

ness leather, which has held its own better than any of the other blacks, has eased off, and we now quote 1 to 2 cents lower. Common makes can be bought to-day at very low prices. There are no features of interest, and the outlook is not quite so good as it seemed a week ago. But hopefulness still pervades the trade. Payments are open to considerable improvement.

**PETROLEUM.**—Purchases of Canadian oils can be made to more advantage now than a week ago. In 5 to 10 barrel lots Canadian is now selling at 13½ to 14c. f.o.b. Toronto, and single barrels at 14c. In petroleum the market has ruled quiet for the past two weeks.

**PROVISIONS.**—Butter is in rather better demand this week, choice now bringing 18 to 19c. per lb. Some sales of medium have been made at 15 to 16c.; stocks are light and receipts limited. Cheese is dull and steady. There is very little doing in dried apples; a sale of a car load at 3½ cents per lb., on spot or delivered here, is reported. Evaporated dull and nothing doing. In hog products a steady trade is reported at previous quotations: long clear bacon, 8½ to 9c. per lb.; breakfast bacon, 10½ to 11c.; hams, 11 to 11½c. Eggs are steady at 16 to 17c. Limes are unsaleable. There is only the ordinary consumptive demand for lard at unchanged quotations. Dressed hogs on farmers' market bring \$7.25 per 100 lbs. for fresh killed bright butcher's stock.

**SEEDS.**—Owing to the absence of export orders, alsike clover is very dull, and values are lower, say \$11.00 to 15.00 per cental. A further decline of red clover in the West has reacted on this market, and sales can be

effected at somewhat better figures, say \$8.25 to \$9.25 per cental. Increased offerings of timothy seed in the West has lowered quotations here, and the range now is \$3.75 to 4.00. Hungarian grass also is cheaper at \$1.75, and millet is only worth \$1.60, as against 1.75 a few days ago. Flax is steady at \$3.00. The whole market is sensibly affected by the backward season, but it is only a question of time when farmers will begin to buy, and a change for the better may be looked for.

**WOOL.**—The bulk of the fleece wool of the province having been exported to the United States, at about 24c. per lb., there are now few transactions recorded here. Low grades, such as rejections, are in light supply. Pulled super is steady at 23 to 23½c., and extras scarce. There is nothing of interest from Old Country markets.

## BRITISH MARKETS.

Messrs. Gillespie & Co.'s prices current, dated Liverpool, Feb. 8, says:—Sugar—Raw is in improved demand; refined fairly active. Rice remains steady. Chemicals—Sodas are quiet at about our last quotations. Blue copersas is quoted at 26s. per cwt., but makers are very much oversold. Epsom salts have advanced, and are likely to be dearer. Cream tartar can be bought to arrive at 98s. per cwt., less 2½ per cent.; small sales on spot at 102s. 6d. Oils—Linseed is quiet, but steady. There is more enquiry for palm at the decline, and prices show signs of recovery. Castor is quiet on the spot at 3½ to 3 3/16d. per lb., but there is more demand for forward parcels. Freights—We repeat our last quotations.

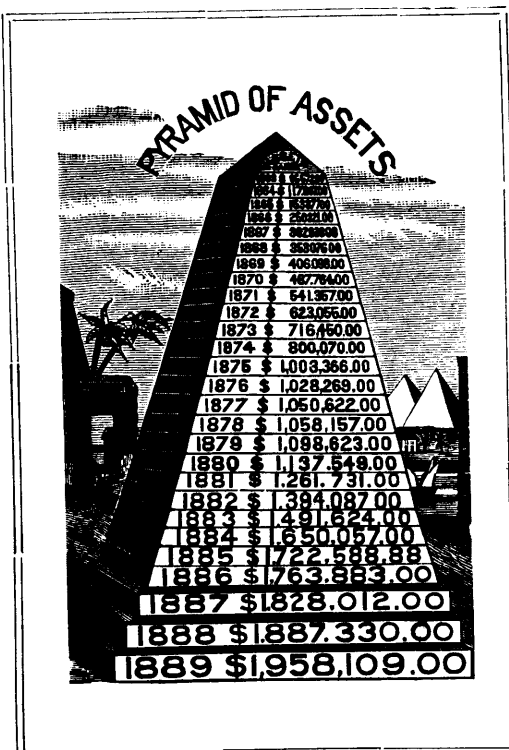
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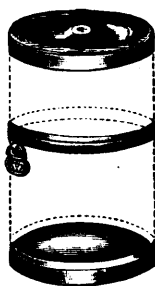
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