

spring goods. Sorting-up orders have been and still are small, and the country boot and shoe dealer finds that money is coming in slowly from the farmer. The country roads are in such a state as to almost preclude the marketing of produce, hence the backwardness of remittances complained of by some city houses. Others again, report a most satisfactory promptness in last month's payments with but few renewals.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—We are told that trade in this department is not quite so brisk as a week ago. Prices for the most part have varied but little and nearly all articles are held firmly. In consequence of large consignments received in the United States, quinine lacks the steadiness of a few days previous, and the views of holders are toned down somewhat. Opium is stronger and from recent advices is not unlikely to advance. Payments might be better.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—No improvement can yet be found in this market, indeed matters seem more inanimate than before, if that were possible. In the absence of business, values might be said to be nominally the same as last week, viz., superior extra \$3.80; extra \$3.70; spring wheat extra \$3.60 to \$3.65, and superfine \$3.10 to \$3.15. Oatmeal and cornmeal are also as previously quoted, and the price for bran is unchanged from \$10 to \$10.50.

GROCERIES.—Nothing out of the ordinary run of business has occurred during the past seven days. Prices all along the list are well maintained and the volume of trade being done is considered on the whole satisfactory. The strong undercurrent said to exist at present in the tea market is expected to result in a change for the better. The scarcity of fruits is becoming daily more pronounced. Sugars maintain a firm tone which the increased freights will have a tendency to deepen. Other articles do not call for any special comment.

GRAIN, WHEAT.—Sales of wheat are few, this grain is comparatively neglected. Prices are a shade lower for all grades of both fall and spring. For the former No. 1 is worth about 86 to 87c.; No. 2, 84 to 85c.; No. 3, 82 to 83c. For spring, 87 to 88c. for No. 1; 85 to 86c. for No. 2; 82 to 83c. for No. 3. There is a moderate movement in Barley at 89 to 90c. for No. 1; 79 to 80c. for No. 2; 69 to 70c. for extra No. 3; and 58 to 59c. for No. 3. Peas are selling in a limited way at 61 to 62c. Oats find a few takers at 32 to 33c. Corn and Rye continue nominal. The following are the stocks in store on the 30th:

	Nov. 30, 1885.	Nov. 23, 1885.	Dec. 1, 1884.
Fall wheat bush..	114,694	90,364	44,470
Spring wheat	58,652	43,850	88,014
Mixed wheat.....	2,293	1,294
Oats.....
Barley.....	92,496	179,121	151,706
Peas.....	16,999	25,792	15,304
Rye.....	444	1,000
Corn.....	8,985	1,499	220

Total grain, bush.. 294,119 342,364 300,714

HIDES AND SKINS.—Our price list shows no change in values as compared with a week ago. Hides are reported scarce and the enquiry active. We note an advance of 10c. in sheepskins, the price being now 95c., at which it is said all offering are readily taken. Tallow continues very dull.

HARDWARE.—Generally speaking the metal and hardware trade does not present any new features since our last extended remarks. There has been a marked advance in the price of ingot tin and it is now held at £98 per ton in England. In sympathy with this upward movement tin plates are considerably firmer. The copper market which has gone very low, has also disclosed of late a better tone, and pig lead is dearer by 10 shillings sterling. This, combined with the increased cost of transportation at the present season has, in a measure, the effect of making holders stiffer in their views. Trade on the whole has kept up well in consequence of the open season which has also given a perceptible impetus to the building trade and consequently a demand for certain goods in that particular line. Some houses are busy stock taking. We hear of complaints as to the difficulty of getting money and short date renewals are not uncommon.

PETROLEUM.—A slight change in the quotations for Canadian oil will be noticed. For single barrels 15c. is now the figure, instead of 15½c. as previously printed, and 14½c. replaces



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PROVISIONS.—Dressed hogs have been coming in more freely and sales have been made at \$5 to \$5.25, the feeling is weak to-day at \$5. Long clear has changed hands in small quantities at 7 to 7½c. Hams bring 11½ to 12c., breakfast bacon 11½c. Lard is worth 8½ to 9½c. The supply of butter continues plentiful. Choice commands 15 to 16c., but inferior is not wanted. Cheese is dull and only a limited trade is reported. For dried apples in small lots, 4½ to 5c. is about the figure. Eggs are moving at 20 to 21c., fresh pickled 17c.

WOOL.—The situation in the local wool market is just about the same as a week ago. There appears to be a moderate demand from the factories at previous quotations.

BRITISH MARKETS.

The circular of J. Lewenz & Co., dated London, 20th November last, says: There is no change to report in our market, which continues very firm. Public sales of China teas were again very light, but a rather considerable weight of Congou, coming out of the late numerous arrivals, has been on offer privately. For the latter there was at first but little bidding as dealers hoped to be able to buy on easier terms should some pressure to sell be shown in any quarter, but importers would make no concessions. Transactions include sales of medium and fine blackleaf teas for export but the bulk of the business appears again to have been done in Foochow Congous up to 10d.

Full prices have been paid for all Congous sold at auction; scented teas kept steady, while green teas showed rather better prices for Gunpowders and Imperials generally, for the lowest grades of Hyson and Young Hyson, and also for Foongmee and Gomee makes, only first and second Young Hyson and bold leaf Hysons remaining unchanged.

Henderson & Glass, of Liverpool and Birmingham, report in their circular of 21st November, as follows: Iron—The Malleable Trade has become dull again, and as we are now in the middle of the election campaign we cannot look for any immediate improvement, more especially as we are close upon the Christmas holidays. We must hope the new year will bring a brighter future for the trade. Metals generally have risen in price during the past week. Pig iron was very strong yesterday at an advance of about 2/1 per ton since the 9th instant. In our opinion trade will require to give support to this, otherwise it will slide back to the old figures. Tin—Strong at an advance of £4 to £4/10/- per ton on the month. Tin Plates—Some purchases were made at low prices a week since, but the market is firmer and at least 3d. per box more for cokes must now be quoted. Charcoals steady.

The stopping manufacture every fourth week sustains prices. Copper—There has been some improvement in the position of this article, the value of Chili Bars having enhanced about 30/- per ton. Sheet advanced £2 per ton. Pig Lead firmer and closes quite 10/- per ton dearer than a month ago. Linseed Oil—Dull, with only a moderate business passing. High freight rates to Canada also affect values here. Freights—From Liverpool to Montreal are as follows:—On finished iron and tinplates 20/- and 20% per ton; on linseed oil 22/6 and 10% per ton gross. To Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph and London, 22/6 and 10% for usual weight by steamer and rail. To Halifax, N. S., 12/6 and 10% per. To St. John, N.B., via Halifax 17/6 and 10% per ton. To St. John, N.B., via Boston, 15/-, all ordinary weights.

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