

**ASHES.**—Receipts have again been very light, this week, and very little business is reported, early in the week prices were quite nominal, and even now all the business done is hardly sufficient to base quotations upon, prices are still nearly nominal. **Pots**—Are worth about \$5.60 to \$5.65; **Pearls**—The nominal price is \$7.75 to \$7.85. No transactions transpiring on which to make quotations; some 35 brls. changed hands on private terms. Receipts for the past week were Pots 87 brls.; Pearls 35 brls.; deliveries for the same time: Pots 44 brls.; Pearls 5 brls. Stock at present in store, Pots 302 brls.; Pearls 56 brls.

**BOOTS AND SHOES**—The sorting trade is much better than it has been for some years back, and travellers are sending in orders freely, at prices as quoted below, at which goods are firmly held. We quote:—*Men's Thick Boots* wax \$2.50 to \$3.50; *do split* \$2.00 to \$2.25; *do Kip Boots* \$2.50 to \$3.25; *do Calf Boots, pegged*, \$3.75; *do Kip Brogans* \$1.35 to \$1.40; *do split* \$1.00 to \$1.10; *do Buff Congress* \$2.10 to \$2.25; *do Buff and Pebbled Bals.* \$2.00 to \$2.40; *do split* \$1.50 to \$1.75; *Shoe Packs* \$1.10 to \$2.10; *Women's Peb. and Buff Bals.* \$1.15 to \$1.50; *do split Bals.* 85c to \$1.10; *do Prunella Bals.* 5c to \$1.60; *do Congress* 55c to \$1.60; *Misses' Peb. and Buff Bals.* \$1.00 to \$1.15; *do split Bals.* 85c to \$1.00; *do Prunella Bals.* 60c to \$1.00; *do Congress* 60 to 70c; *Childrens' Peb. and Buff Bals.* 60c to \$1.00; *do split Bals.* 57½c; *do Prunella Bals.* 75c

**CATTLE.**—The most of the cattle in the market yesterday were either medium or inferior quality, for the best cattle there was an active demand at prices ranging from 4½ to 5c. per lb. Lean stock changed hands at 2½ to 3c. per lb. *Sheep*—were plentiful and sold from 3.50 to \$6.00 each. *Lambs*—2.50 to \$4.00; *Fat Hogs*—Were in large supply and sales of the best were reported at 7½ to 7¾c. per lb., there were a good many inferior ones offering which will probably not bring over 7c. per lb.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—There is a good steady demand at present both for drugs and chemicals. Prices are going up, and we note an advance on a number of articles on our list, these figures are likely to be maintained as the English market is reported active, and very strong. We quote *Bi Carb. Soda* \$2.90 to \$3.00; *Soda Ash*, \$2.00 to 2.12½ for high test. *Bi-Chromate of Potash*, per 100 lbs., \$12.50 to \$13.00; *Borax*, refined, 13 to 14c; *Cream Tartar Crystals*, 30 to 31c; *do.* ground, 31½ to 33c; *Caustic Soda*, white, \$2.35 to \$2.50; *Sugar of Lead*, 12½ to 13c; *Bleaching Powder*, \$1.50 to 1.60; *Alum*, \$1.87½ to \$2.00; *Copperas*, per 100 lbs., \$1.00 to 1.25; *Flowers Sulphur*, \$2.90 to \$3.10; *Roll Sulphur*, \$2.12½ to \$2.25; *Epsom Salts*, \$1.35 to \$1.40; *Sal Soda*, \$1.20 to \$1.25; *Saltpetre*, \$1.0 to \$1.1; *Sulphate of Copper*, \$5.50 to \$6.00; *Quinine*, \$2.60 to \$2.70; *Opium*, \$5.00 to \$5.50; *Morphine*, 2.75 to \$3.00; *Shallac*, 32 to 35c; *Castor Oil*, 10½ to 11c.

**DRY GOODS.**—Dealers report a very quiet week. Little has been heard from the travellers on their sorting up trips, but as stocks in the country are not much broken in upon, it is not expected that sorting up orders can amount to much. The slowness of moving the crops has something to do with the dullness in the country. The mild weather has also delayed the demand for heavy woollen goods. Money does not appear to be so scarce as it was anticipated it would be, and remittances are pretty fair.

**FURS.**—The following news was received in this city yesterday morning, dated, London, Eng., 12th Oct.: "The Fair at Nischni, in Russia, was considered unsatisfactory, and the Leipzig market opened with very little animation. We believe that should the coming winter be at all satisfactory, there will be a fair demand at the spring sales for furs; Beaver, Otter, Bear, Cross and Silver Fox will probably hold their own; Marten and Mink will be lower as they are now a drug in the market; Muskrats will be in good demand, particularly the commoner kinds, for linings. Lynx will probably advance, but Red Fox will be lower than last year."

**FISH.**—The demand is fair but stocks are small and hardly equal to the demand, although the catch is reported considerably under average this will soon be remedied as there is a good deal close at hand. Prices are not any easier except for green cod and salmon, and we now quote *Labrador Herrings* \$6½ to 6¾; No. 1, *Cape Breton Herrings* \$6; *Dry Cod*, 6½; *Green Cod*, No. 1 5.50 to \$5.75; ditto No. 2, \$4½ to 4¾;

*Salmon* (North Shore) \$20, 19, and 18 for No. 1 2 and 3.

**FREIGHTS.**—A firmer market now exists for freights, and rates are steadily advancing, steamers have been taken up for grain to Liverpool at 3/9 to 4/-, and to London for 4/- to 4/6. To Liverpool and Glasgow for flour 2/- to 2/6 per brl., and in sacks at 20/- to 22/6; ashes, pots, 17/6; pearls 22/6; butter and cheese 22/6 to 25/- per gross ton.

**FLOUR.**—Receipts for the past week 30,441 brls.; total receipts from 1st January to date 653,673 brls being a decrease of 10,943 brls. on the total receipts for the same period of 1881. Shipments during the week 29,073 brls; total shipments from 1st January to date 563,349 brls. showing an increase of 86,880 brls on the shipments for the same period of 1881. Receipts have been liberal and the demand has been pretty fair all week, which however has not had the effect of strengthening prices, and especially for high grades, we lower quotations, at the close business was slow and prices though without quotable change were weaker. We quote: *Superior Extra*, \$5.15 to \$0.00; *Extra Superfine*, \$5.00 to \$0.00; *Fancy*, 5.60 \$5.65 nominal; *Spring Extra*, \$4.95 to 0.00; *Strong Bakers' Flour*, *American*, \$6.75 to 7.25; *do Canadian*, \$5.75 to 6.25; *Superfine*, \$4.65 to 4.75; *Fine*, \$3.80 to 4.00; *Middlings*, \$3.60 to 3.90; *Pollards*, \$3.40 to 3.60; *Ontario Bags*, new medium, \$2.50 to 2.55; *do.* *do.*, *Spring extra*, \$2.35 to 2.45; *do.* *do.* *Superfine*, \$2.20 to \$2.25; *City Bags*, delivered, \$3.35 to 0.00; *Oatmeal*, \$6.10 to 0.00 for Ontario; *Cornmeal*, \$4.25.

**GRAIN.**—*Wheat*.—Receipts for the past week 191,945 bushels; total receipts from 1st January to date 6,922,457 bushels, being an increase of 658,600 bushels on the receipts for the same period of 1881. Shipments during the week 163,739 bushels; total shipments from 1st January to date 5,840,686 bushels, being an increase of 286,295 bushels on the total shipments for the same period of 1881. Business has been limited and confined to car lots of Canada white and red at \$1.05 to \$1.06 on the track and \$1.08 to \$1.09 in store; Canada spring is nominal at \$1.07 to \$1.08. Some cargoes of *Peas* changed hands at 92 to 92½c., price now being 90 to 91c.; *Oats* on the spot are selling freely at 36 and 34c. to arrive; *Barley* 60 to 70c; *Rye* 63 to 65c. per bushel; *Maize* about 90c.

**GROCERIES.**—*Teas* are steady with a decidedly better demand for the best qualities of Japans. Black teas, however, are dull of sale. Higher prices for teas are looked for immediately, and it is considered good stock to hold at the present time. *Coffee*—There has been rather more business transpiring during the week. Mocha is scarce, and held for 29 to 32c.; Java in round lots has been placed at 16 to 26c.; Maracaibo is steady at 12 to 15c. *Sugar*—There has been a pretty fair demand for Refined sugar, considering that the preserving season is now about over; Low grade refined is in very short supply. Prices are maintained at the same figures as last week: Granulated, 9 to 9½c.; Grocers A, 8½ to 9c.; Yellow is scarce, and tends upward; we now quote it 7½ to 8½c.; *Raw Sugars* are dull; Porto Rico is offering at 7½c. *Molasses* are quiet; stocks pretty large; prices are in buyers favor; Barbadoes can now be bought at 53c.; and Trinidad at 46 to 47c. *Syrups* are scarce and dear, at 4 to 4½c. per lb. *Rice* is firm, at unchanged prices. *Lobsters*, \$4.50 to \$5.00 per case. *Salmon*, 1.45 per doz. *Mackerel*, \$4.44 to \$4.50 per case. *Sardines* quarters, 11½ to 12½c.; ditto halves, 22 to 25c. *Spices*—Market firm and active; Black Pepper is again the turn higher, 16½ to 17½ being current rates; White ditto, 26½ to 27½c.; other articles in this line are very firm, but not quotably changed. *Fruit*—Buyers are waiting for the auction sale to-morrow, when some consider that prices will be established, but as the fruit to be offered has come via Liverpool, it is doubtful if this will be the case. Valencia Raisins have been sold from 8 to 9c., according to size of lots; Currants 6½ to 7½; Eleme Figs, 15½ to 18c.

**HIDES.**—As we anticipated last week another fall in the price of Butchers' Hides took place yesterday morning, and we now quote No. 1 \$9. No. 2 \$8 and No. 3 \$7. *Lambskins*—are steady at 80 to 85c.

**HARDWARE.**—Business for the past week has been active and a fair amount has been done prices are nominally without change but fewer lots are now offering at late low prices, which will help holders to sell any lots held to better advantage particularly in Tin and Canada Plates. Pig Iron is a short stock for the season of the year and to import such brands as Summerlee or Gartsherrie would cost \$24 at least.

The suspension of Messrs. A. & C. J. Hope & Co has been the chief topic of comment this week, at the meeting held on Friday last, Mr. P. J. Ross was appointed to examine into the accounts and to report the result at as early a date as possible from a general rough statement brought down it showed a deficiency of somewhere about \$90,000, with liabilities of \$190,000. There was no direct offer made for the estate and at present appearances are that the trustees will wind up the business. We quote:—

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