

METALS AND HARDWARE.—There is very little more, if any, life in the pig iron market, and transactions continued to be confined to small limits. Warrants are quoted a little higher at home, being cabled at 4½d, but there is advance in selling prices. Canada plates are about the only article in which there is any activity, there being a fair demand for present needs. The cargo of the wrecked "Warwick" is on the way up, and a good portion is reported saved in good shape. Tin plates and bar iron show no new features. General hardware trade is also quiet, orders being few and small in amount. We quote *Gartsherrie and Summers*, \$17.50 to 18 50; *Langloan*, \$19 to 19.50; *Coltress*, \$19.50; *Eglinton and Dalmington*, \$16.50 to \$17; *Hematite*, \$20.00 to 22.50, depending brand; on *Siemens*, \$18.50 to \$19.00; *Bar Iron* still \$1.75 to \$1.80; *Canada Plates* \$2.85 to \$2.90 *Tin Plates* *Bradley Charcoal*, \$6.00 to 6.25; *Charcoal I C* \$4.75 to \$4.90 as to brand; do. *I X*, \$6.25 to 6.50; *Ooke I O*, \$4.25 to \$4.40, *Galvanized Sheets*, No. 28, 6 to 7c, according to brand; *Tinned Sheets*, *ooke*, Nos. 24 to 26, 6½ to 7½c; *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs., \$2.25 to \$2.30; *Boiler Plate* per 100 lbs. *Staffordshire*, \$2.45 to \$2.55; *Steel Boiler Plate* \$3.25 to \$3.00; *heads* \$4.50; *Russian Sheet Iron*, 10½ to 11c. *Lead* per 100 lbs. — *Pig*, \$8.50 to \$4.00; *Sheet*, \$3.75 to \$4.00; *Shot*, \$6 to \$6.50; *best cast Steel*, 11½ to 12½c, firm; *Spring*, \$3.50, firm; *Tire*, \$3.25 to \$3.50, firm; *Sleigh Shoe*, \$2.25 to \$2.50. *Round Machinery Steel*, 8½ to 4c. per lb. *Ingot Tin*, 22 to 24c. *Bar Tin*, 25c; *Ingot Copper*, 16 to 16½c. *Sheet Zinc*, \$4.50 to \$5.00; *Spelter*, \$4.25 to \$5.50 *Bright Iron Wire*, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

OILS AND PAINTS.—Not a great deal is doing in oils but the line of the market generally is rather stronger all around. *Linseed* is steady at 55 to 56 to 56c. for raw in a jobbing way, 59 to 60c. for boiled. *Steam Refined Seal* is firmer, 62½ to 66c. being asked for lots; *Straw* 52½ to 55c.; *pale* oat 35 to 57½. *Cod Oil* is also a little stronger owing to a reported short catch, but owing to light demand there has been no material advance as yet. *Olive* and *Castor* as before. There is an active demand for *Cod Liver Oil* in New York and the price has been advanced to \$1.25 to \$1.30. *Turpentine* firmer at 50 to 52½c. in lots. *Paints and colors* unchanged as follows:—*White Lead* (genuine and first-class brands only) \$6.25 to \$6.75; No. 1 \$5.50 to \$6.00; No. 2, \$5.00 to 5.50; No. 3, \$4.50 to \$4.75. *Dry White Lead* 6 to 6½c.; *Red do.* 5 to 5½c. These prices for round lots. *London Washed Whiting* 55 to 60c.; *Paris White* \$1.25 to 1.50; *Cookson's Venetian Red* \$2.00 to 2.50; *Yellow Ochre*, \$1.50 to 1.75; *Paris Green*, 19 to 20c.

PROVISIONS.—In butter the market is a good deal stronger, and though there is not much trading in the city, there has been a good deal of buying in the country. Good Township butter is in demand and scarce, we quote *Creamery* 19 to 20½c.; *Township* and equal 16 to 18c.; *Western* 12 to 15c. *Cheese* is steady at 9½ to 10c. for extra, and a good deal of buying going on at the factories. In pork there is a fair business doing, and there is a slight advance in Western mess; we quote *Canada short cut* \$20 to \$21.50; *Western mess* \$19.25 to 19.75; *hams* 14 to 14½c.; *bacon* 13 to 13½c.; *lard* 10½ to 11½c. *Fresh laid eggs* are scarce and higher, at about 17 to 18 cents.

SALT.—We can report nothing new in this line; trade is of a fair ordinary character. *Eleven* still quote at 40 to 42c.; a few *twelves* offering at 35 to 37½c.; *factory filled* about \$1.20. *Importations* reported at Quebec are 76,094 sacks, against \$200,000 at same date last year.

WOOL.—Since last report there have been no large dealings, the few orders reported being for lots of 4,000 to 5000 lbs. of domestics, and matters among mill men continue very flat. We still quote *A supers* 26 to 28c.; *B ditto* 22 to 24c.; *Cape* 16½ to 18c. No Australian here.

STOCKS IN STORE.

	Aug. 4, 1884.	July 28, 1884.	Aug. 6, 1884.
Fall wheat, bush....	54,781	55,687	77,482
Spring " " " " " "	71,428	71,715	75,768
Oats " " " " " "	9,774	7,179
Barley " " " " " "	2,247	2,352	26,577
Peas " " " " " "	1,213	1,213	642
Rye " " " " " "	442	442	841
Corn " " " " " "	1,000	1,000
Total Grain	140,885	189,588	179,760

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, 7th August, 1884.

The past week seems generally to have been not a very active one in business. Harvesting, of course, has checked country orders for goods, and country shipments of produce. Neither has there been much of an export demand heard for anything. Still, the feeling has been almost universally that of contentment and confidence.

It is true that the weather, in some parts, has been rather unfavorable for wheat harvesting, but that has been counterbalanced by benefits of rain for roots, &c. Independently of the conviction that after all a good yield is morally certain, and that much of the damage done may be repaired, it is felt all over that nearly all classes had been preparing so carefully for a bad harvest, and keeping so anxiously out of the way of risks, that in any event no very serious trouble could be expected. A great many of our people have been away enjoying themselves on their holidays; and this fact, also, has tended to check trade somewhat. The opening of the fall season thus seems almost certain to be followed by a considerable amount of activity; and the only thing which we can see likely to check it is the fact that low prices are likely to rule for nearly all Canadian exports. The broad facts that nearly all grain-exporting countries are tolerably certain to have large surpluses, and that nearly all grain-importing countries are almost certain to need less of these than they have done of late, are tolerably certain to keep the prices of these goods low; and the further fact that Canadian prices have of late been higher than those in competing markets, is certain to lead to a larger fall in prices here than elsewhere. These facts may tell upon our trade; but after allowing for them, a prosperous future seems fairly to be expected.

Although there has been a reaction in some securities from the highest point reached, the improvement noticed last week has become more general and resulted in a marked advance in some of the leading speculative stocks. More satisfactory rumours about the condition of the Federal Bank and the excellent appearance of the crops, are the chief items to which the appreciation is attributed. Federal Bank rose buoyantly to 50½ on Tuesday, receded to 46½ on Wednesday, and closed with buyers at 47½ and sellers at 49. Bank of Toronto showed the greatest gain and buyers advanced from 168 to 175. Ontario, Commerce and Standard Banks each gained 1½ p.c. in bids. Imperial Bank rose 8½ in bids with no sellers, while other bank stocks improved fractionally. There was but little doing in insurance stocks, though British America rose 3 p.c. in bids to 95, with no stock offering for sale. Canada North-West Land Co. was 47 bid, being five shillings higher than at the close of last week. The feature of the loan societies' stocks was the jump up in the price of London & Canadian Loan from 130 to 135. There was a strong undertone to nearly the whole market at the close.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—This trade has been fairly active, sales have been small but many. Prices steady and unchanged, the only satisfactory feature is the fact that payments have not been as punctual as they ought to have been.

CATTLE.—Receipts have fallen off very largely and the supply of all sorts has been small, prices have consequently been firmer. Although cable advices have not been such as to increase the shipping demand, choice export lots would have brought 5½c.; good butcher lots have been stronger at 4½ to 4¾c. and inferior about 3c. but with very little demand for either. There has been very little doing in sheep; but lambs have been steady at from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per head according to quality. Calves inactive and easy at 7 to 9c. per lb. dressed weight.

COAL AND WOOD.—Trade has improved somewhat, but the market still remains quiet. Prices are unchanged as follows: Best hardwood, uncut, is selling at \$5; second quality, \$4; best, two cuts, \$6.50; do. three cuts, \$7; pine wood, uncut, is quoted \$4; two cuts, \$5, and three cuts, \$5.50; long pine slabs \$3.50 to \$4. Coal is quoted at \$6.25 for egg and grate, \$6.50 for best soft, and \$6.50 for stove and nut.

DRUGS.—Have remained quiet with scarcely any change in price: We quote opium \$4.75 to \$5; morphine, \$2.20 to \$2.45; oil peppermint, \$4.50 to \$5 per lb.; iodide potass, \$1.70 to \$1.90; Borax, 12c. to 14c.; Sal Rochelle, 36c. to 38c.; Tartaric Acid, 57c. to 64c.; Bicarb Soda, at \$2.80 to \$3; Hellebore, 20c. to 22c.

DY GOODS.—Advices to 25th July from Bradford state that the home trade is wanting in buoyancy. The business done in wool was of small amount, but staples were on the whole firm: mohair and alpaca also firm. Worsteds yarns met with some enquiry. A few orders in bright dress goods for the Continent gave early promise of a better season, but they are not followed up as yet. At Nottingham, both the home and export branches of the lace trade remain dull, and there is little change to chronicle this week. The branches in which most business is doing are those concerned in the colored laces, which have of late attracted so much notice. The hosiery manufacturers report a quiet business at very low prices. In the yarn market there is less demand for fine lace qualities, and generally the tone is depressed.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Inactivity has remained the rule and prices have generally been less firm than in the preceding week. Flour scarcely any business doing; holders had not been pressing sales and had they done so they would probably have been forced to make concessions in order to effect them. At the close guaranteed Superior Extra was offered at equal to \$5.10 and Extra at equal to \$4.75 here with no bids for either. Bran has been rather unsettled; but at the close a car sold at \$13.00 on track here. Oatmeal prices much as before; one lot sold at \$4.40 on track and more has been offered at \$4.45; small lots \$4.75 to \$4.90.

GRAIN.—The harvesting season has continued to check business in almost everything and prospects of crops and tendency of prices outside have also contributed to check the demand for some goods. Wheat has been very slow of sale although concessions have been offered by holders. At the close No. 2 Fall was offered at \$1.05 without finding a bid. Spring sold in the latter part of last week at \$1.05 for ordinary, and at \$1.06 for choice, No. 2; and a mixed lot of 6000 bushels changed hands on Monday on p.t., but at the close No. 2 was offered at \$1.05 without bids. Oats have shown but little change; cars slightly heated have sold at 39c., and cars of sound at 40c. through the week, which prices would have been repeated at the close. Barley still none offered either of old or new; no demand has been heard but new No. 1 could have found buyers at about 65c., had any been offered; it is much feared that the crop has been seriously damaged by the late rains. Peas quiet and unchanged in value with some enquiry heard, and No. 2 likely to have brought 73 to 74c. Rye—Nothing doing and prices purely nominal at 60 to 62c.

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THE IRON MUST BE CLOSE GRAINED and chill one-half inch; must not analyze to exceed .30 in phosphorus, .12 in manganese, and .02 in sulphur, and must contain at least four per centum combined and graphitic carbon; must show from a test bar, one foot long and one inch square, a transverse strength of 3,500 lbs.
Delivery to be made to the Grand Trunk Railway Company in bond at Detroit, International Bridge, or Suspension Bridge, in eight equal monthly instalments from September, 1884, to April, 1885, both months inclusive. Payments will be made in cash in the course of the month following that in which the iron has been delivered. Also about

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JOSEPH HICKSON,
General Manager.