mand, and moderately offered; corn was in poor demand and firmer.

TORONTO STOCKS IN STORE.

Stocks of grain in store at Toronto elevators are as follows on dates given:—

	Dec. 26, 1892.	Dec. 28. 1891.
Fall wheat, bush.	149,114	34,963
Red " "	.....	6,700
Spring " "	38,131	21,414
Hard " "	89,067	21,640
Goose " "	9,000	4,500
Oats, "	28,436	7,958
Barley, "	73,838	150,102
Peas, "	2,690	3,194
Rye, "	.....	.....
Corn "	.....	400
Total bush	380,276	250,871

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The visible supply of grain in the United States and Canada according to the Chicago estimates, is as follows, with comparisons:

	Dec. 24, 1892.	Dec. 26, 1891.
Wheat, bush	79,835,000	44,620,000
Corn, "	11,126,000	5,864,000
Oats, "	6,673,000	3,720,000
Rye, "	1,197 000	2,492,000
Barley, "	2,280,000	2,402,000

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on 15th Dec. were 1,577,987 bushels. During the week there were received 229,932 bushels, and shipped *nil* bushels. Leaving in store on the 22nd Dec., 1,807,919 bushels.

GROCERIES.—Beyond holiday business there has been no movement this week, but the seasonable demand has been an exceedingly good one, and retail houses have had about as much as they could do. As far as the wholesale houses are concerned, they usually devote this week to taking stock. Sugars have been noticeably dull; in dried fruits there has been the most demand; spices have also been in fair request, and tea has been selling steadily. But beyond those few special lines, practically nothing has been wanted.

HARDWARE.—Though there has not been much doing in iron and hardware, there has been a fair movement in "holiday supplies," such as silver-plated ware, lamps and the finer grades of cutlery. Generally, however, trade has been quiet. Cable advices report tinplates dull in the British markets. Prices in Toronto are unchanged. We do not anticipate much will be doing for a week or two.

HIDES, SKINS, ETC.—But little business has been done during this week. An ample supply of green hides has appeared, all of which have sold at prices that have been well maintained; cured has been wanted and sold at 5 to 5½c. per lb. No calfskins have been on the market and prices are merely nominal. There has been only a moderate supply of sheepskins, selling at one dollar; the supply of dry skins has been small and prices range from 75 to 80c. each.

LEATHER.—There has been little enquiry for leather this week, as besides making holiday and taking stock, nothing of consequence has been done. Prices here are unchanged, but continue very steady. Payments are, for the time of the year, reported to be good. During the last few days several enquiries have been received here from the East in reference to prices.

LIVE STOCK.—Farmers have done well in acting so promptly on the advice given them in the MONETARY TIMES for last week, to hold back their stock, as there has been absolutely no demand at the Western cattle yards for anything. Up to the time of writing only a couple of loads had been sent in this week, one of them sold for Montreal, but the remainder is yet in the yard; there is scarcely any hope of business being done until next Tuesday, as butchers here are usually well supplied, and in the present weather none of the stock will spoil. In the circumstances no quotations need be given.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.—No movement can be reported just now in paints and oils; turpentine and linseed oil are both unchanged in price. There is some activity in window glass, which is firm in price.

PROVISIONS.—Business rather quiet. Roll butter has been in good demand locally at from 15 to 18c. per lb.; choice dairy has been quiet at 18 and 19c. for selected; medium has been plentiful and easy at from 14 to 16c.; on the street offerings have been limited, with pound

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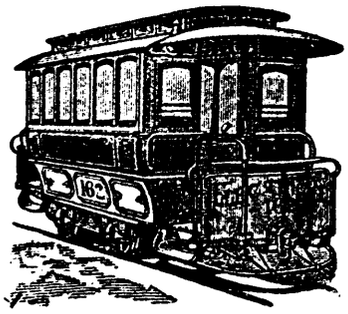
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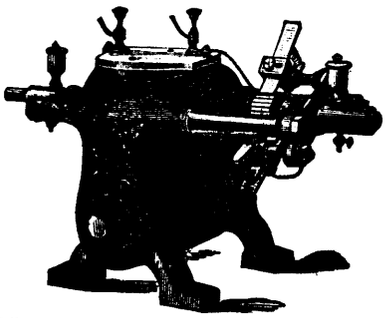
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