

British America Assurance changed hands at 152 on Tuesday, for Canada Life Assurance shares, 301 is bid.

COAL AND WOOD.—A moderate movement is taking place in coal at firm prices, which dealers say must advance when cold weather comes. Best soft is now \$6 50, with \$6.00 for second; hard is quoted \$6.00 for egg, stove and chestnut. Prices of hard wood are advanced, being \$5 50 for best beech and maple. Pine unchanged at \$4.

DRY GOODS.—The demand in this department of wholesale trade has been very active, a number of houses working at night to finish execution of orders. Millinery houses have been extremely busy this fortnight past, and their turnover promises to be unusually large. In dry goods staples, such as sheetings, prints and shirtings, home-made and imported, the demand has been most active, anticipating a possible advance in price. Canadian tweeds are not especially active at the moment, few seem to care to push them at the fine profit to which competition has reduced them. Flannels are in limited supply, and considered good value.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—*Flour*—Stocks in store, 400 bbls against 150 bbls last week and 500 bbls on like date last year. The flour market is steady, with but very moderate movement, which is confined to Superiors and Spring Extras. Quotations are unchanged from those of last week. *Oatmeal* quiet and unchanged at \$4.10 to 4.30.

GRAIN—*Wheat*—Fall: stocks in store, 13,680 bush. against 12,600 bush. last week and 17,171 bush. on like date last year. Of the quoted stocks, 10,000 bush. represent American wheat in bond going east. There have been some sales at our quotations. English advices are somewhat firmer, having advanced 6d on Tuesday and 6d on Wednesday per quarter. The Western U. S. market is also firmer, 94c for October being the quotation for No. 2 Spring. *Spring*—Stocks in store, 2,321 bush against 2,263 bush last week and 52,789 bush on like date last year. Spring wheat is scarce, and in request by millers. This has caused an advance of 2c to 3c; we now quote No. 1, \$1.08 to \$1.09. *Oats*—Dull and easier. Stocks in store, 3,100 bush against 3,300 bush last week and 700 bush on like date last year. During the week the market had kept steady, but closed dull and easy. *Barley*—Stocks in store 7,451 bushels against 4,611 bush last week and 39,808 bush on like date last year. Receipts of this grain are increasing, but there are no transactions except in waggon loads on the street, and prices are unchanged. *Peas*—Stocks in store, 1,895 bush against 578 bush last week, and 600 bush on like date last year. Purely nominal.

GROCERIES.—A very fair movement is noted in this line, and prices show no sign of weakness. New fruit is in the market, and new valentias are quoted at 8½ to 9c. Molasses has been rising for some little time, but has now reached the remarkable figure of 45 to 50c., on account of a scarcity which is hard to account for. Syrups are as before. The market for Sugars is firm, at about the prices quoted last week. Canadian refined are in restricted supply, we now quote them 8 to 9½c. Teas are moving steadily, principally low grade, seconds and thirds being much in demand. A sale of 400 half chests, 1st quality Young Hyson, by a Montreal house the other day is a noteworthy incident, for the price must have netted a considerable loss. Common teas are very high at present, and fine ones correspondingly low. An enquiry into the cause of the anomaly brings out the reply that the insane desire of the country people for a 50c. tea brings it about. Farmers and others will pay 50 cents for the veriest rubbish, merely because it is a "half-dollar tea," while they will reject a really good tea at 60 cents or 70 cents, which has double the strength and some genuine flavor.

HARDWARE.—Business has been more active this week, and a good number of country buyers are on the spot, buying limited parcels, it is true, but still with good cheer and good prospects for the winter. The general tone of the metal market in Britain is favorable, a number of the striking hands have resumed work, and the indications are toward a better demand and remunerative prices. Prices here are in the main unchanged. Shot is being sold at 6c. and in some cases at less. Competition in Nails makes the inside figure the prevailing one; bar iron is a subject for cutting, and eager sellers in other cities have even reduced our quotations. Glass is firmer abroad and likely to be higher, so that holders are not anxious to sell at present quotations.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Prices are unchanged in Hides, 9½ and 10c being paid for green, 10½ to 10¾ for cured and inspected cows and steers. Lambskins are steady at \$1.00. Tallow—Rough, 3c to 3½c, and rendered 5½c.

OILS.—Another advance has taken place in price of petroleum, the London price was raised on the 10th inst., to 22c per imperial gallon. Quotations in this market are now 24c in lots of 5 to 10 brls. and 25c per single brls. with fairly active demand in both London and here. Lard oil is temporarily scarce, and the closest price for lots to the trade is 75c for extra and 60c for No. 1. with smaller parcels 5c higher. Linseed is meantime steady, at 75 to 77c for raw and 80 to 82c for boiled. Cod is in fair supply, at 55 to 60c and quotations for straits are 50 to 55c.

PROVISIONS.—This market is pretty firm, especially in hog products, in some lines of which notably bacon, stocks are very light. Butter has shown activity, a good deal has offered and 19c. has been paid for wholesale lots of choice, with 20 and even 21c. asked by holders in the country but these outside figures cannot safely be paid for the quality represented. There is much irregularity in the lots sent into market, showing that buyers are careless in mixing colors and qualities, to the prejudice of the goods. English advices of 2nd of Sept. report Western and Canadian finest dairy as bringing 100½ to 105½ and fine 94½ to 98½ and that an unusual demand existed for butterine and oleomargarine, these at 85½ and 95½ being preferred to dairy at 95½ and 100½. One Liverpool merchant asserts that it is "even preferable to the stale or strong store-packed or ladle goods which compose the bulk of our receipts." Cheese is steady. English cable advices report no change. At London, Ont., on the 11th, 1400 boxes sold at 12½c., 500 at 12¾c., and 500 at 13c. Eggs are somewhat scarce at the moment. The supply of bacon is short. We quote L. C. 9½ to 10c., and C. C. 8½ to 9c. New hogs are beginning to offer, but buyers and sellers are apart upon them, 30c being asked, and in some cases 35c., but 25 only is offered for average samples, while choice will sell readily at 30c. Many of those offering are inferior; some are lousy and will have to be sold low. It is supposed that the Canadian crop will be short.

SEEDS.—The seed market is in a peculiar condition at present, and in the case of Clover, the anticipations formed months ago by many are hardly being realized. The cry arose some months ago that our clover was winter-killed, that it must be very scarce, and holders thereupon valued it high. There was, and still is, a good deal of old seed held by dealers and by speculators, probably at present not less than fifty or sixty cars, which means 25,000 or 30,000 bushels, besides what growers may hold. Notwithstanding these bull views, it now appears that the growing crop, both in the United States and Canada, promises to yield so much better than was expected, that the feeling of holders has become distinctly easier. There is not much doing in it because of the uncertainty and the

hope that prices may be obtained, but it is probable that car lots could be maintained at about \$4.50 on track for prime. It offers just now in this market in a jobbing way at \$4.80 per bushel of 60 lbs. As to Timothy Seed, the fault which we have before mentioned clings to the deliveries of lots of it made by Canadian growers or dealers: it is irregular in quality, not well cleaned, and often inferior to sample, which is a nuisance to the buyer and prejudicial to the name of the Canadian article. The timothy of the Western States is brought into Chicago in bulk, re-cleaned there, and a purchase of it by sample gives no failing satisfaction; whereas, owing to a lack of care and system, the same cannot be said of Canadian. It must be better cleaned, graded, and uniformity of quality secured in lots sold before confidence can be felt in buying it largely. The new crop is reported a large one, in both Canada and the States. Prices are maintained pretty high here meantime, \$2.75 to \$3.00 per bushel of 48 lbs being the jobbing price in this market. But as soon as the demand for fall sowing is over, prices will be easier.

WOOL.—The market is in a peculiar state, holders being desirous of maintaining prices, and buyers indisposed to large transaction. The low price of foreign wools affects that of domestic, 27c is now the ruling price for fleece, dealers are paying 30c for super, and the selling price is 32c. Extra sells at 35 to 36c.

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