

Douglas' auction sale of teas: these prices, however, indicate a falling off of 3c per lb. *Japan*—16 hf-chests new crop, uncolored, at 28½c; 76 do at 27c; 25 at 25c, 255 at 26½c, 272 at 26c, 188 at 26½c, 26 at 23½c, 23 at 28½c, 30 at 25½c, 50 at 24c, 30 dust at 16c, 11 do at 17c, 30 do sifting at 15½c, 17 do at 16c. *Oolong*—15 hf-chests choicest U. S. at 25c; 30 boxes do first crop at 24½c. *Congou*—10 hf-chests first crop Kaisow at 26c; 18 do do breakfast at 27c; 51 do do Yong How at 25½c. *Souchong*—13 hf-chests first pickings Lapsang at 36c; 25 do do at 37c. *Coffee*.—There was a moderate demand for coffee at the sale and a number of sales effected at about 2c. under value, 37 bags Java at 23½c, 20 at 23c; 44 at 22½c; 10 at 19c, 10 at 23c, one cask at 23½c; three half-chests Mocha at 27½c, 2 at 28c; 4 bags Rio at 18c. Mocha is scarce and brought good prices. *Sugar*.—We noted a slight reduction on refined sugars but this week the fall has been regained in sympathy with the New York market. We quote lumps 10½ to 10½c granulated 9½ to 10½c; grocers A. 9½ to 9½c; yellows 7½ to 9c. *Raw sugar* 7½ to 8½c. *Molasses*.—There were five puns of Barbadoes sold by auction at 49c. and five puns Cardenas at 30½c. per imperial gallon. *Syrups* are quiet, refiners' prices are 3½ to 3½ 4 and 4½c. per lb. *Rice* is dull, current rates being \$3.90 to 4.10. *Spices* generally are firm; B. Pepper being now held for 12c; W. Pepper is scarce at 18 to 19c. *Cloves* sold by auction at 34 to 36½c. now held for 36 to 46c. *Fruits*.—There is a firmer feeling in the market. *Layer* raisins \$2.30 to 2.50. *Valencias* sold at auction at 7½ to 7½c. now held for 7½ to 7½c; currants are held from 6 to 8c. for good to fair although auction prices were under these figures. *Prunes* 5½ to 7c. *Malaga figs* in mats 6 to 6c; *Eleme figs* in small boxes 18 to 20c; *Tarragona almonds* 13½ to 15c; *Provence almonds* 18 to 14c; *Filberts* 8; 10c; *Bordeaux Walnuts* 7½ to 8½c; *Grenoble ditto*, 10 to 11½c. *Hides*.—Green Butchers Hides are steady at \$10, \$9 and \$8. *Lambskins* are unchanged at \$1.10 to 1.25c. The usual monthly advance will likely have to be noted next week.

HARDWARE.—A good feeling exists as to the future of heavy hardware. Advices from the other side report Pig Iron and all metals as "very firm and advancing." A good many goods have changed hands in this market at advanced prices, and in Pig Iron and Tin Plates some large transactions have been effected. The general state of business for the time of the year is satisfactory and remittances are coming in well. We quote *Pig iron* per ton. Coltness, \$21.00 to 21.25; Gartsherrie, \$20.00 to 20.50; Summerlee, \$19.75 to 20.00; Eglinton, \$18.75 to 19.25; Carnbroe, \$19 to 19.25; Langham, \$21 to 21.50. *Bars* per 100 lbs. *Scotch* and *Staffordshire*, \$1.90 to 1.95; best ditto \$2.15 to 2.25; *Swedes* and *Norway*, \$4.25 to 4.50; *Lowmoor* and *Bowling* \$6.00 to 6.50; *Canada plates* per box—Glenmorgan and Budd to \$3.75; Arrow \$4.50; Hatton \$3.50 to 3.75. *Tin plates* per box *Charcoal* IC., \$6.50 to 7.00; ditto, IX, \$8.50 to 9.00; ditto, DC., \$6.00 to 6.50; *Coke* \$5.00 to 6.00; *Tinned Sheets*, No. 28, Char IC., 12 to 13c; *Galvanized Sheets*, 28 best, \$7.50 to 8.00; *Hoops and Bands*, \$2.50 to 2.75; *Sheets*, best brands, \$2.75 to 3.25; *Boiler Plate*, \$2.75 to 3.50; *Lead*, Pig, per 100 lbs., \$4.50 to 4.75; ditto, Sheet, \$5.50 to 6.00; ditto, Bar, \$5.75 to 6.25; ditto, Shot, \$6.25 to 6.50; *Cast Steel*, 12 to 13c; *Spring Steel*, \$4.50 to 5.00; *Sleigh Shoe Steel* \$2.75 to 3.00; *Tire Steel*, \$3.00 to 3.25; *Ingot Tin*, 25.00 to 26.00; *Ingot Copper*, \$18.00 to 18.50; *Sheet Zinc*, \$5.75 to 6; *Spelter*, \$5.50 to 5.75; *Horse Shoes* \$4.00 to 4.50; *Iron Wire*, per bbl. of sixty-three pounds, \$1.80 to 2.25; *Cut nails*, 3in. to 6in. hot cut American and Canadian pattern \$2.60; 2½in and 3½in do. do. \$2.85; 1½ to 2½in do. do. \$3.10; 1½in do. do. \$3.60.

LEATHER.—There has been no particular

activity in the market, though a fair amount of stock has been sold. A fair inquiry exists for good Spanish sole, at previous quotations. Splits and upper are quiet, though several small sales have been effected by a slight concession in price. The demand for harness has fallen off very considerably, and prices are weaker. The enquiry for buff and pebble is only moderate, though very cheap lots offering are readily picked up. We repeat our last weeks quotations.

OILS.—*Cod Oil* is easier, receipts are larger and prices lower. Sales have been reported at 57c per Imperial Gallon. *Seal* is quiet, and some concessions would have to be made on our quotations in order to effect sales. We still quote pale 55c; straw 50c. and steam refined 62½c. with a fair supply and rather weak market. *Linseed Oil* is not very firm, but quotations are nominally unchanged; Raw 72 to 74c; Boiled 76c per gallon. *Petroleum.*—The market has been a shade weaker here, and we quote prices down about ½c. but as prices in London are firm we need not look for any lower prices here, the demand for consumption is good, but not a barrel is being bought on speculation. We now quote car lots 27c. in store; Broken lots 27½ to 28c. and single barrels 28½ to 29½c.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—Receipts for the week 7,837 pkgs; shipments 14,402 pkgs. Finest butter is scarce and in demand, buyers would pay from 20 to 23c. but holders are extreme in their views. Creamery is quoted at 24½ to 27c; medium grades are neglected. *Cheese.*—Receipts for the week 19,163 boxes; shipments 23,878 boxes. Market very dull, there being now no demand for shipment, we quote from 12 to 12½c. *Pork* is steady at the reduction noted last week, business being now confined to local wants. Mess \$17 to 17.50, thin mess \$16.50 to 16.75. *Lard* 12 to 12½c. for pails, and Canada tubs 11½ to 11½c. *Smoked hams* 12½c. *Bacon* 10½c. **SALT.**—We now quote coarse at 55 to 60c. the latter price being ex store. Factory filled is unchanged.

WOOL.—There has been a better demand for foreign wool and sales have been effected of Cape at 18 to 19½c. and Australian at 28 to 34c. Canada pulled is selling to a limited extent at 33 to 35c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Dec. 2nd, 1890.

The share market is weaker, prices have declined from 1 to 2 per cent., and there were no sales yesterday of bank stocks, while the only sale of Loan Company shares was one of Peoples' at 109. A scare in the Montreal stock market was occasioned, nominally, at least, by a report that a heavy demand had been made upon leading Canadian banks for money to be used in New York, which demand must tighten money there. This story was sufficient to depress the market from 1 to 10 per cent on various securities, which we take to be fair evidence that prices were quoted too high else they could not have been lowered for such slight reason. The "scare" feeling has been reflected here. Merchandize sales continue moderately active and payments good.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The feeling with respect to is trade this hopeful, and sorting-up business is moderate. The *S. & L. Reporter* of last week announces 55 buyers in the Boston market on the 26th ult., and the week's shipments to points outside of New England were 31,599 cases, a good part of which were rubbers, against 27,638 previous week, and 27,113 same week last year. Total shipments to outside places since January 1st were 2,139,898 pairs against 1,870,711 pairs last year same time.

COAL AND WOOD.—Prices of fuel have advanced and dealers are stiff in their views. *Coal*.—The rise is equal to 50c per ton, making price of hard egg, stove and nut, \$6.50. Lehigh lump, \$8.00; Briar Hill, \$6.50; Blossburg, \$5.50. *Wood* also is higher, maple being quoted \$5 50, and pine \$4.25.

CATTLE.—Trade is very quiet, and *Beeves* are in poor supply; most of those offering have been unfit for export, being in reality second quality, for which 3½c to 4½c were paid. Prices of *Sheep* are firm, best bringing \$4 per 100 lbs, seconds \$3.25 to 3.50. *Lambs* are in request, prices ranging from \$3 25 to 4.25 each.

DAY GOODS.—The variable weather somewhat affects the sale of heavy winter goods. A week or two ago it was active in this market, but since the milder spell there is less enquiry. Travellers report good sleighing in some of the Western counties, especially Grey and Bruce. Remittances are generally very satisfactory. Last year the country dealers, owing to a mild winter, carried over a good many woollens. These are now pretty well cleared out, and many retailers find it needful to replenish. Values of cotton are well sustained, and the Canadian manufactured articles meet with warm welcome. All the large woolen mills east of Toronto have no manufactured stock on hand at the present time. They have made a clean sweep and are running on full time.

FREIGHTS.—Navigation being closed from this port, we can quote no sail or steam rates hence. Through rates by rail, and steamer from Portland, per Dominion and Beaver lines, are: flour and oatmeal, \$1.18 per bbl.; beef or pork in barrels, boxed meats, tallow and lard, 58c. per cental; butter and cheese, in not under 15,000 lb. lots, 73c., and in 5000 to 15,000 lb. lots, 83c. per cental; flour and meal in sacks 48c. p. 100 lbs, apples, prepaid, \$1.36 if in lots of 120 bbls. or more; dressed poultry and dead meats, 10,000 lb. lots or over, prepaid, \$1 per cental. G.T.R. present quotations hence to Liverpool for heavy grains, wheat and peas are 47c. per 100 lbs. for round lots, say 20,000 bushels.

GROCERIES.—Trade with retailers continues steady, parcels (for the most part being small; remittances are very fair. Prices are well maintained, *teas* selling most freely in good greens and blacks, *Japans* being comparatively quiet. *Sugars* have moved freely at full prices. *Fruit* is firm, though not particularly active; we hear of 70b lot of *Valencias* selling at 7½; *sultanas* have moved at 9½ for a round lot. *Currants* have sold in 100 bbl. lots as low as 6½c, but for ordinary retail lots 6½ to 7c is the quotation. *Rice* steady at 4½ to 4½c. *Tobaccos* are for the most part unchanged, with a good demand for the cheaper grades. *Liquors* are not especially active, *Gooderham & Worts'* whiskies have been advanced, as per our prices current.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Since our last, the markets both in Britain and the States have broken, prices are lower all over the list, and business is very quiet. *Flour.*—Stocks in store here 3,600 bbls. against 2,500 bbls. last week, and 12,050 bbls. on like date last year. *Superior Extra*, which sold at \$5.20 to 5.25 a week ago, is now nominal at \$5.15 to 5.20; *Extra* was selling at equal to \$5.00 now drags at \$5.05 to 5.10; *Strong Bakers*, would bring \$5.25 if there were any; *Spring Extra* and *Superfine* are nominal, none in market. There is little, if any movement in *oatmeal*, which continues as before quoted. *Bran* is very high for this time of year, being quoted at \$13.00 per ton by the car load.

GRAIN.—The market for all grains is quiet, wheat and flour being lower and barley decidedly "flattened out" after the flurry which the last fortnight witnessed. The altered rates of freight have doubtless influenced the decline. Oats, peas, rye, and corn maintain their values well. *Wheat.*—Fall. — Stocks in store here are 40,852 bush. against