

assured of having done much larger business than in 1881. *Bar Iron* continues in fair request, at unchanged prices for the different kinds, but *Tin Plates* are firm and held at an advance of 50c, I. C. Charcoal being now quoted at \$5.75 to \$6, and I. C. coke at \$4.75 to \$5. Cable advices from Liverpool report that market steady, with a general disinclination on the part of makers to contract for forward delivery. Nothing doing in *Canada Plates*, the season being over, and prices rule nominal. London cables this week quote *Ingot Tin* firmer, at £93 15s for fine foreign, and £97 for *Lamb and Flagg*; here holders ask 24c. *Copper* remains steady at 194c to 20c for Canadian, and *Lead* continues dull and unchanged. In *Bar Iron* the market continues lifeless; a few car lots of ten tons each of *Sumnerlee* and *Garthshrie* have been placed at very full figures, viz., \$27, and similar sized lots of *Eglinton* have been sold at \$23.50. For forward delivery lower figures would certainly be accepted, but business is almost entirely confined to the present wants of small consumers. The statistical position of the home market is considered favorable, stocks in store showing a considerable decrease, and the shipments an increase as compared with those of a year ago. The present stocks of pig iron at United States ports are only 4,000 tons, one-third of the quantity at like date last year. Warrants are cabled steady, having advanced to 50s, at which figure the market closed steady.

HIDES AND SKINS.—No change to note in the general features of the market. Receipts of native *hides* during the week have shown a slight falling off, as usual at this period, and the demand from tanners has also been less active if anything. Prices are unchanged for both foreign and domestic *hides*, as also for *sheepskins*, which rule quiet and steady. Western States *hides*, we learn since writing the above, are easier and 1c to 3c lower, with sales of No. 1 *Buff* at 9½c, and No. 2 at 8c. Second steers' *hides* quoted at 10c to 10½c, and dry salted western at 16c for No. 1 and 14c for No. 2.

LEATHER.—Not much business doing for the reasons given in late reports, nor is trade expected to become active until the difficulties in the shoe trade are fully settled. The prospects, however, are considered good, for the trade is believed to be on the whole in a sounder and more healthy condition if anything than before the shoe lasters struck work. Had the manufacturers been able to continue they would most probably have turned out a large proportion of their orders by this time, and goods shipped in February and March, dated 1st April or May, might have been forced upon unwilling or unprepared buyers, to the disadvantage possibly of all concerned. Again, the stoppage of the lasters has afforded a good test of the financial ability of the shoe and leather trade generally; of course it were dangerous to forecast the future, but the few small failures that have occurred in the shoe trade recently have in no way affected the general condition of trade, and were generally discounted months ago. A few small sales of *Buff* at 14½c to 15c, and of *pebbled* at 13½c to 14c have been reported.

LUMBER.—Trade has fallen off, and little will be done for several weeks. Work is progressing in the woods; the roads in the bush are not very good for want of rain to fill the swamps and make a smooth, hard bottom; the light snow cuts through in a few days leaving bare roads. There are many enquiries for *Ash* lumber at higher prices, and other kinds of lumber are in fair demand.

ONIONS.—There is really nothing of interest to report. No round lot transactions have transpired, and in the absence of a quotable demand, values remain unchanged for all kinds. The supply of *Steam refined seal*, as previously stated, is almost entirely in the hands of one firm, who are said to be holding for 95c per Imp. gal. Latest sales reported were at 90c for round lots.

PROVISIONS.—In Liverpool yesterday lard advanced 6d and bacon declined 6d. In Chicago pork was rather easier, and closed 12½c per brl. lower than on Tuesday; lard was also weak, closing 7½c to 10c per 100 lbs. lower. The hog market opened and continued steady, with estimated receipts 34,000 and shipments 1,300; Tuesday's official receipts were 10,414. The Western markets generally during the week have ruled firm but steady. This market has been very quiet, and likely to continue so for another week; business seems to be confined to filling small country orders at \$21.50 to \$22 for Western or *Canada Mess pork*, and 14c to 14½c for *Fairbanks' lard* and 13½c for *Canada do.*; the demand for lard is reported especially slow. *Dressed hogs* quiet and firm at \$8.25 to \$8.50 for car load lots, and are retailing at \$8.75. The prices asked at points of production are equivalent to \$8.55, laid down here. A few cars have been purchased in the West this week by a Quebec buyer, and a large number have been bought up for the cut-meat trade for Winnipeg account. It is believed by some prominent men in the trade that the packing of *Canadian pork* will be small this season, as there seems to be little chance of the price of hogs being low enough to warrant any extensive packing. It is therefore expected that *Western mess pork* will chiefly supply the demand here during the coming season. It is moreover generally conceded that there is not nearly as many *Canadian hogs* out to come forward this season as in previous years. Receipts of *eggs* for the week have been fairly large, but the demand only moderate, and market rules quiet at 25c to 30c, as to quantity and quality. Considerable quantities of *larded eggs* are understood to be held in the country, hence this market rules lifeless, sales being confined to supplying immediate requirements.

PAINTS.—For goods in this line there is little demand, as usual at this period, and prices remain nominal and unchanged.

POULTRY.—Market has been less active the past week, but quotations rule steady, at 10c to 12c for turkeys, 8c to 10c for geese and chickens, and 9c to 11c for ducks. In game, venison is quoted at 8c per lb. for ordinary cuts, and 10c to 11c for saddles; and partridges at 80c to 85c per brace. A choice case of turkeys was sold yesterday at 12½c, but this kind of stock continues scarce and in demand.

WOOL.—As usual during Xmas holidays, the demand for both foreign and domestic wool has been very limited, and the outlook is rather dull. No noteworthy transactions have occurred in this market during the week, and values remain as previously quoted.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

Boston, Dec. 28.—*Flour*, demand limited, prices unchanged. Superfine quoted at from \$3.25 to \$3.75; Extras, from \$3.75 to \$4.25, including choice Bakers from \$4.75 to \$6. Winter Patents selling at from \$5 to \$5.40; and Winter Wheats from \$6 to \$6.75. Spring Patents selling at from \$6.50 to \$7.50. *Cornmeal* selling at \$3.50. *Oatmeal* quoted at from \$5.50 to \$6 for common and good, and from \$6.50 to \$7 for choice and fancy. *Hay*, unchanged; choice in demand at \$18, and medium selling at from \$15 to \$17. *Butter*, firm choice, in demand at from 37c to 42c, fair to good selling at from 28c to 33c. *Cheese* firm, demand steady; sales of choice at from 12½c to 13½c, fair to good at from 10c to 12c. *Eggs* firm, have been in demand at from 30c to 31c for *Canada*. *Canada Peas* in moderate demand at from \$1.15 to \$1.20. *Potatoes* firm, choice grades selling at from 90c to 95c.

Chicago, 2 p.m.—Wheat, Dec., 92½c; Jan., 92½c; Feb., 93½c. Corn, year, 50½c; Jan., 49½c; May, 52½c. Oats, year 39½c; Jan., 38½c; May, 38½c. Pork, Jan., \$16.97½; Feb., \$17.12½. Lard, Jan., \$10.32½; Feb., \$10.42½.

New York, 2.00 p.m.—Wheat, Dec., \$1.09; Jan., \$1.09; Feb., \$1.11½; March, \$1.13½;

May, \$1.14½. Corn, Jan., 65½c; Feb., 63½c; March, 63½c; May, 62½c; year, 66½. Milwaukee, 2.00 p.m.—Wheat, Dec., 94c; cash, Jan., 93c; Feb., 93½c.

MARITIME MARKETS.

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 28.

Markets all very dull as result of holidays. Fish exhibits weakness. Codfish, with usual cullage, \$4.70. Several West India traders hold large stocks, probably quarter million quintals, which has already depreciated \$1 quintal. They profess faith in renewed high values, scarcely likely in view fall catch. Prime fat mackerel show actual decline \$5 during five weeks, quoted \$10 against \$15. Herring inclined to sympathize at a decline of 20c to 40c. Potatoes 45c a bushel, good demand. Good butter and eggs unobtainable.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 28, 1882.

(Beerbohm's Advices.) Cargoes off Coast—wheat, steady. Corn, weak. Cargoes on passage—Wheat, steady. Corn, weak. Arrivals off coast for orders—Wheat, small. Corn do. English country markets quiet, French do. firm. Quantity Maize on passage for United Kingdom 100,000 qrs.; Wheat and flour 2,400,000 qrs. Liverpool Wheat on spot, quiet but steady; white are depressed, while there is a good demand for red. Liverpool Corn on spot weaker. Paris wheat and flour turn dearer.

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TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

(By Special Telegraph.)

TORONTO, Dec. 28, 1882.

The past week has been quiet. Trade was dull, except in those particular branches in which meats and poultry and choice and fancy articles are found. Produce during the past days of this week has been nearly nominal. It was not expected that business in flour and grain would be brisk. Provisions are also very quiet. Meats and lard are easy; cheese is steady; and butter and eggs are steady also, but there is not much movement. Drugs have been quiet. Hardware is not moving but in light orders. Boots and shoes have been slightly checked by the holidays and the soft weather. Groceries are also very quiet. In all these trades stock-taking has been about concluded. Generally the operation has proved that the business of the past six months has been better and more profitable than in the period similar in 1881. Dry goods are dull. The balance of