

Bradley Charcoal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Charcoal I.C., \$4.25 to \$4.75; do. I.X., \$5.50 to \$6.00; Coke I.C., \$3.75 to \$4.00; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5c. to 7c., according to brand; Tinned sheets, No. 24, 6½c.; No. 26, 7c., the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.00; Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs., \$2.25; Staffordshire, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Common Sheet iron, \$2.00; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian Sheet Iron, 10c to 11c. Lead, per 100 lbs.—Fig, \$3.75 to \$4.00; Sheet, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Shot, \$6.00 to \$6.50; best cast steel, 11c to 13c, firm; Spring, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Tire, \$2.54 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Round Machinery Steel, 3c to 3½c per lb. Ingot tin, 25c; Bar Tin, 27 to 28c; Ingot Copper, 12c to 13c; Sheet Zinc, \$4.25 to \$5.00; Spelter, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.25, per 100 lbs.; Annealed do. \$2.30.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Fish oils are rather quiet at the moment; cod oil is in moderate supply at 38 to 40c. for Nfld.; Halifax ditto 34 to 35c.; steam refined seal is still quoted at 49 to 50c.; straw and pale in very limited demand. There has been a break in the price of linseed oil, and quotations are now 58 and 61c. for raw and boiled respectively, local stocks are pretty full; castor 8½c. per lb.; castor 8½c. per lb.; olive \$1 to \$1.05; turpentine 57c. Leads and colors at old figures. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$6.00; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25. Dry white lead 5½c.; red do. 4½ to 4¾c.; London washed waiting, 55 to 60c. Paris white, \$1.13 to \$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 \$1.50 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.60 for second break.

Wool.—Mill men are reported as all well employed, but are not buying very freely at the moment. Some fair lots of Cape have sold at 18c. We quote Cape 17 to 20c.; Australian 20 to 23c. and very little in stock; A supers 28 to 28½c.; B ditto 23 to 24c.; unasorted 22 to 24c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, 16th Dec., 1886.

Values on the Toronto Stock Exchange have generally declined, buyers holding off for the holidays, and there seems to be a feeling that for the present prices have advanced enough. Some of our banks are said to be making large earnings of interest in New York, through the monetary stringency there. Except Toronto and Hamilton, all bank shares are lower than last week, but transactions were limited on the decline.

British America Insurance fell to 120 bid, 123½ asked; Western selling down to 161, but closing 162 bid; Montreal Telegraph dropped 10 per cent. to 107, which price is still bid for that stock; Canada North-West Land has again fallen 2s to 60s 6d bid. Loan societies' shares have not developed any special features during the week.

Money on stocks on call is unchanged at 5 per cent. to 5½.

DRY GOODS.—There is not much movement outwards in this line, a number of houses are stock-taking, and the general report is that sorting orders for Christmas trade are of small dimensions. The firmness in prices continues, all classes of goods, cottons, woollens, and linens, being well maintained in price. Last advices, indeed, indicate a slight advance in certain kinds of Scotch and English woollen fabrics. Canadian manufactures of textiles far better in this condition of things than they did last year; there is less pressure to sell and the production has been arranged with more judgment. Collections are disappointing, owing largely to the fact that farmers have not sold their grain.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Very little demand has been heard for either; but holders have been strong, and not only not inclined to push sales but also contending, that in face of the upward tendency in wheat, prices must advance shortly. Superior extra flour sold at the close of last week for equal to \$3.45 here, but choice brought equal to \$3.50 on Tuesday, with average again sold at equal to \$3.45 at close; extra sold to a small extent at equal to \$3.35, and

held firmly at close. No movement in other grades. Bran has been very scarce and in good demand at about \$12 to \$12.25, but the little offered held higher. Oatmeal—Cars inactive at \$3.60 to 3.65, and small lots selling at \$3.75 to 4.25, the latter for granulated.

GRAIN.—Stocks have been increasing, showing an increase of 67,000 bushels, chiefly in barley, during the week; still they remain 34,000 below those of last year. Prices have varied in tendency. Wheat has been in good demand for shipment at a rise of one to two cents, chiefly in consequence of favorable advices by cable; still very little has been offered on the spot and nearly all the movement has been in lots lying outside. No. 2 fall and red winter lying up the line brought equal to 78 to 79c last week, and 79 to 80c at the close; and No. 2 spring on the spot has sold to a small extent at 79 and 80c. At the close there was very little of any grade offered, but former prices would probably have been paid, in consequence of continued firmness in the English markets. Street prices for fall and spring, 80 to 83c. Oats—Unsettled, with a wide margin of qualities and of prices; cars sold at 31½c last week, and at 30½ to 32c this week, the former being for a light sample of mixed. Barley—There was no movement of any consequence until the last couple of days, when rather more enquiry set in and sales were made at 40c for No. 3; at 45c for Extra No. 3, and 50c for No. 2, with No. 1 worth about 55c; street receipts very small, with 45 to 56c paid at close. Peas—In good demand and firm; sales last week at 53c f.o.c., and at close of lots outside at equal to 53 or 53½c here. Rye—Nothing doing; purely nominal.

GROCERIES.—Trade is generally pretty active especially in fruits, nuts, &c., for Christmas. There has been a little more movement in teas, and there is more inquiry for lines; better feeling prevails in sympathy with an improved market in New York, which is, however, largely due to speculation; the general situation is improving slightly. The advance in sugars in this market, referred to last week, did not hold; refiners still quote the advance but orders are not being accepted at old figures; early in the week foreign markets were firm and advancing but later cables show a decline. Coffee continues to advance and are very scarce in the local market; demand is much better. Molasses are not obtainable here. Dried fruits are moving freely; raisins are not so firm; currants steady; prunes firm and a shade higher; new Turkish arrived yesterday. Nuts in good demand; Brazil out of the market. Oranges in good demand; Valencia lower at \$6.00 to \$6.50; lemons unchanged; cranberries firm and advancing; Cape Cod are held at \$2.75 to \$3.50 per box, and \$7.50 to \$9.00 per bbl. Honey firm and in good demand; at 10 to 11c for finest extracted and 16 to 18c for fine comb. Fish quiet and with no quotable change; pickled white are almost sold out; the stock of Lake Huron split herring have been bought up by States dealers. Market on canned goods firm; tomatoes in good demand and large sales are reported at \$1.37½ and \$1.39½ within the week; mackerel and salmon quiet but firm. Payments are only fair.

LEATHER.—There have been several large lots moved this week, but the country trade and small dealers are doing but little. No changes to note in our quotations. No. 2 Spanish is held ½c. higher by tanners. Dealers have been offering concessions on slaughter. Among the sales reported were a large lot of Nos. 2 and 3 Spanish to a Montreal house, a lot of No. 1 medium weights to a Western house, and two cars jobbing leather to local buyers.

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DRUGS, PAINTS AND OILS.—Drugs have been quite active during the week. The market for quinine is firm. Senna-leaves are firm at 25 to 30c per lb. Morphia has advanced to \$1.50 to \$1.75 per oz. Paints and oils quiet and unchanged.

LIVE STOCK.—Receipts have been large, but there has been a scarcity of choice cattle and small stock. Butchers secured their Christmas cattle last week, and have been rather indifferent during the past few days; trade has therefore dragged a little, with Christmas stock at 4 to 5c per lb., and inferior to best ordinary at 2 to 3½c. Feeders and milch cows in good demand, the latter ruling at \$34 to \$60 per head. Sheep quiet. Lambs very scarce and lighter at \$5 to \$5.50 per head for the best, and \$4.50 to \$5 for medium. Calves scarce, with good demand at \$12 to \$20 per head for anything weighing 200 to 300 lbs. Hogs in light supply; demand good at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt.

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