

continue, rather scarce, and are quoted at \$1.25 to \$1.35 each, as to size and quality. *Calfskins* becoming more plentiful, at 12c per lb.

**LEATHER.**—A fair business has been done by some houses in small lots, chiefly of *Sole* leather, but as shoe manufacturers continue to limit their purchases to supplying present wants, stocks in the hands of dealers steadily accumulate, and buyers have the advantage in prices, which, however, remain nominally unchanged. For all descriptions of imported goods there has been a quiet market. Several large shipments of *Buff* and *Splits* to England, including 1,000 sides of *Buff* shipped by a prominent manufacturer, have been made this week. If these heavy shipments were continued and a permanent outlet established for *Black Leather*, tanners might be enabled to cope with the importation of American goods more successfully.

**LUMBER.**—Local trade is quiet. From all sources, with the exception of the Ottawa district, there is likely to be a limited supply of lumbermen the coming season. Michigan and Western Canada have had a very poor winter for manufacturing, and will fall considerably short of the usual quantity. The Ottawa supply will most likely be very large. There has been sufficient snow, and the swamps are said to be full of water, which will insure a good drive. The demand from the States will likely be heavy, so that a large trade and high prices are confidently anticipated. *Basswood* and *ash* are selling at about 10 per cent. advance on the rates of last winter. Mill owners complain that farmers fail to get the usual supply of logs, they being in more comfortable circumstances than usual, and not obliged to exert themselves. Fears are, therefore, entertained of a short supply, as the demand is expected to be unusually good for *hardwoods* and *basswood*.

**OILS.**—Stocks of most kinds light, and values firm and nominally unchanged. Business during the week has been quite restricted, no large transactions having occurred. *Refined Petroleum*. A car load has changed hands during the week at 18c; broken lots quoted at 19c, and single brls. at 21c to 22c. The Imperial Oil Company write to a Montreal firm this week as follows:—"We do not expect any material change in the value of oil just now, but we hope for better times."

**PROVISIONS.**—The Chicago hog market was weak and lower yesterday, there being an average decline in prices of 10c per 100 lbs. Estimated receipts were 18,000, against 10,536 on Tuesday, and the shipments yesterday comprised 6,378. The Chicago provision market was completely demoralized, mess pork opening even weaker than on Tuesday, and closing at a decline of 55c per barrel for March, and of 32c for April delivery from Tuesday's closing prices. There has been a total decline of \$1.50 per barrel this week. *Lard* also suffered a decline of 25c to 32c per 100 lbs as compared with Tuesday. The local market has ruled rather quiet, and prices this week remain more or less nominal, under the influence of the serious "break" in Chicago. Several carloads of Western pork for lumbermen were sold here towards the close of last week at \$21 to \$21.50, but stocks are now rather light; prices, however, unchanged. A lot of 25 brls. Canada short cut changed hands yesterday at \$22, for inspected. *Lard* quiet, at 14c to 14c for Canada, and 14c to 15c for Chicago, in pails; demand light. Nothing doing in smoked meats, wrong time of the year. Green hams are in fair demand, and have sold at from 10c to 10c in round lots; flanks placed at the same figures, and Middles quoted steady at 9c to 9c. The season for dressed hogs is about over, the great bulk of the Canadian crop having been marketed at prices which probably realized handsome profits to farmers, besides giving a good margin to those who have handled most of the offerings here. Sales have occurred during

week at from \$8.75 to \$9 per 100 lbs. for retail lots. Offerings light, and slow of sale. *Eggs* dull and rather unsettled, the demand being only for fresh stock at 22c to 23c in cases; *Lined eggs* difficult to move at 17c to 19c per doz. Some have been sold at 16c.

**SEEDS.**—The export demand for *Clover* continues in Ontario, but is perhaps less active this week. It is quoted here at \$4.80 to \$5.10 per bushel for new seed in car lots at shipping points; in this market there is very little doing and stocks are light. In *Timothy* either there is nothing to report. The farmers have not yet brought forward any seed, and prices continue nominal at \$3 to \$3.25 per bushel.

**WINES AND LIQUORS.**—Business quiet and steady, almost confined to supplying the regular jobbing demand. Brandies are being closed out rapidly for Western shipments at firm prices, which show an upward tendency. Stocks of brandy in wood seem likely to run out before the Spring arrival of fresh goods. *Gins* also very scarce, and prices have recently advanced about 25c per keg.

**WOOL.**—In the home market there is only a moderate business passing; holders of fine foreign wools have been shipping small lots of *Australian*, sold to manufacturers at within our range of quotations, viz., from 24c to 32c. The manufacturers are expected in the market very shortly for their usual supplies for the summer's work, as the bulk of orders for Fall goods, and a larger number than usual, has been received. The stock of *Cape* wool here is small, but a cargo of choice quality for a local firm is now due in Boston. Business in domestic descriptions continues very limited, and quotations are unchanged. The opening of the London February sales is later than usual this year; there seems to be a general impression, judging from late London advices, that prices will rule higher for all fine wools.

#### AMERICAN MARKETS.

Boston, Feb. 16, 1882.—*Flour*.—Market quiet but firm; all choice and sound patents scarce. Sales of Superfine at \$4.50 to \$5; Extras, including choice Bakers, \$5.50 to \$7.50 per bbl. Winter Wheats selling at \$6.50 to \$8 per bbl; Spring Patent at \$7.50 to \$9; and Winter Patent \$7.25 to \$8.15 per bbl. Cornmeal sold at \$3.10 to \$3.20 per bbl. Oatmeal \$6.50 to \$7.25 per bbl. for Common and choice. *Grain*.—Corn dull, prices easier, moderate demand. No. 2 and high mixed sold at 72c to 73c, and steamer mixed and yellow 70c to 72c per bushel. Oats dull, prices easier; Sales of No. 1 and Extra White at 54c to 56c; No. 2 at 53c; No. 3 White at 51c to 52c; and No. 2 Mixed 50c to 51c per bush. Shorts and fine feed firm at \$21.50 to \$23; Middlings at \$24 to \$26 per ton. *Hay*.—Choice is firm and sells at \$20 to \$21; ordinary and medium at \$14 to \$18 per ton. *Produce*.—Excited market for butter, prices 4c to 5c advance per lb; scarce supply. Choice creameries 42c to 46c; fair and good 30c to 41c; and 20c to 35c for common and good. Cheese firm, fair demand; sales at 13c to 13c for choice, 11c to 13c fair and good. Eggs firm, good demand, Western and Canada 27c to 29c. Potatoes quiet, light sales; choice grades \$1.10 to \$1.20; fair and good \$1 to \$1.10 per bushel. Scotch and Irish potatoes arriving quite freely, prices ranging from 80c to 90c per bushel. Onions dull, moderate demand at \$2 to \$2.25 per bushel. Green Apples selling at \$3 to \$3.25 per bbl., fancy grades higher.

Chicago, 1.00 p.m.—Wheat, March, \$1.21½; April, \$1.22½. Corn, March, 57½c; May, 62½c. Oats, March, 40½c; May, 43½c. Pork, March, \$17.60; April, \$17.80. Lard, March, \$10.80; April, \$10.97½.

Milwaukee, 1.03 p.m.—Wheat, Feb., \$1.21½; cash, March, \$1.22; April, \$1.23½.

New York, 2.05 p.m.—Wheat, No. 2 Red, March, \$1.34½; to \$1.34½; cash, \$1.35½; April, \$1.37½; May, \$1.37½. Corn, March, 68½c; cash 68c to 68½c; April, 69½c; May, 70½c.

#### ENGLISH MARKETS.

LONDON, Feb. 15, 1882.

(Beerbohm's advices).—Floating Cargoes.—Wheat dull; Corn steady. Cargoes on passage.—Wheat, dull; Corn, steady.—Quotations Medium Chicago or Milwaukee Wheat 49s.; Red Winter Wheat 48s 6d Liverpool on spot depressed; Corn weaker Amount of Wheat on passage for U.K. 3,150,000 qrs. Corn, 110,000 qrs. Paris Wheat and flour firmer.

#### TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

(By Special Telegraph.)

Toronto, Feb. 16, 1882.

Trade in general merchandise during the week has been quiet. In dry goods, merchants have received quite a number of orders for spring goods, but the sorting-up trade has been quiet, owing to a great extent to the unseasonable weather. There are yet few country dealers in this city, and the uncertainty of the weather is somewhat of a drawback to trade. Prices continue steady for all lines, and it is thought that they will be maintained. The assortments are generally good, and the spring movement is expected to be satisfactory. Payments in all branches of business were on the whole prompt on the 4th inst. There is a fairly active trade in hardware at our quotations, and firm prices are looked for, partly on account of high rates of freight. Pig iron is in small stock. Groceries are reported in good demand by some and dull by others. Fruits and fish are unchanged with light stocks. Tobacco is higher for some brands, and teas are dull and unchanged. Sugars steady. Provisions quiet and firm; long clear bacon sold at 10½c in lots, and the demand for butter has increased. The breadstuffs markets are dull and lower in sympathy with outside. The money market is quiet and rates firm; call loans rule at 6 per cent and time at 6 to 6½ per cent. Prime commercial paper is discounted at 6, and the general run at 7 per cent. Sterling exchange is firm; 60-day bills are quoted at 109 to 109½, and demand bills at 110½ to 110¾. Drafts on New York 1-16 to 4 premium. The stock market has been fairly active and strong up till Tuesday afternoon, when a decline set in. Within a few days there have been sales of Montreal Bank at 203, 204 and 204½, Toronto at 169½, 169½ and 168, Ontario at 60½, Merchants at 128, 128½, 129, 128½, Commerce at 143½, 143½, and 142, Federal at 158½, 159, 159½, 160, 160½ and 159, Imperial at 135, 135½ and 134, Dominion at 195. Loan and miscellaneous stocks quiet and firm, with sales of Canada Permanent at 225, London and Ontario at 114, Freehold at 178, London and Canadian at 148½, Huron and Erie at 156, British Canadian at 103, Building and Loan at 107½, Imperial Savings at 111, Ontario Loan at 132½, Western Assurance at 172½ up to 179, and Consumers' Gas at 154½ and 155½. The market closed steady to-day, with sales of Montreal at 204½, Commerce at 142 and 141½, Dominion at 194 and 193½, Western Assurance at 179, Canada Permanent at 225 and Imperial Savings at 122.

Following are closing bids to-day, as compared with those of last Thursday:

Banks.	Bid Feb. 16.	Bid Feb. 9.	Loan Cos.	Bid Feb. 16.	Bid Feb. 9.
Montreal..	204	199½	Can. Permanent	225	225
Toronto...	168	167	Freehold.....	175	175
Ontario...	60½	60½	Western Can't..	185½	185
Merchants	127½	127½	Bldg. & Loan...	107½	107
Commerce	141½	140½	Imp. Savings...	111	111
Dominion	193½	193	Farmers' Loan...	124	124
Hamilton	103	103	Land & Can'dn	147	148
Standard..	118½	112½	Huron & Erie...	156	155½
Federal...	159	157½	Dom. Savings...	179	179
Imperial...	188½	188½	Ontario Loan...	132	132
Molsons...	125	125	Hamilton Prov...	103	103