

5½c. for yellows. Syrups have been more active at 2c. for B. and 3¼c. for V.B., but sugar house of which, however, there is not much stock is dull at 19c. Barbadoes molasses has sold at 30c., while advices from Barbadoes point to higher prices. Spices are unchanged. The only movement heard of in dried fruit was the shipment to London of a quantity of old currants, the probability of which was referred to in last week's report. Stocks here are reduced to a minimum. Valencia raisins are worth 9½c. and Sultanias, 8c. to 9c. Other fruits are unchanged. Rice is dull at \$3.25 to \$3.50 A 1 B., Mount Royal Milling Co. 4½c. to 4¾c., Patna; 8c. Java, 6½c. Japan.

**SHOES AND LEATHER.**—Orders are coming in fairly, and boot and shoe manufacturers are now fully at work after the interruptions caused by the holidays and the flood, with prospects of steady employment for some months to come. Leather is firm with a fair trade, but a better business is looked for next month, when it is expected the large supplies, laid in by shoemen in anticipation of an advance in prices, will be pretty well used up. Stocks are well held, and any activity might lead to the advance looked for some time ago. Quotations are:—Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 25 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, 23 to 24c.; No. 2, 21½ to 23c.; ditto, Buffalo Sole, No. 1, 21 to 23c.; ditto, No. 2, 19½ to 21c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 26 to 27c.; oak sole, 45 to 50c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 39c.; ditto, heavy, 32 to 36c.; Grained, 34 to 37c.; Scotch grained, 36 to 42c.; Splits, large, 22 to 28c.; ditto, small, 16 to 24c.; Calf-splits, 28 to 32c.; Calfskins, (35 to 46 lbs.), 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Calfskins, 80 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskin Linings, 30 to 40c.; Harness, 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 13 to 16½c.; Pebbled Cow, 12 to 15½c.; Rough, 23 to 28c.; Russet and Bridle, 45 to 55c.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—Business during the week has been steady with an improvement in volume and an increase in enquiry, as manufacturers are beginning to anticipate an insufficient stock for winter requirements. The English and Scotch markets are steady to firm, Scotch warrants being cabled from Glasgow at an advance of 6d. from last week being now 40/-. The market here is firm but prices have not undergone any advance. Quotations are repeated:—Gartsherrie and Summerlee \$18.50 to \$19.50 and very scarce; Langloan, and Coltness, \$18.50 to \$19.00; Shotts, \$18.00 to \$18.50; Eglington and Dalmellington, \$16.50 to \$17; Calder, \$17.50 to \$18.50; Carnbroe, \$17 to \$18; Hematite, \$18 to \$20; Siemens, No. 1; \$18 to \$18.50; Bar Iron, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Best Refined, \$1.90; Siemens bar, \$2.10; Canada Plates, Blaina \$2.30 to \$2.40; Penn &c. \$2.45 to \$2.50. Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Charcoal I.C., \$4.35 to \$4.75; do I.X., \$6 to \$6.25; Coke I.C., \$3.75 to \$4; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5½c to 7c, according to brand; Tinned Sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c; No. 26, 7c, the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and Bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.90 to \$2; Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs. Staffordshire, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Common Sheet iron, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 to 11c. Lead, per 100 lbs.:—Pig, \$3.50 to \$4; Sheet, \$4 to \$4.25; Shot, \$6 to \$6.50; best cast steel, 11c to 13c, firm; Spring, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Tire \$2.50 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2 to \$2.25; Round Machinery Steel, 3½c to 3¾c. per lb.; Ingot tin, 23 to 25c; Bar Tin, 27c; Ingot Copper, 12½ to 14c; Sheet Zinc, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Spelter, \$4 to \$4.50; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

**OILS AND COLORS.**—Linseed oil has not undergone any change since last report, several lots having sold at 59½ to 60c. for raw and 61 to 63c. for boiled. The upward tendency in spirits of turpentine pointed out a week ago still continues and prices have jumped to 60 and 61c., with a further prospect of still higher figures prevailing owing to the increasing scarcity in the New York and Southern markets. Castor and olive are dull and unchanged. In fish oils Newfoundland and cod is firm at 55 to 56c. Halifax is out of the market, Gaspe 52½ to 55c. Leads and colors are again unchanged at former rates. We quote:—Leads (genuine and first-class brands only) \$6 to \$6.25; No. 1, \$5.50; No. 2, \$5.00; No. 3, \$4.50 to \$4.75. Dry white lead, 5½c.; red, do. 4½ to 4¾c. These prices for

round lots, London washed whiting, 50 to 60c.; Paris white, \$1.25; Cookson's Venetian red \$1.75, other brands Venetian red \$1.50 to \$1.60; Yellow ochre, \$1.50; Spruce ochre, \$2 to \$3. Glass \$1.70 per 50 feet for first break.

**PROVISIONS.**—The jobbing demand for fine grades of butter has been active and stocks of these are pretty well reduced. There has also been a demand for low grades at 6 to 7c. Other descriptions are meeting with a better demand owing to the scarcity of fine grades. We quote creamery 20 to 23c.; good to choice Townships 11 to 17c.; Morrisburg 10 to 15c.; Western 9 to 13c. Cheese is quiet but firm. Eggs are quiet and unchanged. Pork is dull. Western mess \$13.50; short cut clear \$13.75 to \$14.00. Western lard 9½ to 9¾c.; hams 11½ to 12c.; bacon 10½ to 11c.

**SALT.**—The market has been quiet but steady, trade being wholly of a jobbing character. The following are the quotations:—Factory-filled, per bag, \$1.15 to \$1.20; elevens and twelves, 50 to 52½c.; Higgins' Eureka, per sack, \$2.40; half sacks, \$1.20; quarters, 60c. Ashton's sacks, \$2.40; half sack, \$1.20; quarters, 50c.; Turk's Island, 30c. per bushel.

**WOOL.**—Foreign is in good demand and sales have been made at quotations. Considerable business has been done in domestic and the market is firm at quotations. We quote:—Imported—Cape, 14 to 16½c.; Natal, 17 to 20c.; Australian, 22 to 30c. Domestic, A super, 27 to 28c.; B super, 22 to 24c.; unassorted, 21 to 23c.; fleece, 19 to 21c.

#### TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Jan. 28th, 1886.

Bank shares were buoyant early in the week, but weakened off on failures coming to the surface; from which a partial recovery took place, leaving prices irregularly altered. Toronto and Imperial are the strongest, rising each 1% and Dominion the weakest, closing at 204 bid, a fall of 1.

British America Insurance was dealt in at 96 to 95½ and Western Assurance at 122 and 122½. The activity in Canada North-West Land continues, the market being sensitive, but closing at 84/- the highest point touched on the "boom," the lowest reached being 79/-, on Friday.

While nearly all loan societies' shares are strong, the interest centres in London and Canadian, which has been active at prices varying from 150½ to 151½, which is now bid.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—Dealers report a somewhat better feeling in flours but it is not sufficiently marked to command serious attention, or to alter quotations. Sales have been rather more numerous but prices do not respond in the least. Superior extra has sold within the week at \$3.60, while \$3.50 will represent the value of extra. Strong baker's still brings \$4.00, but spring wheat extra can be had slightly cheaper than some days ago, say \$3.40 to \$3.45. For superfine \$3.10 is not far astray. Oatmeal is selling at \$3.75, and cornmeal dull at former figures. Bran meets with a good enquiry but there is not much on the market, the price is about \$12.50 to \$12.75.

**GRAIN.**—A firmer feeling seems to rule in wheat to day than at the same time last week. Prices have recovered the drop of a cent and we quote No. 1 fall at 83 to 84c; No. 2 at 81 to 82c.; No. 3 at 79 to 80c. The price of spring is also a shade higher, and No. 1 rules at 84 to 85c.; No. 2 at 82 to 83c.; No. 3 at 79 to 80c. Transactions in barley are not numerous and the market may be termed dull. Prices are unchanged from those of a week ago. There appears to be a slightly better feeling in peas, values being 59 to 60c. Oats are enquired for, but are not plentiful, 32 to 33c. is near the mark. Corn and Rye as before.

**HARDWARE.**—With the exception of an advance in Pig lead there is nothing of special interest to note this week. Quotations for lead are now: Bar 4 to 4½c; Pig 3½ to 4½c.; Sheet 4½ to 5½c.; Shot 5 to 5½c.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—The supply of hides is reported to be a little more plentiful, with an active demand at steady prices. Sheepskins are unchanged from last, viz. \$10. Calfskins are nominal. We note a further decline in rough tallow. The figure is now 2½c., being a

drop of a ½c, since a week ago. Rendered is unchanged but very dull.

**PROVISIONS.**—Trade is generally quiet, not to say dull. There is a considerable quantity of roll butter coming forward, and which com-

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