

Cottons are steady at the late reduction, and moving freely. American agents are in the market, and asking 4c advance on ducks. Lower prices are not looked for, as the decline was made chiefly to keep out American goods, which are now being pushed for sale. Remittances are coming forward liberally, and prospects for a good spring trade are encouraging. The money market is unchanged, with a fair movement and a little firmer feeling in rates. A large amount of capital has found a market in New York, but there is still abundance here for business. Call loans are quiet at 4½ per cent., and time loans at 5 to 5½. The ruling rate for commercial paper is 7 per cent., but large amounts of short-dated are taken at 6. There is, however, not as much offering. The stock market has not been as active as last week, and while some securities are higher others are lower. Bank of Toronto gained several points in bids, but little stock offered. Hamilton and Federal are also higher. On the other hand, Ontario, Merchants and Commerce are lower. Among sales within a few days were the following:—Merchants at 118, 118½ and 118¾, Ontario at 102½ and 102, Commerce at 142 and 142½, Dominion at 140, Standard at 105, Imperial at 127, and Federal at 132. Loan and miscellaneous shares were quiet and firm, with sales of Freehold at 158, Ontario Savings at 137, Canada Permanent at 196, British America at 156, Consumers Gas at 154, and Dominion Telegraph at 92.

The following are to-day's bids for banks and the leading loan companies as compared with last Thursday:

Banks.	Bid, Nov 25	Bid Dec 2	Loan Cos.	Bid Nov 25	Bid Dec 2
Montreal.	102½	103	Can. Permanent	192½	195
Toronto ..	140	142½	Freehold ..	156	156
Ontario ..	102½	102	Western Can. .	163	164
Merchants	118	117	Worce. & Loan ..	97	99
Commerce	142	141	Imp. Savings ..	119	119½
Dominion	140	140	Farmers' Loan ..	121	121
Hamilton	166	168	Lord. & Can'du	150	148
Standard.	104½	104½	Huron & Erie ..	145½	146½
Federal ..	120½	120½	Dom. Savings ..	122½	123
Imperial .	132½	132½	Ontario Loan ..	133	131½
Molson ..	119	119	Hamilton Prov.	131	131

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Trade has not been as active the past week, owing chiefly to the milder weather, but yesterday's snow is apt to make an improvement the coming week. A number of houses are busy stock taking, and factories are working on spring samples which travellers will soon be taking out. Sorting-up orders for winter goods are coming in from country districts, and prices show no changes. Payments generally satisfactory, and dealers hopeful.

COAL.—A moderately active trade has been transacted since our last report. The advance of 50 cents for hard is maintained, which was the result of higher freight rates and difficulties of transportation. Egg, stove, grate and chestnut, as well as the best quality of soft coal, sell at \$6.50 a ton delivered; second quality of soft, \$6.

COAL OIL.—There is no new life to report in this market, and dealers do not expect to see any until prices harden. Sales of from five to ten barrel lots are made at 25c per Imperial gallon and single barrel lots at 26c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.—Apples.—The demand has been slow the past week; but on limited receipts prices have been well maintained. The best winter fruit sell at \$1.75 a barrel, while-

sale, and commoner kinds at \$1.25 to \$1.50. Beans are offering in fair quantities, and ordinary lots are taken at \$1.10 to \$1.15; they sell at \$1.30 to \$1.35 and small lots of hand-picked at \$1.45 to \$1.50. Country Lard quiet and nominal, not enough offering to establish prices. Eggs are firm; timed are worth 17c to 18c and fresh 18c to 20c in case lots. Hogs are firm, showing but little change in prices; receipts are fair. Car lots bring from \$5.75 to \$6. Hops are unusually quiet, and prices for the most part are nominal. Choice lots are held at 23c; middlings at 20c, and inferior at 15c to 18c, but buyers show little inclination to purchase. Onions are dull and easier this week; car lots are not worth over \$2.50 a barrel, and five to ten barrel lots \$2.75. Potatoes are a little firmer on small receipts, but the demand is yet poor; car lots are quoted at 38c per bag. Poultry comes in freely and is easy; boxed lots of geese sell at 4c to 5c; chickens, 5c to 6c; and turkeys and ducks, 7c to 8c per lb. Tallow is quiet and steady, with sales at 6½ to 6¾; dealers pay 3½c for rough and 6c for rendered.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The drug business has been fairly active the past week, with but few changes in prices. Alcohol is higher, at \$2.53 per barrel, while opium is easier at \$8.75 to \$9. Borax is steady at 15c, and glycerine at 30c. Quinine was lowered to \$3.55, at which price it is firm, in sympathy with better markets in the States. Cream of Tartar, 35c. Tartaric Acid, 60c. Linseed oil unchanged at 79c and 83c for raw and boiled respectively. Heavy chemicals steady and unchanged. Remittances only middling.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The Flour market has been exceedingly dull this week, without apparent demand. Considerable quantities offered from day to day at the closing prices of last week without response. Offerings are more liberal on account of easier prices outside, whereas last week, when prices were strong, there was none on the market. On Saturday there were several sales of superior extra at \$5.20 and extra at \$5.10. These grades were freely offered at the prices named on Monday and Tuesday, without takers. A sale of medium bakers is reported at \$5.50 f.o.b., but other lots offered at \$5.25. To-day the market was dull without buyers. Prices nominal.

The stock in store is 3,600 barrels against 12,050 barrels the corresponding week of 1879. Oatmeal is quiet; there are a number of sellers at \$4.10 to \$4.20, but the highest price paid for car lots this week was \$4. Small lots sell at \$4.25 to \$4.50. Cornmeal is dull, with demand entirely of a local character; small lots bring \$2.90 to \$3. Bran continues in fair demand, but holders not willing to sell. A sale of a car was made on Monday at \$13.

WHEAT.—There is less activity this week, due to the unsettled feeling of outside markets. Sales have been made at slightly reduced prices. The latter part of last week No. 1 Fall sold at \$1.17 on track and No. 2 Fall at \$1.15 f.o.c. Up till Tuesday no other sales were reported, when No. 2 Spring sold at \$1.20 and No. 1 Spring would bring \$1.22. To-day No. 1 Fall was nominal at \$1.16 and No. 2 at \$1.14. Little inquiry for Spring at \$1.19 for No. 2 and \$1.21 for No. 1. Barley, prices nominally unchanged, offering \$1 liberal but no buyers. Stocks increased about 6,500 bushels during the week, and are now 93,154 bushels as compared with 227,717 bushels the corresponding week of last year.

COARSE GRAINS.—Barley.—The closing of navigation has had a marked effect on this grain. The demand has subsided, owing to the difficulty in making shipments, from the great scarcity of cars. The lull in the demand has induced holders to offer more freely, and the result is lower prices. On Friday and Saturday sales of No. 1 were made at \$1.07 on track, No. 2 choice at \$1.05 f.o.c. and \$1.04 on track, No. 2 at \$1, and No. 3 Extra at 93c. On Mon-

day and Tuesday No. 1 sold at \$1.05, No. 2 choice at \$1, and No. 3 Extra at 90c. Holders asked these figures yesterday, but no buyers could be had. Stocks increased over 25,000 bushels during the week; on Monday 325,605 bushels were in store against 181,288 bushels the corresponding week of 1879. Oats are unchanged at 34c on track, with demand and supply about equal. Stocks same as last week. Peas are firmer; offerings have been small and the demand good. No. 1 are worth 71c, and No. 2 sold on Tuesday and Wednesday at 70c. The stock in store is 21,165 bushels, a decrease of 12,500 bushels during the week; the corresponding period of last week there were 14,826 bushels. Rye has shown little animation during the week, receipts as well as demand being apparently small; cars would bring 88c on track. Corn is dull and nominal at 57c to 58c on track.

FREIGHTS.—The higher rail freights adopted last week continues. Flour to Montreal is 40c; to Quebec, 60c; to Picton, Truro and Halifax, 80c; St. John, N.B., 75c. Oatmeal, from via Portland to Liverpool, \$1.18 per barrel; Pork and Beef, in barrels, 58c per 100 lbs; Apples, per barrel, prepaid, \$1.30 for lots of 130 barrels or over; Clover Seed, 70c per cental.

GROCERIES.—There has been but little change in the state of trade the past week, but yesterday's snow is likely to improve the demand from the country districts. Some houses, however, report a fair business, and the majority of dealers unanimously agree that payments were never better. Fruit are in moderate demand and fairly steady; a large sale of Valencias are reported at 1½c, and small lots would bring 8½c. Currants, 6½c; Sultanias, 9½c. New Malaga steady; London layers, \$3; Blue Crown, \$5. Nuts unchanged. Fish are in good demand, scarce and firm; white, \$1.25 to \$4.50; trout, \$3.75 to \$4; No. 1 Labrador herring, \$6.75 in barrels; Sardines, 4s. 12c to 13c; 4s. 20c to 21c; Lobster, \$1.50 to \$1.80; Salmon, \$2.10. Pepper is unchanged at 16c for white and 14½c for black. Sugars are less active, but firm; granulated advanced ½c to 10½c to 10½c. Teas are moving fairly well, with Japan somewhat easier; Common Congou, 30c to 40c; good, 40c; fine, 60c to 70c; Young Hyson, 36c to 40c; good to medium, 40c to 50c. Liquors quiet and firm; Gooderham and Worts made a slight advance in their list yesterday.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—The demand for seasonable goods is active, and stocks of skates, horse-shoes, &c., are much broken. Prices, for the most part, are unchanged, and profits are small owing to considerable competition. There is, however, a good deal of enterprise on the part of our merchants, and business is extending in every direction. Glass is in moderate demand and firm at \$1.90 up to 25 inches; \$2.05 from 26 to 40 inches; \$2.20 from 41 to 50 inches. Bar Iron firm and unchanged. The Pig Iron market is quiet, there being little enquiry, but holders have advanced prices in sympathy with other markets. Eglington is held at \$21, Summerlee at \$23, Coltness at \$22.50, and Siemens at \$23. Other articles in this branch of business are unchanged.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Hides.—The market has been freely supplied during the week, and prices have continued firm at 10c for cows and 10½c for steers. A few sales of inspected are reported at 10½c, the bulk being cows. Calfskins are quiet, with few offerings, and prices are unchanged at 16c to 17c. Sheepskins offer freely and prices firm; the amount of wool on skins very considerably, and prices vary from \$1.25 to \$1.50. Dry are quoted at 85c to \$1.25.

LEATHER.—The demand has been rather quiet the past week, which, however, is thought to be only temporary. Stocks in the country are said to be small, and a brisk demand is expected at any moment. Prices show little variation. No. 51 Spanish sole, 28c to 30c; No. 2 do, 26c to 28c; heavy slaughter sole; 29c; light do,