

Bradley Charcoal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Charcoal I.C., \$4.25 to \$4.75; do. I.X., \$5.50 to \$6.00; Coke I.C., \$3.75 to \$4.00; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5c. to 7c. according to brand; Tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c. No. 26, 7c. the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.00; Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs., \$2.25; Staffordshire, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Common Sheet iron, \$2.00; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian Sheet Iron, 10c to 11c. Lead, per 100 lbs.—Pig, \$3.75 to \$4.00; Sheet, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Shot, \$6.00 to \$6.50; best cast steel, 11c to 13c, firm; Spring, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Tire, \$2.54 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Round Machinery Steel, 3c to 3½c per lb. Ingot tin, 25c; Bar Tin, 27 to 28c; Ingot Copper, 12c to 13c; Sheet Zinc, \$4.25 to \$5.00; Spelter, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.25, per 100 lbs.; Annealed do. \$2.30.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Linseed oil still quotes at 57 to 58c. for raw, boiled 60 to 61c.; castor 8½ to 8¾c. per lb.; olive \$1 to \$1.05; turpentine 55 to 56c.; steam refined seal 49 to 50c.; Nfld. cod 42½c. for pure; Halifax do. 35 to 36c.; cod liver 65 to 70c. Leads and colors are not changed. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$6.00; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25. Dry white lead 5½c.; red do. 4½ to 4¾c.; London washed waiting, 55 to 60c. Paris white, \$1.13 to \$1.25; Cookson's Venetian Red, \$1.75; other brands Venetian Red, \$1.50 to \$1.60; Yellow ochre, \$1.50; Spruce ochre, \$2 to \$3. Glass \$1.50 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.60 for second break.

SALT.—Not much doing in this line at the moment, but prices are steady. We quote coarse eleventh 55 to 57½c.; twelfth 52 to 45c.; factory-filled \$1.20 to \$1.25; Eureka \$2.40; Rice's pure dairy \$2.00; Turks Island 30c. per bushel; rock salt \$10 per ton.

WOOL.—Matters have ruled quiet the last week or so, and values are perhaps a shade easier. We hear of some sales of greasy Cape at from 15 to 17c.; Australian is quoted at 17 to 20c.; there has been a moderate enquiry for Canadian, prices of which are just as last quoted.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, 30th Dec., 1886.

Holidays have cut into the business of the Stock Exchange during the past week, and a further adjournment has now been made until the 3rd of January. Dealings have been limited. In Bank shares there was an inclination to weakness, but later on prices became firmer and leave off but slightly changed from a week ago. Commerce and Federal again absorbed nearly all the attention.

Insurance shares were steady and Canada Canada North-West Land strong at an advance of 1/6 in bids. There is no new feature in Loan Societies' shares.

FLOUR.—There is a rather firmer feeling in breadstuffs, but we cannot alter our prices of last week. At present, in this market, there is almost nothing moving either inward or outward. Oatmeal quiet and unchanged. Bran.—Dealers ask \$12, but cars can be had, we are told, at \$11.50.

GRAIN.—Little, if any, grain coming into the city this week, and we can discover no change in quotations. Wheat is firm, barley quiet at from 57c. for bright No. 1, and 55c. for No. 1 to 50c. for No. 2 and 40c. for No. 3. Oats are a trifle better, and peas in request at 52 and 54c. Nothing doing in either rye or corn.

GROCERIES.—Matters in this line have been dull for a fortnight, as usual at such a season. About mid-January some stir may be looked for. The sugar market is quiet, with prices fairly steady. Very little activity in teas, which are firm in New York and a trifle better in England. We quote the range in Congous and Souchongs from 17 to 60c. Demand for dried fruit has slackened, still there is no overstock. We quote London layer raisins \$2.50 to \$2.75; blk. baskets \$3.75; Tarragona almonds 16c; Sicily filberts 10½ to 11c. Coffees have been firm these two weeks past, since the advance. Jamaica we quote 14 to 20c; Java 21 to 27c.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Green hides are easier, we quote 8c. for both cows and steers. A car of cured, mixed, sold within the week at 8½c.,

as they grow poorer in quality a further fall in price is not improbable. Calfskins are dull; the demand for the domestic manufactured article appears to be affected by the substitution for it of split cow in some cases. Sheepskins, \$1 to \$1.10. Tallow, rough, steady at 2c. per lb. rendered is held at 4½c., and it is doubtful if even a round lot would be sold for less.

LEATHER.—Trade as a rule is quiet, and stock-taking is in progress. Payments by country dealers have been fairly well met. The market for Spanish sole is steady, with no accumulation. Heavy slaughter sole scarce and higher, we quote 28 to 30c. Manufacturers are at present slack, but will likely begin to buy after 1st January. Upper is firm and prime, scarce and advanced. In domestic calf the heavier weights are higher, say 75 to 80c. We advance the price of splits a cent per lb., to 25 to 28c.; they are in good supply and have been selling freely though there is no overstock. Round lots can probably be bought at a shade under our inside figure. Good harness is in demand, inferior grades neglected. There is nothing new to be said about buff or pebble.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—In this branch there is not much selling, stock-taking is the order of the day and enquiries are few. A number of orders have, however, been booked for forward delivery in spring; though English manufacturers are disposed to quote for immediate delivery only, unless at figures much advanced from present prices. The copper market is not quite so buoyant, but ingot tin is well maintained. It may be said that manufactured iron has advanced 10s per ton since December 1st, and this has affected such articles as tin plates and iron pipe. The former, especially cookes, has gone up in price 3d to 6d per box, and principal makers of the latter have formed a combination whereby an advance of 7½ to 10½ per cent. has been secured. This, added to a jump of 2s 6d in freights per ton all round has had the effect of stiffening prices, which will be more perceptible, however, when actual demand sets in.

PROVISIONS.—There has been some movement in butter; two carloads were sold since our last at 14 to 15c. Straight lots of inferior thrown out. A good enquiry exists from city trade for good qualities at 16 to 18c., but little has come to hand. Cheese is held firmly, but is quiet, the cable is 63/4. But little doing in hog products, as is usual at this time of the year. Long clear is sold at 8c.; hams 11c., and lard 9 to 9½c. Dressed hogs are arriving freely and sell at \$5.70 to 5.75. Eggs bring 17c. for pickled and 19c. for fresh.

WOOL.—Not much of our domestic wool goes to the States at present; there is a scarcity of coarse flax wool; we hear of an occasional car, only, of fleece combing being shipped. Canadian factory demand is quiet now, as usual, until stock-taking is over; it has been as good as in other years however. We quote prices paid by dealers here at 21c. for pulled combing, 23 to 25c. for pulled super, 26 to 28c. for extra. The price paid for ordinary domestic combing fleece is 22 to 23c., and for Southdown 24 to 25c. The tendency of fine foreign wools is downward.

BRITISH MARKETS.

The London Tea Letter of Messrs. Lewenz & Hauser Bros., dated 17th inst., says:

The market has continued very firm for China Congous, offerings at auction having again been very light and nothing being pressed for sale privately. But Indian teas were somewhat weaker, the weight quoted at public sale this week being too heavy to be well competed for just now, so near the close of the year. Congous and Souchongs went at full rates at auction and also the scented teas showed somewhat more firmness, while in the case of green teas a distinct improvement of ½ to ¾d per lb. in the lower and ¾ to 1d. in the upper lines was established. Latest telegrams from China give again a reduced estimate of the probable total export of green tea, putting some now at 22 million lbs. only, of which 7 to 8 million lbs. would come here and the rest to New York. The supply of green tea to this country and America would thus be less than last season by 5½ millions lbs., which would come very near a set off for the 7 million lbs. more Japan tea shipped to America this season.

J. McKittrick's market report on American and Canadian apples, says: The week ending 11th Dec., opened with a very small supply. The "Montreal," from Canada, with 2,711 barrels, was the only cargo offered on Monday, and her fruit met with a ready sale at full prices. For Wednesday, we had about 21,000 barrels for sale, and most of the parcels being in good condition and fair average fruit, the better tone mentioned in our last has been fully maintained. Some fancy Canadian fruit, received via New York, was sold at extreme prices—Baldwins, 21/-; Greenings, 17/3; Golden Russets, 19/-, and the general run of rates was good. New York fruit continues very small, both in quantity and quality and the best prices are made by Maine and Canadian shipments.

London reports arrivals as too heavy to expect good prices. There is no doubt Liverpool is the place to work off large lots of apples, and it becomes more and more so every season. We quote—"Nestorian" Baldwins, 12/6 to 15/-; Spies, 11/ to 12/-; Greenings, 8/6 to 11/6; Kings, 17/6. Glasgow is slightly better than of late, and I quote 11/6 to 12/- We quote:—

CANADIAN.

Baldwins	13/	to	18/3
Greenings	13/	"	17/3
Spies	13/6	"	15/3
Phoenix	15/6	"	"
Kings	18/	"	20/
Golden Russets	15/	"	16/3
Rox	12/9	"	"
Canada Reds	14/6	"	"
Ribston Pips	19/	"	20/

AMERICAN.

Baldwins (Boston)	10/3	"	13/3
" (Maine)	13/3	"	15/3
Greenings	10/3	"	16/6
Hubbardston	14/	"	15/3
Golden Russets	14/6	"	15/3
Kings	20/	"	22/
Newtown Pippins	25/	"	45/6

LONDON, December 18th.

There has been considerable speculation on the Glasgow Exchange this week, and G. M. B. Scotch pig iron warrants have been bought up to 44s. 4d. per ton. The usual reaction caused by speculators selling out to release profits, naturally followed, but warrants closed this afternoon with buyers at 43s. 6½d., an advance of 4½d. per ton this week. The stock in Connal's stores is 840,180 tons, an increase of 100 tons this week. The returns showing the quantity of iron in store indicate that the inflow of iron has, temporarily at least, ceased, and hopes are entertained that deliveries ex store will now make some reduction in the enormous stock. The quotations for makers' iron have been advanced this week, No. 1 Gartsherrie is 50s. an advance of 2s. 6d., and other brands are up about 1s. per ton. The shipments of pig iron this week been more favourable.

Friday, 17th Dec.—Copper: Highest £38 15s.; lowest, £38 12s. 6d. Chili bars, g. o. b.'s, cash, £38 12s. 6d. to £39; ditto three months, £39 7s. 6d. to £39 15s. English tough, £42 10s. to £43; ditto, best selected, £43 to £43 10s.; ditto strong sheets, £51 to £52. Tin: Highest, £100 12s. 6d.; lowest, £100 10s. Fine foreign, cash, Straits £100 12s. 6d. to £101 2s. 6d.; Australian, £100 15s. to £101 5s.; ditto, three months, £101 7s. 6d. to £101 17s. 6d. English ingots, £105.—Iron Trades Exchange.

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