

2½, the last sale being at 90½. The balance of the miscellaneous list was neglected, including Canada North-West Land, of which one sale took place at 36/- A few sales in Loan Societies' shares were made at rather easier rates.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The bad weather has not been so bad for country trade in this as in some other lines. The country dealer now sorts up a little at a time and does not carry a heavy stock as a rule. Indeed, the wholesale stocks are not large, meantime. Business is moderate and payments fair.

DRUGS AND MEDICINES.—Business is a little quieter this week, in drugs, and as to perfumery and fancy goods, they will probably move better a few days or weeks later. Prices are unchanged, excepting that camphor is lower. Money comes in pretty well.

DRY GOODS.—There are not many buyers visiting the market in person, but there is a perceptible degree of activity in the warehouses, arising from numerous sorting orders which the few recent sunny days have evoked. Domestic cottons continue steady; wineys, stripes, and gingham meet free sale; American saten prints, Ashton's light summer patterns, Magog checks and stripe prints are moving well; muslins, too, are occasionally in request. Bradford colored stuffs, plain or in checks and flowered wineys are in plentiful variety. French beige goods appear in "golden brown" and bronze for summer robes, the light shades of bronze, drab, grey, are greatly the style. Ottoman cords are still worn, but navy blue appears to have fallen into disfavor through the appropriation of that color by "Salvation army" votaries. Black goods in this line are being supplanted by colors.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Matters are nearly at a standstill in breadstuffs since the last English news. Dealers are waiting to see what will be done to settle peace or to bring war. Prices are if anything weaker, for superior extra offered at equal to \$4.60 here yesterday and was not taken, this quotation is a drop of 15 to 20c. from the highest point. There is no movement to chronicle, and we do not make much change in quotations. Oatmeal is scarce and in demand at \$4.40 to 4.50 in car lots, and \$4.75 to 5.00 for smalls. Bran lower, offering at \$13.

GROCERIES.—A rather improved feeling prevails this week; orders, though not large are tolerably frequent, and remittances are fair. There is a feverish feeling in tobacco, for there is a rumor of further duties being imposed, no one is willing to sell, therefore, while retail dealers are stocking up wherever they can. Rice is getting scarce. Sugars are showing a stronger feeling and are not to be had now from refinery at within ½c. of the figure of 1st May. Teas are steady and firm with the usual kinds selling. In fruit, Vostizza currants are out of market; prunes we quote from 4 to 10c.; new Valencia raisins are to be had at 8 to 8½c., some common ones being offered at 8c.; Brazil nuts at 8 to 9c. Scaled herrings we quote 17 to 18c. Other quotations unchanged.

GRAIN.—There is next to nothing doing, the feeling being one of uncertainty and everyone waiting for more settled intelligence as to European matters. Yesterday the Mark Lane cable was: "1/ lower and the market depressed;" to-day the news is: "Market less depressed, consol advanced." We hear of transactions in wheat, the quotation for which is down 3 to 4c. from last week: say 98, 96 and 93c. for fall, and 97, 95 and 93c. for spring would probably represent the market here for the three grades 1, 2 and 3, 95 for No. 2 was accepted to-day. Barley is weak and tending lower, the season being over. Peas weak, but not notably lower. Oats scarce and wanted. Rye and corn nominal.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The condition of the hide market is unchanged, the supply is fairly kept up and there is a steady demand; car-lots of cows have sold at 8½c. But few sheepskins offer at this season. New lambskins are now in, and 20c. is being paid for them. Calfskins are in full supply, and all offering sell readily at our quotations which are those of the past six months or more.

LEATHER.—Business is quiet, and prices continue steady, being probably as low as it is possible to get them at present prices of hides.

LUMBER.—Dealers are commencing to ship by water, which makes matters brisker. The local trade promises well for this year and the demand

from city builders is good. Prices are maintained without notable change.

PROVISIONS.—Trade in this line continues very quiet, prices continuing for the most part steady. Butter is weak, large rolls selling at 11 to 12c., some sales have been made as low as 10c. The demand noted last week for old tub butter has been satisfied, and there now seems no outlet for it even at 8c. Eggs are steady at 12½c.; cheese rather easier, new being offered and jobbing at 10½c., quality is still poor owing to the backward season. The demand for hog product is not great, there has been a fair enquiry for hams at 11½ to 12c., but bacon remains dull, lard quiet and unchanged. Some mess beef is in market at \$12.00 to \$14.00: no mess pork moving, \$15.00 to \$15.50 is the nominal figure. Dried apples are dull and nominal at 4½c.; evaporated 8 to 9c.

SALT.—The supply is not extensive, prices for the most part steady. Canadian brings 95c. per bbl. in small lots, but a car load can be had at had at 90c.; Liverpool coarse 65c.; "Eureka" dairy 64 to 66c.; Canada Salt Association 45c.

WOOL.—The market, while not buoyant, maintains a fair tone, there being a fair enquiry from factories for all low grades of fleeces and pulled wools. The higher priced sorts are, however, neglected. Some mills are busy, the Leadley mill here is now working nights on blankets, while others are slack, the Dundas shoddy mill having stopped altogether. But upon the whole, this business is more active than was expected a month or two ago it could be.

BRITISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, 24th April.

COTTON.—In the absence of any further disquieting political rumors and with better stock markets, the market experienced an increased demand, but only a moderate business resulted at steady prices. American was in better demand, but only a moderate business was reported. Brazilian was almost entirely neglected, and Egyptian was dull and slow of sale, with some irregularity in values. East Indian also participated in the general depression so far as actual business was concerned, but prices were steady. The sales were estimated at 7,000 bales, of which 1,000 were on speculation and for export. Futures opened quiet but steady at 57/8d. for middling uplands, and later on improved 1/8d., at which they closed steady. The spot market closed quiet. Futures continued to improve, and closed firm at 1/64 to 1/32 advance on the day.

BRADFORD, WOOLLENS, April 24.—There is a firm feeling in all descriptions of English wool. Staplers do not appear to regard the present as a time to buy, and are determined to make the most of the limited stocks they hold. There is a considerable consumption, and although buyers act with caution and buy nothing speculatively, they must cover orders. Alpaca is still finding buyers, and prices are very firm; mohair remains extremely quiet. The fashions are certainly favoring Bradford yarns. Foreign manufacturers are using them in new directions, and the result is a steady flow of small orders in a good variety of spinnings. Spinners are busy and prices extremely firm.

NOTTINGHAM LACE AND HOSIERY.—Some further improvement has to be reported in fancy lace goods for millinery purposes. Generally, however, the buoyancy of the market has not increased, and the serious danger of war seems to render capitalists even more cautious than before in anything like speculative dealings. The lace curtain and vitrage net trade is quiet, and prices remain very low. In the plain branches, too, the demand is very quiet. Spanish silk laces continue to sell for special markets. There is no improvement in the hosiery trade, and manufacturers are not fully occupied.—*Glasgow Herald.*

BIRMINGHAM IRON, 23rd.—On change to-day there was but little business doing in pig iron, and but few orders for finished iron were placed. Sales of coal, coke, limestone and iron ores were effected, but only to supply actual requirements. The trade of the Black country district continues in a quiet condition, but as a whole the position is no worse, and there is no giving way in prices indeed everyone seems to agree that whatever happens, values will not be lower. The shipping demand is not over active, but some of the lead-

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Markets weak. Holders still trying to get \$5.60 to \$5.80 for roller flours, and \$5.25 to \$5.40 for superiors, but these prices can't be maintained, as there must be considerable to arrive. We have scarcely any stock on hand, and but little to arrive, but beg to caution consignors against anticipating high prices.

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The Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st to the 30th of May, both days inclusive.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the shareholders will be held at the Bank, in Montreal, the SEVENTEENTH DAY OF JUNE NEXT, at Twelve o'clock noon.

By order.

U. GARAND,

Cashier.

Montreal, 21st April, 1885.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Public notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between John Zimmerman, (now deceased), John Donaldson, Robt. Y. Milne and John M. Blackburn as manufacturers of silverware, carry on business at the City of Toronto, under the firm name of the Acme Silver Company has, in consequence of the death of the said John Zimmerman, been dissolved.

Dated at Toronto this 14th April 1885.

JAMES HENRY, M.D.

T. MARSHALL,

Executors estate J. Zimmerman.

JOHN DONALDSON,

R. Y. MILNE,

JOHN M. BLACKBURN,

Witness:

D. E. THOMSON.

Referring to the above, the business will hereafter be continued at the same premises under the same firm name by the undersigned—the surviving partners—to whom all outstanding monies are paid, and who will discharge all liabilities of the Company.

Dated at Toronto this 14th April, 1885.

JOHN DONALDSON,

R. Y. MILNE,

JOHN M. BLACKBURN

Witness:

D. E. T. LOMSON,