

No. 1 China, 23 to 24c.; No. 2, 22 to 23c.; ditto, Buffalo Sole, No. 1, 21 to 23c.; ditto, No. 2, 19½ to 21c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 25 to 27c.; oak sole, 45 to 50c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 39c.; ditto, heavy, 32 to 36c.; Grained, 34 to 37c.; 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 Calfskins, 80 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskin Linings, 30 to 40c.; Harness, 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 12½ to 16c.; Pebbled Cow, 11 to 15c.; Rough, 23 to 28c.; Russet and Bridle, 45 to 55c.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—In pig iron and metals, business shows a falling off since a week ago, in hardware a fair trade is reported, though orders are, as a rule, small. Iron quotations show little change; warrants which receded to 42/8d. are, at latest reports, at 42/11d. makers' brands steady at last advance. Tin plates in Britain are reported in small stock, but strange to say are weaker. Canada plates are no stronger, another large lot of Blaina having been thrown on the market and selling at \$2.40. Tin is very firm and low in supply; copper slacker and sales of lots have been made at 12½c. Letter advices confirm the advance in low grade steels and we revise quotations. We quote:—Gartsherrie and Summerlee \$16.50 to \$17; Langloan, and Colless, \$17 to \$17.50; Shott, \$17 to \$20.00; Eglington and Dalmellington, \$16.00; Calder, \$16.50 to \$17; Hematite, \$17 to \$20; Siemens, No. 1, \$17.50 to \$20; Bar Iron, \$1.62½ to \$1.65; Best Refined, \$1.90; Siemens bar, \$2.10; Canada Plates, Blaina \$2.40; Penn & Co. \$2.50 to \$2.60. Tin Plates Bradley Charcoal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Charcoal I. C., \$4.35 to \$4.75; do I.X., \$6 to \$6.25; Coke I.C., \$3.75 to \$4; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5½c 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., \$1.90 to \$2; Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs. Staffordshire, \$2.25 to \$3.00; Common Sheet iron, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4; Russian Sheet Iron, 10½ to 11c. Lead, per 100 lbs.:—Pig, \$3.50 to \$4; Sheet, \$4 to \$4.25; Shot, \$6 to \$6.50; best cast steel, 11c to 13c, firm; Spring, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Tire \$2.50 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2 to \$2.25; Round Machinery Steel, 3½c per lb.; Ingot tin, 23c to 24c; Bar Tin, 26c; Ingot Copper, 12½ to 14c; Sheet Zinc, \$4.50 to \$4.60; Spelter, \$4 to \$4.50; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

**OILS AND PAINTS.**—Linseed is again very active and higher in Britain another advance of £1 being reported, prices are higher than any time during last three years. Local quotations are very firm at 62 and 65c. for raw and boiled respectively, and we believe the trade are considering the advisability of raising prices, for it is stated raw would now cost 63c. to lay down. Turpentine which fell off has reacted, and holders in the South are now loath to sell at all. We quote 54c., Castor, 8½c.; Olive, \$1.00 to \$1.10; steam refined seal more active at 50 to 52c. in small lots; Nfld. cod in light supply and 52½c. asked for fair lots; Halifax 48 to 50c.; cod liver 90 to 95c. for new. Leads and colors show little or no change. 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, 6c.; red, do. 5c. These prices for round lots, London washed whiting, 50 to 60c.; Paris white, \$1.25; Cookson's venetian red, \$1.75 to \$2.00; Yellow ochre, \$1.50; Spruce ochre, \$2 to \$3.

**SALT.**—A fair movement is reported at prices as revised last week, which are firmly held: We quote elevens 50 to 52½c.; twelves 48 to 50c. factory filled \$1.12½ to \$1.15; Turks Island 30c. bushel; rock salt 50c. a hundred, special quotations for ton lots; Eureka \$2.40.

**WOOL.**—There is still a good business being done especially in pulled wools which sell as fast as marketed. Canadian A supers 27 to 28c.; B ditto 22 to 23c.; unassorted 21 to 22c.; black 20 to 21c.; cape 16 to 18c.; no Australian in the market.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Oct. 1st, 1885.

There was a decided break in the market for Bank shares in sympathy with the decline of our local Bank stocks which are listed on the Montreal Stock Exchange, where the "small-

pox scare" has had a depressing influence. At the close a reaction set in and part of the loss was recovered. Buyers are 1½ lower for Commerce and Dominion and one lower for Montreal and Imperial, while other Banks show only a fractional decline.

Western Assurance was strong, selling up to 99½ and closing 100 asked and 98½ bid. Canada North West Land sold at 42/. Loan Societies' shares continue strong, Canada Permanent being dealt in at 202, Freehold at 167 and 167½. Building and Loan at 106, Farmers 114½ and London and Canadian 141½.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—During the past week or so the hands in the various factories have been very busy in shipping orders left during exhibition week. They are now nearly all despatched. The operatives are working on fall and winter goods. Travellers now out do not report much movement as stocks generally are pretty full and the prevailing fine weather checks business to a considerable extent.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—Considerably more activity is reported in the market during the past day on two; prices have advanced and are firmly held. Superior extra flour is now worth \$3.95 to \$4.00; extra, \$3.80 to \$3.85; strong bakers, \$4.00 to \$4.25; spring wheat, extra \$3.75 to \$3.80, and superfine, \$3.60 to \$3.70. Oatmeal, Cornmeal and Bran are unchanged.

**GRAIN.**—We hear of very few transactions in wheat although compared with last week prices are perceptibly higher. Quotations are as follows:—No. 1, fall 89 to 90c.; No. 2, 87 to 88c.; No. 3, 85 to 85c. Spring, No. 1, 91 to 92c.; No. 2, 89 to 90c.; No. 3, 87 to 88c. Barley has just begun to move but not in sufficient quantities to establish a price, our figures of a week ago are still nominally correct. Oats have sold and are selling at 34c. There have been no dealings in peas, and corn and rye are unchanged.

**GROCERIES.**—Nothing of marked interest has occurred in this department of trade since our last report. Sugars continue firm and very steady, and in some grades our figures are perhaps a fraction under what would have to be paid for any except large lots. A fair quantity of teas and coffees is selling. New figs and Malaga raisins are expected in a few days. Experience as to country payments varies. Some houses report very encouraging responses, while others say the reverse is the case.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—With the beginning of the month sheepskins have advanced 10c. for fresh killed, and the quotation now stands at 70c., at which all offering are readily taken. Calfskins are quiet, sales are slow and a decline in price is looked for. There is said to be a good demand for hides, stocks of which are light and prices strong. Tallow continues very dull.

**HARDWARE.**—A marked improvement in remittances has been experienced during the past week or two. Materials for use in building are in demand and the tone of prices is better. Prices of metals are, as a rule, firm, pig lead is an exception. Iron boiler plates are rarely imported now, but tank plates are quoted at 2 to 2½c. Prices for boiler tubes are now for 2-inch 8 to 8½c., 3-inch 12 to 12½c., Canada plates, quotations nominal. A fair sorting-up trade is reported in shelf goods. We refer at length elsewhere to this branch of trade.

**PROVISIONS.**—An excited market is reported in cheese, the cable to-day quoting 42/ an advance of at least 3s. Large contracts have been made at the factories at 8, 9 and 10c. for August, September and October makes. The jobbing trade remains as before. Choice butter is still in good demand but poor is neglected. There is only a small trade doing in hog products. Stocks of bacon and hams are nearly exhausted. Prices are unchanged from our last. Eggs are somewhat firmer say 15 to 16c.

**WOOL.**—The demand for fleece wool noted last week seems to have dropped off and the several hundred thousand lbs. of best selected combings which U. S. buyers took at about 20c. has apparently supplied present wants from that quarter. The little flurry may therefore, be said to have subsided. There is a very fair enquiry for pulled wool from the factories. The supply continues limited and prices are firm.

## BRITISH MARKETS.

The circular of Messrs. Henderson & Glass, of Liverpool and Birmingham has the following, dated 17th September:—

**Iron.**—It is a pleasure to change the tenor of our Monthly Report, and to be able to say that there is a better feeling in the trade generally. In our newspapers certain articles and paragraphs have pointed to a decided revival, and outsiders seem to have caught the idea that at last the long-expected boom had started, and that the good old days of 1873 and '74 are again in store for our trade. There is no doubt that during the past fortnight a ray of light has broken in upon the dullness that pervaded the trade, and there has been more disposition to buy, consequently manufacturers asked, and in some cases have been able to secure, advances ranging from 2/6 to 7/6 per ton. This has been noticeable amongst sheetmakers, the large demand for Galvanized and Corrugated Sheet Iron having given a strong impetus to this branch. But we would deprecate the idea of a rush in prices, which would only end in disappointment. We believe we have seen the bottom.

The Scotch Pig Iron market has passed through a short season of excitement, rising from 41/6 on 31st August to 43/11 on 8th inst., and although some wiseacres could see nothing short of 10/- per ton before the ball stopped rolling, the bear a/c being covered for the present, this market is quietly settling back, and to-day 42/6 has been done. With an increasing stock of about 1,000 tons per week, we cannot see how this market can lift itself permanently just now. Tin is firm at our quotations. Tin Plates—The cessation in manufacture at the works every fourth week supports the market, which, however, has not been quite so strong of late. Copper—Steady at present low prices. Zinc Sheets—Advanced 15/- per ton. Spelter has risen in price and Galvanized Iron is in consequence dearer. Pig Lead—Quiet with a fair average demand; closes rather firmer. Linseed Oil is strongly held at the moment, but with freer importations of Linseed, a decline is looked for. Freights.—From Liverpool to Montreal by the regular steamers (direct) are advanced as follows:—On Finished Iron 10/- and 10%, Tin plates 10/- net per ton; on Linseed Oil 17/6 and 10% per ton gross. To Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph, and London (Ontario) 17/6 and 10% for usual weight by steamer and rail; to Halifax, N. S., on ordinary weight 12/6 and 10% per ton; to St. John, N. B., on ordinary weight, via Halifax, 17/6 and 10% per ton; to St. John, N. B., on ordinary weight, via Boston, 15/- per ton.

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