

figures some time. Turpentine, olive oil, castor &c. unchanged. Fish oils are not very active, cod oil is worth 57 to 58c. for Nfld.; steam refined seal at former prices. The paint and color men report a satisfactory spring business with a moderate trade still doing, though the rush is over. Prices are as before. We quote:—Leads (Genuine and first-class brands only) \$6 to \$6.25; No. 1 \$5.25 to \$5.50; No. 2, \$4.75 to \$5.00; No. 3, \$4.25 to \$4.75. Dry White Lead, 5½ to 6c.; Red do. 4½ to 5c. London Washed Whiting, 50 to 60c.; Paris White, \$1.25; Cookson's Venetian Red, \$1.75; Yellow Ochre, \$1.50; Spruce Ochre, \$2 to \$3.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The British and American iron markets are absolutely unchanged. Warrants remain at about the same figures as last quoted. Local business is quiet and deliveries are light. Tin plates very dull and weak. Canada plates fairly active at \$2.65 to \$2.75. Lead remains at former level. Ingot tin is much stronger and we advance quotations. Copper is stronger. We revise steel quotations, which the trade have striven to maintain at old prices for some time past, but sales are now generally made at figures given. In general hardware prices are low all around. Travellers are now generally home and the spring trade shows a shrinkage as compared with former years. We quote:—Gartsherrrie and Summerlee \$17.50 to 18 Langloan, and Coltness, \$18.50 to \$19.00 Eglinton, \$16.00 to \$17. Dalmellington, \$16 to \$17 Calder, \$17.50 to \$18; Hematite, \$18.00 to \$20; Siemens, No. 1, \$17.50 to 18; Bar Iron \$1.65 to \$1.70; Siemens bar, \$2.10; Canada Plates about \$2.65 to \$2.75. Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$5.70 to \$5.90; Charcoal I. O. \$4.40 4.50; do. I. X. \$6.00 to 0.00; Coke I. O. \$3.90 to 4.00; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 6 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., 2.10 \$2.20; Sheets, Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs. Staffordshire, \$2.25; Steel Boiler Plate \$2.75 to 0.00; heads, \$4.00; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 to 11c. Lead per 100 lbs.:—Pig, \$3.50 to \$4.00. Sheet, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast Steel, 11 to 11½c.; firm; Spring, \$3 to \$3.25; Tire, \$3.00 to \$3.25, firm; Sleign Shoe, \$2.00 to 2.25; Round Machinery Steel, 3½ to 3¾c. per lb. Ingot tin, 20 to 21c. Bar Tin, 24c.; Ingot Copper, 14 to 15c.; Sheet Zinc, \$4.50 to 4.60; Spelter, \$4.00 to 4.50; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

PROVISIONS.—There is as yet no shipping demand for butter, receipts of new are, however, lighter, and farmers seem disposed to divert their milk to cheese making. For good qualities there is a good local demand, other lines very dull. We quote creamery 20 to 21c.; Townships choice, 16 to 18c.; Morrisburg ditto, 15 to 17c.; Western 10 to 14c. Cheese is low in price, and there is but slight demand. New is quoted 7½ to 8½c. Pork quiet; Western mess \$14.50 to \$14.75; short cut \$14.75 to \$15.25; Western lard 10½c.; hams 11½ to 12c.; bacon 11 to 11½c. Eggs are in good demand at 18c.

SHOES AND LEATHER.—Shoe houses are generally quiet. The sorting trip has not been a satisfactory one, but favorable expectations are already being formed for the fall trade, and fall stocks in the country are said to be pretty well cleared out. In leather there is no great activity, but there is no overfull stocks except in common splits and buff. The market for these lines in England has eased off owing to quieter aspect on the war question. Prices show no change and we quote Spanish sole B. A. No. 1, 24 to 27c., ditto, No. 2 B. A. 21 to 24c.; No. 1, Ordinary Spanish, 24 to 25c. No. 2 ditto, 22 to 23c.; No. 1 China, 23c., No. 2 22c., ditto Buffalo Sole, No. 1, 21 to 22c., ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 25 to 27c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 38c., ditto heavy, 32 to 35c.; Grained, 34 to 38c.; Splits, large, 22 to 29c., ditto small, 16 to 24c.; Calf-splits 28 to 32c.; Calf-skins (35 to 45 lbs.) 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Calfskins, 80 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskin Linings, 30 to 50c.; Harness, 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 12½ to 16c.; Pebbled Cow, 11 to 15c.; Rough, 23 to 28c. Russet & Bridle, 45 to 55c.

SALT.—A fair number of sailing cargoes are reported at Quebec, but business is not specially active. Prices are for elevens 50c., twelves 48c., factory-filled \$1.15 to \$1.17½; Higgins' Eureka \$2.40.

WOOL.—There is a general scarcity of both domestic and foreign wool, and this with the good demand existing causes a firmness in

prices. It is said there is not 5,000 lbs. of pulled wool in the market, or 100 bales of foreign all told. A direct cargo of Cape is expected here daily. We still quote Cape 17½ to 19c.; A supers 26 to 28c.; B. do. 21 to 23c.; black 20c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, May 28, 1885.

The recent advance in Bank shares does not seem to have been based upon a good foundation, as the week's rise was nearly all lost in a day, Bank of Montreal exhibiting the greatest weakness, buyers being ½ lower at 193. Imperial Bank is ½ lower, while other banks show a fractional rise. An exception to the general course of the market is Dominion Bank, which has risen 3 per cent., to 190½ per cent. bid, with ut sellers, the statement being regarded most favorably by "the street." Insurance stocks are barely steady. Canada North-West Land was not dealt in, which was the case with almost the entire miscellaneous list. Small transactions in Loan Societies' shares continue at easier rates, though People's Loan rose 4, selling at 110, but closing with only 105 bid.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Business in this line appears to be a trifle brighter than some days ago. As travellers, in most instances, are at home waiting for spring samples upon which the factories are now working, the bulk of the orders came by letter or by personal visits. Travellers will likely start out with fall samples about the 1st prox., which is a week earlier than usual. This trip will only result in booking a few orders from those who are disposed to buy early and a few late sorting up parcels.

FURS.—Business has been, until this week very quiet, but the sunshine has produced a better feeling and more activity. A sharp demand has declared itself for Bear, of which the advance in price is fully 40 per cent. At the last London sale the Hudson's Bay Co. offered some 15,000 of them. Beaver skins are good property, and firm. Skunk say 15 to 50c.; muskrat never before so low, the skins are carefully sorted now 6c. for winter and 10c. for spring about represents the market. There is no demand for mink, which are very low in price, quotations from 35 to 40c. or possibly 50c. for best. Fox are unmarketable here, for red one dealer will not offer over 50c. another 60 to 65c. The price of Raccoons which was 50c. not long ago, has been forced down by the advent of Missouri skins at under 35c. and the average does not now exceed 40c. here. They are abundant in New York.

GROCERIES.—The warehouses in this line were closed yesterday afternoon, on the occasion of the military funeral of Lieut. Fitch, a member of the firm of Fitch & Davidson, who was shot dead by the rebels in leading his men at Batoche. But for the activity in sugars there would be little doing in the warehouses here. The strong feeling in sugars still continues although the advance in Canada does not keep pace with that in the old country markets. Values have appreciated from an ½ to ¾c. since our last report. A fair amount of teas is selling but the movement is doubtless somewhat restricted owing to the uncertainty as to the action of the Government regarding duty.

The Retail Grocers' Union, of New York, at its last meeting adopted a standard of weights for measuring fruits and vegetables in dealing them out to customers. According to this standard 3 pounds of old potatoes or yellow turnips shall constitute a quart, and 5 pounds a small measure, which is two quarts. Two and one-half pounds of new potatoes, white turnips, beets, or sweet potatoes shall constitute a quart, and 4½ pounds a small measure. A quart of apples or tomatoes must weigh 2½ pounds and a small measure 4 pounds. A quart of onions will weigh 2 pounds and a small measure 3½ pounds. One and one-fourth pounds of peas shall make a quart and 2 pounds a small measure. A quart of beans shall weigh 1 pound and a small measure 1½ pounds.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—Trade in this line has been steady and uneventful. The opening of navigation gives a slight impetus to trade, but most houses did not require even this help for they appear more than ordinarily busy, a not unusual occurrence at this season of the year. An improvement in payments is noted.

HIDES AND SKINS.—We have nothing very important to notice in this branch. There is a

steady demand for hides and we are told that there is a noticeable improvement in the quality. Sales of cured have been made at 8½c. A very small quantity of sheepskins is coming in, but lambskins are in large supply and find ready purchasers at 25c. The demand for calfskins is steady and there is the usual quantity offering for this season of the year. Our list is without change.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Comparative stagnation still rules and most brands of flour can be bought at easier figures than a week ago. For superior extra flour our quotation of \$4.25 to \$4.30 would be near the mark and \$4.15 to \$4.20 for extra. There is little if any movement in strong bakers', which ranges from \$4.50 to \$4.75. Oatmeal, cornmeal and bran as previously quoted.

GRAIN.—Another dull week has passed with values a shade lower all round, and an apparent tendency for a further decline. In fall wheat No. 1 is now quoted at 94 to 95c.; No. 2 92 to 93c.; and No. 3 89 to 90c. The best figure for No. 1 spring is 93 to 94c.; No. 2 91 to 92c. and No. 3 unchanged at 89 to 90c. Barley continues nominal at 67c., 68c. for No. 1, with 64 to 65c. for No. 2 No. 3 extra is probably worth about 61 to 62c., and 56 to 57c. would likely be paid for No. 3. Oats are from 1 to 2 cents lower, say 37 to 38c. with an overstocked market. Corn and rye about the same with no transactions to report.

PROVISIONS.—This department of trade presents no improvement as compared with the previous week. The receipts of butter are made up, for the most part, of large rolls which sell at 10 to 12c., with a few tubs of choice new changing hands at about 13 to 14c. In hog products the position is unchanged; bacon seems a shade easier and 8c. is now the outside figure for long clear. Hams are selling freely at 11 to 12c. Lard is dull and neglected. Eggs command 12 to 13c. Trading in cheese is confined entirely to new qualities and prices are gradually declining.

WOOL.—In low grades of fleece and pulled there is a steadily maintained enquiry from the mills, but the higher priced qualities are not much asked for. A good steady business is being done in tallow at unchanged prices. Other items are as previously quoted.

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