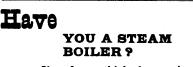
good local demand for rye, while export enquiries are also fair; stocks are not heavy. Buckwheat continues in active demand, but stocks are in narrow compass.

The following table shows the stocks of grain in store at Toronto for the week ending Dec. 11 and at corresponding time last year:

Fall wi	heat,	bush.		Dec. 11, 1893. 79,395	Dec. 12 1892. 119,150
Red	44	**	•••••	nil	nil
Spring	44	66		14,107	35.624
Hard	**	**	· · · · · · · · · ·	54,961	85.094
Goose	**	• 11		1,012	8,500
Oats,		**		29,724	27,405
Barley,		**			74,348
Peas,		**		5,491	2,382
Rye		66		nil	nil
Corn		**		nil	nil

352,506 GROCEBIES .--- The wholesale houses are very busy; but no large volume of goods is being turned over. Coffees are in fair request; stocks of green Rios being still scarce, some consignments are expected in the market this week. Large sales of currants, raisins and other dried fruits have been made of late days. It is said that some fine grade Patras currants are being sold branded as Vostizza, genuine Vostizza are worth not less than 63c per lb. A fair quantity of sugars have been moving. Teas are in fair request and as usual for the Ohristmas trade the better grades are being called for called for.

HARDWARE AND METALS. - The Christmas trade is now in full movement, and is quite up to expectations, although merchants report that the goods taken this year are not of as expensive a quality as in former years. Sleighing has had a good effect upon the general



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trade, and better orders have, within the last few days, shown a marked inorease. Values in metals as a rule remain steady. Wat-son's report of December 1st says: The advance in the Scotch pig iron market has been fairly well maintained this week, and there has been a good turnover of Warrants. The coal strike in Scotland continues, and in consecuence the iron trade of the district is consequence the iron trade of the district is almost at a standstill. As both partice, how-ever, appear anxious for a settlement, it is expected that terms will soon be arranged.

HIDES AND SKINS .- Prices continue steady. Sales of oured hides at 41c. per lb., in car lots are reported. Calfskins are neglected. Sheepskins remain at 750 each, and all offerings are readily taken; pullers continue to bring sheep-skins in from Chicago and the United States markets. Tallow is firm and is selling readily; quotations are unaltered, rough stands at 2c., and rendered at 51 to 6c. per lb.

LEATHER. - Most houses report trade in rather a quiet shape. There is a very fair demand from Eastern manufacturers for sole, but the country jobbing trade is dull. Some



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