

6½c: No. 26, 7c, the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and Bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.90 to \$2; Sheets, Boiler Plate, per \$100 lbs. Staffordshire, \$2 to \$2.25; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4; Russian Sheet Iron, 10c 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, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Tire \$2.30 to \$2.50; Sleigh shoe, \$1.90 to \$2; Round Machinery Steel, 3½c per lb.; Ingot tin, 22½c to 24c; Bar Tin, 26c; Ingot Copper, 14c; Sheet Zinc, \$4.50 to \$4.60; Spelter, \$4 to \$4.50; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

OILS AND PAINTS.—Linseed oil continues at 60 to 61c for raw, 63 to 64c for boiled; turpentine firmer, 56 to 57c; olive, \$1.00 to \$1.05; castor, 8½ to 9c; Nfld. Cod, 55 to 57½c. Stocks are small but the demand is very light, and values seem unsettled; steam refined seal, 50 to 52½c; cod liver, dull at 90c to \$1.00 for new. Paints and colors present no new features. We quote leads (genuine and first-class brands only) \$6.25; No. 1, \$5.50; No. 2, \$5.00; No. 3, \$4.50 to \$4.75. Dry white lead, 6c; red, do. 5c. These prices for round lots. London washed whiting, 50 to 60c; Paris white, \$1.25; Cookson's venetian red, \$1.75 to \$2.00; Yellow ochre, \$1.50; Spruce ochre, \$2 to \$3.

PROVISIONS.—In butter there is rather a better feeling as regards creamery, there being some export demand and some sales have transpired at 19½c; other lines are quiet: We quote creamery, 17½ to 19½c; eastern townships, 13 to 17c; Morrisburg, 12 to 16c; western, 10 to 14c. Cheese inactive with no disposition on the part of holders to sell at ruling quotations, which are nominally for choice, 6½ to 7½c. ordinary 4½ to 6½c. eggs quiet at 13½ to 14c for strictly fresh and good 12 to 13c; pork easy under light demand; western mess, \$12.50 to \$12.75; short cut, \$13 to \$13.50; hams 11½ to 12½c; bacon, 10½ to 11c; lard 9½c for American.

WOOL.—The demand for pulled wools continues to absorb all the available supplies, and prices are firmly maintained; fleece in ample supply and weaker; Australian and Cape in ample supply for all demands. We quote: Fleece, 19 to 21c; A supers, 27 to 28c; B do., 22 to 24c; unassorted, 20 to 23c; black, 21 to 22c; Cape, 17½ to 19c; Australian, 22 to 26c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Aug. 27th, 1885.

The "Bull" element in the share market has again attempted to push prices beyond the highest touched in the "Boom" and, in some instances, have succeeded, although there appears now to be heavy realizing on each advance. Bank of Montreal sold up to 202 and Toronto to 186½. Federal, Dominion and Merchants are all fractionally higher, with other Bank shares steady and unchanged.

Insurance stocks have been weak, Western selling down to 96½ and 96¾, a decline of 2½ to the lowest. The remainder of the list of miscellaneous securities is very dull but firm. Canada North West Land advancing 1/- to 41/- bid, with sellers at 42/-.

The light transactions wherever occurring in shares of the Loan Societies indicate a strong tone.

DRY GOODS.—The demand for fall tweeds and cloths has been fair, with a distinctly improved request for better class goods. This may possibly be because people are tired of the cheaper lines, which did not give satisfaction, and are in search of more serviceable wares. Large checks are not the vogue here, as in the United States; plain stripes and small checks meet the popular taste. Halifax tweeds in varied colors are a staple line. A steady succession of orders is reported by leading houses for staples. Rather better value is obtainable in woollens than last year. Domestic cottons continue low and since Gibson's New Brunswick mill has begun production, it has not helped prices, but the reverse. The firmness in linens continues in Britain as a rule, some concessions have, however, been made in certain lines. We notice with pleasure samples of Canadian all-wool six quarter over-coatings, made at Sherbrooke and Corn-

wall. These replace importations of German fabrics, and are esteemed better value than those formerly imported at 17½ per cent duty. "They are," as one house put it, "more honest goods," and even the neat patterns of the Paton Co. last year have been improved upon. In dress goods, stripes are "all the go." Habit cloths, suitable for tailor-made dresses, are in full supply; also combination dresses, plain and striped. Large checks are in order, and boucle cloths, too. The all-wool satin merveilleux is a favorite texture this season, and blacks are nearly as much in request as colors.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—All grades of flour are lower this week and that another week will see them still lower is not unlikely. The tone of the market is one of languor, and transactions are limited. We quote superior extra \$3.70 to \$3.75; extra \$3.50 to \$3.55; strong bakers \$3.75 to \$4; spring wheat extra \$3.40 to \$3.45; superfine \$2.90 to \$2.95. There is no change in either oatmeal or cornmeal. Bran is worth about \$9.75 to \$10 per ton.

GRAIN.—Compared with a week ago the prices of wheat to-day show a marked difference. No. 1 fall has fallen to 83 to 84c; No. 2 quotes at 81 to 82c, and No. 3 at 79 to 80c. In spring the falling off in prices is just as marked. No. 1 is now worth 84 to 85c; No. 2, 82 to 83c, and No. 3, 79 to 80c. The market for all grades is dull with a tendency to still cheaper wheat. Barley is unchanged and nominal. Peas can be bought for less money, say 63 to 65c, and oats are down 1 to 1½c. No one seems to want either corn or rye, the former offering at the old figure 54 to 55c, and the latter at 54 to 55c, which is a reduction of 1c.

GROCERIES.—Trade generally continues moderate, with now and then a really busy day. Sugars continue very firm in price but some houses report a quiet movement. One firm has paid the refinery an ¼c. more for a round lot of granulated than a week ago, this is some indication as to the state of the sugar market. General movement continues moderately fair with some really very good days intervening.

HARDWARE.—The building trade is at present moment fairly active. The strike in the early part of the season kept matters at a complete standstill, but now that the difficulty has been brought to an end the demand for material is brisk, and stocks are rapidly thinning out. Prices are showing some firmness, particularly in tin plates. Ingot tin has also stiffened. In consequence of the low price of Canada plates many of the makers have stopped production. This step, it is fully expected, will have some effect on this market when the fall season fully opens. Although the bulk of the orders have been placed the opinion prevails that the wants of dealers in all cases have not been fully anticipated. Ingot copper is higher, and Lake Superior and best selected English cannot be placed at less than our figures. The sale in Montreal last week of damaged goods from the steamer "Grassbrook" was largely attended and the bidding was very spirited. It is not likely that any bargains were obtained. Glass, it is said, brought a figure almost equal to what the article could be imported for. The metals, particularly sheet zinc, suffered much from the salt water, and the greater portion can only be used for re-manufacturing purposes. Payments are fair.

LUMBER.—There is a steady enquiry for good pine lumber. Considerable bill stuff is selling, and building material is pretty certain to be in demand in the coming fall. There will be, it is safe to predict, no surplus stock in this market for next spring's business. A feeling prevails in the United States that the duty will be either taken off or lessened by the next Congress. We make no change in our quotations for pine, merely remarking that mill culls quote at \$7.50 to \$9.00 per m.

MILLINERY.—The houses of Messrs. S. F. McKinnon & Co. and Messrs. D. McCall & Co., have attractive stocks in readiness for the opening on September 1st. Other houses will doubtless be prepared to do credit to the market at that date. We are pleased to learn from these firms that "people are not buying lavishly with their eyes shut," as in former years. Another good feature is that retailers do not buy so far ahead as they used to do; declining to place orders so early in the season they prefer to buy little and often. If they will only continue this wise policy and decline to overload themselves, the prospect for a satisfactory fall trade is bright.

PETROLEUM.—Oil-men are telling purchasers that the price of Canadian is likely to advance within a short time, the tendency at the wells is in this direction, and rates have already gone up a cent. We quote 5 to 10 barrel lots 16½, and single barrels 17c. Carbon safety and American prime, white and water ditto are as previously reported.

PROVISIONS.—Really choice butter continues in fair demand; some sales of old grease butter have been made at 3c. Choice commands 14 to 15c. In hog products the trade is still in a depressed condition; some car lots of long clear sold on private terms. The price obtained, was, it is thought, in the neighborhood of 6c. Hams are in good request and bring 12½ to 13c. There is a large supply of eggs, which are dull of sale at 11½ to 12c. The market for cheese is unchanged; sales are made at 8½ to 8¾c. The cable quotes 37s.

BRITISH MARKETS.

Messrs. Henderson & Glass, of Liverpool and Birmingham, Mr. George Kay, Montreal agent, report as follows on 15th August:—Iron.—We have nothing new to report regarding our market, it still remains dull, moving slowly without change. Tin.—Dull, with a slightly declining tendency. Tin Plates.—The restriction of manufacture by the stoppage of the mills every fourth week is gradually hardening prices and as makers seem determined to continue the agreement for six months, further advances may take place. Copper.—Quiet, but fairly steady. Pig Lead.—Has given way somewhat, owing to free importations of Spanish. Linseed oil.—Rather easier, but prices well maintained. Freight.—From Liverpool to Montreal by regular steamers (direct). On Finished Iron 7/6, Tinplates 6/- net per ton; on Linseed Oil 10/- and 10½ per ton gross. To Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph, and London (Ontario) 15/- and 10½ for usual weight by steamer and rail. To Halifax N. S.—On ordinary weight, 12/6 and 10½ per ton. To St. John, N. B., on ordinary weight, via Halifax 17/6 and 10½ per ton. To St. John, N. B., on ordinary weight, via Boston 15/-

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