

BRITISH MARKETS.

Messrs. Singleton, Dunn & Co.; timber merchants of Glasgow, in their annual circular dated 1st Jan., state as follows:—

Deals.—The difference in stock, taking all kinds, this year compared with last year, is remarkable, there being nearly three-quarters of a million cubic feet less. The consumption is very little short, so that this difference is explained by the fact that far less was imported this year than was imported last year. In 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Quebec pine, Quebec and Lower Port spruce, there is much lower stock now than a twelvemonth ago, the only stocks showing an increase being Quebec red deals and Lower Port pine deals. So far as prices go there is little variation from those ruling a year ago. In the lower qualities of deals all through the year, it was difficult not only to get a price but even to make sales. Owing to dullness in the box making trade business was restricted, and this accounts for the larger stock of low grades which is now shown. Some contract cargoes of Lower Port pine were sold at £7 c. i. f., but as the season advanced consignment lots were sold at prices which looked nearer £5 10s. c. i. f. The same was experienced in spruce. These latter of course had to meet the competition from the Baltic; but this applied only to the standard sizes, say 9 and 11 in.; and of lengthy deals.

Messrs. Henderson & Glass, of Liverpool and Birmingham, report as follows in their circular of January 15th: Iron.—The year 1884 will be remembered for the unsatisfactory state of trade in all branches. No doubt a very considerable volume of business has been done; but there has been a constant shrinkage in prices as well as demand, and we are starting 1885 at about the lowest basis prices yet experienced for malleable iron. Orders for new ships have been placed; and if freights continue to improve, no doubt the orders for vessels will increase very rapidly. The general export demand remains dull and lifeless, and at the present time we cannot say our market all round shows much sign of revival. We are not alone in the present position. The United States, Germany, and Belgium are in even a worse plight. As to the future, everything is in favor of better trade, and consequently higher prices.

Tin.—Firm. Tinplates are dull, at about the lowest prices ever known. Values are not likely to find a lower level than now, and purchasers can scarcely fail to realize a profit as makers say they are selling under cost of production. The next change we consider must be an improvement in the market. Copper.—Not much doing. A decline of £3 per ton took place in strong sheets on 29th December. Market well sustained since. Pig lead.—There is a decided scarcity of ore, and smelters are firm at present prices and indisposed to sell for forward delivery, except at an advance. Low prices have closed some mines. Linseed oil.—Steady. Freights.—From Liverpool to Montreal by the regular steamers. On finished iron and tinplates 20/- and 10 p.c. per ton; on linseed oil 22/6 and 10 p.c. per ton gross. To Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph, and London (Ontario), 22/6 and 10 p.c. for usual weight. To Halifax, N. S., on ordinary weight, 12/6 to 15/- and 10 p.c. per ton. To St. John, N. B., on ordinary weight, via Halifax,

15/- to 17/6 and 10 p.c. per ton. St. John, N. B., on ordinary weight, via Boston, 15/- and 10 p.c. per ton.

GLASGOW PROVISION.—Although the year is young there are decidedly healthier indications prevailing in provision circles, and especially for forward trading in American hog products quite a distinct and solid reaction is observable, which is the more marked when compared with the drooping and sickly markets which prevailed in this special line of trading during the closing weeks of the year. Orders have declined cabled offers unless at an advance of 2s to 3s for hams suitable for smoking purposes, and even at this improvement only incline to book sparingly. Throughout the trade generally there is an improved tone, but chiefly the result of advance in American markets, which had been crushed down to an abnormally low level by the depressed state of trade ruling for several preceding weeks, and the more readily now in consequence respond to the advanced American markets when called upon to do so. In southern markets there was a livelier enquiry for choice parcels American cheese, but secondary and low classed goods show no improvement, and holders are naturally becoming anxious to see such move off into consumptive channels without delay.

BRADFORD WOOL.—The market for English wool is dull, and prices are without any marked alteration. Lustre wools, especially hoggs, are most in request, and next to these demi wools, but half-breds and Downs are neglected. Botany wool is steady. In yarns the orders from abroad continue restricted, but confidence is expressed in an early revival of the trade. The trade in piece goods is slow and dragging, but machinery continues to be well engaged.

NOTTINGHAM LACE AND HOSIERY.—The lace trade shows no sign of improvement, and the restricted production which is everywhere the order of the day greatly increases the distress among the operatives in the district. The millinery lace department is especially dull and a large number of persons connected with it out of employment. The silk trade is quiet, and as regards the plain branches, the only business doing is in fine bobbin nets, of which large quantities are being exported. Hosiery manufacturers are not, on the whole, very actively employed, and a spell of really severe weather would do much good in this industry.

Western Assurance Company.

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Toronto, on

Friday, the 27th day of February, 1885,

at 12 o'clock noon, to receive the annual report, for the election of Directors to serve during the ensuing year, and for such other business as may come before the meeting.

By order of the Board.

J. J. KENNY,
Managing Director.

Western Assurance Company's Office,
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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act to incorporate the Commercial Guarantee and Trust Company, with power to guarantee the payment of debts, and to act as Trustees for creditors, debtors, and others, and with other powers.

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Dated at Toronto, 13th Jan., 1885.

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Tenders for Bankrupt Stock OF DRY GOODS AND MILLINERY At St. John, N.B.

Tenders will be received at the office of SEELY & McMILLAN, Solicitors, No. 77 Prince William Street, St. John, N.B., up to SATURDAY the SEVENTH DAY of FEBRUARY next, at 12 o'clock noon for the purchase of the stock of Dry Goods and Millinery held by the undersigned as trustees for the benefit of the creditors of JAMES MANSON, and now on the premises, No. 12 King Street, St. John, occupied by them. The stock comprises a general stock of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods and a superior stock of Millinery Goods.

The tenders may be for the whole stock en bloc or for the Dry Goods or Millinery portion separately. The stock and stock list are now on the premises No. 12 King Street, St. John, for inspection.

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Dated at St. John, N.B., January 14th, 1885.

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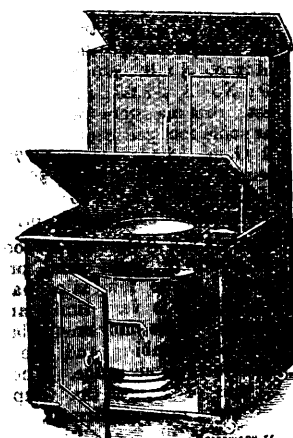
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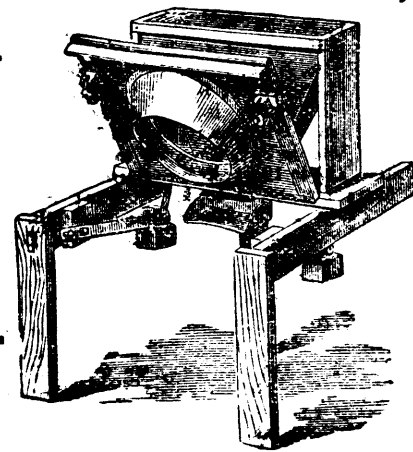
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