

few of them will find their places filled. Nearly all the factories are now working to their normal capacity, and the labor troubles are virtually over. Orders are coming in well, but some houses report remittances not up to the mark. We continue to quote: Men's French calf boots \$3.50 to \$3.75; do Kip Boots \$2.50 to \$3.00; do Cowhide Boots \$1.40 to \$3.00; No. 2 Cowhide \$2.25 do Split Stogas \$1.50 to \$2.00; do Buff Congress \$2.60 to \$2.00; do Split Congress \$1.40 to \$1.60; do Split Brogans 90 to \$1.00; Boys' and Youths' Brogans 85 to 95c.; Women's Buff and Pebbled Balmorals \$1.00 to \$1.25; do Split Balmorals 85c to \$1.10; Misses' Buff and Pebbled Balmorals 90 to \$1.10; do Split Balmorals 75c to \$1.00.

Drugs.—The Carnival last week brought a fair proportion of buyers to town and a satisfactory week's business was done; travellers now out also report very fair orders. A cable despatch announced a sudden and unaccountable rise in bleaching powder of from about £4, /10 to £5, /10 a ton; local holders do not care to quote, but will not sell below \$1.75. Cream Tartar is held firmly at lately advanced rates, with little prospect of any recession. Sal Soda \$1.15 to \$1.25 per 100 lbs.; Bi. Carb Soda \$2.75 to \$3.00. Soda Ash, \$1.60 to 1.70; ditto high test \$1.75 to \$2.00; Bi Chromate of Potash, per 100 lbs., \$12.50 to \$13.50; Borax, refined, 15 to 16c.; Cream Tartar Crystals, 34 to 36c; do ground, 36 to 40c; Tartaric Acid 60 to 65c. per lb.; Caustic Soda, white \$2.25 to \$2.50; Sugar of Lead, 12½ to 13c.; Bleaching Powder, \$1.75 to 0.00; Alum, \$1.85 to \$2.00; Copperas, per 100 lbs., \$1.00 to \$1.10; Flour Sulphur, \$2.90 to \$3.00; Roll Sulphur \$2.20 to \$2.40; Bpsom Salts, \$1.30 to \$1.50; Sal Soda, \$1.15 to \$1.25; Saltpetre, \$9.50 to \$10.00 Quinine \$2.10 to \$2.30 as to makers, per oz. bottles; Opium, \$4.90 to \$5.00; Morphia, \$2.65 to \$2.80.

FISH.—An active trade is being done and stocks are being considerably reduced, but there is no material change in prices. North Shore Salmon are scarce and we advance quotations a dollar a barrel for Nos. 1 and 2. We quote:—Labrador Herrings \$6.50; other grades of Herrings \$4.50 to 5.50; Dry Cod \$6.00 to 6.50; Green Cod No. 1 \$7.00, large draft selling at same price; ditto No. 2 \$6.00; Salmon, steady at \$22, \$21, and \$19, for Nos. 1, 2, and 3 respectively Lake Superior White Fish, \$6.25; Lake Superior Salmon Trout \$5.25.

LUMBER.—Business on the whole is quiet, but indications towards an advance if anything. Hamilton Bros., are reported to have sold all their cut, except deals, at prices realizing from 50 cents to \$2.00 a thousand in excess of last year's rates. There is some talk of the American Government taking off the duty of \$2 per thousand, in which case prices would likely advance owing to the increased export that would ensue. Local prices have not changed in meantime.

PROVISIONS.—The foreign butter markets are reported dull, and local matters rule quiet in sympathy, there being little movement of stocks. Choice Creamery is worth about 28c.; Fine Eastern Township, 20 to 23c.; ditto, good, 20 to 21c.; Morrisburg, 19 to 22c.; Western, 16 to 19c. Nothing doing in cheese. In hog products there is only a moderate movement; Dressed Hogs are quoted at \$8.40 to \$8.60; Western Mess \$21 to \$21.50; Lard 13½ to 14c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, 8th Feb., 1883.

The general wholesale trade of the city remains quiet. The volume of transaction during the past month is rather behind that of a year ago. Remittances this week are, as a rule, favourable, and trade is yet thought to be in a healthy state. In dry goods travellers are sending in fair orders, but their movements have been retarded in consequence of snow blockades. Reports from grocery and hardware dealers indicate a quiet business at steady prices. Wheat and flour have been in good demand all week, and closing prices are the highest for some time back. Provisions quiet at unchanged figures.

While there has been plenty of money for commercial borrowers during the week, stock brokers report more stringency. Offerings for speculative purposes have been less liberal; the general rate on bank shares is eight

per cent., and on miscellaneous shares from 7 to 7½ per cent. There is a moderate amount of commercial paper offering, which is discounted at 7 per cent. for first-class and at 7½ for ordinary. Payments on the 4th of the month are said, by the generality of bankers, to have been good, but we have heard that a number of renewals have been asked for, and granted by the wholesale trade. Sterling exchange remains quiet and slightly easier; 60 day bills between banks are quoted at 108½ and across the counter at 109; demand bills, 109½ to 110. New York drafts range from ¾ to ½ premium. The stock market has been fairly active and irregular, the disposition being to sell. The weakest stocks were Toronto, Commerce, Ontario and Federal, which show a decline of 2 to 4 per cent. as compared with last week. On Monday, Bank of Montreal shares opened at 206½ and after selling at 207½, closing at 206½ yesterday; Ontario sold at 712½ to 112½; Toronto from 186½ to 185; Merchants from 126½ to 125½; Commerce from 135½ to 133½, and then to 135; Imperial from 143½ to 143; Federal from 157½ to 156; Dominion from 200½ to 201, and Standard from 116½ to 116.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Trade is fair, orders from travellers are in moderate receipt, and manufacturers are busy on spring work.

COAL OIL.—The demand has been fair all week and prices are steady. Canadian refined sells at 19c. for single barrels and 18½ for five barrel lots. American at 26c. for prime, and at 30c. for water white.

DRY GOODS.—Spring stocks are being prepared for and travellers, who are out with samples of them, are sending in fair orders. The snow-storms, however, which blocked trains and country roads for days, have retarded the movements of salesmen. For spring clothing, we are told, orders obtained are smaller than on same trip last year, which is not surprising when the colder weather of to-day is remembered. Spring tweeds are in fair demand; orders for ducks and denims are light. At the various banks, remittances on the 1st and 4th February bills are reported good, but merchants say that not a few renewals have been asked and granted. This is in part due to farmers holding back their wheat and not paying their store bills.

We have several communications as to an item in our Mercantile Summary a fortnight ago, stating that "in one line (of coarse cottons) we hear of a reduction of 20 per cent," the effect of competition. While it is true that there was a 'cut' in the article referred to, cottonade, it was incorrect to place it at 20 per cent. That class of goods bringing 17½ to 20c. last year, rule at 16 to 18c. this year, which is more like ten or twelve per cent. than twenty. The reduction in grey cottons this season does not, we are told exceed five per cent.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The stock of flour in store is 2055 bbls. against 7,423 bbls. at the like period of 1883 and 10,300 bbls. in 1881. Transactions have been limited during the week, and offerings small. Holders seem to anticipate higher prices, and at the close they are stronger than for some time back. There were sales on Friday and Saturday of inspected superior extra at \$4.50, of uninspected at equal to \$4.42½, and of spring extra at \$4.25. On Tuesday sales were made on p. t., and yesterday superiors sold at \$4.60 and extra at \$4.45. For April delivery \$4.70 was bid for superior extra. Oatmeal is inactive and steady, with ordinary cars worth about \$4.70 and choice \$4.80 to \$4.85. Cornmeal quiet, with trade chiefly of a retail character at \$3.50 to \$3.75. Bran is lower, with little demand; cars sold the past few days at \$12.

GRAIN.—A fair enquiry prevailed but the movement continues small offerings being limited. Wheat is higher, with few transactions reported. Fall is in good demand; No. 2 sold on Tuesday at \$1, and three cars, half No. 2 and half No. 3, yesterday, at \$1 all around. No. 2 would have brought \$1.01 to-day. No. 2 spring sold last week at \$1.02, and would have brought \$1.04 yesterday. Goose sold at 95c. Barley moderately active and steady, with sales during the week of No. 1 at 76c. No. 2 at 71c and 72c. No. 3 extra at 64c. and 65c. and No. 3 at 52c. to 55c. the latter for heavy grades in Northern elevator. Oats in good demand and firm on account of scarcity; cars of western to arrive sold at 41c. and on spot would bring about 42c. Peas quiet and nominally, unchanged at 73c. to 75c. Rye is also nominal, there being no business reported. Corn quiet and steady; Canadian is quoted at 63c to 66c.

GROCERIES.—The movement in wholesale circles has been small during the past week. As regards prices, there are few changes, and pay-

ments have been met fairly. Fish are firm although trade has been quiet so far; a brisker movement is anticipated now as the Lenten season has commenced. Fruits are steady: Valencias firm at 8c. for quantities; Currants also firm with sales at 6½c. Coffee is held higher but no business reported; Rio is quoted at 9c. Teas quiet and steady; black sold

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