

are not up to the mark. Clothing travellers are all back and report a good trade done.

FISH.—The usual active Lenten demand is in full blast, with no signs of any falling off. No Lake Superior White Fish or Salmon Trout in the market, and comparatively little Salmon. Prices are still unchanged as below.—*Labrador Herrings* \$6.50; *other grades of Herrings* \$4.50 to 5.50; *Dry Cod* \$6.00 to 6.50; *Green Cod* No. 1 \$7.00, large draft selling at same price; ditto No. 2 \$6.00; *Salmon*, steady at \$22, \$21, and \$19, for Nos. 1, 2, and 3 respectively.

FURS.—The market rules very quiet, stocks of native furs are very small indeed, and spring offerings which are not expected to be large, wont come forward for some weeks. A general decline is looked for in European furs, with the exception of black lambs, in some lines of which there has been a very marked advance. Wholesale buyers have all gone to Europe to attend the spring sales.

GROCERIES.—Country business is reported very quiet owing to the generally bad roads. This also causes farmers to hold back their grain, and payments in this line are reported as not up to the mark, indeed one house reports more renewals during the last month than during the whole of last year. *Teas* are moving slowly; the enquiry is brisk enough, but buyers seem to entertain views altogether opposed to prices as ruled by the New York market, where quotations are firm with no concessions made. General grocery prices are unchanged. *Sugars* are advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$. *Molasses* a little off, say a cent a gallon. In *Fruits* little is doing.

HARDWARE.—Business in general hardware is reported of a slow-going character, travellers have been late getting out, and large orders are the exception, a fair sorting business is being done. Remittances not so active, but no special complaint of defaulters. Prices continue unchanged. In *Pig Iron* warrants have advanced to home, latest quotations being 47/9. There are no orders being forwarded for future delivery, but the demand for immediate wants is lively for the season. *Tin Plates* are steady at former quotations.

LEATHER.—The market continues unmarked by any particular liveliness, the demand being reported only fair with little if any change in prices. Stocks, however, are reported if anything smaller than at this time last year. A movement is on foot to somewhat modify the existing credit and discount terms, and a meeting of the trade was held last week at which the matter was discussed. Instead of six months or six per cent off for cash, it is proposed to make the credit limit four months, or three per cent off for cash, with a proportionate lessening of the discount 80, 60, or 40 days. A committee was appointed to report at an adjourned meeting, but it is not thought that the scheme will carry, as the shoe men do not seem to favor it, and the leading sole leather firms have refused to bind themselves to any such combination. The fortnight has been marked by the failure of the large shoe manufacturing firm of Grant & Co., Quebec, and also by the failure of a Truro, N. S. tanner, particulars of which will be found in our summary columns.

FLOUR.—In flour though the demand is not very active, holders will make concessions, and Superior Extra is quoted at \$5.20. In Grain, business continues light, Barley is worth about 60c., Rye 72c., Oats 39c., Red winter wheat \$1.18 white 1.15, spring 1.15.

WOOL.—The prices which have ruled for the last six weeks are unchanged, but the tendency is toward a stiffening in sympathy with the American market. The sales on the Boston market for the last two weeks are reported at over nine million pounds, and all the choice lots have been picked up there, so that dealers here are looking for a very possible demand from that quarter and a corresponding advance. They hold stiffly to quoted prices and will make no concessions from them.

PROVISIONS.—Salt is worth 70c. for coarse, fine 1.50: Eureka brand 2.40. Dressed hogs are quoted at 8.40 to 8.60 per hundred, Western mess 21.50 to 22.00, lard 14c. to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., fresh eggs fetch 30c. readily. There is little demand for butter, choice creamery is offered at 25c. to 27c. Eastern Townships from 19 to 22c. according to quality, Morrisburg 18 to 21c.

PAINTS AND OILS.—The lead market is steady with an inclination to higher prices, last quotations are firmly held. Linseed oil which within last two or three weeks had touched a very low figure at home, has again taken an upward tendency and is quoted at £22.10/- f.o.b. Liverpool

for raw, boiled £2 more, sold here in round lots 60 to 61c. for raw and about 64c. for boiled. Turpentine is to 85c. No important transactions are reported in Cod oil, some few lots of inferior have changed hands at prices that cannot be quoted as a fair indication of the market. Halifax A. is 65c. in round lots, Nfd. A 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Seal oil is still held at former stiff prices namely 95c. to 1.00. Some shipments of seal oil are reported to have been made to New York from here lately.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, 22nd Feb., 1883.

Wholesale trade shows little improvement this week, things being generally quiet, as is not unusual in February. There is not so great a desire on the part of merchants to send out large quantities of goods on credit, and the general disposition is to make prudent discriminations in sales. Travellers are better able to get around now, the snow bound roads being as a rule clear. Up till within a few days there have been advancing wheat markets in Chicago and New York, but the high prices induced many holders to sell on Tuesday and Wednesday, and lower prices are now ruling. Our market is rather unsettled in consequence. Buyers are holding off and offerings are a little more liberal. Barley and peas show a good deal of strength. The demand for the latter for export is good, but supplies are light.

The money market has been stringent all week without any change in quotations. There has been little borrowing demand from brokers, as stocks have been carried chiefly by "short" brokers. The rate on bank shares is 8 per cent. and on loan stocks 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Commercial paper is in moderate offer, and the discount rates continue firm at 7 per cent. for first class and 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 per cent for ordinary. Sterling exchange is about steady at 108 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 109 for 60 day bills between banks, and 109 $\frac{1}{2}$ across the counter. Demand bills are 109 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 110 $\frac{1}{2}$. New York drafts are $\frac{3}{4}$ premium. The stock market has been very unsettled, and prices as compared with a week ago are 1 to 3 points lower. The failure of a banking house in London on Tuesday caused a depression in Bank of Montreal on Wednesday, that stock selling down to 206 $\frac{1}{2}$. Ontario weak, selling at 112 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 111 $\frac{1}{2}$. Toronto sold at 185 to 183, Merchants at 126 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 125 $\frac{1}{2}$, Commerce at 135 to 133, Imperial at 142 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 140, Federal at 156 to 155, Dominion at 199 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 198 $\frac{1}{2}$, and Standard at 115 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 115 $\frac{1}{2}$. Western Assurance has been weak, selling at 149 down to 142 $\frac{1}{2}$ and British America at 120, the lowest prices for two years.

COAL AND WOOD.—The demand has been fair this week, and prices firm. There is one dealer however selling at a slight reduction from regular prices. The supply appears to be good. The best qualities of hard and soft coal sell at \$6.50 to \$6.75 per ton delivered, and steam coal at \$4.50. Wood is unchanged at \$5.50 to \$6 per cord for hard and 4.50 for pine.

COAL OIL.—There is a moderate trade doing, and no particular feature to note. Prices are unchanged at 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 19c. per gallon for Canadian the latter figure for single barrels. American prime sells at 26c. and water white at 30c.

CATTLE AND SHEEP.—The receipts of live stock have been limited, and prices in consequence are firm. Choice export cattle are firm at about 6c. per lb. for spring delivery, but shipments at present are almost confined to American stock. Good butchers' cattle are worth 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5c., but should the supply increase, the latter would probably not be paid. Ordinary cattle sell at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4c. The supply of sheep and lambs is restricted and prices firm at 5c. for the former, and 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6c. for the latter. Calves are in light receipt and firm at 9c. per lb. dressed weight.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The flour market has been firm the past week, and about the highest prices were quoted on Monday and Tuesday. Transactions have been few on account of the high prices asked, and offerings were limited as holders were unwilling to sell. Choice *Superior Extra* sold two days ago at \$4.70 and \$4.75 but the former would be the outside price to-day, as buyers feel disposed to hold off. *Extra* is nominal at \$4.50 to \$4.60. *Bran* is in better demand and higher, sales being reported here on Wednesday at \$14. *Oatmeal* is firm; offerings small and demand fair, with sales of choice cars at equal to \$4.92 $\frac{1}{2}$ and \$4.95 and ordinary worth

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