

**SEEDS.**—The market here is quiet at \$5.00 to \$5.25 per bushel for red clover and at \$8.75 to \$9.25 for Alsike. Timothy nominal at \$3 per bushel.

**WINES AND SPIRITS.**—A light distribution in a jobbing way is reported in wines and spirits, both to the city and country trade. Regarding brandy, advices from abroad state that there is a great diversity in the quality of the Charentes wines which have so far made their appearance in market, so that there will probably be a great variation in the prices of the distillers as well as in those of the shippers who quote new brandy. So far there has been very little business done in Cognac, and everybody seems to be awaiting developments. Prices here are quoted:—Brandy in cases \$10.75 to \$11 for Hennessy's, \$10.75 for Martell's, and \$10.75 for Otard, Dupuy & Co.'s; claret \$3 upward, ports \$1.10 to \$6; sherries, \$1.10 to \$6 as to quality; and champagne \$11 to \$25 per dozen as to quality; Jamaica rum \$2.50 to \$2.50 for 16 o.p.

**WOOL.**—Apart from sales of a few small lots of foreign and native wools there has been nothing doing in this market. A few lots of Greasy Cape have changed hands in two to five bale parcels at 16½c to 17c per lb. In Canada wool the sales were mentioned aggregating 70 bales of unassorted pulled at 17c. Prices are quoted as follows:—Greasy Cape 16½c to 17c, Australian 19c to 30c., Canadian A Supers 26c to 27½c, B Supers 22c to 24½c, unassorted pulled 18c to 21c, fleece 17c to 19c.

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# AMERICAN MARKETS.

Chicago, 2.30 p.m.—Wheat, Jan., 72½c; Feb., 72 7-8c; May, 79½c. Corn, Year, 37½c; Jan., 35½c; May, 37½c. Oats, Jan., 24½c; Feb., 24½c; May, 28c. Pork, Jan., \$10.92½; Feb., \$11.02½; May, \$11.45. Lard, Jan., \$6.67½; Feb., \$6.67½; March, \$6.85.

# ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 11, 1884.

(Beerbohm's Advices.) Cargoes off coast—Wheat, quiet; corn, strong. Morocco maize, 26s. Cargoes on passage—Wheat, slow; corn, strong. Red Winter wheat off coast, 32s 6d. Mixed American maize prompt shipment 22s 3d. to 22s 6d. Maize, Dec. steamer, 23s buyers; Jan., 21s 9d buyers. No. of cargoes on sale off coast—Wheat and corn, less than 5. Quantity wheat on passage for Continent, 450,000 qrs.; Maize, 25,000 qrs. Maize for U.K., 150,000 qrs.; wheat and flour 1,975,000 qrs. Liverpool wheat on spot, firm; corn, strong; Liverpool Maize mixed 5s 6½d; Pens 5s 10d. Paris wheat, quiet; flour rather easier.

# TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

(Revised by Telegraph.)

Toronto, Dec. 11, 1884.

The fluctuations of commercial opinion are varied according to the quarters from which it comes. There are some who will not perceive any cause for despondency even when the assigment is in possession. And others, who are

never content even when trade is booming, for they are certain that it will not last. Among the 'safe middle-course' men there are certain opinions that deserve notice. These opinions are taking a somewhat sombre view of portions of current business. It is certain that the distribution of heavy fall and winter goods has not been at all up to requirements, whatever the expectations were. There has been keen competition among wholesale men, particularly in dry goods. It has been the first thought to get the goods distributed, even in the face of a universal protest from retail men that they were selling next to nothing. But there has been a decided dullness in every branch of business. The most hopeful view is taken by dealers who find that trade at this time of the year is generally dull, and therefore there is no cause for exceeding complaint. But one feature about the situation is the continued backwardness in getting in a fair amount on accounts rendered. Up to the present it has been part of the expectation that as the time went by there would be more money coming in. Now time has gone by and payments are decidedly backward still. This, with full stocks of goods, makes the situation increasingly uncomfortable. "After the holidays" is now put as the limit of forbearance, and then, one large dealer said, we will expect remittances. The farmers must sell their wheat whatever the price may be. Perhaps they will. But if the purchasing public

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