

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Letter advices from Glasgow are to the effect that the pig iron market is dull and depressed; cable advices as to warrants quote 42/6d., being a considerable advance, but this is probably due to speculation. Local prices are firmer if anything. But iron is no stiffer; Canada plates dull and weak, with little doing; tin plates at home slightly easier if anything, but firm locally. Tin, lead and copper unchanged. The movement of metal is very moderate, and the approaching close of navigation imparts little or no activity. In general hardware matters are quiet also, and most houses are preparing for stock-taking. We quote:—Gartsherrie and Summerlee \$18 to \$19; Langloan, and Coltness, \$18 to \$18.50; Shott, \$17 to \$17.50; Eglington and Dalmellington, \$16.50; Calder, \$17.50 to \$18.00; Carnbroe, \$17 to \$18; Hematite, \$18 to \$20; Siemens, No. 1; \$17.50 to \$18; Bar Iron, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Best Refined, \$1.90; Siemens bar, \$2.10; Canada Plates, Blaina \$2.30 to \$2.40; Penn &c. \$2.45 to \$2.50. Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$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 \$0.00; 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, 3¼ to 3½c. per lb.; Ingot tin, 22½ to 24c; Bar Tin, 26c; 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 is a little easier at home, and prices here are 60 to 61c. for raw and 63 to 64c. for boiled; turpentine easier at 53 to 54c.; castor 8½ to 9c. per lb.; olive \$1.05 for pure. In fish oils cod is firmer at 55 to 56c. for Nfld. in fair lots; Gaspe 52½ to 55c.; Halifax 49 to 52c.; steam refined seal about 50c.; cod liver 85 to 90c. In leads and colors there is no change. 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.

PROVISIONS.—There is still an absence of export demand, and as stocks are accumulating, the tendency is to weakness in prices, which are pretty much nominal as follows: Creamery 19½ to 22c.; good to choice Townships 14 to 18c.; Morrisburg 12 to 16c.; Western 10 to 15c. The cable announces a marked drop of two shillings in cheese, and the local market is therefore very weak. Eggs 20 to 21c. for strictly fresh. Mess pork \$12 to 12.25; short cut, Montreal, \$12 to \$13.25; Western \$13.50 to \$14; lard 9 to 9½c. for Western; city hams 11½ to 12; bacon 10½ to 11c.

SALT.—Business is now quiet in this line, the season's arrivals being about over:—Elevens 47½ to 50c. ex-wharf, 52½c., ex-store; twelves 46c. ex-wharf; factory-filled \$1.15; Ashton's and Eureka \$2.40; Turks Island 30c. per bushel; rock salt 50c. per cwt., special quotations for ton lots.

WOOL.—There is still a good enquiry for all domestic values of which keep firm, with no plethora of stocks, not so much doing in imported. We quote:—Canadian A supers 27 to 28c.; B ditto 22 to 23c.; unassorted 21 to 22c.; black 20 21c.; Cape 16 to 18c.; fleece 22 to 23c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Nov. 19th, 1885.

With the exception of Commerce and Standard all Bank shares are now quoted *ex dividend*, and relatively as compared with the old rate *cum dividend* there continues to be a general tendency toward improvement. The supply of stocks is limited while money on call is plentiful at rates varying from 3½ to 5% according to the securities offered. Western

Assurance sold down to 112½, with 113 now bid and 116 asked; British America is offered at 93. Consumers' Gas has been active at 164½ to 165. For Dominion Telegraph 95 is bid, a rise of 2%; Canada N. W. Land unchanged. Very little has been doing in Loan Societies' shares, prices being steady at last week's quotations.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Quite a few sales were made during the past week, but selling flour is said to be hard work these days. The price for all kinds is lower all round. Say for superior extra \$3.80 to \$3.85; extra \$3.70 to \$3.75. There is very little strong bakers' offering, \$4.50 to \$4.75 will about represent the value. There is said to be no superfine in market. Some sales of oatmeal have been made at \$3.75 to \$3.80, but only retail lots of cornmeal are changing hands. Bran is worth \$10.00 to \$10.50 per ton.

GROCERIES.—Some houses report a noticeable slackness since navigation closed, the last C.P. R. steamer leaving on Tuesday. Up to the beginning of this week sugar showed some signs of weakness, but it has since then recovered and refiners are firm in their views. Purchases, however, can no doubt be made on last week's terms. Fruits still maintain great firmness and the scarcity complained of has not been relieved. In raisins, layers are quoted at 2.50 to \$2.75; New London 3.25 to \$3.50; new black baskets 3.75 to \$4.00 and Valencias 8½c. to 9c. A very fair demand is reported for teas.

GRAIN.—Prices of wheat, especially the various grades of fall, have not varied much since last Friday. The demand appears to be neither better nor worse. For No. 1 fall 87 to 88c. would be paid to-day; No. 2, 85 to 86c. and No. 3, 83 to 84c. Last week's figures still hold for spring. There is said to be a moderate enquiry for barley at 86 to 87c. for No. 1; 76 to 77c. for No. 2; No. 3 extra 68 to 69c. while No. 3 is unchanged. For peas 61 to 62c. is near the mark and firm at that. Oats are unchanged, and corn and rye remain nominal at former quotations.

STOCKS IN STORE.

The quantity of grain in store at Toronto on the morning of the 16th inst., and on other other dates mentioned, was as follows:—

	Nov. 16, 1885.	Nov. 9, 1885.	Nov. 17, 1884.
Fall wheat bush..	136,524	139,794	43,114
Spring wheat	53,452	54,782	82,575
Mixed wheat.....	1,294	1,294	.....
Oats.....	.....	.....	100
Barley.....	207,906	297,062	211,090
Peas.....	32,925	32,633	23,111
Rye.....	.....	.....	430
Corn.....	.....	.....	150

Total grain, bush.. 432,101 525,565 360,570

HIDES AND SKINS.—The scarcity of hides continues, there being barely enough for immediate wants. The market is strong and quotations unchanged: Steers 9c., Cows, green, 8½c.; cured and inspected 9½ to 10c.; Calfskins are nominal at 10 to 12c. for green and 13 to 15c. for cured; Sheepskins are freely taken at 85c. Both rough and rendered tallow are dull and 3c. for the former and 6c. for the latter still hold.

HARDWARE.—The bulk of country orders in metals and shelf hardware has been placed and there is now only a limited sorting-up business being done. As is usual, in consequence of slackness, prices in some measure, favor buyers; this applies, however, principally to tin and Canada plates which are not quite so firm, although the increased rate of freights should warrant holders to remain

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