

"Chromes," and other dainty cottons, new styles of printed satens, and novel designs in even the ordinary prints. Indeed, these various and attractive printed cottons are interfering not a little with the sale of heavier or more expensive dress goods. The demand for cloths and tweeds is steady, and the assortment of these very full. In imported woollens, Irish and Welsh are added to Scotch suitings, Irish friezes and serges, English doeskins, black and blue broad cloths. Hawick tweeds, chevots, &c. are in good supply. There is no scarcity of Canadian tweeds, nor is there any lack of variety. We learn from Messrs. Wyld, Brock & Darling's catalogue that the Rosamond Co. turns out 600,000 yards per annum, the Paton Co. 750,000 yards, Jno. Routh & Co. and Elliott, Sheriff & Co. 200,000 yards each, and many other mills put out from 50,000 to 100,000 yards, so that there need be no apprehension about the supply. The quality of Canadian tweeds is now so well established as to need no praise. In the course of their semi-annual dry-goods circular, issued last week, Messrs. Samson, Kennedy & Gemmel say: "The year begins auspiciously to all in the dry-goods trade. Values are firm; no excess of goods is apparent. Money is in free circulation and the consumptive demand is enlarging. Merchants, both wholesale and retail, throughout Canada, have been taught a lesson during the past four years which it is hoped they will not easily forget, but will allow a sound, conservative policy to take the place of reckless trading. \* \* \* An improved state of things prevails—confidence, which is essential to prosperity, has again returned." Retail stocks in the country, we are informed, are low, and the goods sold are going into consumption. The payments have been very fair for the season though not so much money is moving of course, at this season as in November and December.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—The stocks of flour in store on 21st inst. were 8,351 bbls. against 9,829 bbls. last week, and 15,599 bbls on same date last year. The market, which has been dull and drooping up to last week is to-day steady, probably by reason of an improvement in England. The only grades moving are superior extra and spring extra, and these in 100 bbl. lots at about our quotations. Strong bakers moves in bags in small compass at equal to \$5 00 per bbl. *Oatmeal* is quiet at steady prices. *Bran* is lower since last week, and offers in cars at \$12 50 per ton, not taken.

**GRAIN.**—An improvement is perceptible over the whole market, owing to favorable advices from abroad. *Wheat.*—Fall Stocks in store 108,059 bush. as compared with 105,865 bush. last week and 153,939 bush. on like date last year. Sales were made here on Tuesday at \$1.68 on the track for No 2, there appears to be no No 1, to be had. Some No 3 is coming in and offers at \$1.03 without sales, the English market is firmer. *Spring Wheat.*—Stocks in store 74,586 bush. against 74,354 bush. last week and 164,616 bush. on like date of 1880. The news from the West shows some improvement, which steadies prices here, round lots have sold at outside points at equal to our quotations. *Barley.*—Stocks in store 400,563 bush. as compared with 427,799 bush. last week, and 154,366 bush. last year. Market dull and prices some what easier. *Peas.*—Stocks in warehouse 74,817 against 71,777 bush. former week and 54,929 bush. last year same date. Some enquiry exists, and some No 2 has sold at 66c on track here, equal to 68 f.o.b. *Rye,* 12,723 bush. in store this week and last, against 2,750 bush. last year. The demand is less brisk on the part of purchasers for spring shipment, prices nominally unchanged. *Oats* are scarce and in request at 35 to 36c.

**GROCERIES.**—A moderate movement continues, and remittances from the country are generally satisfying. Prices of *teas* are well maintained,

Japans being especially firm. *Sugars* are more firm this week than last, domestic refined are in good supply. Scotch refined dull. *Fish* are scarce, white fish and trout are out of market, none to be had in response to a good demand. *Fruit.*—Valencia raisins are getting into small compass, and must be higher in price, they can not now be bought for less than 8½c in round lots; currants, according to the outlook in Greece, must be higher. *Rice* is steady at \$1.25 to 4.50 according to lots. *Liquors* are rather quiet, brandies and foreign whiskies meet with but slow sale.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—A fair number of green *hides* come forward, and all offering are taken at 9½c for steers and 9c for cows. There is no accumulation of these, for cured and inspected sell, as received at 9½c for cows, a car having gone to a Montreal dealer at that figure, and 10c for steers in smaller quantities. *Sheepskins* are down in price, \$1.60 is now an outside price for best green, and country lots command \$1.30 to 1.40. Nothing doing in *Calfskins*. *Tallow* is somewhat scarce, and yet the price does not improve.

**HARDWARE.**—Business is fairly active; heavy goods are moving well, the demand being especially good for boiler plate, which is being used for the manufacture of safe doors and of tanks as well as boilers. Shelf goods are also selling freely. *Pig Iron*, not much doing, and prices would be shaded 50c per ton from our quotations to a good buyer. *Bar Iron* shows active movement, for the most part at our inside figure, all sizes are in demand. *Cut Nails* are steady. The stocks of window *glass* are badly cut up, and prices are well maintained. *Tin* is firm, block being scarce in this market. *Tin plates* are unchanged. We note a stiff feeling in *rope*, manilla is scarce and likely to be high, the recent amendment to the tariff affecting it. We quote 10 to 10½c.

**PROVISIONS.**—The Chicago market is firm this week, and prices here are well maintained all over the list. Dressed *hogs* have reached the remarkably high price of \$7.75 to 8.00 by the car load, three cars sold on Tuesday, at \$8.00, and packers are prudently shy. Wm. Davies & Co. have shut down and others are buying no more than they can help. The high figures for *pork* and *bacon* have greatly increased the consumption of *mess* and *corned beef*, which last is selling in the country at 6c where *bacon* costs 10c. Not much *mess pork* selling at \$17 to 17.50. "The receipts of hogs," says last week's Chicago letter of the Cincinnati *Price Current*, "despite the high prices prevailing have been unusually light, and the quality decidedly the poorest that ever came to this market at this season of the year, which indicates that the supply of marketable hogs is not in the country." By reason of export demand and domestic enquiry, the stock of meats and lard continues to diminish in Chicago, and the paper quoted deems it probable that prices will go still higher, "the circumstances governing the trade warranting not only present prices but higher ones." Enquiry amongst the trade here discovers the opinion that the hog crop of Canada is short, also, and that high as the present price of dead hogs is, it is justified by the condition of things. Some express the belief that prices of all hog products will be much higher in Canada in March. Hog products continue firm. *Hams* are in better demand and firm at 12 to 12½c. *Lard* continues high and pails are scarce at 12 to 13c, tubs say 12 to 12½. *Bacon* is selling firmly; orders from the country for long clear are numerous before roads break up, and 9½ to 10c is readily got; breakfast rolls and smoked, 11c; C.C. sells more slowly at 8½ to 9c. There is some demand for *hops*, but buyers will not advance beyond 21c for choicest, which are very rare, the usual price is from 17 to 20c, the general run being 18c for new; little or nothing doing in yearlings which

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