

\$2.30 to \$2.50; Sleigh shoe, \$1.90 to \$2; Round Machinery Steel, 3½¢ per lb.; Ingot tin, 22½¢ to 24¢; Bar Tin, 26¢; Ingot Copper, 13½ to 14¢; Sheet Zinc, \$4.50 to \$4.60; Spelter, \$4 to \$4.50; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

PAINTS AND OILS.—Leads and colors generally show no change, and we quote: leads (genuine and first-class brands only) \$6.25; No. 1, \$5.50; No. 2, \$5.00; No. 3, \$4.50 to \$4.75. Dry white lead, 6¢; red, do. 5¢. These prices for round lots, London washed whitening, 50 to 60¢; Paris white, \$1.25; Cookson's venetian red, \$1.75 to \$2.00; Yellow ochre, \$1.50; Spruce ochre, \$2 to \$3. Linseed oil continues to advance at home, with a possibility of it going still higher, and large sales are being reported for forward delivery at present stiff rates. We quote 62¢ for raw, and 65¢ for boiled; turpentine slightly easier; castor firm at 8½¢ per lb., and speculation in Liverpool said to control most of stock; olive as before.

PROVISIONS.—The demand for butter for local purposes is fair, but there is very little shipping being done, and there is a strong disposition to hold creamery for higher prices. We quote creamery at 20 to 22¢; good to choice Townships 14 to 18¢; Morrisburg 13 to 17¢; Western 10 to 14¢. In cheese there is little doing, holders hanging out for better terms. We quote fine August 7½ to 7¾¢, fine July 7 to 7½¢. Strictly fresh eggs are getting scarce and are firm at 14½ to 15½¢; good, 13 to 14¢. Pork is rather dull, Western Mess quotes at \$12.50 to \$12.75; short cut \$13 to \$13.50; lard 9½ to 10 for Western; hams 11½ to 12¢; bacon 10½ to 11¢.

SALT.—Rather stiffer, owing to advanced freights: we quote elevens 50 to 50½¢; twelves 48 to 50¢; factory filled \$1.12½ to \$1.15; Turks Island 30¢ bushel; rock salt 50¢ a hundred, special quotations for ton lots; Eureka \$2.40.

WOOL.—An active business is still being done, one dealer reporting sales last week of 50,000 lbs. of fleece, and about 20,000 lbs. of pulled. We still quote Canadian A supers 26 to 28¢; B ditto 22 to 25¢; fleece 20 to 22¢; unassorted 21 to 22¢; black 20 to 21¢; cape 16 to 18¢; no Australian in the market.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Sept. 24th, 1885.

The market for bank shares has shown a tendency to sag off, and the impression is gaining ground that the predicted "Fall Boom" has been anticipated in the rise which occurred during the summer. Except that bids have advanced 1 p.c. for Hamilton, and ½ p.c. for Federal, all bank stocks are easier. Montreal, Toronto, and Dominion declined 1c. each; Commerce and Merchants ½¢ each; Standard ½ and Ontario ¼¢. Insurance shares and the balance of the miscellaneous list have been neglected, except Canada North-West Land, which was dealt in at 42/-, and closes strong at 41/9 bid. Some small lots of loan societies' shares were sold at higher rates, but London and Canadian Loan declined ½¢., selling at 141½ ex-dividend.

DRY GOODS.—The volume of trade this week is not so great, certainly the buyers in warehouse are not so numerous as last week. Then, during the Exhibition, it was a crush, in dry goods houses as elsewhere; rarely has a larger number of bona fide buyers been in this market during one week. Every one who called did not buy, it is true, but the aggregate sales were large and consisted of general parcels. The news from the old country is not materially different from what we published last week: in cottons "prices not satisfactory"; in wools a more confident tone; in silks, prices cut fine through competition; in silks, "prices irregular." There is this to be said about French wool dress goods, however, that prices of them are weaker and more 'cut' than for many a day. City retail trade felt the impulse of Exhibition week, though in a less degree, and has by this time settled into a less bustling, but still fairly active shape.

FLOUR.—However slight the improvement has been in this market during the past week it is welcome as affording some relief to the almost continual dullness of an entire season. There have been quite a few transactions

recorded at prices, in some grades, fully five cents in advance of last Friday, and the tendency firm. Dealers scarcely think that this is a permanent improvement; still stocks must be well reduced by this time. We quote superior extra flour, \$3.90 to \$3.95; extra, \$3.75 to \$3.80; spring wheat, extra, \$3.65 to \$3.70; Superfine, \$3.10 to \$3.15; oatmeal, \$3.80 to \$4.00; cornmeal, \$3.00 to \$3.25; bran, per ton, \$11 to \$11.50.

GRAIN.—Although the feeling is comparatively firm and prices of wheat a cent or two in advance of last week, still there has been nothing like activity in trading and few lots have changed owners. No. 1 fall is now quoted at 87 to 88¢; the price of No. 2 is 85 to 86¢; that of No. 3, is 83 to 84¢. In spring No. 1 is worth about 89 to 90¢; No. 2, 86 to 87¢; and No. 3, 83 to 84¢. Some new barley has been brought to market and our nominal quotations now give place to figures nearer the actual value, say for No. 1 viz. 69 to 70¢; No. 2, 64 to 65¢; No. 3, extra, 59 to 60¢; and No. 3, 54 to 55¢. Peas are lower, say 60 to 62¢. Oats are steady and corn and rye as previously quoted.

GROCERIES.—There seems to be no abatement of the interest which has for the past two or three weeks centered in sugars. The feeling at present current is one of extreme firmness with an advancing tendency. Canadian refined cannot be had under 5½¢ a 25-barrel lot of extra granulated might be got for 7½¢, but this is the lowest, and in car lots 7½¢ is the best figure. The stock of raw sugars in this market is about exhausted. Syrups in sympathy with their next of kin—sugars—have advanced 5¢ within the fortnight and common is now quoted at 35 to 40¢; amber, 40 to 45¢; and pale amber 55 to 60¢. We hear of nothing of unusual moment in teas. New season's Valencia raisins and currants are now in the warehouses. Their arrival has been anxiously waited for as stocks of old were in a bad condition. French sardine packers report the poorest season on record. Only a very few have been packed and these, Messrs. Evison, Lerner & Co's. circular states, have been sold to realize the advances made to carry on operations. Spanish and Portuguese are consequently receiving a full share of attention.

HARDWARE.—Very little of what might be called out of the ordinary run of business has been recorded since our last report. Trade in fall goods for the moment is active without any apparent disposition to cut our current prices, which, indeed, are firm. Tin plates are, if anything, firmer, and Canada plates are meeting with more rapid enquiry, and as a consequence stocks are being narrowed into small compass. There is a very fair amount of shelf-hardware changing hands. Payments are said to be slightly better than the average.

LEATHER.—During the past two or three weeks trade has been fairly good. Exhibition week—always looked forward to with considerable interest—was quite equal to previous years. A large number of the trade visited the city, and purchased in parcels that, in the aggregate, brought the sales up to former seasons. There is no real change to note in prices. We are told of a slight accumulation in some lines: notably harness leather, although prime makes are still in good demand. Ordinary medium and light is almost neglected, and tanners are strongly advised not to attempt to push that grade on the market, which is at present overloaded, and prospects for this particular kind of leather are not at all bright. Upper might be termed dull, and probably our figures would be shaded for large lots. The principal complaint is of poor collections. Money is slow, but the outlook is not discouraging.

LUMBER.—Dealers here are not heavily loaded, not so much as at this time last year and there is, therefore, probably more at the mills. On the south side of the lake stocks are badly broken, but no one cares to buy, unless it be cheap stuff. Troy and Albany markets are dull. Boston and New York rather better. The stocks at Georgian Bay points are in quality fully as good as those of last year. Prices here remain steady on the basis of \$25 to \$28 for inch clear and pickings.

PROVISIONS.—The state of trade is quiet, and there is no disposition to speculate. Stocks of all goods are much reduced, and until the new crop of hogs begins to move most dealers are resting on their oars. In butter there is still an active demand for really choice goods at

15¢; inferior is entirely neglected. There is no export demand. Cheese is dull at steady prices; jobbing sales of 8½ to 9¢. have been made; cable, 39/-. Eggs scarce and higher, selling 14½¢ in case lots. There is not much movement in hog products; stocks of bacon are almost exhausted, long clear jobs at 6½¢ to 6¾¢; hams are rather easier at 12 to 12½¢ for smoked; dressed hogs have been offering in moderate number and sell at \$6.50 to \$7. Hops are offering freely; during exhibition week many dealers were in, and brought samples of the new crop which is for the most part good. The supply is fair, but owing to Scott Act depression the brewers are shy of buying and the price is forced down to 8 to 10¢ per lb.

WOOL, &c.—There are signs of greater buoyancy in fleece wool: American buyers have been in market and we hear of sales of

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