Bank shares are firm, and in some cases strong. Dominion sold at 218, and closed with bids advanced 1¼ to 217¾. There was a rise of 1 per cent. in Standard, to 130, which is now asked, with 129½ bid. A fairly good business was done in Commerce at 123. The whole of the miscellaneous list was steady with but trifling changes for the week. The decline in Ontario Investment Association has had some influence on the shares of Loan Societies having their head offices in London, but otherwise loan shares are firm. Money on call is quoted at 5½ to 6% with very little inquiry.

Dry Goods.—Houses in this line are preparing for a considerable number of visitors and buyers during the next two weeks. The millinery and fancy dry goods openings will attract a crowd, as they always do, and the Dominion and Industrial Exhibition is a drawing card. Stocks are in good shape, or will be by that time; and this market is year by year increasing its attractions for dry goods retailers.

Trade generally for the week seems to have been satisfactory for this season of the year. It is true that a good many merchants are still on their holidays; that the new crop has not yet begun to offer; and that until we have new grain and all at work, we shall not have a trade that can fairly be called active all over, but, notwithstanding these drawbacks, the general report is good, and a fair Fall trade may fairly be expected in most lines. We are left somewhat in doubt in the important grain trade, both as to the quantity likely to be offered, and as to the prices likely to rule for it. But, although the yield is now admitted to fall short of that of last year, it is nowhere represented as being seriously deficient; and in face of the very low prices which have ruled for the last harvest, any further decline would seem decidedly unlikely, unless it should appear that our prices are still being held up above those of the great ruling markets. Groceries have shown increased activity at steady prices. Leather and hardware trades rather quiet, but with an improved demand for building materials. Provisions have been active nearly all over and at firm prices. The dry goods trade reports small current orders, while millinery men are on the eve of their autumn openings.

Flour and Meal.—The late chronic dullness has remained unabated; very little demand has been heard for anything and very little change in the situation can be reported. There were some small sales in the latter part of last week at equal to \$3.60 for superior extra, and equal to \$3.50 for extra; and superior again changed hands on Tuesday at equal to \$3.60, the market closing with rather an improved demand and value steady as before. Bran, sold in the latter part of last week at equal to \$13.40 here; but at the close was probably still obtainable, to arrive, at this price. Oatmeal, has been moving only in small lots, and even in these slowly; prices have ranged from \$3.75 to 4.25, the latter for granulated.

Grain.—Has been offered very slowly as old has been almost exhausted unless in the shape of lots held over, and new has scarcely began to offer. Wheat, scarce and wanted for local milling purposes, some demand having been heard for lots to ship east; prices have consequently been firm. The chief movement in round lots of No. 2 fall which sold on Friday at equal to 83c. and on Tuesday at equal to 83½c. here, when mixed wheat also changed hands at 81c. f. o. c.; spring very quiet, but No. 2 brought equal to 81¾c. on Monday; the market closed quiet, but value seemed steady and former prices likely to be repeated, but car lots a cent at least below round lots. Oats, still rather scarce and in good demand but prices apparently rather unsettled; old mixed western sold in latter part of last week at 35 to 37c.; new, to arrive, at 35c., and heavy eastern at 34½c. on track; this week, old white to arrive, changed hands at 35½c. and at the close 34 to 35c. was bid for eastern. Barley, seems to have been selling in lots of old on p. t.; values are estimated at figures very widely apart accordingly as valuators belong to the class of buyers or sellers. On the street some loads of new have been sold at 50c., 57c. and at 56½c. Peas, very scarce but with a good demand at steady prices; sold in latter part of last week at 58c., at which price more would probably have found a sale at the close.

Hides and Skins.—There has been a steady sale of green hides at former prices; cured also have been wanted in picked lots and these have changed hands at 8c. Calfskins, green reluctantly taken as before in default of any demand for cured which remain purely nominal. Sheepskins, have continued to sell as before at 45 to 50c. for the best green, there being scarcely any country lots offered or wanted; experts allege that lambs have been thriving badly this season.

Hops.—Some enquiry has been heard for last year's crop but at prices altogether below the views of holders; and in default of reaching an agreement on this point, buyers and sellers seem inclined to hold off until they have received some definite report of the new crop, very little information concerning which has yet been heard.

Provisions.—Have generally continued fairly active. All of good quality butter offered has beed wanted and at firm prices. Really choice store to good dairy has been readily taken for local consumption at 16 to 19c., the latter figure being for really choice; some trade-lots of mixed, but with all answering to medium store and lower thrown out, have sold at outside points at 16 to 17c.; no shipping lots on hand in this market, and any medium or inferior almost unsaleable, but we have heard of a few very small lots going at 15c., at 13c. and at 10c. Cheese is held firmly with small lots selling quietly at 12c.; trade-lots have been obtainable lower, but we doubt whether they could have been thus bought at the close. Eggs.—A good demand at firm prices has prevailed from packers who have taken all the round lots offered at 14c. A little more movement is reported in mess pork at \$17 to 17.50, the inside for trade-lots of family. Long clear bacon has continued in active demand in tons and cases at steady prices, but outside this scarcely anything moving; prices steady at 8 to 8½c.; some few sales of Cumberland have sold at 8½c. for city use; rolls and bellies very scarce and consequently very quiet; a few bellies have been moved at 10 to 11c., the latter for boneless canvassed. Hams have sold freely and usually in small lots at 12 to 12½c. for smoked and canvassed, though some few sales of trade-lots of heavy-weight smoked are quoted at 11½c. Lard very dull; selling slowly and at easy prices, ranging from 9½c. for large pails of Chicago, to 9¾c. for small pails of Canadian. Dressed hogs.—Rather more offered, but all readily taken at \$7.50. Dried Apples.—Dealers still selling a few at 6c., and evaporated possibly obtainable at 14c., but trade lots apparently finished for this season. White beans.—Scarce and in good demand at firm prices; hand-picked have been worth \$1.25 to 1.40, trade-lots being probably saleable at the inside price; and common selling in default of better down to \$1.

Salt.—Quiet; a few sales of Liverpool to arrive have been made at 62 to 65c.; Canadian bagged quiet, with small lots held at 70c.; dairy unchanged, being slow of sale at 45c. per 56 lb. bag.

Tallow.—Decidedly flat; dealers still reluctantly taking rough at 2c., and rendered at 4c., in default of any demand for trade-lots and the report that Montreal tallow has been bought at equal to 3¾c. laid down here.

Wool.—Sales of good merchantable fleece have continued to be made at 23 to 23½c., and of rejected at 18 to 19c., but some country-holders refuse these prices. Southdown almost nominal at 25 to 26c., as there is scarcely any offered. Pulled wools of all sorts quiet and unchanged.