

shipped in December, and about 20 thus far this month. About 50 brls. Pearls have been received this year, of which 4 brls. sold at \$4.90, while the balance have gone at something under \$6.75.

**Dry Goods.**—Opinions see to vary greatly as to the amount of business doing in this line. While some houses report themselves as satisfied with the amount of orders being received from travellers, others complain of the poor results thus far shown. As far as we can see there is general expectation of a very large trade being done this spring, and there is evidently less of a disposition on the part of country retailers to spread themselves. We believe that spring importations will again show a falling off from the figures of last year, at all events there certainly will be no augmentation. The figures of dry goods importers for December will probably show quite a gain, but this can be accounted for by the fact that all the prints, a very important item, for the spring trade, had to be bought in before January 1st, in order to avoid the increased duty. Payments have not been so good the last few days, but perhaps it may be on account of a general bracing up for the 4th of February.

**OILS AND PAINTS.**—There is very little doing in oils in a jobbing way, but we hear of one or two important transaction in cod and seal oil at last week's prices. Gaspe Cod oil is all held by one concern, and cannot be had to-day under 58½c. for lots, other lines of fish oil unchanged. Lined rather firmer if anything. Paints and colors are still very flat, there being no business to report, and no prospect for improvement for several weeks yet. We quote: *White Lead* (genuine and first-class brands only) \$6.50 to \$7.00; No. 1 \$5.75 to \$6.25; No. 2 \$5.25 to \$5.75; No. 3 \$4.75 to \$5.00. *Dry White Lead* 6 to 6½c.; *Red do.* 5 to 5½c. These prices for round lots. *Whiting* per 100 lbs., 55 to 70c. *Cookson's Venetian Red* \$2.00 to \$2.50; *Yellow Ochre*, \$1.50 to \$1.75; *Spruce Ochre* \$2.25 to 4.00 as to quality.

**CEMENTS, FIRECLAY, &c.**—Portland Cement still brings \$3.50 per brl.; Canadian, \$1.75; Roman, \$2.75. Fireclay, \$2.50 per bag, or \$14 per ton; firebricks, \$30 per thousand.

**FISH.**—For fish there is almost a total absence of demand as yet, and prices are pretty much nominal. We can only repeat last week's figures: *Labrador herrings* No. 2, \$4 to \$4.50; No. 3, \$3 to \$3.50; *Cape Breton do.*, \$5.75; *Green Cod fish*, No. 1, \$5.75 to \$6; No. 2, \$4.75 to \$5; *Dry Cod*, \$5 to \$5.50; *North Shore Salmon*, No. 1, \$20 and very little in the market; No. 2, \$19, and No. 3, \$18; *British Columbia Salmon*, \$16 to \$16.50; *Lake Trout*, \$4.75 to \$5, and No. 1 *Mackerel*, \$11; *Smoked Herring*, 22 to 27c.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—Inactivity is still the rule with all houses in these lines of trade, there being no movements of heavy goods at all, and the amount of sorting business being done is very light indeed. Some return of life is looked for next month. Prices show no change. Opium and kindred drugs are somewhat firmer abroad, but not quotably so here. We quote as before: *Sal Soda*, \$1.10 to 1.20 per 100 lbs.; *Bi. Cb. Soda*, \$2.50 to 2.60; *Soda Ash* \$1.50 to 1.75; *Bichromate of Potash* per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 12.00; *Borax* refined, 14½ to 15½c.; *Cream Tartar* crystals, 30½ to 32c.; do ground 86c. to 38c.; *Tartaric Acid*, 57c. to 60c. per lb.; *Caustic Soda*, white, \$2.40 to 2.60; *Sugar of Lead*, 11 to 12½c.; *Bleaching Powder*, 00.00 to 2.75; *Alum* \$1.80 to \$2.00; *Copperas*, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; *Flowers Sulphur*, per 100 lbs., \$2.75 to \$2.90; *Roll Sulphur*, \$2.40 to \$2.60; *Sulphate of Copper*, \$5.50 to \$5.75; *Epsom Salts*, \$1.10 to \$1.25; *Saltpetre*, \$9.00 to 9.50; *Quinine*, \$2.00 to \$2.25; as to makers, per oz. bottles; *Opium*, \$4.10 to \$4.25; *Morphia*, \$2.15 to \$2.30.

**FLOUR.**—Demand slow and market dull; prices pretty much stationary. Superior extra, \$5.55 to 5.60; extra superfine, \$5.45; spring extra, \$5.05 to 5.15; superfine, \$4.60 to 4.70; Canada strong bakers', \$5.25 to 5.50; American ditto, \$5.45 to 5.85.

**FURS.**—At date there are very few furs coming in, receipts showing a falling off from last year at this date. It is believed there must be a good many pelts in the country, but the continued heavy snowfalls prevent them getting to market. It is expected there will be a poor European market this season for fox and mink, while bear will not realize anything like the fancy prices of last year. Persian lambs are a little stiffer. We still quote for primeskins only. *Beaver* \$2.50 to \$3.00; *Bear*, \$8.00 to \$10.00; *do. Cub*, \$4.00 to \$5.00; *Fisher*, \$4.75 to \$6.50; *Red Fox* \$1.00; *Cross do.*, \$2.00 to \$3.00; *Lynx*, \$2.00 to \$3.00; *Marten*, 75c. to \$1.00; *Mink*,

\$1.00 to \$1.25; *Muskrat*, 8 to 10c.; *Otter*, \$8.00 to \$10.00; *Raccoon*, 50 to 60c.; *Skunk* 60 to 80c.

**GROCERIES.**—The position is brightening rather; orders are coming in rather more freely, while payments, which have been slack in some quarters are reported as improving. The tone of the tea market is healthy and strong. Opinions vary as to the proportions of the prospective rise, but there seems to be no question that higher prices will have to be paid for some qualities of teas. The better grades of greens are very firm and in short supply; the same is true of blacks, good blacks being decidedly scarce. Japans have not felt the stiffening process to the same degree. There is still a fair output of sugars going on, and finer yellows are in limited supply; but there is no appreciable change in prices. Molasses and syrups are in the same position. We hear of some exceptional sales of Barbadoes as low as 46c, but about 50c represents the value in a distributing way. In dried fruit, Valencias are sold at 6½c for good quality; currants not too plentiful, while dried apples are scarce. In spices, pepper continues to strengthen; black quotes at 17c, white 25 to 27½c; cloves and cinnamon easy. There is an increased demand for canned lobsters; stocks are not very full, and they are rather dearer.

**LEATHER.**—There is a little more demand for nice, light upper, but general trade continues very slow, and prices show no change whatever. Stocks, however, are not so large but that any amount of active buying would create some firmness. Splits continue to be shipped to England in fair quantities, and realize from 10d. to 13½d. We continue to quote:—*Hemlock Spanish Sole B. A.* 24½ to 27c; ditto No. 2 B A 22 to 24c; No. 1 *Ordinary Spanish* 24 to 26c; No. 2 ditto, 21 to 23c; No. 1 *China* 28c. No. 2 ditto 21c. *Buffalo Sole* No. 1, 21 to 22c; ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c. *Hemlock Slaughter*, No. 1, 26 to 28c; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 33 to 37c; ditto ditto heavy, 33 to 35c.; *Grained*, 34 to 38c. *Splits*, large, 21 to 30c.; ditto small, 14 to 20c. *Calfskins* (35 to 46 lbs.) 70 to 80c; ditto (25 to 34 lbs.) 60 to 70c.; *Russet Sheepskin Linings*, 30 to 50c; *Harness*, 24 to 34c; *Buffed Cow*, per ft., 14 to 16c. *Enamelled Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Patent Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Pebbled Cow*, 12½ to 15½c. *Rough*, 23 to 28c. *Imitation French Calfskins*, 75 to 85c; *Russet & Bridle*, 45 to 55c.

**PROVISIONS.**—Prices are nominally unchanged and the movement is a small one. Choice Townships, 21c.; fair to good, 18 to 20c.; *Morrisburg*, 18 to 21c.; *Western*, fall make 17 to 18c. Cheese shipments last week were pretty large, and market continues firm; early makes, 10 to 12c.; fall make, 12½ to 13c. Really fresh eggs are hardly to be had; so-called fresh bring 27 to 28c. Dressed hogs are coming in freely and are easier in price, some sales being reported under \$8.00. *Western mess*, \$17.50 to \$18.00; *Canada short cut*, \$18.50 to \$19.00; *Western lard*, 12 to 12½c.; *Canadian*, 11 to 11½c.; *hams*, 13 to 15c.

**SALT.**—There is very little enquiry just now. The market is clear of teas; elevens, 55c; twelves, 50c; factory filled, \$1.30 to 1.40 according to lot; *Eureka*, \$2.40; *Turk's Island*, 35c a bushel.

**HARDWARE AND METALS.**—In pig iron matters are pretty much *in statu quo*, so far as the movement of goods is concerned, there being very little doing. The market, however, shows some indications of strengthening; *Scotch* warrants show a gain of from 4d. to 5d., last cable quotations being 43/7d., while the American market shows an improving tendency. We quote: *Summerlee & Gartsherrie*, \$20.50 to \$21.00; *Calder*, \$20.50; *Langloan*, \$21.00 to \$21.50, but very little of any in the market; *Coltness*, \$21.00 to \$21.50; *Dalmellington*, \$18.50 to \$19.00; *Eglington*, \$18.00 to \$18.50, we have heard of some small lots selling at former figure; *Hematite*, \$23.00 to \$24.00; *Siemens*, \$20.50 to \$21.00, nominal. The bulk of bar iron sales continue to be made at \$1.90, only smaller lots bring \$2.00; *Siemens bar*, \$2.20. Tin plates show no new features either here or abroad, and pig tin is the only metal in which there is anything like excitement at present, some large transactions at advanced figures being reported from New York. General hardware trade as yet shows no signs of returning activity, and prices are as before. *Canada plates* \$3.15 to 3.25 for *Pen and Blaina*; *Hatton* \$3.00; *Tinplates*, Charcoal I C \$5.25; ditto I X. \$6.90 to 7.00; *Coke I C.*, \$4.60 to \$4.75; *Galvanized Sheets*, No. 28, 6½ to 7½c. according to brand; *Tinned Sheets*, coke, Nos. 24 to 26, 7½ to 7¾c.; *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs., \$2.40 to \$2.60; *Bar Iron* \$0.00

to \$0.00. *Sheets*, best brands, \$2.50 to 2.75; *Boiler Plate* per 100 lbs. Staffordshire, \$2.75 to \$3.00; *Steel Boiler Plate* \$3.50 to \$3.75; heads \$4.50 to \$5.00. *Russian Sheet Iron*, 11 to 12c. *Lead* per 100 lbs.:—*Pig*, \$3.90 to \$4.00; *Sheet*, \$4.50; *Shot*, \$6 to \$6.50; *Steel*, cast, 11 to 12c.; *Spring*, \$3.25 to \$3.50; *Tire*, \$3.25 to \$3.50; *Sleigh Shoe*, \$2.40 to \$2.50. *Ingot Tin*, 24c.; *Bar Tin*, 25 to 26c.; *Ingot Copper*, 17½ to 18½c.; *Sheet Zinc*, \$4.75 to \$5.50; *Spelter*, \$4.75 to \$5; *Bright Iron Wire*, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

**WOOL.**—Though business continues on the quiet side there are prospects of improvement, several men who have been in the city lately reporting orders as coming in well. Prices are still on same old basis.

MARKETS AT CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

The year's trade has been very poor, says a correspondent, the great want of this province, (P. E. Island) is a market, for want of efficient means of communication the best markets are not available. Potatoes have been a drug, at 16 to 18 cts. per bushel; Oats, slow, at 32 to 33 cts.; Turnips, dull, at 14 to 15 cts.; there is probably two million bushels of produce still on hand, the greater part of which would have been shipped were good markets available. In Charlottetown and suburbs real property is a drug. The monied men seem to have no enterprise and numbers of young men have left the Island, and more are hoping to follow. Capital judiciously used would change all this, as the Island is as fertile as a garden.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Jan. 16, 1884.

The recent heavy snows have stimulated business in some parts of the country and retarded it in others where the roads were blocked. Wholesale trade in this city is still quiet. Breadstuffs and provisions move very slowly. Hogs are at rather too high a price for much packing. Boots and shoes and groceries are the lines where dullness is least marked.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—The dullness in flour is unusual, almost none is selling here, and the millers do not appear to be selling it either. Some American has come in, consisting of high grades of strong baker's, superior or extra; these command from \$5.25 to \$5.75, the duty of 50c. per barrel being paid. Domestic superior extra is nominal at \$5 and extra at \$4.75 to \$4.80. Bran steady at \$11.50. Oatmeal is nominal at \$4 per barrel in car lots and \$4.30 to \$4.50 for small quantities as to brand.

**GRAIN.**—The New York and Chicago markets have been demoralized, showing a great drop last week with a slight recovery however during the last day or two. Prices of wheat are lower here, but transactions are few; there is no No. 1 Fall, and No. 2 commands \$1.07; we quote Spring at \$1.10, \$1.08 and \$1.05 for Nos. 1, 2 and 3. The fall in railway freights ten days ago, from 25c per hundred pounds to 18½c. from Toronto to New York, gave barley merchants here an opportunity to sell, which they took advantage of, and large sales were made, one of 3,500 and another of 5,000 bushels, prices are steady. Oats are somewhat higher, there has been some demand for milling.

STOCKS IN STORE.

	Jan. 14, 1884.	Jan. 7, 1884.	Jan. 15, 1884.
Flour, brls .....	.....	.....	695
Fall wheat, bush ..	47,622	46,172	156,708
Spring " " ..	62,261	60,685	66,440
Oats " " ..	2,560	1,290	2,158
Barley " " ..	176,814	164,354	176,650
Peas " " ..	17,052	12,713	7,052
Rye " " ..	.....	.....	5,910

Grain Total.. 306,308 285,214 414,918

**GROCERIES.**—The only feature deserving of especial notice is the advance in green teas, prices of which are from three to five cents per pound higher, by reason of the shortage in supply, which amounts to 25 or 30 per cent. All teas are very firm in consequence.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—A steady, but not a large or remarkable movement in hides, which maintain their prices; they may decline however, as spring approaches and they become grubby.