

draft; No. 1 large \$4.50 to \$4.75; No. 1 ordinary \$3.50 to \$3.75; dry cod \$2.75 to \$3.00; Labrador herrings \$5.25 to \$5.75 for choicest; Cape Breton \$5.50. North Shore Salmon, No. 1, \$17; No. 2, \$16.00; British Columbia Salmon, \$13.50; Lake Trout, \$3.75; no white-fish.

LEATHER AND SHOES.—The trade has again been disturbed by the report of another suspension in the wholesale shoe line, Mr. J. E. Woodley, of Quebec, having called his creditors together rather unexpectedly. Trade on the whole is rather better, boot and shoe orders are coming in very fairly and manufacturers are beginning to enquire for stock more freely. English advices indicate a better market there, which will likely lead to shipments of splits and buff thus relieving this market of any plethora. Prices are fairly steady. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A. No. 1, 24 to 26c.; do. No. 2, B. A., 20 to 23c.; No. 1 Ordinary Spanish, 21 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 19 to 21c.; No. 1 China, 22 to 23c.; No. 2, 21 to 22c.; ditto. Buffalo Sole No. 1, 21 to 22c.; ditto. No. 2, 19½ to 21c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 25 to 29c.; oak sole, 42 to 48c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 38c.; ditto. heavy 32 to 36c.; Grained 34 to 37c.; Scotch grained 36 to 40c.; Splits large 22 to 28c.; do. small 16 to 24c.; Calf splits, 18 to 32c.; Calfskins, (35 to 46 lbs.), 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Calf, skins 80 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskins Linings, 30 to 40c.; Harness 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 13 to 16c.; Pebbled Cow, 11 to 15½c.; Rough 23 to 28c.; Russet and Bridle, 54 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Orders for iron and metals generally are confined to the supplying of customers' pressing wants, but enquiries show that stocks are small; local stocks are also in limited compass, and prices would be higher were it not that Glasgow advises some weakness in makers' prices, to the extent of about sixpence a ton in all lines except Summerlee and Langloan, which are steady. Warrants are cabled at 43s. 10d., the figures for last year at date were 38s. 4d. Bar iron remains unchanged; Canada plates continue firm though not much doing in them; there is a better enquiry for tinplates, which are very firm at home. Copper, lead and tin as before. We quote:—Summerlee and Langloan \$19.50 to \$20.00; Gartsherrie, \$19.00 to \$19.50; Colless, \$20.00; Shott, \$19.00; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$18.00; Calder, \$18.00 to \$19.00; Carnbroe, \$17.50 to \$18.00; Hematite, \$20 to \$25; Siemens, No. 1, \$19.00 to \$19.50; Bar Iron, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Best Refined, \$1.85; Siemens Bar, \$2.10; Canada Plates, Blaina, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Penn and Pontypool, none here. Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Charcoal I. C., \$4.25 to \$4.75; do. I. X., \$5.50 to \$6.00; Coke I. C., \$3.75 to \$4.00; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5c. 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., \$2.00; Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs., \$2.25; Staffordshire, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Common Sheet iron, \$2.00; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 to 11c. Lead, per 100 lbs.—Fig. \$3.75 to \$4.00; Sheet, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Shot, \$6.00 to \$6.50; best cast steel 11 to 13c., firm; Spring, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Tire, \$2.54 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Round Machinery Steel, 3 to 3½c. per lb.; Ingot tin 24½ to 25c.; Bar Tin, 27 to 28c.; Ingot Copper, 12 to 13c.; Sheet Zinc, \$4.25 to \$5.00; Spelter, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.25 per 100 lbs.; Annealed do. \$2.30.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Linseed oil still quoted at 57c. for raw in lots under 5 barrels, boiled 60c., but we hear of round lots being offered at shaded prices; turpentine 57c. Fish oils are even duller than they were. We quote steam refined seal 48 to 49c.; no pale vat or straw moving; Nfld. cod 38 to 40c.; Halifax ditto 34 to 35c.; cod liver 65 to 70c.; olive \$1.05 for pure; castor firmer in India but still 8½ to 8¾c. per lb. here; turpentine 57c. Leads continue to show strength in England, but unchanged here. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$6.00; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25. Dry white lead 5½c.; red do. 4½ to 4¾c.; London washed waiting, 55 to 60c. Paris white, \$1.13 to \$1.25; Cookson's Venetian Red, \$1.75; other brands Venetian Red, \$1.50 to \$1.60; Yellow ochre, \$1.50; Spruce ochre, \$2 to \$3. Glass \$1.50 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.60 for second break.

SALT.—Prices rule steady at quotations, with a fair jobbing trade doing. We quote: Coarse elev-

ens 55 to 57½c.; twelves 52 to 55c.; factory-filled \$1.20 to \$1.25; Eureka \$2.40; Rice's pure dairy \$2.00; Turks Island 30c. per bushel; rock salt \$10 per ton.

Wool.—The demand is well maintained, the two recent cargoes of Cape for this market being pretty nearly all absorbed, and Australian is in very limited supply. The London sales show active competition at higher prices, French manufacturers being large buyers. We quote Cape 16 to 19c.; Australian 19 to 22c.; domestics very scarce and unassorted is held at 25c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Feb'y 24th, 1887.

In anticipation of the result of the elections the stock market strengthened and immediately afterwards there was a decided "boom," in which Bank of Montreal led the way. From the highest there was a reaction, but Montreal closes 4% higher than last week, Merchants 2%, Ontario and Hamilton 1½ and Dominion 1¼. Among the banks, Commerce was the only one which fell off.

Insurance shares have been quiet and steady at about old rates. Consumers' Gas was in active demand and gained 2%, selling up to 197½. Buyers for Canada North-West Land rose ½ in bids, to 59/9 bid, 61/0 asked. Loan societies' shares have not developed any special feature.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Travellers are about through with spring trips and the factories are now busily engaged in working up their orders which have been on the whole satisfactory and in some cases ahead of last year. Immediate wants are not numerous.

DRUGS.—For a great many of the leading articles the market exhibits a strong tendency. Opium is still very firm; oil of cloves, ipecac root and bromide of potash show a decided advance. Juniper berries and canary seed are also dearer.

FISH.—Supplies of salt and pickled trout and white fish have been slightly augmented since our last and the demand has been brisk at unchanged prices. There is quite an inquiry for Labrador and Lake herrings, but they are very hard to get. Fresh trout is not selling as well as was expected. Stocks of fresh white fish are exhausted, and it is said cannot be replenished, American buyers having bought up all that was to be had. Mr. John Leckie, of this city, is sending forward further shipments of salmon twine for the Columbia river fisheries and also for those on the Fraser. Great difficulty is being experienced in getting shipments through the Customs at Detroit, the authorities, apparently, putting every obstacle in the way. As a last resort the experiment is to be tried of shipping the twine direct from Scotland, instead of submitting to a duty of 40 per cent. which applies to flax and not to fishing twine which should only be charged 25 per cent. Appeal has been made to Washington but without effect.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—There is little that is encouraging to be seen in the business of this market which is described as being most inanimate. Low patent flours have offered at \$3.60 and the range for extra, in which hardly any transactions are recorded, is about \$3.35 to \$3.40. Spring wheat, extra, is unchanged at \$3.25 to 3.30. Dealers see no prospect of any improvement. There is a fair amount of oatmeal selling. Ordinary standard is worth \$3.65 to \$3.75; roller \$4.25 and granulated \$3.95. Cornmeal, good kiln dried in barrels can be bought for \$2.75.

GRAIN.—Our price list shows no change in values since last report. Trading has been very limited in all grades of wheat. In barley the feeling is not so strong and rather free offerings have found but few takers. Prices are without any change. Peas are a shade easier, say 52 to 53c., and dull at that. There is only a moderate demand for oats which rule at 33 to 34c. Corn and rye as before.

GROCERIES.—Most houses are looking for more active business now that the unsettled feeling, consequent upon the elections, is over. During the past week trade was moderately good without any marked features. Sugars continue firm, especially low grade yellows and

there is nothing better than 6½ in extra granulated. The refiners are said to be very stiff in their views. Latest advices from Barbadoes report the weather as most favorable for the cane and it is expected that new crop sugar will be available about the second week in March. The *Commercial Bulletin*, of New York, learns that fair to good refining sugar will open in Barbadoes at about \$1.90 first cost, which is equal to 11s. 3d. per 112 lbs., cost and freight landed weights in New York. Syrup and molasses are still scarce, the new crop of the latter, says recent advices from Barbadoes, will be ready about the first of next month and will, it is thought, open in there at about 11c. For syrups the quotations here are 38 to 40c. for common, amber, 42 to 47c., and 53 to 58c. for pale ditto. There is a fair general assortment of teas moving.

In its annual review of the tea trade for the port of New York the *Shipping List* draws attention to the prominent features of the business for 1886. They are in brief: Increased importations, and consequently heavier supplies—probably the largest on record. Increased consumption. Comparatively narrow margin of profit upon importation, but a steady and fairly profitable distributive trade. Steady shrinkage in values very close to the phenomenally low average prices during 1884. More extensive use of the auction room as a method of disposing of and distributing supplies. Larger importation of stock by way of the Pacific Coast and a more general direct distribution to important interior centres by means of the trans-continental lines of railroad. Gradual change in the methods of conducting business, whereby the broker's position seems to be assimilating more to that occupied by the same members of the trade in the London market. Increased aggregate exports from the East as the result of low landing cost, that is, cheap freight, favorable exchange and low commissions. The total imports at New York were 55,043,610 pounds. Blacks lead with 24,747,039 pounds, greens are next 15,286,639, and then come Japans with 15,009,933 pounds.

Prunes are almost out of the market. Rice is a little firmer and becoming scarcer.

LEATHER.—The market is quiet with no features of special moment. We hear that considerable stock is being exported to the old country, the shipments being principally buff and splits.

HIDES AND SKINS.—No change is to be noted in the price of hides. As the quantity now offering is much smaller the feeling is somewhat firmer but we cannot alter quotations. Calfskins are still nominal but values for new season will, it is said, be 25 per cent. lower than last year. There are not many sheepskins offering and for the few held higher prices are asked. Owing to the length of the wool it is not expected that skins will advance for some time. We note a slightly better feeling in tallow.

PROVISIONS.—We do not find that trade in this department has improved much, if any since our last review. There has been a good demand for fine butter with also some movement in common. The former commands 20c., and the latter 12 to 12½c. Cheese is

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