

figs. In spices, pepper maintains the advance, and cloves and cassia are firm. Rice unchanged at \$3.25 to \$3.50. Canned goods quiet and dull.

LEATHER AND SHOES.—Boot and shoe hands may only be said to have got back to work Monday, and as the flood has also interfered with some houses, matters have been a little quiet in these lines. Shoemen generally, however, expect to be fairly busy. Leather continues firm, and hides show no sign of weakening; buff is held very stiff at quotations. Stocks at present are equal to all demands, but there is no knowing what any active buying might do. We quote:—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.—There is no very noticeable increase of business since a week ago, and most people are just buying against present wants. The home market is not altered in any material respect, except that Scotch warrants are down to 39/6d. Makers' brands of pig iron unchanged. Letter advices regarding bar iron say that though matters remain dull, the impression prevails that the lowest notch has been reached, and signs of improvement in the near future are not wanting. Tin and Canada plates are dull, and lead, tin and copper in *statu quo*. Siemens pig which was shaded for large lots, is now held more stiffly. Gartsherrie and Summerlee \$18.50 to \$19.50 and very scarce; Langloan, and Coltness, \$18.50 to \$19.00; Shott, \$18.00 to \$18.50; Eglinton 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, 5¼c to 7c, according to brand; Tinned Sheets, coke, No. 24, 6¼c; 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, 3¼ to 3½c. 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 shows some signs of weakness, and we hear of lots of raw being offered at figures considerably below quotations which are still nominally 59 to 60c. for raw, and 62 to 63c. for boiled. Turpentine on the other hand has made a spring upward, and is quoted very firm in New York and the South; we quote 57½c. here. Castor and olive oil are at same level as last week; fish oils are rather dull, and we quote steam refined seal 52½ to 55c. Halifax cod 47½ to 50c.; Gaspe do. 52½ to 55c.; Nfld. do. 55 to 57½c. Leads and colors generally 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, 5¼c.; red, do. 4¼ to 4½c. 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.—There has been a pretty brisk demand for the better grades of butter the last day or two, but inferior is not wanted. We quote creamery 19 to 20c.; good to choice Townships 12 to 18c.; Morrisburg 10 to 16c.; Western 9 to 13c. Cheese quiet and unchang-

ed; eggs dull and inactive, ranging from 21 to 25c. for new laid. Pork very quiet; Western mess \$12.25 to \$12.50; short cut \$13 to \$14; Western lard 9½ to 9¾c.; hams 11½ to 12c.; bacon 10½ to 11c.

SALT.—We can only repeat former quotations. Business is of small volume:—Elevens 55c.; twelves 52½c.; factory-filled \$1.15 to \$1.20; Ashton's and Eureka \$2.40; Turks Island 30c. per bushel; rock salt 50c. per cwt., special quotations for ton lots.

Wool.—The movement is well maintained, orders coming in very fairly, and dealers generally are satisfied with the amount of business doing. Prices are firm at quotations as follows:—Canadian A supers 27 to 28c.; B ditto 22 to 23c.; unassorted 21 to 22c.; black 20 to 21c.; Cape 15 to 17c.; fleece 22 to 23c. No Australian in the market.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Jan. 21st, 1886.

Some of the buyers who have been holding off in the expectation that stocks would be had at lower prices, have concluded that delay only means a loss, and purchasers are in the market for all favorite shares, banks particularly sharing in the demand, Montreal, Toronto, Commerce and Merchants' being about 1½ higher, and other banks participating to a more limited extent.

Insurance shares are better, British American gaining ¼ and Western 1. Canada North West Land eased off 2 to 7/16 on Saturday, but on orders continuing to come in from the old country advanced rapidly to 80/6 in final dealings.

Loan societies' shares are still going into the hands of investors at greatly improving rates.

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BOOTS AND SHOES.—Orders now coming in from travellers are principally for spring goods, and are as large as can be expected. There are also the usual number of sorting up packages being despatched from the factories.

GRAIN.—Wheat is again lower, and the various grades of fall and spring can be had at from 82 to 83c.; No. 2, 79 to 80c.; No. 3, 76 to 77c. In spring the figures are now 82 to 83c. for No. 1, 80 to 81c. for No. 2, and 77 to 78c. for No. 3. There is not much doing in barley, which is slightly easier, but without any quotable change in price. Peas are a cent or so cheaper, say 58 to 60c., and the tendency seems to be still downward. Oats have not advanced, but are steady. Corn and rye as before.

HARDWARE.—Travellers now on the road are sending in fairly satisfactory orders; they report stocks in the country as being light and a better feeling prevailing among dealers in general. There are no serious complaints as to last year's trade; every one seems to have done fairly well, although profits have been cut rather fine. Competition is keen in every town and village, still the proportion of bad debts has been small. Although there is a fair outlook for the spring, merchants do not consider it advisable to anticipate their orders from European and American markets. Pig lead and ingot tin remain firm. Good brands of tin plates are quoted in England at 16/6 to 17s., so that at present prices here it pays, we are told, but a bare commission to the importer. The open season has now the effect of increasing the sale of galvanized sheet iron, which has been moving freely at quotations. There is not a bad sorting up trade in shelf goods at slightly better prices than those prevailing in the autumn months, and payments may be safely said to be improving.

HIDES AND SKINS.—We note an increasing supply of hides, with prices well maintained: Steers, 9c.; cows, green, 8½c.; cured and inspected, 9½ to 10c. Sheepskins have advanced to \$1.10 for best. No change in tallow, which are still very dull.

PROVISIONS.—There is still a demand for choice butter, which is scarce owing to the light receipts from country; inferior qualities are very plentiful, but no one seems to want them. Cheese is steady in price, but sales are of a jobbing character principally. Trade in hog products is very quiet, and only job lots are changing hands at last week's figures. The

market for dressed hogs is easier; sales of car loads and street transactions have been made at \$5.25 for medium weights. Heavy does not meet with many takers even at \$5.15. We hear of no business in dried, or evaporated, apples.

Wool.—All low grades of fleece are hard to get and in active demand. American dealers are not taking much selected combing, for the simple reason that there is not enough here to make it worth while. There is a fair enquiry for pulled and extra. Prices throughout are firm.

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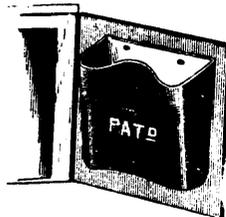
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