

is 1 higher, while Commerce and Standard each gained 2. Other banks are steady. Insurance stocks have been less excited, the last sale of British America being at 74½ and of Western at 78. London and Canadian Loan has been aided by the "bears" and has receded 1 to 82, at which the last transaction took place. At the close the general feeling in the market was quite strong.

## STOCKS IN STORE.

	Jan. 12. 1885.	Jan. 5. 1885.	Jan. 14. 1884.
Fall wheat, bush....	79,804	78,769	47,622
Spring wheat, bush..	94,860	114,066	62,261
Oats " " " " " "	1,210	800	2,660
Barley " " " " " "	118,026	116,688	176,814
Peas " " " " " "	16,091	15,584	17,062
Corn " " " " " "	1,101	1,101	....

Total Grain....310,162 323,868 306,308

The quantity of flour in store at this point on 23rd inst. was 175 barrels, as compared with 1,925 barrels last week and none whatever on corresponding date of 1884.

**BOOTS & SHOES.**—The movement is moderate at present, orders from travellers who went out at the beginning of the year being yet limited. A number of country retailers will not order now, and they are prudent in not doing so. The makers show a disposition to cultivate the trade of the prompt paying man and to leave severely alone the trader who renews and who is never able to avail himself of cash discount. We make some changes in our quotations and remark that goat goods of genuine value, worth say from \$2.50 to \$3.00, have been largely "run out" by means of sheep imitations at \$1.50 to \$2.00. Nevertheless there are real goat goods in market, which the better class of trade can still sell at good prices.

**FLOUR & MEAL.**—The transactions in flour since our last have been few, sales of superior extra have been made at from \$8.50 to \$8.65 the latter a very choice brand. Extra has moved \$3.35 to \$3.40, with the feeling much firmer, though flour has not advanced in same proportion with wheat. Sales of oatmeal have been made in car-lots at \$3.90 to \$3.75, and single barrels from \$4.00 to \$4.10 as to brand, there is a ample supply. Bran is scarce and wanted at 10.50.

**GROCERIES.**—Trade is quiet. The feeling in cigars is decidedly better, and all are firmly held at our quotations. We quote, Valentinas, No. 9 to 9½, but the supply both of these and all kinds of fruit is light. All kinds of teas, especially good teas, are firm, and the supply of good Kaisow Congous is no greater than it should be.

**GRAIN.**—The tone is improving, prices of wheat have again advanced since we last wrote, and although there is no No. 1 fall, we hear of sales of No. 2 at 82 and 83c. There are plenty of enquiries, but transactions are limited. The competition of the railways between certain points brings down rates of freight between North-Western points and markets farther East, so that quantities of grain go past Toronto

market entirely. No. 1 spring, for example, would bring 85c. per bushel, if clean and of the hard sort which millers want, but it is difficult to get a car of it. Barley too is higher, having risen four or five cents on the week with some transactions in lower grades. Peas are dull at former figures. Oats steady, nothing doing in rye.

**HARDWARE.**—An improved condition is noticeable in the United States, where the iron and metal industries are beginning to feel greater confidence in the future at any rate. Prices being low, there appears to be a disposition in Canada on the part of importers and jobbers to secure supplies for forward delivery. Prices of some metals are easier, more particularly copper; pig tin and tin plates also favor buyers to some degree, though of choice brands of the latter prices are maintained. Pig lead is somewhat firmer. Payments show some slight improvement.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—Nothing new to relate. Prices for green unchanged and car-lots of cured have sold at 8½c. Green calfskins are scarce, rather, and are snapped up readily. Prices of tallow are 8½c for rough and 6½c for rendered.

**PROVISIONS.**—Trade still continues quiet, without any especial feature. Butter is still dull and weak, only finest qualities being salable at 17 to 18c., stocks of inferior are large, without demand, large rolls selling at from 12 to 16c. Cheese is quiet, the ordinary jobbing trade being transacted. In hog products the feeling is rather firmer, dressed hogs have sold at \$6.15 to \$6.25 per 100 lbs. There is a sale of a car load long clear bacon at 8c., jobbing lots sell 8½ to 8¾. Hams 10½ to 11c. In dried and evaporated apples there is no movement, large stocks of green fruit interfering with sale. White beans selling at \$1.00 to \$1.20 per bushel according to quality and quantity.

**WOOL.**—There has been a little enquiry from the States for domestic wool, but no active demand from the factories. Prices are unchanged.

## BRITISH MARKETS.

The grain market report of Gillespie & Co., dated Liverpool, 3rd Jan., 1885, says that imports of wheat and flour have been small, but fair of maize. In wheat we have to note an advance of 3 to 4d per cental in price, with more money also asked for flour. Peas, oats, and oatmeal unchanged. Maize cheaper. We quote as follows:

Wheat.—Am. & Can. white 7/2 to 7/4 p. 100 lbs.	
" " " red.. 7/- to 7/6 " "	
" No. 2 Spring.... 6/11 to 7/- " "	
Flour.—Patents..... 32/- to 34/- p. 280 "	
" Canadian Extras.. 25/6 to 26/6 " "	
Maize.—Mixed American.. 5/- to 5/1 p. 100 lbs.	
Peas.—Canadian ..... 5/8 to 5/9 " "	
Oats — " " " " " " 6/3 to 6/6 " "	
Oatmeal.— " " " " " " 9/- to 9/6 " "	

The weather has been frosty with east wind. Liverpool stocks of wheat, etc., 31st December, 1884 and 1883:

	Dec. '83.	Dec. '84.
Wheat, qrs.....	875,374	389,405
Flour, cents.....	708,323	358,991
Maize, qrs. ....	72,486	26,136
Peas, qrs.....	12,374	12,778

The Glasgow Herald of 27th ult. has the following:—"The Scotch iron market remains without much change in the position or prospects. The shipping demand continues extremely limited, and consumers are not placing many contracts. The annual statistics have not yet been published; but it is anticipated that the total stocks will show a small decrease, not however, of much importance. The number of furnaces in blast is unchanged—viz., 93, as against 102 at this date last year. The stock in Connal & Co's store shows a decrease of 135 tons for the week ending 26th inst. The quotations for Middlesbro' iron are unchanged, sellers asking 35s. 6d. for No. 3; but business has been done at even less. The shipments from the Tees up to 26th inst. were 57,354 tons, as compared with 68,179 tons during the same period of last month, and 53,432 tons during the same period of December, 1883. The hematite market is lifeless, without much business being done, the price being nominally 44s. per ton for Nos. 1, 2, and 3. The warrant market opened somewhat firmer on Monday, with transactions between 42s. 8d. and 42s. 4½d. Closing on Wednesday, buyers at 42s. 6½d., sellers 42s. 7d. On Thursday and Friday the market was closed owing to the Christmas holidays.

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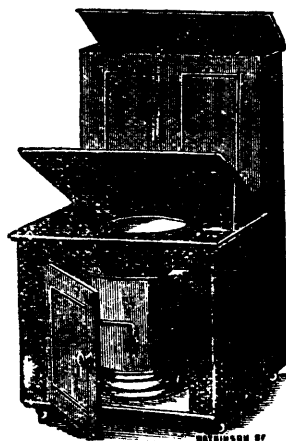
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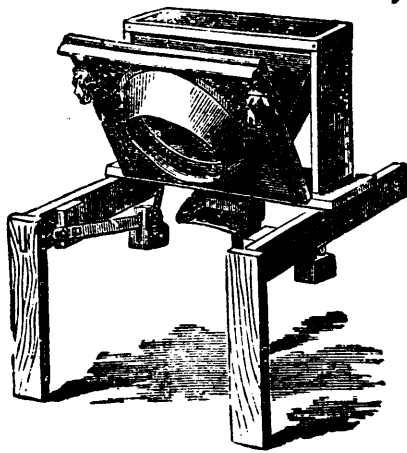
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