

2.60; do. Spring Extra, \$2.25; do. Superfine, \$3.15 to 3.25; City Bags, delivered, \$2.95 to 3.00.

FURS.—A quiet week has passed in furs. Business has been light and quotations have not varied. For prime full size skins we quote:—*Beaver*, \$2.50 to \$3.00; *Bear*, \$8.00 to \$10.00; *do. Cub*, \$4.00 to \$5.00; *Fisher*, \$4.75 to \$6.50; *Red Fox*, \$1.00; *Cross do.*, \$2.00 to \$3.00; *Lynx*, \$2.00 to \$3.00; *Marten*, 75c. to \$1.00; *Mink*, \$1.00 to \$1.25; *Muskrat*, 8 to 10c.; *Otter*, \$8.00 to \$10.00; *Raccoon*, 50 to 60c.; *Skunk* 60 to 80c.

GRAIN.—The local grain market continues in the dull condition reported for so long, without much prospect of a change. We quote: Canada red winter, \$1.22 to 1.23; Canada White do., \$1.10 to 1.15; Canada spring, \$1.18 to 1.20; Corn, 63½c per bush.; Peas, 90c; Oats, 35c; Barley, 55 to 65c, and rye, 62c.

GROCERIES.—The excited state of the tea market is the all-absorbing topic of the day. A telegram received here to-day from New York reports Japan as very strong, large transactions taking place at advanced rates. Over a million and a half pounds changed hands on Monday at an advance of from ½ to 1c per lb., while Saturday's sales are reported at over 400,000 lbs. There is a good deal of speculative disposition abroad, no doubt, but there can be no doubt that there is reasonable ground for a pretty solid advance. The market for greens and blacks is also stronger; lower grade blacks are quoted from 1 to 1½d. better in London.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—The market is very quiet for pig iron, the only new feature being a somewhat firmer feeling in consequence of the steadiness in Scotch warrants, which are now quoted at 4½. We quote *Summerlee & Gartscherrie*, \$20.50 to \$21.00; *Calder*, \$20.50; *Langloan*, \$21.00 to \$21.50; *Coltress*, \$21.00 to \$21.50; *Dalmellington*, \$18.50 to \$19.00; *Eglinton*, \$18; *Hematite*, \$23.00 to \$24.00; *Siemens*, \$20.50 to \$21.00; *Bar Iron* is quiet, *Tin Plates* steady, and *Canada Plates* steady. General hardware is more active in consequence of the receipt of a moderate amount of orders. We quote *Canada plates* \$3.15 to 3.25 for *Pen* and *Blaina*; *Hatton* \$3.00; *Tinplates*, Charcoal I C \$5.25; ditto I X, \$6.90 to 7.00; *Coke I C*, \$4.50 to \$4.60; *Galvanized Sheets*, No. 28, 6½ to 7½c. according to brand; *Tinned Sheets*, coke, Nos. 24 to 26, 7½ to 7½c.; *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs., \$2.40 to \$2.60; *Bar Iron* \$1.90 to \$2.00. *Sheets*, best brands, \$2.50 to 2.75; *Boiler Plate* per 100 lbs. *Staffordshire*, \$2.75 to \$3.00; *Steel Boiler Plate* \$3.50 to \$3.75; heads \$4.50 to \$5.00. *Russian Sheet Iron*, 11 to 12c. *Lead* per 100 lbs.—*Pig*, \$3.90 to \$4.00; *Sheet* \$4.50; *Shot*, \$6 to \$6.50; *Steel*, cast, 11 to 12c.; *Spring*, \$3.25 to \$3.50; *Tire*, \$3.25 to \$3.50; *Sleigh Shoe*, \$2.40 to \$2.50. *Ingot Tin*, 24c.; *Bar Tin*, 25 to 26c.; *Ingot Copper*, 17 to 17½c.; *Sheet Zinc*, \$4.75 to \$5.50; *Spelter*, \$4.75 to \$5; *Bright Iron Wire*, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

LEATHER.—The past week has seen no material change in the leather market. Prices remain steady at former prices, and manufacturers of boots and shoes do not seem disposed to buy more freely. The only feature of the week is the failure of Jackson Bros., with liabilities of about \$35,000; particulars will be found in our summary columns. We still quote *Hemlock Spanish Sole B. A.* 24½ to 27c; ditto No. 2 B A 22 to 24c; No. 1 Ordinary Spanish 24 to 26c; No. 2 ditto, 21 to 23c; No. 1 China 23c. No. 2 ditto 21c. *Buffalo Sole* No. 1, 21 to 22c; ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c. *Hemlock Slaughter*, No. 1, 26 to 28c; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 33 to 37c; ditto ditto heavy, 33 to 35c.; *Grained*, 34 to 38c. *Split*, large, 21 to 30c.; ditto small, 14 to 20c. *Calfskins* (35 to 46 lbs.) 70 to 80c; ditto (25 to 34 lbs.) 60 to 70c.; *Russet Sheepskin Linings*, 30 to 50c; *Harness*, 24 to 34c; *Buffed Cow*, per ft., 14 to 16c. *Enamelled Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Patent Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Pebbled Cow*, 12½ to 15½c. *Rough*, 23 to 28c. *Imitation French Calfskins*, 75 to 85c; *Russet & Bridle*, 45 to 55c.

PROVISIONS.—There has been no material change in the position of *Hog Products* the past week. The market is very quiet, with no exciting element. Western Mess may be quoted \$18.00 to 18.50, and Canada short cut \$18.50 to 19.00. *Lard* is quiet, a small business proceeding. Western is held at 12 to 12½c, and Canadian at 11 to 11½c. *Dressed Hogs* are firm at \$8 to 8.25 per 100 lbs. *Butter* is without much change, and is quoted at 18 to 21c for *Morrisburg* and *Brookville*; 13 to 15c for western summer make, and 17 to 18c for autumn. *Cheese* is

very dull, but has a strong tendency. Choice fall makes are quoted at 13 to 13½c, and other kinds 11 to 12½c according to quality and size of lot.

SALT.—There is nothing new to mention in this branch of trade. Stocks are low, demand slack, and prices steady. We quote tons, 57 to 60c; elevens, 50 to 52½c; twelves, 45 to 47½c; *Higgins'*, \$2.40 per sack, and the same figure for *Ashtou's*.

WOOL.—There has been a slightly better demand, but the market has not varied in any marked degree. Manufacturers purchase only for actual needs, and do not seem to have much faith in the market. We quote domestic at 27 to 29c for A, 22 to 24c for B, and 20c for black. In foreign, Cape is quoted at 16 to 19c, and Australian 22 to 30c as to quality.

BRITISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 30th, 1884.

The cotton market shows signs of hardening. Uplands quoted at 5 and 15-16 d. Orleans 6 and 1-16d. Sales 15,000 bales, including 2,000 for speculation and export. Receipts, 53,000 bales, including 44,000 American. February and March, 5 59 64d.; April and May, 6 2-64d. Futures closed steady. Quotations for grain and provisions have not shown much fluctuation during the week ended to-day, top-prices were steady at 11s. 6d. for flour; 8s. 4d. to 8s. 5d., at close for spring wheat and 8s. 10d., which is an advance from 8s. 9d. for red winter; *Jal.* steady at 8s. 10d. and 8s. 4d.; Corn opened at 5s. 5d. and closes at 5s. 6½d.; oats 5s. 5d.; barley 5s. 6d., and peas 6s. 8d. Figures to day for pork 70s.; lard 45s. 9d.; bacon 43s. 6d., each an advance of 9d.; tallow 40s. 9d. a decline of 6d.; cheese steady at 69s.

LOND N, Jan. 30th.

Beerbohm says: Floating cargoes—Wheat and maize quiet. Mark Lane—Wheat and maize quiet. English and French country markets firmer. Imports into the United Kingdom for the past week—Wheat, 140,000 to 145,000 qrs.; maize, 135,000 to 140,000 qrs.; flour 190,000 to 195,000 brls. Liverpool—spot wheat firm; maize quiet, but steady. Paris—Wheat and flour quiet.

The circular of Henderson & Glass, Liverpool and Birmingham, has the following under date January 17th: *Iron*—At the quarterly meeting held at Birmingham on 10th. inst.,—there was only a moderate attendance,—buyers from all districts were represented, but the tone of business was very quiet in all branches. Makers were in some cases slightly easier and willing to meet offers to a certain extent upon good specifications. As we predicted last month the present year has opened with a dull trade and prices in favor of buyers. *Tin Plates*—The market has become weaker with prices in buyers' favor, the outlook, as in most metals, being somewhat unfavorable. *Tin*—Rather flat at prices quoted. *Copper*—Not in active demand. *Pig Lead*—In rather slow sale. *Linseed Oil*—Is firmer at an advance, seed being dearer.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

New York, Jan. 30th, 1884.

Cotton, steady and unchanged. Flour dull, with sales of Superfine at \$2.80 to 3.40; Western Extra \$6.25 c 6 50; Wheat, weak, sales 125,000 bush. spot and four millions futures. No. 2, red quoted \$1.09½, or for January \$1.05; Corn and barley firm; rice steady; tallow weak; hops firm; cut meats, very strong; lard, higher; butter dull; and cheese firm at 10½c. 14c.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30th, 1884.

Both wheat and corn close strong, and provisions show firmness, receipts of hogs being light and quality poor. February wheat 91½ to 91½c; March, 92½ to 92½c.; No. 2 Red 98 to \$1. Corn easier; February 51½ to 52½c.; March 51½c. Pork steady; cash \$16.10 to \$16.12½c.; Feb. \$15.80 to \$16.10; March, \$16 to \$16.20. Lard firm, \$9 to \$9.05; Feb. \$9.05 to \$9.10; March \$9.15 to \$9.22½. Bulk meats—shoulders, \$7; short rib, \$8.55; short clear, \$8.80.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Jan. 31, 1884.

The deep snow prevents free movement of produce in country districts and business is therefore backward. Stocks in the country

stores are sufficiently full to make it difficult for even the most voluble commercial travellers to make large sales of spring goods. Dry goods houses report orders small, and hardware and grocery houses find a similar state of things. Provisions are quiet but firm, and drugs steady. Breadstuffs show a little more animation but the movement is small.

Business on the Stock Exchange continues limited, transactions not exceeding from 400 to 600 shares per day. In bank stocks, sales were made of Commerce at 117½, Toronto at 168 and Dominion at 188 to 188½. Not much doing in loan shares, London & Canadian changed hands at 144, Building & Loan at 102½, North-west land at 61s. 6d.

DRY GOODS.—The reports from the travelling salesmen this week are to the effect that owing to blockaded roads and limited movement of farmers' products, country shop-keepers are indisposed to buy, and small parcels are therefore the rule. In the cities and larger towns it is possible to do better, but there is no free buying anywhere. Payments are tolerably good. The New York dry goods market presents no especial feature, except that cottons and woollens having been long at a low level, are having rather more sale, and prices are now at least steady. Country dealers, it appears, have run their stocks of staple goods to a low point. Spot cotton is quiet, but a steadier feeling is manifest with an advance of one-sixteenth; future options show more animation. The American wool market is dull and the feeling weak. Woollen manufactures are extremely quiet, and production is being restricted.

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