

FISH.—The only demand which exists in this branch of business is for *Salmon* which is still selling at \$12 11 & 10 for No. 1 2 & 3 respectively. In *Dry Cod* there has been almost nothing done since our last and quotations remain at \$4.75; nothing doing in *Green Cod*. *Labrador Herrings* are nominal at \$5.00 to 5.20.

FLOUR.—Receipts during the past week have been 9907 brls., Total receipts from 1st Jan., to date 118,344 brls., being an increase of 11,253 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1876. During the past week there has been a better attendance on the Corn Exchange, with rather more doing, the market maintaining an upward tendency; latterly buyers and sellers are apart in their views, as yesterday, sellers again advanced their prices, which, however, had to be paid for small quantities to meet immediate wants. To-day a fair local business was done on 'change, but no advance on yesterday's prices was obtained; the market, however, closes very firm at quotations: *Superior extra* \$7.25 to 7.40; *Extra superfine* \$6.95 to 7.00; *Fancy* 6.70 to 6.80; *Strong bakers' flour* \$6.65 to 6.80; *Spring extra* \$6.40 to 6.50; *Superfine* \$6.15 to 6.25; *Fine* \$5.75 to 5.80; *Middlings* \$5.30 to 5.40; *Pollards* \$4.90 to 5.10; *Upper Canada bags* \$3.20 to 3.25; *Oatmeal* steady at \$5.70 to 5.85; *Cornmeal* \$3.10.

GRAIN.—There is no movement in grain of any kind, and quotations are quite nominal. This year the receipts of wheat from 1st January to date have only been 1,100 bush., against 311,575 bush. for the corresponding period of 1876, showing a decrease of 310,475 bush.

GROCERIES.—*Teas.*—Japans: Stocks held here at present are much beyond the existing demand, which is confined to job lots to dealers. Prices are weak, and to effect sales of round lots concessions would have to be made, and which will likely have to be the case in order to reduce stocks. Prices, however, are still quoted from 25 to 50c, according to grade. Blacks and Greens are neglected. *Coffee*—Has met with about the usual demand, and prices are steady. Java 28 to 30c; Laguayra is out of stock; Maracaibo 23 to 24c; East India 24 to 27c. *Sugar*—This market has again exhibited signs of weakness, and the article can now be bought cheaper than it could a week ago. Since then importations of Yellow have been pretty heavy; importers are anxious to sell, and are asking from 8½ to 9½c, according to sample. For granulated sugar the market is also weak at 10½ to 10¾c; dry crushed 11 to 11½c. *Raw sugar* is dull of sale, but as stocks are limited, prices are maintained at 9½ to 9¾c. *Molasses* are in very light request; stocks are, however, very small; quotations are without material change. Barbadoes 44 to 45c; sugar house 27 to 32c; these are the only kinds at present in stock. *Syrups* are dull and neglected, no change in quotations. *Rice* \$4.25 to 4.50, only small sales transpiring. *Fruit*—The demand for fruit has been very small, nothing in wholesale lots reported, and prices continue about the same as last week. *Layer raisins* in lots can be bought from \$1.35 to 1.40; *Valencias* 6 to 7c; *Sultanas* 9½ to 10c; currants in small quantities have been selling at 6½ to 7c; figs 9½ to 12c; prunes have been in some better demand and are now held at 5c; *Tarragona almonds* 12½ to 13½c; *filberts* 8½ to 9c; *walnuts* 6 to 8c. *Spices*—There is very little doing, and no change can be made on the quotations of last week. Stocks are not heavy, but ample for all requirements.

HIDES AND PELTS.—There is very little demand at present and the market is weak but not quotably lower. No. 1 Hides \$6.00; No. 2 do. \$5.00; No. 3 do. \$4.00. *Lambskins* 20 to 25c; *Calfskins* 11 to 12½c.

HARDWARE.—Since our last report business, although still very dull, has slightly improved, a good many medium sized orders for shelf goods have been taken, and heavy goods are in fair

demand, although at rather unremunerative prices. Pig iron is being quoted at prices which will hardly pay cost, letting alone any profit to the sellers. There has been no change in prices since last week for goods from stock. We therefore continue to quote: *Pig Iron* Gartscherrie \$22.00 to 22.50; Summerlee, and Calder \$21 to 21.50; Eglinton, and Clyde \$19.50 to 20. Hematite \$26.00 to 27.00. *Bars*—Scotch and Staffordshire, \$2 to 2.10; best do, \$2.20 to 2.30; Swedes and Norway, \$4.75 to 5.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.00 to 6.50. *Canada Plates*—Swansea and Budd, \$3.60 to 3.75; Penn and Garth, \$3.75 to 4.00; Halton \$3.40 to 3.60. *Tin Plates*—Charcoal IC, \$6.75 to 7.25; ditto, IX, \$8.75 to 9.25; ditto DC, \$6 to 6.50; Coke IC, \$5.75 to 6.25; *Boiler Plates*, ordinary brands \$3.00 to 3.25; do. best brands, \$3.25 to 3.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$7.50 to 8.00; *Galvanized Iron*—Best brands No. 28, \$8.50 to 9.50; *Hoops and Bands*, \$2.90 to 2.75; sheets, best brands, \$2.90 to 3.10; *Pressed Nails*, \$7.00; *Cut Nails*, 12d to 7in., \$3.00; ditto, 5 d to 10d, \$3.30; do., 2½d to 4d, \$3.80; 100 keg lots 5 per cent. discount. *Pressed Spikes*, \$4.00 to 4.75; *Steel cast*, 12 to 13c; *Spring steel*, \$3.50 to 4.00; best do. warranted, \$6.00 to 6.50; *Tire ditto*, \$3.50 to 3.75; *Ingot Tin* \$20 to 21; *Ingot Copper*, \$21 to 22; *Horse Shoes* \$4.00 to 4.50; *Lead Pig*, \$5.50 to 6.00; *Sheet do.*, \$6.00 to 6.50; bar do., \$6.25 to 6.75.

LEATHER.—A fair business has been done during the past week with a slightly easier feeling in some lines. Sole leather has been more freely dealt in at steady prices. Waxed upper sales have been more liberal than for sometime past and considerable stock has passed into cutters hands during the past week or two, prices are unchanged and no immediate improvement is looked for as the dullness in Buffs and Pebble will induce tanners of those articles to turn their attention to waxed upper. Grained upper is neglected: Splits, the supply continues in excess of the demands of the trade, and prices are pretty much governed by the English market to which the surplus is regularly shipped. Harness is dull and nominal. Buff and pebble continue to accumulate and buyers have the market pretty much in their own hands. We quote: *Hemlock Spanish sole* No. 1 B. A. 24 to 25c; do. No. 2, 22 to 23c; No. 1 Orinoco 23 to 26c; No. 2 ditto 21 to 22c; *Zanzibar Spanish sole* No. 1 21 to 22c; do. No. 2 19 to 20c; *Buffalo sole* No. 1, 21 to 22; do. No. 2, 19 to 20c; *Hemlock slaughter* 26 to 27c, waxed upper light and medium 34 to 37c; do. heavy 32 to 35c; grained upper 35 to 37c; splits large 25 to 29c; do. small 16 to 22c; *calfskins* 27 to 36 lbs., 55 to 70c; do 18 to 20 lbs. 50 to 65c; *sheepskin linings* 26 to 35c; *harness* 22 to 28c; *buffed cow* 14 to 16c, per ft.; *enamelled cow* 17 to 18c; *patent cow* 17 to 18c; *pebbled cow* 12 to 16c; *rough leather* 22 to 25c.

LIQUORS. The market for all kinds of liquor is firm owing to stocks being well reduced, and prices will be maintained till arrival of shipments from sea by first vessels on the opening of navigation, we have no change however to report in our last weeks quotations which we repeat. *Brandy* in wood \$2.20 to 3.25 according to brand, cases \$6.00 to 10.50; *Gin* Hollands \$1.65 to 1.75; *Rum* \$2.10 to 2.40 *Spirits* moderate sales at 75 per Imp. gallon in bond. *Rye Whiskey* 34c per imperial gallon; in bond.

OILS. *Petroleum.* There is not much demand at present for this article, and there is not likely to be much till the country roads are in a better condition for travelling, and navigation is open. Prices are if anything weaker carloads 15 to 15½c; small lots 16c. single barrels 17 to 18c; *Linseed Oil* boiled 6½c; ditto *Raw* 58c; *Olive Oil* \$1.05 to 1.10 *Fish oils* are not in much demand, stocks are small and prices well maintained. *Cod oil* 60

to 62½c for Newfoundland, and 55 to 57 for other kinds. *Straw seal* 55 to 57½c; *Steam refined seal* 65 to 67½c.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—Receipts during the past week 267 pkgs.; shipments 997 pkgs.; there is nothing doing in the butter market just now, prices are unchanged at 15 to 25c, but in the absence of transactions are nominal. *Cheese.*—Receipts none; shipments 719 boxes, market dull and nominal at 13½ to 15c. *Lard.*—There has been a moderate local demand at 10½ to 12c according to package. *Tallow.*—The market is bare and our quotation of 8½c is nominal. *Pork.*—Receipts 110 brls.; shipments 120 brls., holders of pork are a little firmer but the demand at present is very small, our quotations for this show a slight advance over those of the previous week; mess pork \$17.50 to 18.00; thin mess \$16.50 to \$17.00.

SALT.—Market dull and unchanged. Coarse 60 to 62½c; Factory filled \$1.25 to 1.50.

WOOL.—There has been very little doing during the past week, the market here is very bare of wool, there has not been sufficient to meet present demands. Lambs wool will soon be coming in and some change in the market may be looked for. We continue to quote: Pulled wool, white, 27 to 28c; ditto, black, 26 to 27c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, April 12, 1877.

Business is reviving a little and so are the spirits of merchants. At first it was perhaps only, the "merry, merry sunshine, that made the heart so gay," in the words of the song; but there is now somewhat more movement, more buyers in town, and the retail trade of the city are feeling the impulse of spring.

The flour and grain market continues to be very much excited. The rejection by Turkey of the Russian protocol has increased the chances of war to such a degree that Beerbohm cables "quotations suspended," and the American markets are "out of sight." Stocks have been withdrawn, and transactions are therefore few, and at a considerable advance. Drug houses find orders coming in with some briskness, but remittances might be vastly improved. In groceries there is rather more life, though the parcels sold are still quite limited. The dry goods houses are getting their share of the country buyers in the city; in this branch there was an auction sale yesterday and to-day in the warehouse of Messrs. Walls & Sons. A moderate amount of goods was sold, we understand, at fair prices. The Messrs. Robertson are to hold a sale next week. Hides, leather and wool are all about equally dull, but the prices of leather keep up, while those of hides, say the tanners, are already too far up.

CATTLE.—The market is bare of good cattle, for which there is a fair demand. No. 1 *beev s* would bring \$5.50 live weight, No. 2 say \$4.75, while No. 3 are not much wanted, but will bring \$4.00 for feeding purposes for shipment to points where they are less plentiful. *Sheep* are scarce and much wanted. They are likely to remain scarce till clipped. No. 1 are worth 6c per lb. live weight, No. 2's 5c, No. 3's no quotations. *Calves* are somewhat more plentiful, and the best are worth 8c dressed weight, seconds 7c, and thirds 5 to 6c.

Messrs. Reeve and Frankland, of this city, have purchased, with a view to their exhibition at the Royal Agricultural Society's fair in Liverpool, in July next, several choice cattle, which they are now feeding,—one in Guelph weighing 2,812 lbs., two in the Eastern Townships, and one bullock near here, which, in addition to