

hold on, to see what turn affairs will take before selling. Haldimand & Co.'s failure in the hardware trade was quite unsuspected; it is not yet known how the estate may turn out. The leather market is very quiet, and the boot and shoe trade do not expect that the spring trade will be encouraging.

**ASHES.**—*Pots*.—Market this week has been steady, with a fair supply, and moderate sales of firsts at \$3.75 to 3.80. Seconds were placed at \$3.37½, and Thirds \$2.70. At the close of the market prices were unchanged. *Pearls*.—There have been no transactions, and prices are nominal. The stocks at present in the Inspection stores are *Pots*, 2,440 brls.; *Pearls*, 646 brls.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—There appears to be rather a better feeling in this branch of trade, and although orders are not very heavy as yet, they are improving; meantime there is no quotable change on our late quotations.

**CATTLE.**—The prices to-day in St. Gabriel market were if any a shade higher than last week, but the number of cattle offering is small, and as there is a pretty good demand prospects are that prices will harden as the week advances. The range of prices to-day was 3½ to 4½c; Dressed Hogs are lower, car loads bring \$4.00.

**DRY GOODS.**—Stocks of spring goods are now pretty well assorted, but as yet there are no signs of activity. Travellers on the road are securing a few orders, but nothing to what is generally looked for at this season. The country roads being too bare of snow tells against this as well as all other branches of business. There are a good many complaints of remittances being slow in coming forward.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—We hear of no particular movement as yet in this branch of business; small sales continue to be made within our range of quotations, which are without any material change since this day week. We quote: *Bi Carb Soda*, \$3.30 to 3.50 per lb. 112 keg; *Soda Ash*, 1½ to 1¾c per lb.; *Cudbear*, 11 to 15c per lb.; *Arrow root*, 15 to 50c per lb.; *Borax*, 10 to 11c per lb.; *Cream Tartar Crystals*, 25 to 27c per lb.; *do Ground*, 29½ to 30; *Caustic Soda*, \$3 to 3.12½ per 100 lbs.; *East India Senna*, 12½ to 16c per lb.; *Sugar of Lead*, 14 to 15c per lb.; *Bleaching Powder*, 1½ to 1¾c per lb.; *Madder*, 8 to 10c per lb.; *Alum*, 2 to 2½c per lb.; *Copperas*, 1 to 1½c per lb.; *Sulphur*, 3½ to 3¾c per lb.; *Brimstone*, 24c per lb.; *Epsom Salts*, \$1.75 to 2 per 100 lbs.; *Sal Soda*, \$1.15 to 1.20 per 100 lbs.; *Salt-petre*, \$8.50 per 112 lb. keg; *Blue Vitriol*, 5½ to 6c per lb.

**FISH.**—There has been a slight improvement in the demand lately, but, as a rule, only for small lots at about our quotations. *Dry Cod*, \$4.50 to 4.75; *Green Cod*, \$4.50 to 5.00; *Labrador Herrings*, \$5.25; *Salmon*, \$10, & 12, from 3 to 1.

**FREIGHTS.**—There is a good deal of stuff shipping, via Portland, and the quoted rates at present are, for heavy grain, 9/-; flour, 5/-; pot and pearl ashes, 50/- and 60/-, respectively; butter and cheese, 60/-, per gross ton.

**FLOUR.**—Receipts during the past week, 6,862 bls.; total receipts from 1 Jan. to date, 50,896 bls.; being an increase of 4,487 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1877. Shipments during the week 2,252 brls.; total shipments from 1st January to date 11,530 brls. Market for sometime past has been somewhat unsettled owing to the present aspect of affairs in Europe, and there does not appear to be any desire to reduce stocks at present, and business has been and continues inactive. At the close of the market to-day quotations were almost nominal. We quote *Superior extra*, \$5.85 to 5.90; *Extra*, 5.65 to 5.70; *Fancy*, \$5.20 to 5.25; *Strong bakers flour*, \$5.10 to 5.30; *Spring extra*, \$4.80 to 4.85; *Super*, \$4.55 to 4.60; *Pine*, \$4.20 to 4.35; *Pollards*, \$2.75 to 3.25; *Middlings*, \$3.60 to 3.75; *Oatmeal*, \$4.50 to 4.70.

**GRAIN.**—*Wheat*.—We have no receipts or shipments to record as yet. There is no business of any kind doing in any kind of grain at present, and the market is entirely nominal.

**GROCERIES.**—*Teas*.—Although there has not been very much demand this week, low priced Japans are easily saleable where they show good value. But the finer kinds of tea are difficult to place. Prices are weaker, but are not quotably lower, and we repeat quotations of last week. Common to medium Japans 22½ to 37c, and for good to choice 40 to 52½c. Green tea runs from 22 to 50c according to grade. Blacks are neglected, but may be quoted from 27 to 70c as to grade. *Coffee*.—There has been a decline in the English market, and in expectation of lower prices here buyers are apparently holding off. We quote this week Singapore, 23 to 26c; Maracaibo 22 to 23c; Rio, 21 to 22c; Old Government Java 30c; Mocha 31 to 33c. *Sugar*.—There has been very little demand this week for sugar and holders do not press sales as prices obtainable are hardly satisfactory to importers, and any sales reported have been at rather easier prices. We quote yellow refined which is in most demand 8 to 8½c; for American, Scotch refined 6½ to 8c. Granulated 9½ to 9¾c; dry crushed 9½ to 9¾c. Raw sugar meets with no demand, and prices may be called nominal.

*Molasses*.—Stocks are large and with little demand, prices favour buyers. Porto Rico 42 to 44c Barbadoes 41 to 45c. Trinidad 35 to 37c. *Syrups* are quiet and bring from 43 to 58c; from low grade to pale amber. *Rice*.—There has been rather more enquiry this week with sales at \$4.37½ to \$4.50. *Spices*, are nominally unchanged with only a moderate jobbing demand at our quotations. Black pepper, 9½ to 9¾c; white pepper, 18 to 19c; pimento 11½ to 12½c; cloves 42 to 45c; cassia, 15 to 16c, Jamaica ginger, 18 to 22c; mace 75 to 85c; nutmegs 65 to 95c; allspice 12 to 13c. *Fruit*.—There is no improvement in this branch of the business, and at the moment it is difficult to effect sales, but upon the whole late quotations are pretty well maintained as stocks are now pretty well in hand. We quote Layer raisins \$1.60 to 1.65; loose muscatels \$1.75 to 1.90; Valencia 4½ to 5½c; Seedless 5 to 6c. Currants, 6½ to 7½c being paid for good fruit. Walnuts 8 to 11c according to quality; S. S. Almonds 11 to 15c; Filberts 7½ to 9c; Brazil nuts 6 to 7c; Peccans 6½ to 7c; Salt is unchanged at 75 to 80c for coarse, and \$1.00 to 1.10 for factory filled, market closing very quiet.

**HIDES AND PELTS.**—The market this week has been very unsteady, but as yet no further decline has taken place, but it is confidently looked for. We quote, No. 1 hides, \$7.00; No. 2, ditto, \$6.00; No. 3, ditto, \$5.00.

**HAIRDWARE.**—Business, as yet, shows no signs of improvement in any way, every line being at a complete standstill. Another hardware house has been added to the list of failures during the past week, that of Haldimand & Co., but until a statement of their affairs is made out we cannot say what the estate will pay. We give quotations this week, but in the present state of the market, they are to some extent nominal. *Pig Iron*.—Per ton, Gartscherrie, \$20.00 to 20.50; Summerlee, \$19.50 to 19.75; Langloan, \$20.00 to 20.50; Eglinton, \$18.00 to 18.50; Clyde, \$17.75 and 18.00; Hematite, \$27.00 to 27.50. *Bars*.—Per 100 lbs., Scotch and Staffordshire, \$1.80 to 1.90; Best, ditto, \$2.00 to 2.50; Swedes and Norway, \$4.50 to 5.00; Lowmoore and Bowling, \$6.00 to 6.25. *Canada Plates*.—Per box, Glamorgan and Budd, \$3.30 to 3.50; Arrow, Penn and Garth, \$3.50 to 3.65; Halton, \$3.10 to \$3.15. *Tin Plates*.—Per box, Charcoal, 1c; Bradley, \$6.50 to 7.00; ditto, other brands, \$5.87½ to 6.22½; Charcoal IX, \$7.75 to 8.00; Charcoal DC, \$5.00 to 5.20; Coke, 1c, \$5.00 to 5.25; Trinidad sheets, No. 26, Charcoal, Cookly K, or Bradley, 10½ to 11c per lb.;

ditto, Coke, No. 24, 9½ to 10c; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, best 7½ to 8c. *Hoops and Bands*.—Per 100 lbs, \$2.40 to 2.50. *Sheets*.—Best brands, \$2.50 to 3.50. *Boiler Plates*.—Per 100 lbs., \$2.50 to 3.00. *Russian Sheet Iron*, 9 to 10c. *Cut nails*.—Per 100 lbs., 12 to 7 in., \$3.00; ditto, 5 doz. to 10 doz., \$3.50; Shingle nails, \$3.80; Lath nails, \$4.60. *Steel*, cast, per lb., 12 to 13c; Spring, per 100 lbs., \$3.50 to 3.60; Tire, ditto, \$3.00 to 3.50. *Sleigh shoe*, \$2.75 to 3.00. *Horse shoe*, \$3.37½ to 3.50. *Iron wire*, No. 6, per bal., \$2.00 to 2.10.

**LEATHER.**—We have no change to note in quotations this week, the demand has been very limited and the market closes very quiet. We quote *Hemlock Spanish sole*, No. 1, B. A., 23 to 24c; ditto, No. 2 B. A., 21 to 22c; *Zanzibar*, ordinary No. 1, 20 to 21c; ditto, No. 2, 18 to 19c; *Buffalo sole*, No. 1, 20 to 21c; ditto, No. 2, 19 to 20c; *Hemlock slaughter*, No. 1, 26 to 28c; *Waxed Upper* light and medium, 35 to 38c; ditto, heavy 34 to 36c; *Grained*, 34 to 37c; *Splits*, large, 28 to 31c; ditto, small, 21 to 27c; *Calfskins*, 27 to 36 lbs., 55 to 70c; ditto, 18 to 26 lbs., 50 to 60c; *Sheepskin linings*, 20 to 30c; *Harness*, 25 to 30c; *Buffed cow*, 13 to 16c; *Enamelled cow*, 17 to 18c; *Patent cow*, 16 to 18c; *Pebbled cow*, 13 to 16c; *Rough Leather*, 22 to 27c.

**OILS.**—The market is very quiet, and prices of fish oils may be considered nominal in the absence of transactions. *Cod oil*, Newfoundland, 55c; Halifax, 51 to 52½c; *Seal pale*, 52½ to 53c; ditto straw, 50c; ditto steam refined, 60 to 62½c; *Linseed*, raw, 63 to 66c; ditto boiled, 67 to 69c; *Olive*, \$1.00 to 1.05; *Petroleum* is weak but not in much demand, we quote 16½ to 19 according to the size of lot.

**RAW FURS.**—This market appears to be at a standstill, most of the skins are either marketed or trappers are holding them back in hopes of higher prices. There is no change of prices to note this week, and not likely to be now till the result of the March sales in London come to hand we continue to quote. *Otter*, \$4 to 6; *Fisher*, \$4 to 6; *Mink*, dark prime, \$1.25 to 1.50; ditto pale, \$1; *Arctic*, 75c to \$1; *Bear*, \$4 to 8; cubs, \$3 to 5; *Red Fox*, 75c to \$1; *Cross Fox*, \$1.50 to 2.50; *Silver Fox*, \$20 to 40; *Musk-rat*, winter, 10c; ditto kitts, 5c; *Lynx*, \$1 to 1.50; *Skuuk*, 20 to 40c; *Raccoon*, 20 to 35c; Beaver prime, \$1 to 1.25.

**PROVISIONS.**—*Butter*.—Receipts during the week 1140 pkgs; shipments 5101 pkgs. very little has been doing during the week, there is very little first class butter offering at present. Fine to choice is worth 17 to 20c; medium quality 13 to 14c; *Cheese*.—Receipts and shipments this week have been a blank only a local trade transpiring at 13 to 14c; *Pork*.—Receipts 140 brls.; shipments 122 brls. market. New mess \$13.50 to 14.50; *Lard* quiet at 8½ to 10c according to package.

**WOOL.**—Nothing doing in wool which to base quotations, which are quite nominal.

## TORONTO MARKETS

Toronto Feb. 14th, 1878.

These are unpromising days for the speculators and stock operators. While in New York "the market for stocks is growing smaller day by day," the Montreal brokers are alarmed lest the butter shall be taken off their hard earned bread by means of a tax upon transfers, and an exodus to Toronto is talked of, which St. Francis Xavier forbid! In Wall street last week the total stock transactions were but 341,342 shares against 400,000, 550,000 and 600,000 in the three preceding weeks, which convinces the *Tribune* that speculation is being "slowly strangled in the house of its friends."