

startling local feature of the week is the burning, on Tuesday night, of S. Green-shields, Son & Co.'s premises, and those of McIntyre, Son & Co.'s. Buildings and stocks are a total loss. Part of the importations for spring had been received by both houses. Greenshields' firm have already secured Robt. Linton's old premises, corner Lemoine and St. Helen, and will resume business as speedily as possible.

**FISH.**—There is a very fair general enquiry; while supplies are not over liberal, especially is this true of fresh fish, owing to frequent recent storms. We quote: No. 1, green cod, \$5.25 to 5.50; No. 1 large do., \$5.50 to 5.75; N.S. salmon, \$15; B.C. salmon, \$13; dry cod, \$4 to 4.25; Nova Scotia Herring, \$4.50 to 4.75; No. 2 mackerel, \$14 to 15. Lake trout, \$4.50 a keg. Haddies, 6½ to 7c.; smoked herrings, 8 to 10c. a box; bloaters, \$1 to 1.10. Oysters, \$5 to \$6 for choice hand-picked Malpeques. Fresh haddock 6c.; fresh cod, 5c.

**FURS.**—The cable last week showed some moderate advance in prices of salted sealskins, but as regards prices of Canadian caught raw furs, there is nothing new. We quote: Mink, \$1 to 1.75; marten, \$1.50 to 2.50; fisher, \$4 to 6; lynx, \$1.50 to 2; otter, \$5 to 13; red fox, \$1.25 to 1.60; cross ditto, \$3 to 7; silver ditto, \$20 to 60; skunk, 20 to 75c.; coon, 20 to 80c.; fall rats, 5 to 10c; winter, 10 to 14c. The catching or buying of beaver is still illegal in both Ontario and Que.

**GROCERIES.**—The weakness in the sugar market, referred to last week, took definite shape immediately after our report was written, refiners putting down prices ten cents per cental, since which revision no further change has come, and present factory prices are \$4.45 for standard granulated, and \$3.70 the lowest in yellows. The outside markets for raw are telegraphed rather firmer to-day. The demand from jobbers is of a moderate character. There is a great scarcity of nuts of all kinds; comparatively small stocks were imported this fall, which have all been absorbed, leaving the market quite bare and no further supplies of any consequence are expected. Advices from Valencia indicate that the stock of almonds there is almost exhausted. Valencia raisins, which showed a tendency to weakness after the late auction sale of consigned lots are rather steadier. Cable advices from Patras indicate an advance of 6d. to 10d. in currants. Some considerable supplies of Austrian prunes, some 7,000 cases, to replace those lost on the "Westmeath," are nearly due. Dates continue very scarce, no further lots having come forward. Teas still show an absence of activity. There is a good deal of enquiry for 12 to 13c. Japans, but of such goods very few are available, and in other lines actual transactions from importer to jobber are confined to a few small sales. Values, however, rule very steady.

**LEATHER.**—Leather men report more enquiry for both sole and black leather, and a good deal of dickerings has been done in the way of offers for some considerable lots of sole, at shaded prices, but holders seem to be pretty stiff in their ideas, and no business has resulted as yet. Some few fair sales of splits and grain are reported, also of dongolas. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 24c.; No. 2, 21½ to 22½c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 23 to 24c.; No. 2, 20 to 21c.; No. 1 slaughter, 26 to 28c.; No. 2, 24 to 25c.; common, 20 to 21c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; do., heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits, 21 to 23c.; Quebec do., 16 to 18c.; juniors, 16 to 17c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calfskins, (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to

24c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; rus-set sheepskins linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 13 to 15c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 11½ to 13c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12 to 12½c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—Business has assumed a holiday character. Values rule firm generally. We hear of a 500-box sale of Canada plates at \$2.10, but this is an exceptional transaction, and it is claimed \$2.20 is readily got for ordinary lots. Little business is being done in pig iron, but the few transactions lately reported are at quotations. Ingot tin, zinc, copper, etc., are all very steady. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$18 to 18.50; Hamilton No. 1, \$15 to 15.50; No. 2 do., \$14 to 14.50; Ferrona No. 1, \$14.50 to \$15; machinery scrap, \$12 to 13; common ditto, \$11 to 12; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.30 to 1.40; British, \$2 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5; Canada plates—Pontypool, or equal, \$2.20 to 2.25, 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets, \$2.30 to 2.35; 75 sheets, \$2.40; all polished Canadas, \$2.45; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$5.90 to \$6; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.25; No. 26, \$2.15; No. 24, \$2.05; No. 17, \$2; No. 16, and heavier, \$2.15; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.60 to 5.70; charcoal, I.C. Alloway, \$3.25; ditto, I.X., \$3.90 to 4; P.D. Crown, I.C., \$3.60 to 3.75; do., I.X., \$4.50; coke, I.C., \$2.90 to 3; do., standard, \$2.75 to 2.80 for 100 lbs.; coke, wasters, \$2.70; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, \$4; No. 26, \$3.75; No. 24, \$3.50 in case lots; Morewood, \$5 to 5.10; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 5½c.; No. 26, etc., the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.65 to 1.75; English hoops, \$2 to 2.15. Steel boiler plate, ¼-inch and upwards, \$1.85 to 1.90 for Dalzell and equal, ditto, three-sixteenths inch, \$2.50; tank iron, ¼-inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths, do., \$2; tank steel, \$1.75; heads, seven-sixteenths, and upwards, \$2.45 to 2.50; Russian sheet iron, 9c.; lead, per 100 lbs., \$3.70 to 3.75; sheet, \$4 to 4.10; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast-steel, 8 to 10c.; toe calk, \$2.25; spring, \$2.50; sleigh shoe, \$1.85; tire, \$1.90; round machinery steel, \$2.25 to \$3, as to finish; ingot tin, 20¼c. for L. & F. Straits, 20c.; bar tin, 21 to 22c.; ingot copper, 13¼ to 13½c.; sheet-zinc, \$6.50;

Silesian spelter, \$5.65; Veille Montagne spelter, \$5.75; American spelter, \$5.65; antimony, 9½ to 10c.

**WOOL.**—The wool market shows great firmness, and some importers claim to be getting an advance on recent prices. Buying, on the part of millmen, is, however, quite light, the few moderate transactions reported for the week being Capes of good quality at about 16c., and some Natal at 18c. B.A. scoured is scarce, and firm at 33 to 36c. per lb.

#### LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, December 22nd, 12.30 p.m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	0	0
Red Winter	0	02½
No. 1 Cal	0	0
Corn	3	11
Peas	5	10½
Lard	27	6
Pork	50	0
Bacon, heavy	27	6
Bacon, light	27	0
Tallow	20	9
Cheese, new white	48	0
Cheese, new colored	48	6

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