

coal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Charcoal I.C., \$4.35 to \$4.75; do I.X., \$6 to \$6.25; Coke I.C., \$3.75 to \$4; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5½c to 7c, according to brand; Tinned Sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c; No. 26, 7c, the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and Bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.90 to \$2; Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs. Staffordshire, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Common Sheet iron, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 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, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Tire \$2.50 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2 to \$2.25; Round Machinery Steel, 3½ to 3¾c. per lb.; Ingot tin, 23 to 25c; Bar Tin, 27c; Ingot Copper, 12½ to 14c; Sheet Zinc, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Spelter, \$4 to \$4.50; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

OILS AND PAINTS.—Linseed oil has weakened and orders to import have been sought for at 56 to 57c. for raw in quantity; jobbing lots are sold here at 59 to 60c. for raw, 62 to 63c. for boiled. Turpentine 54c. Castor oil steady at 8½ to 9½c; olive \$1.00 to \$1.05; Nfld. cod is quoted at 55 to 57½c; Gaspe 53 to 55c; Halifax 48 to 50c; steam refined seal 52½c. in lots; cod liver about 85c. Leads and colors unchanged. We quote:—Leads (genuine and first-class brands only) \$6 to \$6.25; No. 1, \$5.50; No. 2, \$5.00; No. 3, \$4.50 to \$4.75. Dry white lead, 5½c; red, do. 4½ to 4¾c. These prices for round lots, London washed whitening, 50 to 60c.; Paris white, \$1.25; Cookson's Venetian red \$1.75, other brands Venetian red \$1.50 to \$1.60; Yellow ochre, \$1.50; Spruce ochre, \$2 to \$3. Glass \$1.70 per 50 feet for first break.

SALT.—A seasonable quietude rules in this line, and there is nothing new to report. We repeat quotations: Elevens 55c.; twelves 52½c.; factory-filled \$1.15 to \$1.20; Ashton's and Eureka \$2.40; Turks Island 30c. per bushel; rock salt 50c. per cwt., special quotations for ton lots.

WOOL.—Orders are few at the moment, as many mills are more or less shut down, but fair orders are looked for after the holidays, and values are steady. We quote:—Canadian A supers 27 to 28c.; B ditto 22 to 23c.; unassorted 21 to 22c.; black 20 to 21c.; Cape 16 to 18c.; fleece 22 to 23c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Dec. 30th, 1885.

The week, when not holiday has been half-holiday in character. No one has been anxious to push business; and in some lines the disposition has been to take advantage of the season to wait and see what course trade was likely to take. This feeling has prevailed largely in produce, where the feeling all over is one of uncertainty, but combined with an opinion that people are not likely to lose by holding at present prices. The consequence has been that stocks of flour and grain have gone on accumulating and stood on Monday morning last as follows:—Flour, 500 bbls; fall wheat, 142,762 bush.; spring wheat, 78,506 bush.; mixed wheat, 3,946 bush.; oats, 700 bush.; barley, 156,643 bush.; peas, 6,734 bush.; rye, nil; corn, 8,985 bush. These figures show an increase of about 35 per cent. in grain as compared with stocks of a month ago, and 25 per cent. as compared with those of last year.

The Stock Exchange being closed during two days and holding only one meeting on other days, could not be expected to be active. Prices, however, showed a considerable advance on Tuesday and closed with a good deal of it retained. Bank shares showed a rise of from 1 to 2 per cent., Montreal and Ontario being strongest. Sales were made on Thursday of Ontario at 105½; of Commerce at 117½; of British America at 93½ x d., and of Northwest Land at 53½—seller at sixty days. On Monday of Federal at 100½; of Dominion Telegraph at 94½; of Northwest Land at 56 and 56½; of Freehold Loan at 157 for new stock and of Landed Credit at 123½. On Tuesday of Ontario at 107; of Toronto at 185; of Merchants at 114½ to 115; of Commerce at 118½ to 119½; of Federal at 101; of Dominion Telegraph at 94½; of Northwest Land at 58 to 59½; of Building and Loan at 104½, and Hamilton Provident at 126. On 29th

British America at 93½; and National Investment at 99 x d. Northwest Land sold down to 53s. 6d., but on an active and strong demand rose at the close to 60s. 3d., at which the last sale is recorded. The rise in Canada Pacific R. R. shares has had no little to do with the returning feeling of confidence.

DRY GOODS.—Trade this week has been quiet. The travellers are all at home, and but very few orders have been received. The present month has been, however, very satisfactory. The total amount of business done is in excess of that for the same month last year. Payments also have been such as to give no cause of complaint. All the houses are at present busy arranging samples for the coming spring trip, on which many of the travellers will leave next week. The number and variety of styles and patterns promises to be ahead of any previous year. In imported prints some very nice lines for combination costumes are shown. Gingham are also in great variety. In dress goods there is an extensive assortment of new fabrics; the French of course take the lead, but there are numerous novelties in the Bradford manufactures. Some very fine woollens will also be placed on the market this season. The prevailing patterns are in neat invisible stripes and checks.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The demand for flour has shown no improvement through the week, but holders have shown no inclination to offer concessions or press sales. Superior extra sold once last week at equal to \$3.65 here, but brought equal to \$3.70 on Saturday and Tuesday. Extra sold last week at equal to \$3.60. These grades were offered at the latter figures at the close with no demand; other grades purely nominal. Bran scarce and wanted at \$11.50, but none obtainable under \$12. Oatmeal.—Cars quiet and easy at \$3.70 to 3.80, and small lots \$4 to \$4.25.

GRAIN.—The market has been very quiet all over, as holders have not been anxious to sell and buyers have been few; the change in prices has consequently been small. Wheat has been held steadily and sold very slowly. No. 2 Fall held at 85c., with buyers at 84c, and sold for May delivery at 90c. No. 2 Spring worth probably 85 to 86c., but scarcely any offered; on the street fall and good Spring have sold at 82 to 84c., and goose at 69 to 70c. Oats have been in rather better supply and somewhat easier in price; cars on track sold last week at 33c. for mixed, and 34c. for middling; and this week at 32½c. to 33½c. for mixed and 34c. for milling, closing weak with sellers at latter prices. Barley.—The higher grades have been scarce and wanted, and the lower grades have been abundant but not wanted. No. 1 inspected not offered, but cut down lying outside sold on Tuesday at 88c. No. 2 has sold to a small extent at 80c. to 81c. Extra No. 3 worth about 70c.; No. 3 offered freely at 58c. with no buyers; street prices 60c. to 92c., the latter for No. 1 only. Peas quiet and easy at 60c. for No. 2 in car lots, but scarcely anything doing; street prices 60c. to 61c. Rye inactive at about 60c.

GROCERIES.—Trade is quiet this week: Houses are busy stock-taking and closing up the year's business. The general situation is featureless. Teas continue active, particularly low and medium Japans, and prices are firm. Sugars are very dull but holders have confidence in the situation; the feeling at the moment is a shade stronger. Fish are dull, Lake white fish are higher owing to scarcity at \$5.00 per half bbl.; trout show an easier tendency. Dried fruits are less active but values are firm and unchanged. In the market for green fruits, oranges at the moment are scarce and firm; cranberries are a glut on the market; damaged Canadians are offering at \$1.00 per box or \$4.00 per bbl. but really choice are held at \$8.00 per bbl. Tobaccos are steady. Liquors less active. Canned tomatoes are firmer at \$1.45 to \$1.50 per doz. for three lb. tins.

HARDWARE.—The wholesale trade continues quiet. Payments are very fair. At the annual meeting of the Horse Nail makers of Montreal the combination of 1885 was renewed for 1886 excepting that an advance of five per cent. will take place on all makes of nails on and after Jan. 1st., 1886. The discounts for 1886 are as follows: W. M. Mooney & Co. (The Canada Horse Nail Co.) quote 40 and 2½ per cent. trade discount; Peck, Benny & Co. and the Montreal Rolling Mills Co. quote 40 and 5 per cent. trade discount.

Iron remains much about the same. An advance is reported in American locks.

HIDES AND SKINS.—An active and steady trade in hides has been done during the week. Green unchanged, and cured sold in car lots at 9½c., and at 10c. for small lots of steers. Calfskins.—Any offered taken as before, but prices almost nominal. Sheepskins in good demand as before at \$1.00 for city green, and 75 to 90c. for country lots. A good deal of rendered tallow sold in trade lots at 6c., but this has been followed by a decline in dealers' prices, which are now down to 5½ to 5¾c.; rough unchanged at 3c., all sorts abundant with dealers not very anxious even at the decline.

LIVE STOCK.—Receipts on the local market have been rather larger than last week. Advances from Great Britain report a fairly active trade for cattle at last week's decline, supplies from all sources having been moderate; at Liverpool on Monday choice steers and heifers

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