

direct ports): Wheat, 2,075,000 qrs.: Maize, 390,000 qrs. Passage Continent: Wheat, 350,000 qrs.; Maize, 210,000 qrs.

### TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 9th, 1880.

The commercial situation has altered but little during the past week. In produce the movement continues small, and prices have been influenced by the lower figures in Chicago. Buyers are therefore just taking enough to supply immediate wants. The dry goods trade is keeping up remarkably well for the season, and the results of the November business are even greater than was anticipated. Merchants are put about some by the delay in getting their orders filled for grey flannels, clouds, hosiery, etc. The demand for these lines has been unusually brisk. Cotton goods are steady and unchanged. The retail trade at present is fairly active, helped to a great extent by the winter weather. Groceries are generally quiet, and hardware fairly active. The money market is quiet and rates firm. The amount of loanable funds is more than sufficient to meet the wants of trade, and paper has not been offered as liberally. Loans are firmer at 5 per cent. on call and 6 per cent. on time. Prime commercial paper is discounted at 6 per cent. if short-dated and of large amount; the ordinary run is 7 per cent. Sterling exchange has been unsettled; 60-days bills are quoted at 108½ over the counter and demand bills at 108¾. The stock market, which on Friday and Saturday last was dull and lower, commenced to improve on Monday, and prices of a number of banks have advanced from 2 to 5 per cent. the last few days. The drop in Toronto was the greatest last Friday, and that stock has hardly recovered the loss since. Among bank sales the past few days were the following:—Montreal at 168, Ontario at 98½, 99 and 100½, Commerce at 139, 139½, 140 and 142, Dominion at 141, Standard at 104 and 104½, Imperial at 118 and 120, and Federal at 135 and 137. Loan and miscellaneous shares were quiet. British America Insurance firmer at 157½, and Confederation Life at 200. National Investment firm at 108 and Building and Loan at 99. Dominion Telegraph sold at 90 and 91, and Montreal Telegraph yesterday at 137. Consumers Gas easier, with sales at 152, 151 and 150.

The following are to-day's bids for banks and the leading loan companies as compared with last Thursday:

Banks.	Bid Dec. 9	Bid Dec. 2	Loan Cos.	Bid Dec. 9	Bid Dec. 2
Montreal.	165	163	Can. Permanent	196	195
Toronto.	141	143½	Freehold.	157	156
Ontario.	99	10	Western Can.	161	164
Merchants.	117	117½	Bldg. & Loan	98½	99
Commerce.	144	14	Imp. Savings.	118	119½
Dominion.	141	140½	Farmers' Loan	121	121
Hamilton.	107	108	Load. & Can'dn	149	148
Standard.	104½	104	Huron & Erie.	146	149
Federal.	137	135½	Domin. Savings	123	123
Imperial.	120	119½	Ontario Loan	132	131½
Molson's.	...	...	Hamilton Prov.	124	124

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—This branch of business has been moderately active during the week, helped somewhat by the harder weather. The demand for all descriptions of seasonable goods was fair, and the feeling generally is a hopeful one. Prices continue firm.

**COAL.**—The business transacted since our last report has been large, and dealers express the opinion that stocks will run out, and higher prices rule before the season is over. The supply in this city is about 20,000 tons less than last year. Several lots were received this week, but cars appear hard to get. Hard coal of all kinds sell at \$6 50; the same price rules for the best soft, and \$6 for second quality.

**COAL OIL.**—Trade has been rather inactive during the week, but prices are considered to be about bottom, and dealers look for considerable business before the season is over. Single barrel lots sell at 26c per Imperial gallon, and five to ten barrel lots at 25c.

**COUNTRY PRODUCE.**—Apples.—There is little or no change to note; the demand is apparently not active, and receipts by rail are small on account of low prices. Choice winter fruit sell at \$1.75 wholesale and inferior qualities at \$1.25 to \$1.50. Large quantities offer daily from farmers' waggons at about \$1.50. Beans are in rather better demand and firm; sales of small lots of hand-picked are made at \$1.45 to \$1.50, and the ordinary run at \$1.31 to \$1.35. Country Lard is coming in in small quantities, but prices are as yet not established. Eggs are in good demand and firm at 19c to 20c. for case lots of fresh and 14c for limed. Street lots of fresh bring as high as 25c. Hops are not offering as freely as they did, and prices are firm. Several lots of choice sold during the week at \$6.15, but the ordinary run brought \$6.10. Hops are steady, but the demand is yet inactive, with brewers holding off. Choice are worth 23c to 24c; middling, 20c; inferior, 15c to 18c. Onions are in better demand and higher; they are wanted in large lots at \$2.75, and sales of barrel lots have been made at \$3 to \$3.25 per barrel. Potatoes are dull, there being little demand; street lots supply the city trade; and prices are from 34c to 36c per bag. Poultry are steady, turkeys being firm; geese and chickens sell at 4c to 5c per lb. and turkeys at 8c to 9c. Tallow is quiet, with no changes in quotations. Sales are being made at 6½c to 6¾c, and dealers pay 3½c for rough and 6c for rendered.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—There has been a good trade the past week, and remittances are reported as somewhat better. Opium is dull at \$8 60 to \$8.75, and Quinine is unchanged at \$3.55. The demand for digitalis, ginger and tartar emetic has been active owing to epizootic among horses, and prices are firm. Oil of Peppermint unchanged at \$4.50 per lb. Bicarbonate of potash is higher at 18c. No other changes to note.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—The flour trade has been quiet and prices easier since our last. There is no demand for export, and offerings are seemingly freer. A choice brand of medium bakers sold on Friday at \$5.50, Superior extra at \$5.10 and extra at \$5.07½. The last few days prices are for the most part nominal. On Tuesday Superior extra offered at \$5.10 and extra at \$5, without buyers. Spring extra is normal at \$5 to \$5.10. Market to-day very dull; superior offered at \$5.05 without bids. The Stock in store is 4,300 barrels against 3,600 barrels last week. Oatmeal is slow of sale but steady in price. A car sold on Monday at \$4, small lots bring \$4.25 to \$4.50. Cornmeal is inactive, with trading confined to small lots at \$2.90 to \$3. Bran is in good demand and firm; offerings continue small; a car sold the other day at \$13.50.

**WHEAT.**—The demand has been very inactive during the week, and sales are unusually light. In sympathy with Chicago there is an easier feeling, and buyers limit their purchases to present necessities. On Saturday there were sales of No. 1 Spring at \$1.21 and of No. 2 at \$1.18. The latter grade also brought the same price on Monday, and five cars of No. 2 Fall sold at \$1.14 the same day. No. 2 Spring offered at

\$1.19 on Tuesday, without bids; it would probably bring \$1.17 to \$1.18. No. 2 Fall is worth about \$1.13. The market to day is quiet and prices easier. \$1.18 is top figure for No. 1 and \$1.16 for No. 2. No. 2 Fall offered at \$1.12, January delivered without bids. The stock in store increased over 9,000 bushels during the week, and now stands at 105,000 bushels.

**COARSE GRAINS.**—Barley.—Dullness has been the ruling feature of this market during the week, there being but few sales. Most of the stock in store, amounting to over 355,000 bushels, has been sold to American maltsters. A shipment of 80,000 bushels was made to Buffalo the other day by rail. Buyers and sellers are wide apart, and there is apparently a move to "bear" the market. No. 2 ordinary sold at 9½c f. o. c. on Friday, but the highest price bid for that grade is now 88c, at which price a car sold yesterday. No. 1 would bring about 90c, while holders are asking \$1. A car of No. 3 extra sold yesterday at 82c. There was a sale on Monday of several thousand bushels of No. 2 to an American maltster at equal to 99c here, which, however, could hardly be repeated. No business doing in barley to-day, but the feeling is easier. Oats are firm at 3½c on track, at which price sales were made on Friday and Wednesday; there are few offerings, and stocks are unchanged at 2,000 bushels. Peas are not as firm as last week, the demand not being as brisk. A sale of No. 2 was made the latter part of the week at 70c, but they would not bring over 69c now. No. 1 are worth 70c. Rye is quiet and steady, with no sales of car lots reported; they are nominal at 88c. Corn is also inactive but firm at 60c on track.

**FREIGHTS.**—There is a good demand, and the feeling is that there will be another advance before long. Rates are firm at last week's quotations.

**GROCERIES.**—This branch of trade has been as a rule quiet during the week, which is not unusual at this season of the year. Reports of travellers state that country merchants are now doing a good trade, and more activity is looked for here. The demand for fresh fish has been active, and prices are firm at \$4.25 to \$4.50 for white and \$3.75 to \$4 for trout. Salt water fish are not so much called for. Fruit is also in good demand, but in some cases prices are a little easier. Valencia's steady at 7½c for large lots. London layers of raisins are easier at \$2.75; black basket, \$3.50; and blue crown, \$4.75. Nuts are unchanged. Sugars are steady at last week's quotations. The feeling in Japan teas is easier, in sympathy with the fall in New York; greens are steady, with low grades scarce. Common Congon, 3½c to 40c; good, 40c; fine, 60c to 70c; Young Hyson, 36c to 40c; good to medium, 40c to 50c. Liquors are quiet, but, as we reported last week, prices are firm and higher. Quotations are as follows: Pure Jamaica rum, 16 o. p., \$2.75 to \$3; Demerara, \$2.45 to \$2.75; gin—green cases, \$1.25 to \$4.50; red, \$8 to \$8.50; wines—port, \$1.50; fine, \$2.40 to \$5.40; sherry, \$1.50; fine, \$3.60 to \$5.40; champagne, per case, \$14 to \$26.50; brandy in wood, Hennessy's, Old's and Martell's, \$4.50 to \$5.10; second-class brands, \$3.60 to \$4.20, according to age; inferior brands, \$2.40 to \$3.30. Whiskey (add 5 per cent.) Alcohol, per Imperial gallon, \$2.53; pure spirits, 65 o. p., \$2.54; do., 50 o. p., \$2.35; do., 25 u. p., \$1.18; family proof whiskey, \$1.28; old Bourbon, \$1.28; old rye, toddy, or malt, \$1.20; domestic whiskey, 32 u. p., \$1.08; rye whiskey, 4 years old, \$1.50; do., 5 years old, \$1.60; do., 6 years old, \$1.70; do., 7 years old, \$1.80.

**HARDWARE AND IRON.**—There have been some large shipments of general hardware during the past week, and the market generally is firm. The demand is chiefly for house-furnishing goods, and such articles as skates, sleigh-bells &c. Remittances are coming in freely. Glass,