

orders, but still business is not what they look for. Travellers report that their operations are restricted to places along the lines of railway owing to the bad state of the country roads. Remittances continue unsatisfactory. Leather men also note an improvement in the business of the week and uppers and splits have gone largely into the hands of the cutters. Prices are steady. Reports from the English markets show an improvement. We quote Spanish sole B. A. No. 1, 24 to 27c., ditto, No. 2 B. A. 21 to 24c.; No. 1, Ordinary Spanish, 24 to 25c. No. 2 ditto, 22 to 23c.; No. 1 China, 23c., No. 2 22c., ditto Buffalo Sole, No. 1, 21 to 22c., ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 25 to 27c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 38c., ditto heavy, 32 to 35c.; Grained, 34 to 38c.; Splits, large, 23 to 29c., ditto small, 16 to 24c.; Calf-splits 28 to 31c.; Calf-skins (35 to 46 lbs.) 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Caliskins, 80 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskin Linings, 30 to 50c.; Harness, 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 12½ to 16c.; Pebbled Cow, 11 to 15c.; Rough, 23 to 28c.; Russet & Bridle, 45 to 55c.

SALT.—The market is inactive and prices are unchanged. Quotations are: Elevens ex ear 52½ to 55c.; ex store 57½ to 60c.; factory filled \$1.20 to \$1.35; Higgins' \$2.40.

#### TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, April 30, 1885.

Excepting a slight rally on Friday the general list of speculative stocks has steadily re-acted from the "boom" prices of last week, although at the close the feeling was more settled. Bank of Montreal was heavily pressed for sale and shows the greatest decline—3½%. The declaration of the usual yearly bonus of 2% in addition the 4% dividend for the half year, by the Bank of Toronto was followed by easier rates, 18½ bid, 182½ asked. Ontario was dealt in at 110½ and 110, closing with sellers at 110½, and no bids. The first sales in a long time of Dominion were recorded at 186½ and 185½, which latter rate is still offered, a fall of ½. Buyers are down ½ each for Merchants, Commerce, Imperial and Hamilton banks, while Standard is unchanged. The 3% dividend for the half year, declared by the Federal Bank, was not generally expected, and the stock rose 1½, to 46½ bid, with sellers at 48.

British America Assurance was offered at 83, a decline of 1%, while Western sold up 4%, to 88, but is now offered at 87½. No transactions have taken in Canada North-West Land and scarcely any in Loan Societies.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—A very fair trade is passing, business on the road is good, and travellers report their last trip to be much better than in the corresponding period of 1884. Nothing new as to prices.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Matters are rather quiet in this department; only a moderate demand is experienced and prices continue steady and unchanged. In sheepskins the offerings are small, prices \$1 to \$1.30 for best with few coming in. Lambskins quote at 20c. The supply of calf-skins is plentiful and the demand for cured is good at our figures.

FURS.—The season's fur trade in Russia has been very unsatisfactory, many merchants having failed. One house in Leipzig is said to have lost £100,000 stg. this year, prices having shrunk and the losses being great. Canadian furs exported to Europe consist of fox, bear, raccoon, mink, fisher, &c., and the market is very uncertain, and at present far from promising. The price of mink skins, for example, had at the last London fur sale fallen off 40 per cent. In this market, good bear skins are in request, beaver are holding their own; raccoons are in fair demand, coats made of their skins being bought by Canadian farmers in the place of heavy cloth ones. A single Toronto house sells several hundred of them in a season, and disposes of 10,000 or 12,000 skins. It takes, however, 25 or thirty racoon skins to make a coat, and but for that ingenious invention, the fur-sewing machine, made about 1880, they could not be sold for any such price as they command. There is still a steady run on Astrachans, lambs and "dogskins" as they are called. The seal-skin continues to lead the fashion, and

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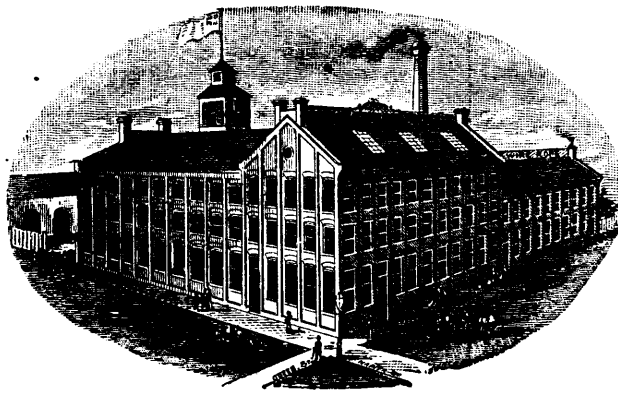
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