

side; Barbadoes about 32 to 35c., no Porto-Rico, sugar house 17 to 20c. In syrups there is a demand for brights with supplies none too plentiful, in dark there is little doing, and stocks are large. For Japan teas there is quite a lively demand we hear of a sale of 250 packages, to go west, at 16c. 2 lots of about 200 packages each changed hands at 21 and 23c., while several fair lots of dust have been sold at 11½c. Greens and blacks unchanged. Coffees dull as before. Black pepper stiff at 18c. and quality none too good, cloves and nutmegs both firmer, cassia has sold at 7c. in quantity to go West. Raisins are moving pretty fairly in a retail way, and Valencias of fair quality can be had at 8½ to 9c.; stocks of currants are getting low, and could be replaced by similar quality. Sardines rather scarce, and lobsters higher \$6.00, or probably more, would be asked.

**LEATHERS.**—Shoe manufacturers seem to be operating very carefully this season, and are not so fully occupied as usual at this time of the year. Perhaps the fact that travellers are complaining of the difficulty in getting orders, has something to do with it, at all events wholesale shoe men are not buying at all freely, and the disposition is not towards the stiffening of prices. We quote:—Spanish Sole B. A. 24 to 27c., ditto, No. 2 B.A. 21 to 25c.; No. 1, Ordinary Spanish, 24 to 25c.; No. 2 ditto, 22 to 23c.; No. 1 China, 23c., No. 2 21c., ditto Buffalo Sole, No. 1, 21 to 22c., ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 25 to 27c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 38c., ditto heavy, 32 to 35c.; Grained, 34 to 38c.; Splits, large, 23 to 30c., ditto small, 16 to 24c.; Calf-splits 29 to 32c.; Calf-skins (35 to 46 lbs.) 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Calfskins, 80 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskin Linings, 30 to 50c.; Harness, 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 15 to 16c.; Pebbled Cow, 11½ to 15½c.; Rough, 23 to 28c.; Russet & Bridle, 45 to 55c.

**METALS & HARDWARE.**—Last week's remarks regarding trade in these lines still supply, and while orders are coming in fairly as to number, they are for small pressing wants only, and the aggregate of business is small. The home market for iron shows a tendency to decline if anything, and warrants have steadily gone down to 41/2d. Tin plates, tin, copper and lead show no change whatever. In Canada plates there is nothing doing of any moment. We quote:—Gartsherrie and Summerlee \$19 to 19.50; Langloan, \$19.50; Coltness, \$19.50 to 20, and very scarce; Eglington, \$17 to 17.50; Dalmellington, \$17.25 to 17.50; Calder, \$19.00 to 19.50; Hematite, \$20 to 22.50 according to brand; Siemens, \$19 to 19.50; Bar Iron still \$1.70 to \$1.75; Siemens bar, \$2.10; Canada Plates about \$2.90. Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Charcoal I. C. \$4.60 to 4.75 as to brand; do. I. X. \$6.00 to 0.00; Coke I. C. \$4 to 4.25; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 6 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., 2 10 \$2.20; Sheets, Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs. Staffordshire, \$2.50 to 2.75; Steel Boiler Plate \$2.75 to 0.00; heads, \$4.50; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 to 11c. Lead per 100 lbs.:—Pig, \$3.75 to \$4.00; Sheet, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast Steel, 11½ to 12c.; firm; Spring, \$3.25 to 3.50, firm; Tire, \$3.25 to \$3.50, firm; Sleigh Shoes, \$2.25 to 2.50; Round Machinery Steel, 3½c. per lb. Ingot tin, 19 to 21c. Bar Tin, 24c.; Ingot Copper, 14 to 15½c.; Sheet Zinc, \$4.50 to 4.75; Spelter, \$4.00 to 4.50; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

**OILS AND PAINTS.**—Linseed has again advanced at home 5/- a ton, which just represents the slight recent decline and prices are the same here, namely 57 to 58c. for raw, 60 to 61c. for boiled; olive and castor unchanged from last week. Fish oils pretty firm, steam refined seal 65 to 67c., ordinary pale about 60 to 62c.; cod oil 56 to 57½c. Leads and colors remain at former figures. We quote:—(Genuine and first-class brands only) \$6.25 to \$6.75; No. 1 \$5.50 to \$6.00; No. 2, \$5.00 to \$5.50; No. 3, \$4.50 to \$4.75. Dry White Lead, 6 to 6½c.; Red do. 5 to 5½c. 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 \$3.00.

**PROVISIONS.**—The butter market remains dull and flat, with an easier tendency and holders more disposed to concede. We quote creamery 20 to 22c., choice townships, 18 to 20c., Morrisburg and Brockville 14 to 18c. Cheese quiet and unchanged at about 11 to 11½ for fine to finest. The demand for eggs is light. In pork trade is fairly active at \$15.75 for Western mess,

and \$16.25 to \$16.50 for Canada short cut; Western lard 14½; bacon 12 to 13c.; dressed hogs steady at \$6.10 to \$6.20.

**SALT.**—Continues on old basis of 57½ to 60c. for elevens; twelves 55 to 57c.; factory-filled \$1.20 to \$1.40; Higgins Eureka, \$2.40.

**WOOL.**—Last week footed up quite a good trade in domestics, and there is no disposition to concede on prices. Mill men generally seem in better spirits and more disposed to buy. The American market remains firm. There is no Cape wool here at all, but there are three cargoes daily expected at Boston for this market, and sales are being made to arrive. Of Australian there are not twenty bales in the city. We still quote: 27 to 28 cents for A. super; 22 to 24c. for B. do.; black, 20 to 22c.; unsorted, 20 to 22c.; Cape, 17 to 18c.; Australian, nothing now under 22½ to 28c. as to quality.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 12th, 1885.

During part of the week a steady decline occurred in most of the leading speculative shares until most of the rise of the previous week was lost, but at the close to-day there was a sharp reaction and some share of the loss was regained. Bank stocks close steady to strong though generally lower than at our last report. In the miscellaneous list insurance stocks have been rather easier, while Dominion Telegraph has been very strong, buyers offering 83½, an advance of 4½, influenced by the very favorable statement of the company just issued. Loan societies shares have been strong but inactive with the exception of Western Canada Loan, large lots of which changed hands at advanced figures.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—Travellers are only doing fairly well just now. The tendency on the part of country buyers is to hold off for a while and try and reduce present stocks. The factories are at work on best goods for spring trade.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—A very good business is reported in this branch of trade, and prices are remarkably steady, the only exception being oil of peppermint, which has advanced from \$4.50 to \$5.75.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—Things are pretty much in the same condition as a week ago, and quotations have undergone little or no change. Our price list indicates the ruling figures for all grades. Bran is higher and now stands at \$12 to \$12.50. The stock of flour in store here is 2,760 barrels.

**GRAIN.**—A very fair demand exists for both kinds of wheat and since our last values appear to have advanced a shade. For No. 1 fall 85c. as compared with 84c. last week; No. 2 would bring 83c.; No. 3 as last quoted, i.e. 80c. Spring, No. 1, 2 and 3, is quoted 84, 82 and 80c. respectively. In Barley the feeling is firmer. It is scarce and wanted. Quotations run about 75c. for No. 1; No. 2, 70c.; extra No. 3, 65c., and No. 3 60c. There is an active enquiry for oats and prices higher, say 32 to 33c. Peas are in demand for export and quoted at 62 to 63c. Corn nominal at 57c. We append our customary table of stocks in store:—

	Feb. 9	Feb. 2	Feb. 11
	1885.	1885.	1884
Fall wheat, bush....	139,814	127,124	53,598
Spring wheat, bush....	139,501	132,832	56,514
Oats " " " " " "	2,346	2,220	....
Barley " " " " " "	146,311	157,969	177,273
Peas " " " " " "	21,543	18,855	26,590
Rye " " " " " "	2,142	2,086	....
Corn " " " " " "	1,650	1,500	....

Total Grain....453,307 442,463 313,976

**GROCERIES.**—Sugars are holding their own; refiners decline to accept less than 6½ to 6¾. for standard granulated at the factories. Good teas are wanted and hardening in price. Low grades are wanted and are scarce. Stocks of fish are low, particularly white fish and trout of which there are none in market. Other lines are quiet and unchanged.

**HARDWARE AND METALS.**—Scarcely any new features have manifested themselves during the past week. The reduction in the price of nails, already referred to, has given an impetus to sales and it is expected that the reduction will not be

maintained. Previous to the change, manufacturers were doing very little it was therefore concluded to lower figures in order to keep the mills employed during the present month. Any orders which they may see fit to book, delivery must be taken by buyer at once. Quotations will not be given for extended delivery. Tin plates, fairly active, with an indisposition to sell freely at present figures. Metals steady.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—In hides the tendency is to weaker prices due to the inferiority of stock. There is however no accumulation in the warehouses and the demand is fair. Our quotations of sheepskins are unaltered, but an advance of five cents on extra good lots is sometimes given. Tallow, rough and rendered, remains as before.

**PROVISIONS.**—The market is quiet. Advices from Chicago state that the provision market there has materially advanced during the past week, which by no means weakens the views of holders here, but trade is nevertheless dull, the demand being only for retail lots. Butter is in good demand at 16 to 17c. for choice, not much of that quality is, however, available. There are free offerings of inferior, but result in no sales except at 9 to 10c. Cheese is dull and rather easier, the cable is now down to 61½. Eggs are quiet and unchanged. No movement in dried or evaporated apples.

**WOOL.**—Some enquiry is heard from the other side for fleeces, but very few transactions have resulted, from the fact that buyers and sellers are so far apart in their views. A sale of 30,000 pounds on p. t. is recorded. A fair demand exists for lower grades from local millers. Pulled is not so active, and transactions are small, it is expected that a few weeks will see a better enquiry. Prices are steady.

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