quiet with unchanged prices. Pork, rather dull; Western Mess \$15.75 to \$16.00. Canada S. C., \$16.00 to \$16.25; lard 10½ to 10½ for Western. Hams, 12 to 12½c. Eggs are more plentiful and easier in price, tetching 15 to 16c. Shoes and Leathers.—Manufacturers of boots

Shore and Learner.—Manufacturers of boots and shoes find orders coming in slowly, and also running to small figures generally, and there is no "rush" in the trade. Remittances, too, are not what they should be. Leather men also find business quiet, stocks are pretty full in most all lines, though there is no undue accumulation, and the tondensar in prices is towards covered. lines, though there is no undue accumulation, and the tendency in prices is towards concessions, Light splits are about the only line in request just now. We quote Spanish sole B. A. No. 1, 24 to 27c., ditto, No. 2 B., A. 21 to 24c.; No. 1, Ordinary Spanish, 24 to 25 c. No. 2 ditto, 22 to 23c.; No. 1 China, 23c., No. 2 22c., ditto Buffalo Sole, No. 1, 21 to 22c., ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 25 to 27c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 38c., ditto heavy, 32 to 35c.; Grained, 34 to 38c.; Splits, large, 23 to 29c., ditto small, 16 to 24c.; Calf-splits 28 to 31c.; Calf-skins (35 to 46 lbs.) 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Calfskins, 80 to 85c.; Russet Sheepekin Linings, 30 to 50c.; Harness. 24 to 38c.; Buffed Cow, 12½ to 16c.; Pebbled Cow, 11 to 15c.; Rough, 23 to 28c.; Russet & Bridle, 45 to 55c. Russet & Bridle, 45 to 55c.

Salt.—Prices remain at exactly the same level; elevens ex car 52½ to 55c.; ex store 57½ to 60c.; factory filled \$1.20 to \$1.85; Higgins' \$2 40.

The demand has slackened off somewhat and though stocks generally are light, prices are unchanged as fleece will soon be coming in. There is no Australian or Cape here, though a cargo of the latter is momentarily expected. Black and unassorted also in very light supply.

### TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, April 23, 1885.

The feeling in commercial circles has improved within the past week. Business in a retail way has been fairly active, and orders from travellers are more numerous. The dulness of the past month is attributed chiefly to the very backward weather and bad country roads. Some improvement noted is due to the warmer sunshine and the higher prices that farmers and dealers are getting for their grain. As we go to press the war cloud in Europe thickens, and a much more active trade is expected here in the event of a declaration of war between England and Russia. An important feature is the better demand for flour and grain, and within the past two weeks wheat has advanced 15 to 18c., peas 10c. and flour 60 to 70c. a barrel. The export demand is fair and in consequence of the com paratively low prices, a further advance is not improbable. Payments are found by wholesale dealers a little better, although there are a good many renewals. Sterling exchange has ruled very firm owing to a scarcity of bills due to small exports. Sixty-day bills are quoted at 1092 to 1097 between banks and 110 across the counter. Demand bills are quoted at 1102 to 110% between banks and 110% across the counter. New York drafts are at a premium of å to 1.

Dry Goods.—This week, although one of sunshine and warmth in the city, is not a very active one in this line. There is still snow in sunshine and warmen in the city, is not a very active one in this line. There is still snow in country districts, preventing spring ploughing, and abundant mud in country roads, which prevents free movement; so that the average rural retailer is doing next to nothing. City trade at retail has received an impulse from the weather and both dry goods dealers and milliners are doing a fair share of trade. There is an improved feeling among wholesale houses, although their sales are small. Prices are steady and the cotton mills are showing a little more backbone. In shirtings, denims and the like, prices are even firm. Tweeds are pretty firmly held and prices of knitted goods are not relaxed. Payments from the country are, as may be expected under the circumstances,, irregular, but country stocks are not heavy and when the goodroads appear they must improve, for a demand for goods is pretty certain to ensue. mand for goods is pretty certain to ensue.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS —Business during the week has been fair, and generally satisfactory.

there have been few changes in prices, and a good summer trade is in prospect. Quinine is slightly easier and linseed a trifle firmer at 61 to 62c. for raw and 63 to 65c. for boiled.

FLOUR AND MEAL —A better demand declared itself for flour and prices rule higher. itself for flour and prices rule higher. Sales of superior extra were made yesterday at \$4.50 and \$4.55 as against \$4.35 a week ago, and spring extra sold at \$4.30 yesterday. Extra sold on Friday last at \$4.15 and is now quoted at \$4.35 to \$4.40. Oatmeal is firm, with a sale of a car at \$4.25 on track; small lots sell at \$4.50 to \$4.75, the latter for granulated. Cornmeal quiet at \$3.40 to \$3.45. Bran steady, with sales at \$1.4 to \$15 for car lots at \$14 to \$15 for car lots.

Grain.—Early in the week there was quite an GRAIN.—Early in the week aftere was quite an active trade, but the past few days' transactions have been limited owing to the high price asked. Wheat sold during the week at 95c. for No. 2 fall, at 93c. for No. 3 fall, at 95c. for No.1 spring at 93c. for No. 2 spring and at 82c. for goose The market yesterday was firm, with 94c. bid for No. 2 fa'l and 98c. asked. No. 1 spring was quoted at 96 to 97c. and 97c. was bid for red winter. Barley quiet and steady, with sales of No 1 at 69c. No. 2 at 67c. No. 3 extra at 64 to 641c. and No. 3 at 60c. Oats firmer, with sales of car lots at 39c. and 40c. on track. Peas in few hands and higher yesterday No. 2 sold at

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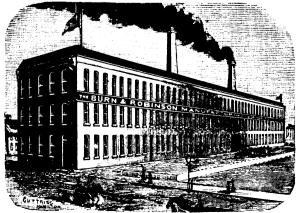
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