

ing sprung up on United States account, some buyers from there are at present in town.

HARDWARE.—We have very little to say about this branch of trade, which is dull, and only a jobbing business doing; no activity is looked for till after the holiday season. Prices can hardly be said to be so firm as last week, but holders are not pressing sales, feeling confident of being able to dispose of their stocks at fair rates. We do not alter our quotations:—*Pig Iron*—Coltness, \$44 to 45; Gartsherrie, \$43.00 to 44.00; Summerlee, \$42 to 43; Glengarnock, \$41 to 42; Laugloan, \$41 to 42; Eglinton, \$40 to 41; Clyde, \$38 to 39; Hematite, \$46 to 47.00. *Bars*—Scotch or Staffordshire, \$65 to 70; best refined, \$75 to 80; Swedes, \$100 to 120. *Hoop and Band*, \$4.50 to 6.00. *Sheets*, \$6 to 7.50. *Plates*—Best, \$5 to 7; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$9 to 10. *Nails*—Cut, \$6 to 7; pressed, \$7 to 11; pressed spikes, \$6.50 to 7. *Canada Plates*—Hutton, \$7.75 to 8.00; Swanse, \$8.00 to 8.25. *Tin Plates*—Charcoal IC, \$13.00 to 13.50; ditto IX, \$15.00 to 15.50; coke, IC, \$12.50 to 13. *Sheet Lead*, \$7 to 7.50; pig lead, \$6 to 7. *Zinc Spelter*, \$6.50 to 7; sheet, \$7.50 to 8. *Galvanized Iron*, 11c to 13c. *Cast Steel*, 14c to 16c; spring do., 6c to 6½c; sleigh shoe, 5½c to 6c. *Window Glass*—For good 4th quality, under 25 united inches, \$3; to 40 inches, \$3.20; to 50 inches, \$3.50. No change in our local markets for glass is looked for at present although the late advices from Belgium quote an advance there.

LEATHER.—Sole leather still inclines to rise in value but there is only a light business doing within our range of quotations. Manufacturers are sanguine of an improvement after the beginning of the year. We quote:—No. 1 Spanish sole, 26c to 28c; do. No. 2, 24 to 25c; Buffalo sole No. 1 23; do No. 2, 21c; slaughter sole No. 1, 30c; light waxed upper, 40 to 42c; heavy do. 36 to 38c; grained upper 38 to 42c; large splits, 26 to 34c; small do. 26 to 30c; sheepskin linings, 30 to 36c; harness, 29 to 31c; buffed cow, 14 to 17c. pebbled cow, 15 to 17c; patent cow, 19 to 20c.

Liquors.—*Brandy*.—The demand is good and prices are well maintained at \$2.05 to 2.15 in wood for the favorite brands. Cases are unchanged \$6.75 to 9, sales of all brands are included in that range. *Gin* steady, sales of De Kuiper's in wood, \$1.42½ to 1.45, and Houtman's, \$1.35 to 1.40; *Jamaica Rum* \$1.90 to 2.10 for 16 op; *Highwines* active. Montreal manufacture \$1.50 to 1.52½ and 1.55; Uppre Canada \$1.47½ to 1.50 duty paid.

NAVAL STORES.—In all articles in this department dullness rules—but prices are fully maintained for Spirit of Turpentine at 77½ to 80c. *Rosins*.—Nothing doing and prices are nominally same as last week. A demand exists for local Pitch and Tar which are scarce at \$1.75 to 3; Pine Pitch and Tar steady at \$5.50.

OILS.—A quiet market and very limited demand. *Cod oil* is very little asked for and is obtainable at 54 to 57½c; *Crude whale* is still nominal at 55 to 57½; *Straw Seal* has been placed at 59 to 60c; *Pale seal* 62½ to 65; and steam refined 67½ to 70c; *Linseed* has been largely dealt in Raw 72½ to 75c; and boiled 77½ to 80c. A lot of 700 brls of this oil changed hands on p. t. but believed to be within our range of quotations. *Petroleum*.—This market has kept very steady for sometime past, with an unusually large demand, car lots command 38c and retail parcels 40 to 42½c.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*.—Receipts, 2,254 kegs; shipments, 2,868 kegs. We have no improvement to notice in the state of this market; it is not easy at present to effect large sales, prices are nominal. Store-packed western, 8c to 10c; fair western dairy, 12 to 13c; good to choice, 15 to 17c. *Cheese*.—No receipts; shipments, 4,834 boxes; market quiet, but some few sales are reported of fine factory at 11 to

11½c; and finest new cheese at 12 to 12½c. *Pork*.—Receipts, 3,269 brls.; shipments, 157 brs. There is a very large stock of western mess held here at present, the market is dull, and prices for old are 50c under those of last week. We now quote mess, \$16; thin mess, \$15; no extra prime in market. *Lard* has been rather easier, and prices have declined to 10 to 10½c; tallow, 7½ to 8½c.

SALT.—A fair business is reported in coarse at \$1.90 to 2; fine, \$1.25 to 1.40; and factory filled, \$2.25. Pretty large sales have been made at these quotations.

WOOL.—Prices have somewhat declined since last week, and a fair business has been transacted within our range of quotations. We now quote fleece wool steady and unchanged, 40 to 45c; pulled wool super, 32 to 35c; ditto No. 1 28 to 30c; ditto black, 28 to 30c; ditto unasorted, 30 to 32c.

TORONTO MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 19.

During the past week the trade in most kinds of imported goods has been quiet. Produce has been moving slowly the small receipts both of flour and grain tending to check business. Provisions have been generally a slow sale, but dressed hogs have been in demand at full prices. Country remittances have improved, the amount of money coming in being more nearly the equivalent of maturing paper than has hitherto been the case.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—There has been but little demand from the trade recently, stocks through the country being now pretty fully assorted and only small orders coming to hand. Prices remain without alteration.

CATTLE.—*Beeves*.—The arrivals during the past week have been large, and consisted chiefly of first class and extra fat cattle suitable for the Christmas markets. About 400 head came in of which 250 were taken by the city butchers, and the rest taken for shipment east. Prices were firm at from 5 to 8c, the outside figure being paid for a few prize steers and heifers. *Sheep*.—The offerings were light, and more than came in would have found ready sale. Prices range from \$3 to 12, in a few instances as high as \$15 being paid for prize animals but there were not many of these latter offering. *Lambs*.—In good demand with light receipts, and prices firm at from \$3 to 6.50. *Calves*.—Receipts were limited, prices ranging from \$8 for first-class down to \$4 for inferior. A few specially fattened for the season sold at \$25 to 30. *Hogs*.—Selling to the packing houses at 4c live weight.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Trade quiet, and prices without any special alteration to note.

DRY GOODS.—There has been very little doing during the past week, any orders coming in being of an unimportant character. In the country trade is reported active, and stocks are being considerably reduced, although the assortment of goods as yet is understood to be unusually complete.

FLOUR & MEAL.—*Flour*.—Early in the week under review an advance of 6d was quoted in the Liverpool market, but this did not very materially affect prices here any more than the previous decline has done. Superfine has been in demand fully equal to the supply, and nearly all the lots offering changed hands at from \$5.35 to 5.40, principally to fill orders from the Lower Provinces. A lot of spring wheat extra brought \$5.50. Fancy has had a good enquiry, and has been scarce and firm at \$5.80 at which recent sales have been made. Extra has had comparatively little attention, but sales have been made at \$6.30, at which it would probably still be taken, holders generally asking \$6.35. *Oatmeal*.—Has been inactive, and quoted nominally at \$4.70 to 4.75 for car lots. *Bran*.—Has been

scarce and wanted at advancing figures, sales having been made at \$13.50 and \$14 for cars on the track and at \$15 delivered.

GRAIN.—*Wheat*.—White has been enquired for and any offering at current quotations would be quickly taken. Receipts, however, have been quite unequal to the enquiry, and very little business has actually been done. From \$1.35 to 1.36 would be paid for No. 1 and \$1.29 to 1.30 for No. 2. Spring would be taken at \$1.20 but there do not appear to be any sellers under \$1.22 and no business is reported. *Barley*.—There has been a steady enquiry for No. 1 and higher than previously quoted rates would be paid for a round lot. Single cars would bring 65 to 66c. No. 2 may be quoted at 56 to 60c according to samples. A car of uninspected sold yesterday at the latter figure. *Oats*.—Are without special change, selling at 40 to 41c for Canadian and 37c for Western. *Corn*.—Sales at 48 to 49c on the track. *Peas*.—No car lots changing hands. Farmers' loads are taken at 65 to 67c for shipping and 60 to 70c for barreling qualities. *Rye*. Small lots are taken at 65c.

GROCERIES.—The demand has been chiefly for dried fruits, nuts, candied peel, &c., for the holiday trade, but there has been also a moderate demand for general groceries from the city and country storekeepers. *Coffee*.—Quiet, but firm, the New York market being reported higher in consequence of favorable news from Rio. *Fish*.—Herrings are selling at \$4.50 to 5 for Labrador splits, but there is no very active demand at present. Dry Cod are not asked for. Lake fish have a good enquiry, and are held at \$3.75 to 4 for white fish, and at \$3.40 to 3.60 for trout, stocks of the former being now quite small. *Fruit*.—Has had a good enquiry from the retail trade, and some round lots have also been taken by the jobbing houses. Layer Raisins are steady at \$1.75 to 1.90. Valencias are a little easier and sales have been made at 7½ to 8c. Currants have only sold to a moderate extent, and are quoted without alteration at \$6.75 to 7. *Rice* inactive and unchanged. *Spices*.—Little doing, and no alteration to note in values, which are firmly maintained. *Sugar*.—Has had only a limited enquiry either for raw or refined, and there is no alteration to make in quotations. The New York market is reported as somewhat easier, ½c. down for some descriptions of low grade goods. *Teas*.—Sales only in a small way to the retail trade, at within the range of quotations. *Tobacco*.—Inactive and unchanged.

HARDWARE.—There has been hardly anything doing since last report, and prices are unchanged. Late telegraphic advices from the English and Scotch markets report an advance there in both pig and manufactured iron, and holders here are a shade firmer in their askings, but there has been no actual advance in anything.

HIDES AND SKINS.—*Hides*.—There has been rather more enquiry for cured and sales are reported of several car lots at 8½c. Green continues to come in abundance, but there is ready sale for all offering at quotations. *Calfskins*.—Hardly any offering and prices nominal. *Sheepskins*.—There is an active competition for all coming in, and as high as \$1.80 is now being paid.

LEATHER.—The market has continued very inactive, with little demand for any description except Spanish sole. This, however, has had a good enquiry, and considerable sales are reported at 27c, stocks being now in moderate compass and prices firm at quotations.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*.—A few lots have changed hands, chiefly ordinary qualities at 8c, a small lot of fine store packed bringing 12½c. Choice would command 13 to 14c but there is little of this description to be had. *Cheese*.—Is rather firmer, but there is not much doing and prices are nominally unaltered. *Lard*.—Quoted