bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, $2.65 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., $2.70; galvanized, $3.35; the trade discount on wire is 7½ per cent. Coil chain, ¼ inch, 5c.; ⅜ in., 4½c.; 7-16 in., 4¼c.; ½ in., 3¾ to 4c.; ⅝ in., ¾c.; ¾ in. 3½c.; ⅞ in., and upwards, 3c.

OILS, PAINTS, AND GLASS.—There is still an absence of enquiry and movement in these lines, except in the case of steam-refined seal oil, for which there is an active demand from the United States, and prices have much stiffened, and are likely to reach pretty high figures. Some considerable lots have already been bought up for the United States, and the balance of stock is pretty well concentrated. Large transactions have transpired at 41c. per gal., and jobbers do not care to take less than 45c. Cod oil is likely to advance in sympathy. Cotton seed, lard and neatsfoot oils are all reported higher in the United States. We quote: — Turpentine 49 to 50c. per gallon; Linseed oil, raw, 56c. per gal.; boiled, 59c.; olive oil, 95c. to $1; castor, 6¾ to 7½c. in cases; smaller lots, 8c.; Newfoundland cod, 40c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 45c. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), $4.75 to $5; No. 1, $4.60 to 4.75; No. 2, $4.50; No. 3, $4; dry white lead, 5 to 5½c.; genuine red ditto, 4¼ to 4½c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; London washed whiting, 50c.; Paris white 90c. to $1; Venetian red, $1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre, $1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, $2.25 to 2.50. Window glass, $1.35 per 50 feet for first break, $1.45 for second break; third break, $3.25.

PROVISIONS.—Dressed hogs are coming in freely, and are realizing about $7.75 to 7.90. Salt pork is not very active, but is steady. Smoked meats are in pretty good demand, also lard. We quote Canadian short cut $19 50 to $20; new western mess $18.50 to $19.50; hams 11 to 12½c.; bacon 10 to 11c.; Canadian lard 9½ to 10c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Dec. 29th, 1892.

DRUGS.—Trade continues dull, and is scarcely likely to improve just yet. Wholesale houses are stock-taking, when there will be an increased movement caused by the necessity of evening up stocks, which towards the end of the year are often allowed to run rather dangerously low. Chloroform is dearer, camphor remains very steady, buchu leaves are quoted higher and are in limited supply; all grades of shellac are strong. Ergot just at present is reported as easier, but an advance in price is likely at an early date. Payments are slow.

DRY GOODS.—The wholesale houses are very quiet this week, except in a few lines of articles of seasonable sale and immediate necessity. The retail houses report much activity, and a steady demand for warm underclothing, gloves and fancy articles for ladies' wear. Nearly all travelling representatives of the wholesale trade are in the city at present, and will not go on tour for a week or ten days, when we expect, as far as can be judged from present indications, that business for the coming year will make a promising commencement. For the year now closing, the record, as far as the dry goods trade is concerned, has been upon the whole a good one, and while of course it might have been more prosperous, it has been in marked and favorable contrast to that of 1891. Prospects for the spring trade are very satisfactory.

FLOUR, ETC.—In flour there is little doing, but prices are steady. Yesterday there was a demand for May delivery, and a few sales on private terms. For present delivery flour can be had at $3; straight-roller sold yesterday at $3.10; extra was quoted nominally at $2.80, and Manitoba strong bakers at $3.75. There has been no change in oatmeal. Sales are slow and infrequent. Bran keeps quiet, but prices are maintained. Outside buckwheat is steady at 40 and 41c. per bushel.

FUEL.—The continuance of cold weather keeps our local coal dealers tolerably active, and with some firms orders are reported as coming in as fast as they can conveniently be filled. The demand for wood is easy. Prices for both coal and wood are unchanged.

GRAIN.—There is little demand for any grade of Manitoba wheat, and no movement worth mention. Trade generally is dull, prices may be called nominal; at the close, yesterday, there were no indications of a favorable break; sales have been small. In barley we have had a small movement at weak figures, but buyers and sellers are apart. Oats are very dull; cars of white, lying west, sold yesterday at 29c., and were offered outside at 27c. without bids. Peas are unsettled and weak, at 52 and 53c. Prices all round are little more than nominal, and trading is unsettled with a light demand. Our Liverpool prices yesterday (Thursday) at noon reported wheat as steady, but in poor de-

THE

UNION LOAN AND SAVINGS CO.

56th Half-Yearly Dividend.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum has been declared by the directors of this company for the six months ending 31st instant, and that the same will be paid at the company's offices, 28 and 30 Toronto street, Toronto, on and after

SATURDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF JANUARY PROX

The transfer books will be closed from the 22nd to the 31st instant, both inclusive.
By order.

W. MACLEAN, Manager.

THE BRITISH CANADIAN

Loan & Investment Company, Ltd.

DIVIDEND NO. 30.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of seven per cent. per annum on the paid-up capital of the company, for the half year ending 31st December, 1892, has this day been declared, and that the same will be payable on the

Second Day of January Next

The transfer books will be closed from the 22nd to the 31st proximo, both days inclusive.
By order of the Directors.

R. H. TOMLINSON, Manager.

Toronto, 30th Nov., 1892.

THE

Manitoba and North-West Loan

COMPANY, Ltd.

Notice is hereby given that the fourteenth annual meeting of the shareholders of the above company will be held at the office of Messrs. ALEXANDER & FERGUSSON, 23 Toronto street, Toronto, on

Wednesday, 18th day of January, 1893.

at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the election of Directors, and for other purposes.
By order.

G. A. MUTTLEBURY,

December 26th, 1892. Manager.

THE

Manitoba & North-West Loan Co

(LIMITED.)

DIVIDEND NO. 26.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of 3½ per cent. upon the paid up capital of this institution has been declared for the current half-year, and that the same will be payable at the office of Messrs. Alexander & Fergusson, 23 Toronto street, Toronto, on and after

Tuesday, the Third Day of January, 1893.

The transfer books will be closed from the 17th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive.
By order of the Board.

G. A. MUTTLEBURY, Manager.

December 12, 1892.