanced. Sales reported include 50 bales of *Grensy Cape* at 18½c to 19½c, but it is doubtful if more could be bought at the inside figure. Other sales of 250 bales *Cape Wool* have been made on p. t. Cable advices just received from England report the London sales progressing satisfactorily; the bidings spirited and prices strong. Other kinds of foreign Wool in this market quiet and unchanged. In domestic there is but a small business passing; small lots of *Canada pulled* have sold at 35c for Extra Superfine, and at 32c to 33c for B Superfine. No *fleece* offering, and prices nominal. Latest cable advices from Melbourne, Australia, report that market firm.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

Chicago, Dec. 2, 2.32 p.m.—Wheat, Dec. \$1.09½; Jan., \$1.10½; Feb., \$1.11½. Oats, 2.35 p.m., Dec., 41½c; Jan., 42½c. Oats, 1.02 p.m., Dec., 32½c; Jan., 32½c; May 36½c. Pork, 2.15 p.m., Dec., 12.00; Jan., \$13.37½; Feb., \$13.52½. Lard, 2.15 p.m., Dec., \$3.40; Jan., \$3.62½; Feb., \$3.75. Milwaukee, 11.17 a.m.—Wheat, Dec., \$1.09½; Jan., \$1.08½; Feb., \$1.09½.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

Beerbohm's report, Dec. 2nd, 1880.—Floating cargoes Wheat, turn dealer. Maize firm. Cargoes passage Wheat firm. Maize steady. Good cargoes Red Winter Wheat off coast was 48s, now 48s 6d. Do Spring was 47s, now 47s 6d. London Fair Average 2 Chicago, shipment present, following month, was 47s, now 47s 6d. Do Red Winter was 47s 6d, now 48s. Red Winter, prompt shipment, was 47s 6d, now 48s. Liverpool Spot Wheat steady. Maize quiet. On passage U. K. ports, call and direct ports, Wheat, 1,975,000 qrs.; Maize, 410,000 qrs.

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

TORONTO, Dec. 2nd, 1880.

The trade in general merchandise continues fairly active for the season. The grain markets show less activity on account of the closing of navigation, and the movement of produce is restricted for the want of cars. As is usual this month, the provision trade is quiet, and curers are busily engaged in cutting hogs. Groceries are inclined to be quiet, but hardware and dry goods are fairly active. The hopeful feeling in the latter branch of business is clearly visible among our wholesale dealers, and the turn over this season has been large. Sorting-up orders for all classes of seasonable goods are coming in freely from the west and north, and also from the Ottawa valley. Fancy woollen goods are quiet, with stocks pretty well cleaned out for some articles. In tweeds there is a fair movement at unchanged prices, which are, however, below those of a few