

(Canadian), \$3.75 to \$4.00; Strong Bakers' (American), \$4.00 to \$4.25; Fine, \$3.10.

FISH.—Trade is restricted to the movement of occasional small lots, and there is nothing new in prices. We quote:—Labrador herrings, \$5.50 to \$6.00. Cape Breton herrings, eastern shore, \$4.75 to \$5; dry cod, \$4 to \$4.50; American cod, \$3.00 to \$3.25; green cod, No. 1 being sold at \$4.00 to \$4.25; large No. 1, \$4.75 to \$5; No. 2 about \$3.25; North Shore salmon, \$14, \$13, and \$12 for Nos. 1, 2, and 3 respectively; British Columbia salmon, \$11; Mackerel, \$4 to \$6; lake trout \$4.25 to \$4.50.

FURS.—Raw furs are now coming in pretty freely, but there is no firmness in the market owing to unfavorable reports from Europe. There seems, too, to be little buying being done in the country, causing offerings here to be larger than usual. We still quote for fine furs: *Beaver*, \$2.75 to 3.00; *Bear*, \$8.00 to 10.00; do., cub, \$4.00 to 6.00; *Fisher*, \$6.00; *Red Fox*, \$1.60 to 1.20; *Cross do.*, \$2.00 to \$3.00; *Marten*, \$1.00 to \$1.10; *Lynx*, \$2.50 to \$3.00; *Mink*, \$1.00 to 0.00; *Muskrat*, 8 to 10c; *Otter*, \$8.00 to \$10.00; *Raccoon*, 50c average; *Skunk*, 40 to 60c.

GROCERIES.—Business in this line keeps up fairly well, and payments are rather better than with most others. Teas show a pretty steady movement, and some fair lines of Japans have been sold to go West, principally grading between 25 and 30 cents, also dust at 10½ to 11½c. In blacks and greens there is nothing fresh. In sugars business is remarkably dull, orders have slackened off a great deal since last week, and the price for granulated is slightly easier, 6½ is nominally the refinery price, but probably ½ would bring a round lot. In molasses we hear of a sale of about 225 packages at about 32c.; sugar house 18 to 20c. In dried fruit, there are no ordinary layers in the market at all, and all Malaga fruit is exceedingly scarce; 500 boxes of Valencias sold the other day at 8½c. Rice \$3.40 to \$3.50. In coffees little doing, Mocha cheaper, a good sample being offered at 22c. Tobacco and spices unchanged. Filberts and Tarra-gona almonds scarce at the moment.

LEATHER.—A little more is doing in this line. Most shoe manufacturers have got through with stock taking and in some cases travellers have started out, and there is a little more buying of stock for the cutting of spring goods. Prices as before, heavy Quebec splits are rather easier, owing to a dull market in England. We quote: *Hemlock Spanish Sole B. A* 25 to 28c., ditto, No. 2, B. A. 22c. to 25c; No. 2, *Ordinary Spanish*, 24c. to 25½c; No. 1 ditto 22c. to 23c; No. 1 *China* 23c. No. 2 21c. ditto *Buffalo Sole* No. 1, 21 to 22c. ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c. *Hemlock Slaughter*, No. 1, 26 to 27½c; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 33 to 38c; ditto ditto heavy, 33 to 36c.; *Grained*, 34 to 38c. *Splits*, large, 23 to 30c.; ditto small, 16 to 24c. *Calf-splits* 29 to 32c. *Calf-skins* (35 to 46 lbs.) 70 to 80c; ditto (25 to 34 lbs.) 60 to 70c.; Imitation French Calfskins. 80 to 85c; *Russet Sheepskin Linings*, 30 to 50c; *Harness*, 24 to 33c; *Buffed Cow*, per ft., 14 to 16c. *Enamelled Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Patent Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Pebbled Cow*, 11½ to 15½c. *Rough*, 23 to 28c. *Russet & Bridle*, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—There is nothing enlivening in the situation at all, and the remarks of the last two weeks still apply, even more distinctly, if anything. The home market for iron seems a little easier, probably due to an inclination to clear out stocks by the end of the year. Copper and tin are also lower in Britain, but other lines seem to maintain the position last reported. Local stocks of metals are pretty small in all lines, and as there is not very great disposition to press sales, prices are pretty fairly maintained. We quote: *Gartsherrie* and *Summerlee* \$19.00 to \$19.50. *Langloan*, \$19.50; *Coltness*, none in market. *Eglinton*, \$17.00 to \$17.50; *Dalmellington*; \$17.25 to \$17.50; *Calder* \$19.00 to \$19.50; *Hematite* \$20 to \$22.50, according to brand; *Siemens*, \$19.00 to \$19.50; *Bar Iron* still \$1.70 to \$1.75; *Canada Plates* about \$2.90. *Tin Plates* Bradley Charcoal, \$5.85 to 6.00; *Charcoal* I C \$4.60 to \$4.75 as to brand; do. I X \$6.25 to 6.50; *Coke* I C., \$4.25. *Galvanized Sheets*, No. 28, 6 to 7c. according to brand; *Tinned Sheets*, coke, Nos. 24 to 26, 6½ to 7½c.; *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs., \$3.25; *Sheets, Boiler Plate*, per 100 lbs. Staffordshire, \$2.50 to \$2.75; *Steel Boiler Plate* \$3.25 to \$0.00; heads \$4.50; *Russian Sheet Iron*, 10 to 11c. *Lead* per 100

lbs.—*Pig*, \$3.75 to \$4.00; *Sheet*, \$4.00 to \$4.25. *Shot*, \$6 to \$6.50; best cast *Steel*, 11½ to 12c; *firm*; *Spring*, \$3.25 to \$3.50, *firm*; *Tire*, \$3.25 to \$3.50, *firm*; *Sleigh Shoe*, \$2.25 to \$2.50. *Round Machinery Steel*, 3½c. per lb. *Ingot Tin*, 20 to 21c. *Bar Tin*, 24c.; *Ingot Copper*, 15 to 16c. *Sheet Zinc*, \$4.50 to \$4.75; *Spelter*, \$4.00 to \$4.50; *Bright Iron Wire*, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

PAINTS AND OILS.—There is no stir of any kind in either of these lines, and not likely to be for some weeks. Linseed oil is, if anything, a little easier, though perhaps hardly quotably so, and we quote 58 to 59c. for raw, turpentine 50 to 52c. In fish oils it is hard to get ideas of buyer and seller in accord, but the tendency is to weakness. Leads and colors as before, we quote *White Lead* (genuine and first class brands only) \$6.25 to 6.75; No. 1 \$5.50 to 6.00; No. 2, \$5. to 5.50; No. 3, \$4.50 to \$4.75. *Dry White Lead* 6 to 6½c.; *Red do.* 5 to 5½c. 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 \$3.00.

PROVISIONS.—The butter market shows little life, there is no export demand and prices are mostly nominal. We quote: *Creamery* 20 to 24c. as to make; choice townships about 21c; fair to good 18 to 20c; *Morrisburg*, 18 to 20c; *Western* 16 to 17c for selected. Cheese is quiet but steady at 11½c for fine fall makes; average fall make, 9 to 11c. Eggs rather weaker, with heavy stocks on hand. We quote 19 to 20c. *Pork* quiet at \$17 to 17.50 for Canada mess; *Western* \$15 to 15.25; *lard* 10½ to 10¾c; *hams*, 14 to 15c; *bacon*, 13 to 14c; *dressed hogs* about \$6.00.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 11th, 1884.

The strength recently shown in the stock market has not been maintained during the past week. A considerable failure in Montreal was used by the "Bears" to depress prices, which have been generally declining, and close lower, with one or two exceptions. Standard Bank has advanced 2, while Dominion Bank has fallen to the same extent. Buyers are down 1½ for Commerce and Merchants Banks, and 1½ for Ontario Bank. Federal and Toronto Banks are each down about 1 per cent. The "Bears" raided insurance stocks, especially Western, which fell to 85 bid yesterday, from which it reacted to 89½ to 89¾ at the close. While insurance companies have suffered this year, it is probable that the remarks circulated by the "Bears" will prove to be, as usual, grossly exaggerated. Canada N. W. Land stock has improved sixpence. Otherwise there is no new feature worthy of notice. The feeling at the close generally was barely steady.

DRY GOODS.—The advance in raw cotton is the principal feature of the situation, some of our mills have withdrawn quotations in consequence. Spot cotton advanced in the New York market ½ cent on Tuesday to 8½c. for ordinary uplands and 12½c. for fair. The *Shipping List* of yesterday says, as to future options: "The speculative market has developed increased activity, and the volume of business transacted during the interval covered by this review shows larger proportions than for a corresponding period for several months past. The primary influence was the publication of crop estimates, showing a greater decrease than anticipated by any reports previously given out, and on Saturday a steady upward movement set in which carried prices up 25 to 28 points, with the close firm. The market reacted on Monday 4 to 10 points and after a further advance on Tuesday, settled back to Monday's figures." A good many spring prints have already been placed on this market and some sorting bills of goods for current requirements are selling, but trade is not brisk in either city or country, and the farmers hold on to their grain to a disturbing extent. Too long credits still afflict the trade, and dating ahead is growing worse, instead of better.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—In the absence of business, quotations are nominal, at \$3.45 to 3.50 for Superior; Extra, \$3.30 to 3.35, with a sale on Monday at inside figure. Spring extra, \$3.25; Oatmeal weaker, if anything; we quote,

\$3.75 to 3.85 in car-lots, and for smalls \$4.00 to 4.20; Bran is still in request at \$10.50 per ton.

STOCKS IN STORE.

	Dec 8	Dec. 1,	Dec. 3,
Fall wheat, bush....	54,779	1884. 44,740	1883. 38,325
Spring wheat, bush..	104,094	88,014	35,873
Oats	"	"	750
Barley	"	71,633	151,768
Peas	"	8,530	15,301
Rye	"	1,101	1,000
Corn	"	691	220

Total Grain.... 243,828 301,043 175,119

GROCERIES.—The scarcity of Denia fruit is the most curious feature of the week. There appears to be none in market. Some Valentias were brought in from New York, and sold at 9c. where the opening price was 7½c. It now appears that where a crop of 20,000 or 25,000 tons was expected, there are hardly over 10,000 or

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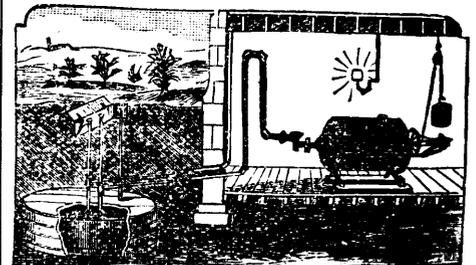
Tenders will be received at the City Treasurers Office up to the 26th day of December, inst., for the sum of \$16,000. Local Improvement Debentures to be issued on the Second day of January, 1885, for the sidewalks constructed in the City, as set forth in the several By-laws, authorizing the issue thereof. Said Debentures will mature in ten years after the issue, (secured by sinking fund) and bear interest at the rate of Six Per Cent. per annum, payable semi-annually at the Treasurer's office. Tenders will be received for any sum exceeding \$100. The highest or lowest tender not necessarily accepted. Any further information can be obtained by applying at the Treasurer's Office.

WM. A. MITTLEBERGER, St. Catharines, Dec. 6th, 1884. Treasurer

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