

the demand during the week has been light. *Cod oil* has moved in small lots at 56 to 57c; *Pale Seal* 62½ to 65c; *Straw Seal* 56 to 58c; steam-refined nominal seal oil generally is very firm, holders being anxious to have information as to the quantity obtained at the Fisheries; in other kinds of oil there is very little movement at present and prices do not exhibit any change since last week.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*.—Receipts during the week 2353 kegs, shipments 3439 kegs. Market active and outside quotations are readily obtained for choice lots, but any inferior lots are difficult to move, we quote store packed Western 10 to 12c; fair Western dairy 14 to 18c; good to choice ditto 20 to 22c; *Cheese*.—Receipts 515 boxes; shipments 5 boxes, not much doing in this article and prices steady at 12 to 12½c, for fine factory and 13 to 14c, for finest new cheese. *Pork*.—Receipts 200 brls; shipment 5 brls, market moderately active and advancing. We now quote new Canada mess \$17.25 to 17.50; new Western mess sold at 17.50 and old ditto at 16.00; Thin mess \$15.50; *Beef* quiet prime mess \$15.50 to 16.00; *Hams* in small supply, City canvassed bring 15½ to 16c; Cincinnati sugar cured 18c; *Dressed Hogs* \$6.50 per 100 lbs. per car load. *Lard* is firmer and holders are asking 9½ to 10c; *Fallow* has also become firmer and it cannot now be bought under 7½ to 8½.

SALT.—Very little business doing just now and market very dull, only some small sales are reported of Coarse at \$1.75 to 1.80; Fine \$1.50. Western salt is now offered at \$1.40 per barrel.

WOOL.—Small sales are reported of Canadian wools within our range of quotations and some Greasy cape at 24 to 25c. Our quotations are without change:—Fleece wool, 40 to 45c; Pulled wool super 32 to 36c; ditto No. 1 30 to 34c; ditto Black 30 to 34c; ditto unassorted 32 to 34c.

TORONTO MARKET.

TORONTO, Mar. 20, 1873.

The spring trade may now be considered as having pretty fairly opened, the principal demand so far being for dry goods, boots and shoes, and certain classes of heavy hardware.

Provisions have been quiet, and produce has been decidedly inactive. In the latter there will probably be little movements until the opening of navigation permits of its going forward to market. Leading cereals are now said to have been almost entirely cleared out of farmers' hands, but stocks at all shipping points, both inland and on the shores of the several lakes, are understood to be heavy. Money continues in demand, but there is not much commercial paper offered outside of the banks, and there is now little reason to apprehend much further increase in the financial pressure.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Manufacturers have been steadily busy in booking and filling orders, trade so far this season having proved of a very satisfactory nature. Prices remain firm and without change.

CATTLE.—*Beeves*.—The supply of first-class cattle has been on a limited scale during the past week, and for these higher prices have been paid, say from \$4.50 to 5. The receipts of lower grades, however, have been fair in excess, if anything of the present restricted local demand. Second-class are quoted at \$3.50 to 4, and inferior at \$3 to 3.25. *Sheep*.—Very few have come in, and for these full prices were paid. First-class are quoted at \$9 to 10, second-class, \$6 to 7 and third-class \$4 to 5. *Lambs*.—The few in sold readily at prices ranging from \$3 to 8. *Calves*.—Except of inferior quality there have been few coming in, and there has been little change in prices, which are \$8 to 10 for first-class, \$6 for second-class and \$3 to 4 for third-class.

DRUGS.—Business has been less active during the past week, and prices remain generally without change. A further recovery, however, is noted in Potass Iodide from the recent heavy decline, present quotations being \$6.25 to 6.50.

DRY GOODS.—New goods have been coming forward more freely during the past week, and the assortment is not now far from complete. Buyers have also been making their appearance in considerable numbers, and have been purchasing steadily though in most instances with prudence and caution. Stocks throughout the country are represented to be generally, though not universally, pretty well sold down, but a good many winter goods will undoubtedly have to be carried over to another season. There can be no question, however, but that the reduction in the value of imports this year, as compared with last year, will leave the dry goods trade in an improved position, if the effect be not counterbalanced by increased importations later on.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—*Flour*.—A decline of 6d., which took place in Liverpool in the early part of the week, had a depressing effect on this market, and very little business has been done. No. 1 Superfine has been selling to a very limited extent at \$5.50, at which there are now few sellers but no buyers. Fancy has moved to a moderate extent, selling steadily at \$5.90. Extra has been in very small request, but a few lots have changed hands at \$6.45 to 6.50. The stock on hand on the 17th instant was 26,781 bbls., against 14,947 bbls. on the corresponding date of last year. *Oatmeal*.—Late sales have been at \$4.70 to 4.75, but is now offered at the inside figure. *Bran*.—Nominally worth \$12 to 13 by the car-load, but no recent transactions are noted.

GRAIN AND SEEDS.—*Wheat*.—The stock of spring wheat in store on the 17th inst. was 256,350 bush against 136,272 bush on the corresponding date of 1872. The market has been very quiet, holders as a rule appearing disposed to hold until the opening of navigation rather than accept less than cost price. One lot changed hands in the early part of the week at \$1.26 in store, there are now sellers to a limited extent at \$1.27 and buyers at \$1.25. Of fall wheat the stocks on the 17th inst. was 158,319, a decrease of 41,663 bush, as compared with the corresponding date last year. There has been very little movement during the week in any grade of white wheat, sales being confined to a few cases of No. 1 at \$1.45 and No. 2 at \$1.35 to 1.37½. *Peas*.—The receipts continue light, and the market is firm, with sales of No. 1 at 67½ to 68½c and buyers now at the latter prices. The stock on the 17th inst. was 45,781 bush. *Barley*.—The enquiry has continued for a trifling character, but there has not been much offering and prices if anything are firmer than they were last week. For No. 1 68 to 70c has been paid and for No. 2 62 to 63c. *Oats*.—A few car loads have changed hands at from 39 to 41c according to quality. *Rye*.—Steady at 65c. *Corn*.—Sales at 49 to 50c. *Clover*.—Is quoted at \$5.50 to 5.70 according to quantity and quality. *Alsike*.—Selling at \$8.00 to 8.25. *Timothy*.—Sales in quantity have been made at \$3. to 3.15 for ordinary to good, and in a retail way at \$3.50 to 3.70.

GROCERIES.—*Coffee*.—Quiet, with small sales at late rates. The market here remains firm, as stocks are small, notwithstanding an easier feeling in the New York market. *Fish*.—There are few or no lake fish now held here. Herrings are selling in small lots at quotations. *Dry Cod* inactive and nominally unchanged. *Fruit*.—Sales of layer raisins have been made in quantity at \$1.52½, but are generally held at \$1.60 to 1.75. *Valentias* are steady at 6c to 6½c, but but there is very little doing. Currants quiet and firm at quotations. *Rice*.—Only a very limited enquiry at unchanged prices. *Spices*.—Very little doing, the principal enquiry being

for black pepper, which is scarce and firm. *Sugar*.—Refined sugars have been moving pretty freely during the past week, but at a rather lower range of prices for yellow sorts. Scotch yellow can now be had at 8½c for round lots, but held at 8¾c to 9¼c for smaller lots, according to quality. New York whites have been taken to a fair extent at 11¾c to 12c. Raws have been quiet, with only small sales at late rates. *Tea* has been in light request, with transactions to a limited extent, principally in low and medium grade, Young Hyson, a few Japan and black teas being also taken. *Tobacco*.—Firm at nominally unchanged quotations.

HARDWARE.—There has been rather more doing during the past week, with a steady enquiry for nails tin, copper, galvanized sheets &c. *Pig Iron*.—Has moved to a limited extent only, but holders are firm at late quotations. *Bar Iron*.—Selling at \$3.75 to 4.00. *Hoop Iron*.—Has advanced and is now quoted at \$4.25 to 4.75. *Cut Nails*.—There has been more activity but holders are inclined to meet the views of buyers and large sales have been made at something under quotations. *Iron Wire*.—Holders are asking more money, No. 6 being now quoted at \$3.50. *Copper*.—Steady at 25 to 27c for ingot and 28 to 30c for sheet. *Tin*.—Is offering at some reduction from late rates, now quoted at 37 to 38c. *Galvanized Iron*.—Meets a good demand, and with light stocks prices are very firm. *Tin Plates*.—Steady at \$12.75 to 13 for IC charcoal.

HIDES AND SKINS.—*Hides*.—Few coming in and prices firm and unchanged. *Calfskins*.—The supply is now tolerably liberal, but there is ready sale at quotations for all offering. *Sheepskins*.—There is little competition to buy, but late prices are still being paid.

HOPS.—Quiet and nominal at 35 to 40c. **LEATHER.** The market has been quiet, with a continued demand for spanish sole, buff and pebbled and russetts, other descriptions of stock meeting no attention. There is no change whatever to note in prices.

PETROLEUM.—There is now an active demand for Canada refined oil, but prices are without change.

PAINTS AND OILS.—Trade has been quiet during the past week, and quotations are generally unchanged. Spirits Turpentine, however, are the turn easier now quoted at 85 to 90c.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*. Inactive with very limited receipts of desirable quotations, and only a light demand from shippers. Choice would command 17 to 18c for local consumption, and small sales have been made at these figures, but ordinary is hard to move at over 8 to 10c. *Cheese*.—A sale of four cars fair quality is noted at 11½c, but 12 to 13½c is being paid in a retail way. *Dried Apples*.—Quoted at 7 to 8c according to quality and quantity. *Eggs*.—Fresh are now worth about 20c in lots. *Lard*.—Held at 9½ to 10c. *Bacon*.—Cumberland cut is quoted at 7½ to 8c and smoked 8½ to 9c. *Hams*.—In salt held at 10½c. Smoked are quoted at 12 to 13c and canvassed at 13½c. *Pork*.—In small supply and firm at \$16 to 16.50 for mess.

—The total quantity of coal raised by the Intercolonial Coal Mining Company in 1872 was 134,902 tons, against 55,798 tons in 1871. The following Montreal gentlemen were elected Directors for 1873: Geo. A. Drummond, Peter Redpath, Gibert Scott, Henry McKay, H. A. Budden, D. L. MacDougal, J. Hickson, J. Hope and Andrew Wilson.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

In the matter of John Thomas, an Insolvent.

A first and final Dividend Sheet has been prepared, open to objection until the 31st day of March, A.D. 1873, after which Dividend will be paid.

JOHN SHAW, Official Assignee.