

is $\frac{1}{2}$ better at 112 $\frac{1}{2}$, and Imperial $\frac{1}{2}$ weaker. British America Assurance and Western declined 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ respectively. There was a rise of 1 in Consumers' Gas, which sold up to 154. Canada North West Land jumped 4/-, closing 37/9 to 39/-. Among the loan societies' shares Freehold has been about the only strong one, the balance having a declining tendency. Building and Loan Association broke 2, to 104, and London & Canadian sold at 187.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—A pronounced dullness has been manifesting itself in this trade during most of the past week, during the last day or two, however, the receipt of some very good orders has improved the tone of things. Remittances are backward.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Until present stocks of flour are considerably reduced, buying at this point must be very limited and as a consequence of this abundance the movement at present is exceedingly slow, and affairs all round are quiet and dull. We make no change in quotations for superior extra which is nominal at previous figure, viz. : \$4.45 and \$4.50, but extra is cheaper and will not bring more than \$4.25 to \$4.30; spring wheat extra is also lower by several cents, say \$4.00 to \$4.10. Strong bakers' is unchanged at \$4.75 to \$5.00, so also is superfine. Oatmeal and sorumel continue to rule at former prices. Bran commands only \$10.00 to \$11.00.

GRAIN.—Prices are perceptibly lower since last week and very little attention seems to be paid to grain. No. 1 fall wheat is now worth 95 to 96c.; No. 2 93 to 94c.; No. 3 91 to 92c. The quotations for spring wheat are to-day No. 1, 94 to 95c.; No. 2, 92 to 93c. and No. 3, 89 to 90c. Barley also seems to be neglected and we make no change in quotations which are nominal. Peas and oats have both declined in price, the former can now be bought for about 68 to 70c. and the latter for 39 to 40c. Corn and rye continue nominal.

GROCERIES.—Sugars still continue to monopolize the attention of the trade and have advanced a fraction since our last, or about a cent from the lowest point. Nothing in yellows under 5c. can now be had at the refineries and 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ is now asked for granulated. A round lot sold here on Tuesday for 7c. but the price has stiffened since then. A fair amount of teas is changing hands and they are steady at our quotations. There is a scarcity of canned goods particularly tomatoes the bulk of which is in the hands of a few holders. They command \$1 per dozen and are firm at that price. There is no other item on our list which calls for special reference.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The weakening tendency of a few days ago has been replaced by one of strength, and prices, although firm, do not indicate an advance over last week. An active demand for cured hides is noticeable and indeed trade in most descriptions is fairly brisk at our quotations.

LUMBER.—A reference to our price list of pine lumber will show that prices are well maintained. There is but a limited quantity at the mills unsold, and is mostly in the hands of deal-

ers. The feeling is one of firmness throughout the list, and we advance the price of flooring. All lines of good pine are scarce; the dry is pretty well placed and even coarser grades are not in over supply. The market is getting bare of some descriptions of goods, such as flooring. Elsewhere is noted the decreasing supply of pine and the necessity of making use of hemlock, as is being done across the lakes.

PROVISIONS.—Dullness still reigns in this market and transactions are few. New cheese has been offered freely, factories asking 9c., and jobbing at 10c., but these prices, it is said, will speedily decline. Stocks of old are about exhausted and must have sold at remunerative figures to holders. Receipts of roll butter are still large and selling at 10 to 12c. Hog products are without feature; hams are in good demand at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Lard is dull and easy; bacon unchanged. Eggs are in fair supply and bring 18 to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

WOOL.—Nothing of any importance has occurred in this market since our last report. We have only one change to note, viz. : the price of lambskins is now 25c. as compared with 20c. a week ago. A very fair quality of the various grades of wool is changing hands, the factories taking creditable lots.

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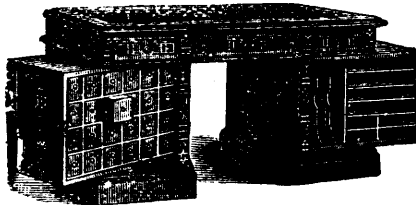
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Markets weak. Holdrs still trying to get \$5.60 to \$5.80 for roller flours, and \$5.25 to \$5.40 for superiors, but these prices can't be maintained, as there must be considerable to arrive. We have scarcely any stock on hand, and but little to arrive, but beg to caution consignors against anticipating high prices.

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