

2, B. A., 20 to 23c.; No. 1 Ordinary Spanish, 21 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 19 to 21c.; No. 1 China, 22 to 23c.; No. 2, 21 to 22c.; ditto, Buffalo Sole, No. 1, 21 to 22c.; ditto, No. 2, 19½ to 21c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 25 to 27c.; oak sole, 42 to 48c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 38c.; ditto, heavy, 32 to 36c.; Grained, 34 to 37c.; Scotch grained, 36 to 40c.; Splits large, 22 to 28c.; ditto, small, 16 to 24c.; Calf-splits, 28 to 32c.; Calfskins, (35 to 46 lbs.), 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Calf, skins 80 to 85; Russet Sheepskin Linings, 30 to 40c.; Harness, 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 13 to 16c.; Pebbled Cow, 11 to 15½c.; Rough 23 to 28c.; Russet and Bridle, 54 to 55c.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—We have to report another quiet week in these lines, orders being small and not too numerous. Pig iron is again firmer at home. Summerlee being cabled at 55/- and Gartsherrie at 52/-, while warrants have gone up to 44/7d. Canada Plates are also up, stocks are low, and \$2.50 is now lowest for Blaina and equal; no Penn here; tinplates continue to show strength at home, but prices are not altered here. Other lines as before reported. We quote:—Summerlee and Langloan \$19 to \$19.50; Gartsherrie, \$18.50 to \$19.00; Coltness, \$19.00 to \$19.50; Shott, \$17.50 to \$18.00; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$16.50; Calder, \$17.50 to \$18; Carnbroe, \$17.00 to \$17.50; Hematite, \$20; Siemens, No. 1, \$18.50 to \$19.00; Bar Iron, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Best Refined, \$1.85; Siemens Bar, \$2.10; Canada Plates, Blaina, \$2.50; Penn and Pontpool, none here. Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Charcoal I.C., \$4.25 to \$4.75; do. I.X., \$5.50 to \$6.00; Coke I.C., \$3.75 to \$4.00; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5c. to 7c, according to brand; Tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c; No. 26, 7c, the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.00; Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs., \$2.25; Staffordshire, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Common Sheet iron, \$2.00; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian Sheet Iron, 10c to 11c. Lead, per 100 lbs.—Pig, \$3.75 to \$4.00; Sheet, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Shot, \$6.00 to \$6.50; best cast steel, 11c to 13c, firm; Spring, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Tire, \$2.54 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Round Machinery Steel, 3 to 3½c. per lb. Ingot tin, 24½ to 25c; Bar Tin, 27 to 28c; Ingot Copper, 12c to 13c; Sheet Zinc, \$4.25 to \$5.00; Spelter, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.25, per 100 lbs.; Annealed do. \$2.30.

**OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.**—All lines of fish oils are dull and quiet; steam refined seal 49 to 50c.; pale 40 to 42c.; straw 38 to 39c.; cod oil in fully supply. Newfoundland is quoted at 42½c. for pure; Halifax dull at 34 to 35c.; cod liver slow to 60 to 65c. Linseed, olive and castor oils same as last week; turpentine 55 to 56c. Leads, colors and glass unchanged. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$6.00; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25. Dry white lead 5½c.; red do. 4½ to 4¾c.; London washed waiting, 55 to 60c. Paris white, \$1.13 to \$1.25; Cookson's Venetian Red, \$1.75; other brands Venetian Red, \$1.50 to \$1.60; Yellow ochre, \$1.50; Spruce ochre, \$2 to \$3. Glass \$1.50 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.60 for second break.

**SALT.**—Business in this article is of the usual jobbing character and prices are unaltered. We quote:—coarse eleveens 55 to 57½c.; twelves 52 to 55c.; factory-filled \$1.20 to \$1.25; Eureka \$2.40; Rice's pure dairy \$2.00; Turks Island 30c. per bushel; rock salt \$10 per ton.

**WOOL.**—There is at present a fair enquiry from mill men, for wool and we hear of transactions in Cape at 15 to 17c.; a cargo is now en route for this market; Australian 17 to 20c.; domestics unchanged from former figures.

#### TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, 6th Jan., 1887.

The year opening with the announcement that the Montreal Telegraph Co. was not in a position to pay the quarterly dividend which had been declared had a depressing effect upon the stock market, but, with little disposition to deal at the reduced quotations, it generally stiffened up. Bank shares close mostly stronger than last week, the only important

changes being a rise of 1½ each in bids in Federal and Standard.

Buyers advanced 1½ for British America Insurance to 118½. Some disappointment at no increase in the dividend of the Western Assurance led to a selling movement, which forced it down to 153½, from which there was a recovery to 155½ ex. divd. Montreal Telegraph dropped 7 per cent. Canada North West Land jumped to 64/ but fell off to 61/6. Building Society shares have been almost entirely neglected with quotations firm.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—Travellers, in most instances, are preparing for the road. But little movement took place in leather goods during the holidays but the demand for India rubbers, overshoes and felts was quite brisk. A good many country storekeepers put off purchasing until January and this fact seems to give good ground for supposing that travellers will be able to pick up not a few spring and "sorting" orders. Some houses report a very satisfactory state of things as regards remittances.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—Matters in this department seem to be on the quiet side just at present. Such articles as glycerine, morphia, quinine, opium, cubebs and cantharides, are advancing and held firmer. Iodine and preparations appear to be a little easier in foreign markets.

**FISH.**—This market is reported bare of salt white fish, the stock of which has been purchased on American account. Trout are slow of sale, as indeed are all salt fish at this season and will continue so until the middle of the month. There is also very little doing in salt herrings but fresh are moving fairly well.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—We hear of a more active market for flour than has ruled for some time. There is a better enquiry both for export and local trade. The demand has been principally for superior, extra and rollers. Except for spring wheat which cannot be had for less than \$3.20, prices remain the same as a week ago. There is not much oatmeal selling to the city trade, but considerable quantities are changing hands for export. We quote \$3.75 to \$3.85. Cornmeal is without change and presents no new features. There is a scarcity of bran which is in demand at \$13.

**GRAIN.**—Wheat was steady and improving up to the last few days when it declined, but is still higher as compared with prices quoted last week. There is not much stock with which to do business and trading has consequently been limited. We quote No 1 fall, 83 to 84c; No. 2, 81 to 82c; No. 3, 79 to 80c. No. 1 spring, 85 to 86c; No. 2, 83 to 84c; No. 3, 81 to 82c. Barley has changed hands to a considerable extent and is steady at an advance of about 2c on previous figures; No. 1 bright 57 to 58c; No. 1, 55 to 56c; No. 2, 51 to 52c; No. 3 extra, 46 to 47c; No. 3, 41 to 42c. Oats are dull and easier, and peas are firmer and in demand. Corn and rye as before.

**GROCERIES.**—As is usual at the beginning of the year, business in this department is of a quiet nature. Sugars show no change in price from a week ago, and teas are fairly active and firm. Coffees are steady but not much moving. Stocks of nuts are light. Black pepper is very stiff, and quotes here at 19 to 21c; Boston holders are asking 18½c there. Other lines as previously quoted.

**HARDWARE.**—But few features of note have been disclosed since our last review. The tin plate market is considerably firmer, especially in Cokes and American tin-ware manufacturers have, in consequence, withdrawn all quotations. A meeting of the different associ-

ations will be held in New York on the 11th inst., and it is thought that a considerable reduction in discounts will result. All manufactured goods of which iron is a component part have been perceptibly affected by the recent advance in the raw material, and we learn that no orders can be placed at old figures. This has been more noticeable in chain which has, however, felt in a marked degree the effect of the late strikes in this particular branch of industry. Other lines do not call for special remark.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—Large supplies of hides are offering from all sections of the country, this with slow sales has put down the prices of cured to 8½ to 8¾c. Calfskins continue dull and without change in price. Sheepskins find ready sale at from \$1.00 to 1.10 for best. There is no change to note in tallow.

**OILS.**—Not much demand for lard oil, the woollen mills being mostly shut down for

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