

to be discounted at 6½ per cent for prime, and at 7 to 8 for less desirable. Exchange is steady; New York drafts at ¼ to ½ premium; Sterling 8½ to 8 3-8 between banks, and 8½ to 8¾ across the counter for 60 days; and 9 to 9½ for demand bills. There is not much doing. The whole subject of financial transactions is one of comparative quiet. But, with a basis of confidence, the banks are helping the slow-going traders to make connections tolerably on time. Following are prices of stocks to-day compared with those of last Thursday:—

Banks.	Bid	Bid	Loan Cos.	Bid	Bid
	Dec. 4	Nov. 27		Dec. 4	Nov. 27
Montreal..	187½	186	Can. Per.	212½	212½
Toronto ..	174	172½	Freehold	161	161
Ontario...	196½	195	Western Can.	183	183
Merchants	109½	109	Trdg. & Loan ..	104½	104½
Commerce	120½	115½	Farmers' Loan ..	137	137
Dominion	186	185	Low. & Can'dn ..	158	158
Hamilton	118	115	Har. & Merc.	123	123
Stand'd.	112	111	Dom. Savings ..	108½	108½
Federal...	49½	48	Ontario Loan ..	108½	108½
Imperial...	129½	129	Hamilton Prov. ..	108½	108½
Molson's ..			Imperial Sav.		

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Manufacturers report no important measure of improvement in business. There is a quiet trade doing, with small orders from the retail trade. Generally the retailers say the trade has been rather dull, but there has been a fair movement of heavy stock. The trade is not so much complained of by wholesale men as by retailers, which points to a keen competition among the latter.

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COAL.—There is no change noted in prices. Car lots are quoted at \$5.25 to \$5.50. All sorts quoted at \$6 delivered in the city. Wood \$5.50 for best four feet hard wood per cord.

COAL OIL.—Prices are easier, as was predicted a short time ago. The combination here has had to come down to a basis of the prices charged at the refineries. Common Canadian sells at 17c to 17½c, according to bulk of order; and carbon safety at 20c. American oil is unchanged at 24c for prime and 27½c for water white.

Dry Goods.—There is nothing new to report in trade. The retail trade is very slow, and wholesale business is of a light character, but with continuous orders. There is steady work in the wholesale houses but the results are not large. Cotton goods are still slow in movement, and prices have been made so low that profits are scarcely to be traced. In some cases woollen goods are better than cotton, but are also heavy. The entire trade is slow, and futures do not promise very much improvement.

Drugs.—Trade has been quiet. Several drugs have not been in much demand. Prices are steady. Quinine is still reported low, but not more depressed in value than was recently reported. Dye stuffs are unchanged, with a slightly improved demand. Cod Liver oil, Nfld. \$1.90 and Norwegian \$3.50 per gallon. Preparations of iodine and mercury are higher in price.

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FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Business continues without much change. There has been a tone of firmness within the past few days, but it does not appear to have any cause, and is not expected to endure. Flour is still very quiet. Superior extra quoted at \$3.45 to \$3.50 according to brand, extra, \$3.30 to \$3.35. Oatmeal unchanged at \$3.80. Cornmeal \$3.50 to \$3.65 per barrel. Bran \$10.50 per ton. Grain is quiet. Wheat has been firmer, but there is little movement, the firmness being caused by a demand to complete export lots. No. 1 Spring is quoted at 75c; No. 2 Spring at 72c; No. 2 Fall at 74c to 75c; No. 3 Fall 72c. Goose wheat at 57c. Barley has declined with slow sales: quoted at 67c to 68c for No. 1; at 67c for No. 2; at 57c for 3 Extra, and 53c for No. 3. Oats 31c for car lots. Peas, 57c to 58c for No. 2. Rye, 56c. Corn offered at 50c, with no buyers. The stocks in store on Monday were 132,763 bushels wheat; 151,763 bushels barley; 15,301 bushels peas; 1,000 bushels rye. Total grain 301,000 compared with 175,119 same date last year; and 336,779 Dec. 4, 1882.

Furs.—Trade has not been active up to the present, but the manufacturers are moderately satisfied. Prices have been fair and the profits as good as were expected. Robes are held at good prices, and furs for general wear are steady at remunerative prices. There will be a good market for skins. There are not many offerings so far, but all that reach the market will be taken. New York market will be firm. Prices are quoted as follows: Otter, \$8 to \$12; beaver, \$3 per lb; bear, \$8 to \$12; fisher, \$4 to

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