

past. The home market for pig iron shows no particular change; warrants, which had dropped somewhat, seem to have taken a turn upward, and last figures were about 42½d. The market for tin and copper is very uncertain, but local prices are very little affected except for large transactions. Tin and Canada plates are unaltered, as also is bar iron. Hardware men are quiet, and in their line there are no changes to note. We quote: Gartsherrie and Summerlee \$19 to 19.50. Langloan, \$19.50; Coltness, \$19.50 to 20, and very scarce; Eglinton, \$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, \$19.00 to \$19.50; Bar Iron still \$1.70 to \$1.75; Canada Plates about \$2.90. Tin Plates Bradley Charcoal, \$5.85 to 6.00; Charcoal I C \$4.60 to \$4.75 as to brand; do. I X \$6.25 to 6.50; Coke I C., \$4.25. Galvanized Sheets, No. 28, 6 to 7c. according to brand; Tinned Sheets, coke, Nos. 24 to 26, 6½ to 7½c.; Hoops and Bands per 100 lbs., \$2.25; Sheets, Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs. Staffordshire, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Steel Boiler Plate \$3.25 to \$4.00; 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 Shoe, \$2.25 to \$2.50. Round Machinery Steel, 3½c. per lb. Ingot Tin, 20 to 21c. Bar Tin, 24c.; Ingot Copper, 15 to 16c. 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.—In both oils and paints matters are flat and dull. Prices of fish oils are pretty much nominal; we quote, steam refined seal 60 to 62c; pale vat 55 to 57½c; straw 52½ to 55c, Newfoundland cod, 57½ to 60c; Halifax do. 55c; good liver oil, \$1.15 to 1.20. Linseed is quiet at home and quotation here for raw is about 58 to 59c, 60 to 62c for boiled; turpentine firmer in the south, but still about 50c here. Leads at home are quiet and dull. We quote White Lead (genuine and first-class brands only) \$6.25 to 6.75; No. 1 \$5.50 to 6.00; No. 2, \$5. 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 demand for butter is only of a local jobbing nature, and values tend to weakness. Creameries 20 to 24c. as to make and quality. Townships 18 to 21c.; Morrisburg, 16 to 18c.; western, 16 to 17c. for selected; cheese firm at 11½ to 12c. for choicest; ordinary fall 9 to 11c. Eggs sell readily at 25 to 26c. for strictly fresh. The pork market is almost lifeless; we quote western mess, \$14.75 to \$15; Canada short cut about \$16; dressed hogs about \$6.25 to \$6.50; lard 10 to 10½c.; hams, 14 to 15c.; bacon 13 to 14c.

SALT.—Very little doing and prices exactly as before:—eleven 60c.; twelve 57½c; factory filled \$1.25 to \$1.40; Eureka, \$2.40.

WOOL.—Nothing noticeably new in this line, business continues slack, and prices unchanged. We quote: 27 to 28 cents for A. supers; 22 to 24c. for B. do.; black, 21 to 22c.; unsorted, 22 to 23c.; Cape, 16½ to 18c.; Australian, 19 to 28c.; as to quality.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 24th, 1884.

Christmas Day coming on Thursday, we must visit the wholesale markets a day earlier in the week, since neither merchants nor printers, with a proper appreciation of the day, can be expected to work on Christmas. The weather has happily assumed an aspect suitable to the occasion. After alternate thaw and severe frost, which has hardened the roads, we are now favored with an abundant fall of snow, and its effect upon city trade, both wholesale and retail, is marked. The grocery importers are busy selling fruit, the hardware dealers skates and plated goods, the dry goods men fancy wares, the provision dealers hams, turkeys and fowls, the jewelers, the stationers, and the confectioners are as busy as they can well be. But no such business comes in the way of the flour and grain men. Boot and shoe houses, leather and hides dealers, wool merchants find matters dull.

On the Stock Exchange, business has been decidedly of a holiday character, transactions being rare and dealings small, which led to an adjournment after the morning session on the 24th until the 29th inst. Quotations for Bank stocks vary irregularly from last week though the changes have only been fractional. On the announcements of reductions in the dividends Insurance stocks have been lower, British declining 6 per cent. to 83 bid, while Western closes 5 down, at 86 to 86½. In other stocks there has been literally nothing doing. At the close the feeling continued firm for the general list.

CATTLE, ETC.—The market cannot be called active. In the St. Lawrence market there is a marked falling off from the activity of a year ago. Butchers say that people buy with far less freedom. Cattle dealers have sold beeves, Christmas cattle, at from 5½ to as high as 7c. per pound live weight, but for the average run of good butchers' cattle which have been plentiful, 4 to 5c has been the rate since mid month, demand has fallen off this week. Sheep.—We hear of a purchase of a lot on Tuesday last at \$3.75 live weight for 130 lbs. average. Lambs have sold at \$4.50 to 5.00. There is a good deal of venison offering, it offers to-day at 5c per pound, with skin and horns, a low price. Poultry is plentiful, prices for these and for hogs quoted under provisions.

FOUR AND MEAL.—There has been no movement of flour, and the market is dull, with lower prices in the cheaper grades. We quote superior extra \$3.40, to \$3.45; extra \$3.25 to \$3.30; spring extra, \$3.15; fancy \$3.15. Oatmeal dull and unchanged. Bran steady at \$10.00 to \$10.50.

GRAIN.—The feeling can scarcely be called improved. Transactions have been moderate. Wheat we hear of no spot lots moving, but some sales have been made at outside points, 74c. was offered for No. 2 fall without bringing about a sale. Barley has moved with some freedom from outside points for export at equal to our quotations. We hear of sales of from 5 to 20 cars. This grain has been brought out by the farmers much more freely than wheat. Oats are steady. Peas firm, corn and rye nominal.

GROCERIES.—Activity is very perceptible in the demand for fruit, and the scarcity of Valencia raisins has been somewhat relieved by the receipt of some since our last. What few are now in market are held at 9½ to 10c., but are hard to get. Currants, sound, are as quoted, rain-damaged are offered at from 4½ to 5½c. Patras and Vostizza quotations are for sound fruit, damaged can be had much lower. Sugars continue weak, we quote Porto Rico, dark to fair, 4½ to 5c.; bright to choice, 5½ to 5½c.; Canadian refined, 4½ to 6c.; granulated, 6½ to 6½c.; standard, do 6½ to 6½c.; off standard, 6 to 6½c. In teas, we make some changes of quotation.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Business is a little on the dull side, car-lots of cured sold last week at 8½c.; we believe an eighth more has been obtained for small parcels. Sheepskins, fresh, are this week advanced to 90c. Tallow, rough 3½c. rendered 6 to 6½c.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts of hogs have been freer at this point, and the market has been steady at \$5.75 to \$6, outside price only for choice stock. The demand for product is of the most limited nature and quotations are unchanged. Dullness continues in butter; recent English advices state that commission houses there will only advance 50s. per 112 lbs. against western dairy. The outlook is certainly not cheering to holders. Cheese is steady and unchanged; cable, 62s. 6d. Hops, there is no activity and the feeling is weak; we hear of no large transactions; small sales have been made within our range, the outside figure for choice. Supplies of poultry have been large, turkeys selling at 11 to 12c. for choice dry picked stock, and ducks 60 to 70c per pair. Geese, 7 to 7½c per pound.

PETROLEUM.—A despatch from Oil City, Pennsylvania states that sales of oil on Saturday were 3,164,000 brls. Oil opened at 76c; closed at 74½c bid; highest, 76c; lowest, 74½c. On the 23rd, oil opened in New York at 76c and closed at 75½c.

WOOL.—The market is dull and lifeless. So near the end of the year mills are not disposed to buy until stocktaking is over. Ordinary fleeces may be quoted at 16 to 19c, and the best will be sold by dealers at 20c; a car-load was offered at 19c since our last and not taken. Canadian Southdown is scarce; more of it, and purer, should be raised in Ontario (the crosses affect the quality, for pure English will bring 28c while not more than 23 is paid by our dealers). We have to ship our coarse Leicester

wools to the States, while we import fine grades from abroad. Pulled combing is beginning to come in, 16 to 17c would be accepted by dealers here; none has sold at 18c for some time, Super is offering at 21c; one dealer says he has 50,000 lbs. to sell at that figure. For Extra, 25½c has been paid this week, small sales are reported at 26½c.

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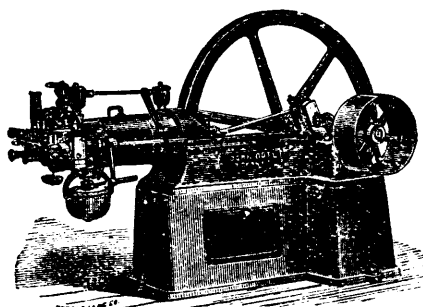
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