are characterized as "dangerously low," latest cable quotation is £96 15/-. In tin plates, local stocks are very small, and dealers should really get more for them, but prices are not advanced. Canada Plates are dull and quiet. At home lead is reported easier, copper duller. We quote Summerlee, \$17 to \$17.50; Gartsherrie, \$16.50; Langloan and Coltness, \$17 to \$17.50; Shott, \$16.50 to \$17; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$15; Calder, \$16.50 to \$17; Carnbroe, \$16; Hematite, \$18 to \$20; Siemens, No. 1, \$17.50; Bar Iron, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Best Refined, \$1.90; Siemens Bar, \$2.10; Canada Plates, Blaina, \$2.25 to \$2.35; Penn &c. \$2.35 to \$2.40. Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Charcoal I.C., \$4.25 to \$4.75; do. I.X., \$5.50 to \$6.60; Coke I.C., \$3.75 to \$4; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 55 to 7c., according to brand; Tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 65c.; No. 26, 7c., the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and Bands, per 100 Ibs., \$2.00; Boller Plate, per 100 Ibs., — 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 Ibs., — Staffordshire, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2 to \$2.25; Round Machinery Steel, 3 to 34c. per 1b; Ingot tin, 25c.; Bar Tin, 27c.; Ingot Copper. 124 to 134c.; Sheet Zinc, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Spelter, \$4 to \$4.50; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 6. \$2.40, per 100 Ibs.,

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OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Linseed oil is reported considerably up in England, equal to 2c. a gallon, but prices locally are still 57 and 60c. for raw and boiled respectively in lots under 5 brls. Of turpentine there is a dearth at the moment, but some lots of new are en route by both canal and rail, and the quotation is 55c. New supplies of castor, which was very scarce, are to hand and price is easier at 8¼ to 8½c. per lb. Fish oils are dull, and we hear of no sales of new seal oil to arrive yet. Gaspe cod is quoted at 52½c.; Nfld. 52¼ to 55c. Leads and colors as before. We quote :—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$6.00; No. 1. \$5; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.00. Dry white lead, 5½c.; red, do. 4¼ to 4½c. 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. Salt.—Stocks are now ample to meet all

SALT.—Stocks are now ample to meet all demands. The cargo referred to last week has been placed in the market, and the usual steamer lots are being regularly received. Prices of coarse are lower. We quote exwharf, for elevens 48 to 50c.; twelves, 46 to 48c.; factory filled \$1.10 to \$1.15; Higgins and Ashton's \$2.40; Rice's pure dairy \$2.00; 50c. for quarters.

\$2.00; 50c. for quarters. Wool.—Fine wools are reporting as advancing in England, but local prices are not put up yet. Pulled wools are still very scarce, fleece in full supply. Business is only fair at the moment. We quote:—Cape 12½ to 13½c.; Australian none. Domestic, A super, 27 to 38c.; B super, 22 to 24c.; unassorted, 21 to 22c.; fleece, 19 to 21c.; black 21 to 22c.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

## TORONTO, M vy 27th, 1886.

Although the week has been broken into by holidays, a fair amount of business has been transacted on the Stock Exchange. Bank shares have been steady, and in no case has more than a fractional change occurred.

Insurance shares are the favorites and a further advance has been established, buyers offering  $113\frac{1}{2}$  for British America, a rise of  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , and  $135\frac{3}{4}$  for Western, a gain of  $4\frac{1}{4}$  over last week. Consumers' Gas has been dealt in at  $183\frac{1}{2}$  to 184. Canada North-west Land sold at 75/-. Any sales of Loan Societies' shares have been at somewhat stiffer rates.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Travellers have now returned from their sorting-up trip, which, in some instances, resulted in satisfactory business, while, in others, the orders did not come up to expectations. The fall trip will call them out again, some by the first of June,

others a few days later. It is not expected that traders will buy to any large extent for some time, preferring to hold off until the result of the crops is ascertained. However. the prospects are by no means bad. The stock of long boots is said to be very low, and no doubt orders for this description of goods will be freely booked. Money is not so plentiful as is desired.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—A dull and listless condition of affairs still rules in the most pronounced degree in this department of trade. There seems to be no indication of a change for the better. Values are nominally the same as a week ago. There is also little doing in meals. Bran is dull and neglected at \$9.00 to 9.50.

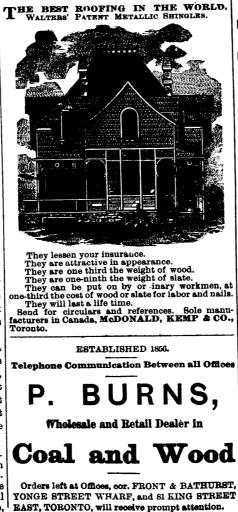
GRAIN.—Prices for wheat are a cent or two lower than a week ago, and all kinds are dull at the decline. Barley is nominal. Peas are dull of sale at 30 to 31c. and oats find few takers at 60 to 61c. Corn and rye are as previously quoted.

GROCERIES.—Business shows little change from a week ago. Coffees are in fair request at 22 to 27c. for Gov't. Java and Ceylon plantation; 9%c. for Rio; 15 to 224c. for Jamaica, and 24 to 26c. for Mocha. Fruits call for no special reference; syrups aad molasses are unchanged, and the usual demand exists for spices. Sugars are still flat, and teas are not moving very briskly. Remittances are fair. HARDWARE.—Nothing of an important char-

HARDWARE.—Nothing of an important character has transpired since our extended review of last week. Prices all along the line show remarkable steadiness, and a fairly good business is being done. The manufacturers of pressed ware are in session in Hamilton today, the object being to perfect the arrangements referred to in our issue of the 21st.

HIDES AND SKINS.--A good demand is still reported for all hides that offer, and previous prices are steadily maintained. Owing to the decline in calfskins in the U. S. the demand here is not very active; the quotation for cured is 12 to 14c., and green 11 to 13c. Lambskins are in plentiful supply and 25c. continues to be paid by dealers here. Tallow shows no tendency to improve and old rates still hold in this market.

PETROLEUM.—Purchases of Canadian oils can still be made at quotations which have



ruled for some weeks past. A 5 to 10 barrel lot can be had for 18c. per gallon, and job lots of single barrels command an advance of  $\frac{1}{2}$  a cent. For carbon safety 20c. per gallon is still paid, and the two grades of American white tell for 24 and 27c. respectively. Eccene quotes at 30c.

PROVISIONS.—Business has been quiet all the week. Hog products, with the exception of hams, have scarcely moved. Smoked hams



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