

has been much speculation and holders are probably tired of holding on, block tin is lower abroad, and although tin plates have not yet been reduced they will likely follow; Iron continues steady, bar, which is especially active here, is firm, pig is not offering freely, the principal holders here being manufacturers, prefer to hold, it appears; prices are maintained. We quote Summerlee \$23.50 and Langloan \$23.50, in addition to brands in price current. Copper is unchanged. A decided stiffening is perceptible in rope, makers have advanced their prices, and merchants ask more for present stocks, higher figures will have to be paid in spring, no doubt.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Prices still tend lower, 9½ and 9c. are this week paid for green steers' and cows' hides respectively, with rather more than dealers care for even at these figures; 10 and 10½c are obtained for small lots; cured calf, and sheepskins are unchanged.

PAINTS AND OILS.—This branch of trade is usually dull at this time of the year, and the present week is no exception. But the fall season has been a favorable one for merchants in this line, although in some leading lines prices have been cut very close. Still, payments have been good and the losses by bad debts few. *Linseed oil* is quiet; notwithstanding the low prices quoted by Montreal dealers, prices here for raw are well maintained at 76 to 78c, and for boiled 80 to 82c. In New York there is an active demand for forward delivery at full prices, say 55c. Western crushers have reduced their prices 3c. and one western co is reported having reduced its prices to 50c. In Britain early in the month it was dull at £26 7/- in London, £25.10/- spot Hull delivery or £25.15/- December, and £26 first four months 1881. *Olive oil* quiet in London; common in good request. *Lard oil* is easier in American markets, but prices here are maintained at 86 for extra and 72 for No. 1. *Turpentine* is unchanged at 80 to 86c. *Venetian Red.*—We observe that favorite brands are in low supply in New York, and the market firm. We quote 2 to 2½c for English. *Yellow ochre*, 1½ to 2½c. The various qualities of *English vermilion* we quote 75 to 90c; *varnish*, No. 1 furniture 85c to \$1.00; brown japan, 80 to 90c. per imperial gal.

Provisions.—There is but little activity in this trade at present, and prices in most lines tend downward. Hog products move but slowly and prices are weaker. *Mess Pork* is held at \$16.50 to 17.00, the latter for small parcels; *smoked Hams*, 10½c to 11c; breakfast *smoked Bacon* is less plentiful, rolls being 9½ to 10c; long clear is held at 9 to 9½c and Cumberland at 8½ to 9c. *Lard* is in good demand and unchanged in price. *Cheese*—Liverpool advices of 4th give quotation 66/- to 67/-. Stock here is small, but a good deal is held in the country for high figures; we quote fine, 14c; common, 13 to 13½c. *Butter*, the most that offers is of inferior quality, which is not in demand and does not bring over 16 to 17c; some enquiry has been made on the part of English buyers for choice, but their limit was too low to secure any: 18c is the top figure offered for shipping lots, 19c would be paid for selections for the local trade, but country holders look higher; rolls have been sold here during the week at 18 and 20c to the trade. *Eggs* are higher, 20 to 22c are paid for fresh. *Dried Apples* dull and nominal. *Hops.*—The market is lower, brewers are holding back and will not pay over 22c for best, sales have been made at from that figure for fine down to 15c for inferior new, while yearling shave sold at 10 to 12c; New York advices of 20th say the market is easy, N. Y. quotations are, choice 1880, 21 to 22c; good to prime, 18 to 20c; fair to good, 17 to 18c; poor to fair, 13 to 17c; crop 1879, 15 to 20c.

Wool.—The market is moderately active, at about same prices as last week, 30, 30½, and even 31c has been paid for *fleece*, prices are unchanged for *pulled*. Combing wools are in price

too near what must pay the higher rate of American duty for anything to be made by shipping them. Boston manufacturers complain that wool is held there above their views, but country holders in the Eastern States, have higher views than even city holders. The general tone of the London market at the end of November was firm. At the wool sales in that month, of colonial wools, good combing scoured, and fine cross bred Australian were in demand, also good Cape fleece and long Natal grease.

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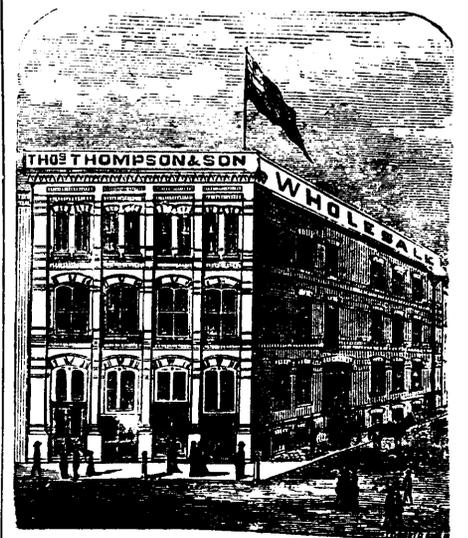
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