

ances would seem to indicate a large movement the coming week. Payments continue to be remarkably well met, the percentage of renewals being very small. There has been considerable activity in the money market and rates rule firm. The demand for call loans is good, and the general rate unchanged at 6 per cent. Time loans are apparently not wanted. Commercial paper is in fair offer, with really prime discounted at 5 per cent. and ordinary at 7. Sterling exchange is firm; 60-day bills are quoted at 109½ between banks and 109½ across the counter; demand bills, 110¼ to 110½. There has been an active stock market and bank shares show a considerable advance on last week. Montreal sold up to 210, Toronto to 173, Commerce to 145, Imperial to 139, Federal to 164, Dominion to 196½, Ontario to 61½, and Standard to 116½. Loan and miscellaneous shares quiet and firm.

**CLOVER.**—Values have been easy all week in absence of export demand. Moderate offerings were made with sales of good seed in car lots at \$4.80 to 4.90. Inferior qualities sell as low as \$4.60 per bushel. Alsike quiet and steady at \$7.50 to 8.25. Timothy in moderate demand at \$2.75 to 3.25 per bushel.

**DRY GOODS.**—The mildness of the season and the prospect of open water has hastened the demand for spring goods, and buyers are thinking of spring stocks a month earlier than they were needed last spring which was a late one. Although country retailers in certain districts are burthened with too many winter woollens, (which must tell on the fall trade and ought to lessen the fall importations of our wholesale dealers), still the orders for spring and summer woollen fabrics are coming in with remarkable freedom. The styles of woollen dress goods in vogue this season are referred to elsewhere in this issue. Printed and woven cottons are offering in great variety of styles and prices. The flax trade in Britain, according to early February advices, showed easier prices, hems being slightly lower, common tows difficult to sell, but values maintained in best qualities; flax yarns and fine linens improved in activity and value. The English carpet trade is reported in a healthy condition at an advanced list; prices tho' still low are more remunerative than they were, most of the Kidderminster mills are now working full time.

**DRUGS.**—There has been a fair volume of trade the past week, and prices generally ruled steady. Letter orders are in moderate receipt, and some good-sized parcels have been put up. The duty being removed from Quinine, prices are lower. Opium is slightly firmer than last week. For other changes see prices-current. Chemicals are in better demand and prices firm owing to limited stock.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—*Flour.*—Stocks in store 7,258 bbls against 6,658 bbls. last week and 8,966 bbls at a like time last year. The movement although a little in excess of the previous week, has been small. The demand has been limited as well as offerings, and few transactions have been made beyond immediate requirements. Superior extra, old standard, has changed hands at \$5.47½ and 5.50 and new standard at \$5.57½ and 5.60. No sales of extra or spring extra are reported, and prices are nominal at ten cents lower than the figures quoted for superiors. Bran continues scarce and firm at \$16.00 to 16.50 on track. Oatmeal very quiet and steady at \$4.50 to 4.65 for car lots according to brand, and \$4.75 to 4.90 for small lots. Cornmeal dull and nominal at \$3.60 to 3.65.

**GRAIN.**—But a very limited trade has been done during the week. The feeling generally has been firm for wheat and flour, but barley sold at a decline of 1c. Total stocks in store are 653,856 bushels against 659,509 bush. last week and 642,270 bush. at like time last year. *Fall Wheat.*—Stocks 249,220 bush. as compared

with 245,108 bush. last week and 109,259 bush. at a like time in 1881. No sales of this grade are reported; the enquiry is good, but at prices below the views of holders. No. 2. would bring from \$1.24 to 1.25. *Spring Wheat.*—Stocks 92,630 bush. against 88,250 bush. last week and 76,350 bush. last week and 76,350 bush. at a like time last year. On Saturday last a few cars of No. 2 choice sold at \$1.25 on track. Few sales have been made since, and the market closes steady. No. 1 Spring is nominal at \$1.28 to 1.29. No. 2 offers at 1.27 and No. 3 at \$1.25. with buyers of car lots at a cent less. For May delivery No. 2 is worth \$1.28. *Oats.*—Stocks in store 4,133 bush. same as last week. Demand and offerings small; prices about the same as last week, there being sales of Western at 42c. and of Eastern at 40c. on track. *Barley.*—Stocks 271,122 bush. as compared with 286,136 bush. last week and 364,717 bush in 1881. The movement this week has been chiefly confined to the lower grades which have ruled fairly steady. There is some enquiry from the States but sales to dealers there have somewhat diminished. No. 1 offers at 88c. No. 2 choice at 85c and No. 2 at 82c. Sales of the latter have been made at the price quoted. No. extra has been fairly active at 76 to 77c. and No. 3 at 73c. *Peas and Rye* nominal.

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