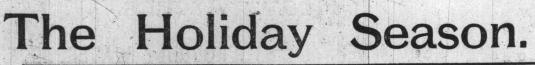
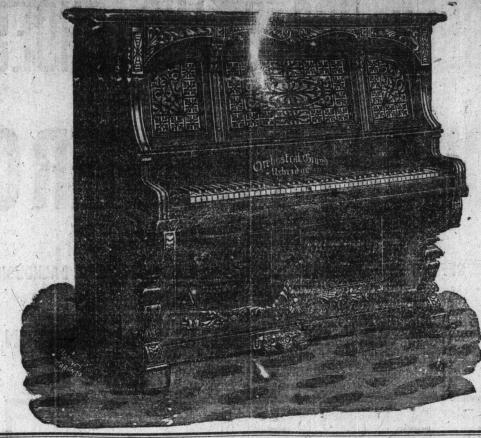
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LEATHER, HIDES AND WOOL.

The weather is interfering with business a good deal, although during the last day or so there has been a slightly better demand, mostly for fruits. In sugars demand at the moment is principally for granulated. Outside the market is easy, granulated declining 1-16c in New York yesterday to 4c a pound. Demand for fruit is steady at fair prices. Coffees are only in fair demand at includinged prices. Spices dull at former prices. Teas are selling rather better than is usual at this season. Molasses and syrups dull. Canned goods dull and unchanged. DRYGOODS.

The weather has been somewhat unfavorable for the movement of heavy goods. There has however, been a fair amount of business doing for his time of year and December promises to be more satisfactor; than the same month last year, demand being better for all classes of goods. Travelers are sending in fair orders, and there is a totter house trade. Taken on the whole business is assuming better proportions. The prospects continue to improve. Stocks in country retailers hands are not large, and as they are busy just now isseems reasonable to anticipate at least a fairly brisk spring trade. Reports during the last few days from travelers in different parts of the province state that they have found their customers too busy to look at samples. The feature of the trade at the moment is an active demand for 54-inch tweed effects in dress goods. Flannelets, fiannels and woolens are in fair request, but staples are not as a rule active. Sorting up trade seems to be over, getting on its last legs for the season. Payments are fairly good.

CANADIAN LUMBER TRADE.

A Dealer's Views on the Local, Western and Shipping Business-Prices Likely to Rule Steady, "The lumber trade locally has fallen off con

siderably during the year," replied the senior partner of a well-known lumber firm. "As a re

suit, failures have been numerous, particularly during the last six months. Fact of the matter is there has been no local trade to speak about. during the last six months. Fact of the matter is there has been no local trade to speak about. You see there have been comparatively few dwelling—houses put up. There have been a number of large building erected, but you cannot compare the down town buildings of this year, work on them being as a rule spread over two or three years. And then very little wood is used in them. It is in the erection of the ordinary small houses that immer is used.

"There has been, I know, a large increase in the number of building permits, but it must be remembered that the area over which permits are necessary has been so extended lately that it now nearly covers the whole city. Before that the houses in the eastern and western parts of the city weige put up without permits. Now, permits are required and, we of course get a record of everything that is erected.

"With regard to the lumber trade in Western Ontario. That is quother section that is supplied from this point. True, it has been fair, but taken on the whole it has not been up to that of last year. I guess the farmers felt the pinch of last spring too much to indulare in building operations. Neither did they articipate the big trop. Taken on the whole our radie with Western Ontario has been just fair. "But," he added as his face no that whole our radie with Western Ontario has been just fair. "But," he added as his face illumined somewhat, "there has been quite a large increase in the shipping trade to the United States. In the car trade, especially, there was a very large increase. Our shipments have been direct from the boothers mills, and we have been sending direct to the south and southwest points reached by the Grand Trunk. You remember that last winters are the send than the farmers as kind of concession to lumber men for the shorter mills, and we have been sending direct to the south and southwest points reached by the Grand Trunk. You remember that last win-

to the south and southwest points reached by the Grand Trunk. You remember that last winter, as a kind of concession to lumber men for the shortage of ears during the fall, the Grand Trunk put downrates to United States points. At the same times the Americans lowered the duty on lumber to \$1 per thousand feet. These two facts enabled us to get access to the markets of the other side with our common lumber. This was exactly what we wanted.

"We had not minch stock to start on this year. You know last winter they did not get out as much as usual consequently there was not so much lumber to handle. Neither was there as many men in the business. Fut, I guess, speaking generally, the increased trade with the United States has made up for the deficiency in the local and western trade. Thorefore, taking the trade as a whole, it has been as good as last year."

"What are present stocks like?"

"Well, there are no very large stocks on hand. In fact I don't know of any stocks of any size that have not aiready passed into second hands. One thing is certain, mill men are not holding big stocks. One thing is certain, that men are not noting our stocks.

"There have been no failures of any magnitude in the lumber trade this year, those going under being mostly small affairs. But you must not forget that there are not now so many in the trade as a few years ago."

"How do you wiew prospects?"

"Well, it is too carry to say what the spring trade will be like. A good deal depends on the amount of stock that will be got our during the winter. There is every prospect of a good trade being done with the United States, but we

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Toronto men have been taking advantage
of the condition of the matter there and made Financial Topics—Budget of Financial fairly liberal purchases. The price paid was 4½c a pound. The duty is 1c a pound, but as the freight from Chicago is little or nothing more than the weather during the week has interfered a deal with the movement of merchandise.

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GRAIN AND FLOUR.

There was a little more movement reported on the local market to-day, but the feeling on prices was decidedly bearish. Cables were dull and lower.

Wheat—There was some improvement in business, but prices were easy. Standard white was taken by millers at 89c west, and spring lying east sold at 91c for straight. Exporters continue to-hold off. No. 2 Manitoba hard sold at 99c and \$1, North Bay, and No. 3 at 934c. No. 2 northern at North Bay sold at 93c to 934c. On. 2 northern at North Bay and at 93c to 934c. On. 2 northern at North Bay with 98c bid; No. 3 hard to arrive at North Bay offered at 93c, with 92c bid, Brandon freights. No. 2 regular to arrive at North Bay offered at 98c.

Oats—Demand for export is fairly good at equal to 31c and 32c outside; 2 cars of white sold on track at 35c, and another of mixed changed chands at the same price.

Barley—Demand poor and offerings liberal; No. 9 3 sold at 41c and 49c, several cars selling at the 2 inside price; 2-rowed offered at 53c with 50c bid.

Peas—Quiet and unchanged, with sales west at 61c and east at 43c.

Buckwheat—Unchanged, with sales east at 53c. Outmeal—Much as before, with odd cars offering west at \$4 a barrel.

Bran—Scarce and wanted, with \$16 bid, delivered here.

Flour—Inaceive and easy; standard strong

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FISH EATING KNIVES AND FORKS. ALEXANDER & FERGUSSON.

The local tallow market has developed a good deal of dulness during the last few days. Quietness is in order about this time of the year, but it has been hastened on this occasion by outside influences. Tallow is low in Chicago, and some

crops is obvious. The relief of the congested state of the traffic between Buffalo and New York was no doubt also in view when the rail-

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MONEY TO LOAN

Gossip From Chicogo.

Kennett, Hopkins & Oo. to R. Cochran:
Increase in shipments from all over for the week of 1,660,000 bushels over the previous week and the decrease on ocean passage of 800,000 bushels shows that foreign markets must have received about 250,000 bushels more last week that for week before. This explains why these markets have shown unusual weakness. Their surplus were all ready and they could not easily aboorb the large increased receipts on failing markets. Clearances have been considerably above the average, and some traders assume that if they should continue at anything like this rate they will further depress foreign markets. Cables were very heavy to-day, and what added to the weakness was a despatch from The Liverpool Corn Trade News saying that Russia had issued an official report stating that crops in that country, including Poland, were 25,000,000 bushels (in excess of Russian requirements. This is important, if true, and will doubtless have its effect on prices. Prospects of a cold wave stimulated shorts covering and market closed at a recovery of 96c.

J. J. Dixon & Co.'s correspondents: Corn open-

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Montreal, 225
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Peuple, 100 and 97½; Molsons, 165 and 160;
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Toronto, 230 and 220; Ontario, 1136 and 160; Banque Jacques Cartier, 100 and 97½; Molsons, 165 and 160; Toronto, 230 and 201; Commerce, 135 and 150; Montreal offered 91; Commerce, 135½ and 131; Northwest Land Co., 82½
and 80; Rich, & Ont. Nav. Co., 87½; and 58; Hurnes steady, 3 to 5 points and 80; Rich, & Ont. Nav. Co., 87½; and 50; Hurnes steady, 3 to 5 points and 80; Rich, & Ont. Nav. Co., 87½; and 80; Montreal Gas Co., 101; Pass. R.R., 186 and 183; Montreal Gas Co., 201; Pass. R.R., 186 and 183; Montreal Gas Co., 201; Pass. R.R., 186 and 183; Montreal Gas Co., 201; Pass. R.R., 186 and 183; Montreal Gas Co., 201; Pass. R.R., 186 and 183; Montreal Gas Co., 201; Pass. R.R., 186 and 183; Montreal Gas Co., 201; Pass. R.R., 186 and 183; Montreal Gas Co., 201; Pass. R.R., 186 and 183; Montreal Gas Co., 201; Pass. R.R., 186 and 183; Montreal Gas Co., 201; Pass. R.R., 186 and 183; Montreal Gas Co., 201; Pass. R.R., 186 and 183; Montreal Gas Co., 201; Pass. R.R., 186 and 183; Montreal Gas Co., 201; Pass. R.R., 186 and 183; Montreal Gas Co., 201; Pass. R.R., 186 and 183; Montreal Gas Co., 201; Pass. R.R., 186 and 183; Montreal Gas Co., 201; Pass. R.R., 186 and 183; Montreal Gas Co., 201; Pass. R.R., 186 and 183; Montreal Gas Co., 201; Pass. R.R., 186 and 183; Montreal Gas Co., 201; Pass. R.R., 201; Pass. R

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The local Stock Exchange has moved its quarters temporarily to room No. 24, Canada Life coast 428 6d, was 428 9d. London—Good ship the No. 1 Cal., prompt sail, 448, was 438 9d. London—Good ship the No. 1 Cal., prompt sail, 448, was 488 9d. London—Good ship the No. 1 Cal., prompt sail, 448, was 448 9d. London—Good ship the No. 1 Cal., prompt sail th

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LIVERPOOL MARKETS.
LIVERPOOL, Dec. 15.—Wheat dull, deman holders offer moderately. Corn quiet, poor. Receipts—Wheat, past three days, centals, including 116,000 centals American same time, 80,700 American, weather

Business was active and values steady to-day. Montreal was strong and sold at 224½ and 224½. Toronto was wanted at 227, a decline of ½. Merchants' was quoted fractionally higher. Commerce sold at 136 for 77 shares. Bids for Imperial closed fractionally lower. Dominion was firm, 40 shares selling at 248½. Bids for Standard advanced 1 to 170. Hamilton sold at 175 for 15 shares, 23½ higher than yesterday's closing bid. Western Assurance and Northwest Land sold as before at 150 and 81½ respectively. Canadian Pacific was active and firm, its shares selling at 91½ to 91½. Commercial Cable sold up to 147½. Beil Telephone sold stronger, its shares selling up to 152. Quotations are: Liverpool, Dec. 15.—Cotton weak. Americaniddlings, 45-16d. ASSIGNEES IN TRUST. Accountants and General Financial Agents.
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