

lull has come in the local demand, owing to the late wet weather, but the snow and cold temperature of the moment will cause a renewal of the demand. Prices are as before. We quote:—Beaver \$3.50 to \$4.00; bear \$12 to \$14; cub do. \$5 to \$6; fisher \$5 to \$6; fox, red, \$1 to \$1.10; fox cross, \$2.00; lynx, \$3 to \$4; marten \$1 to \$1.25; mink, 75c. to \$1; muskrat, 10c.; racoon 50 to 60c.; skunk 40 to \$1.00 as to quality; otter, \$8 to \$10.

FISH.—A moderate trade is doing at prices quoted. Genuine Labrador herrings \$5.75 to \$6.00; inferior brands so-called \$5 to \$5.50. Cape Bretons \$5.00 to \$5.75; dry cod \$2.90 to \$3.25; green ditto, \$4.00 to \$4.25 for No. 1; No. 2 \$3.00 to \$3.25; mackerel scarce at \$6.50; North Shore salmon No. 1 \$17.00, No. 2 \$16.00; British Columbia do. \$14.00; lake trout \$3.75.

GROCERIES.—The closing of navigation and advent of more wintry weather has induced a brisker movement in this line, and a good trade is being done. Payments are well spoken of. Sugars remain at the same level, refinery price for granulated in lots 6c.; there is no surplus stock of yellows and sales for the season are reported heavy. Syrups are scarce and are picked up as fast as produced; molasses firm, 33c. being rock bottom figure, and there are some who say price will be 35c. ere long. There is a considerable advance in Valencia raisins in outside markets, in New York 3c. per lb. and in Denia 3/- a cwt.; locally asking price is 6½c. for good fruit. It is claimed that all the fruit worth shipping has left Denia. Currants firmer in England, prices here as before; prunes 4½ to 5½c. The quotations at hand of Elmer raisins show higher values than Valencias, and there has not been much disposition evinced so far to going into them. Teas present no specially new features; the New York market is reported firm for all grades. Locally there is a big enquiry for Japans at 17 to 19c., which can't be met, as the goods are not obtainable at that figure. Rice firmer in England, locally no change. Canned goods of all kinds are as dear as ever, \$1.45 to \$1.50 is asked for tomatoes, corn \$1.40, salmon lobsters, etc., as last quoted. Spices and tobacco show no change.

HIDES.—The demand is not specially active. Green are selling at 8½c. per pound for No. 1. Some Winnipeg hides have lately been received and sold at 9½c.

LEATHER AND SHOES.—Matters in these lines have quieted considerably since last writing and the "swamp" has resumed its normal phase. Shoe manufacturers in a good many cases are preparing for stock taking and are not buying any large parcels. Leather prices remain steady and stocks are in good shape; shipments of splits continue in fair quantities to England, but will likely diminish with closing navigation. Prices same as last week.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The movement has grown quieter somewhat since this day week, navigation being virtually closed, and higher fall freight rates by rail having gone into effect. Consumers in the country, however, are not stocked ahead, and a fair distribution is looked for as likely to continue through the winter. The iron market in Britain shows no specially new features; stocks of pig iron in Glasgow are 30,000 tons less than a month ago, and the tone of the market is towards firmness; warrants are cabled at 32½. Finished iron is much firmer in Britain, but local quotations are not affected as yet. Canada Plates could not now be imported at prices ruling here, they are 7/6d. a ton higher at home, and this with the high freights of the moment would bring cost up very considerably. Tin plates as before; copper very firm in the States. We quote:—Summerlee, \$17.50 to \$18.00; Gartsherrie, \$17.50 to \$18.00; Langloch and Coltness, \$17.50 to \$18.00; Shott, \$17.50 to \$18.00; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$16 to \$16.50; Calder, \$17 to \$17.50; Carnegie, \$16.50 to \$17.00; Hematite, \$20; Siemens, No. 1, \$18.00; Bar Iron, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Best Refined, \$1.85; Siemens Bar, \$2.10; Canada Plates, Blaina, \$2.35 to \$2.40; Penn and Pontpool, \$2.50. 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, 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, 3c to 3½c per lb. Ingot tin, 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, \$2.40, per 100 lbs.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Fish oils show more firmness; steam refined seal has been sold at 50c. for strictly pale. We quote 50 to 52c.; ordinary pale can be had at 42 to 43, straw 36 to 38c. Nfd. cod oil is worth 41 to 43c.; good Gaspe has been sold at 36c. in round lots. Linseed 60 and 63c. for raw and boiled in small lots; olive and castor as before; turpentine 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 whiting, 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.—We quote prices ex-wharf yet, but next week will see stocks in store. There will be no further receipts this season. We quote coarse elevens, 49 to 52c.; for twelves 47 to 49c.; factory filled \$1.15 to \$1.20; Eureka and Ashton's \$2.40; Rice's pure dairy \$2.00 rock salt \$10 a ton; Turk's Island 30c. a bushel.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, 17th Nov., 1886.

Very conspicuous features on the Toronto Stock Exchange have been the advances in Western Assurance and Bank of Montreal shares. The publication by the latter of the statement of profits for the past half-year led to a decided "Boom," buyers advancing 9 per cent. to 236 ex dividend, after which it eased off to 234½ bid. Commerce and Toronto in sympathy rose 3 per cent., while Ontario was the only bank stock which declined in price. Except Commerce and Standard all bank shares are now quoted ex dividend.

The reported excellent condition of Insurance business brought about an active enquiry for these shares and Western rose rapidly 12½%, to 167½ bid at the close. British America also sold up to 127, a rise of 5½, closing lower at 125½ to 127½. Dominion Telegraph strengthened to 87, an improvement of 2%, but Canada North-West was again weak and had a further fall of 1-6. Loan Societies' shares were quiet and firm.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The advances noted in our last are well maintained. Quinine is still firm and advancing. Santonine is a shade easier. Annise seed and Carraways are higher. Glycerine is quoted at 22 to 25c., and Morphia Sul. at \$1.45 to \$1.60. Trade is fair and remittances not at all bad.

FISH.—Large receipts of trout are reported, but white fish are scarce. There is a brisk and increasing demand at prices unchanged from last week. Herrings have offered; one lot of 1000 barrels is under consideration, but

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FLOUR AND MEAL.—This market is still in a depressed condition, and very little flour, except for local bakers' use, has changed hands. Prices remain the same as last reported. Both oatmeal and cornmeal have moved to a fair extent but at unchanged quotations. Bran is in demand at our figures.

GROCERIES.—Nothing of an important nature has transpired since our last review. Both currants and raisins show more firmness and a slightly better demand as the holiday season approaches. Sugars may still be bought at previous prices although such is the state of this market that refiners show no wish to make sales. Other articles call for no special mention. Payments are slow as reported by some houses. In exceptional cases there are no marked complaints heard.

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