

said, however, that, recalling the sudden revival in business in 1879, the wise heads had, previously to July last, long laid in wait for another such advance. Of course, they were disappointed. There are fifteen staple articles which, so far as price fluctuation is concerned, may be said to reflect the general trend of quotations during the year. Of these it will be found that seven are higher than on January 1, 1885, six are lower, and two are quoted at nearly the same figures. Wheat is 4c. higher per bushel; sugar, 1 1-16c. per pound; tobacco, 7c., and wool 1/2c. per pound; nails, 25c. per keg; rails \$8 per ton, and lead about 1 1-10c. per pound. Indian corn is 6c. lower per bushel; coffee has declined 1/2c. per pound; pork, \$2.25 per barrel; cheese, 3/4c. per pound; cotton, 1 13-16 per pound, and print cloths are off. Butter is quoted about the same now as then, as is lake copper. Of articles specified as having advanced, both wheat and sugar tend to lower figures.

It remains to be added that many of the leading industries have found a better inquiry, and a moderately increased output is the result. This is most notable in the case of the pig iron furnaces, and, to a considerable extent, in the steel rail mills. Pig iron at the West and South, mainly forge, is one dollar higher per ton, and at the East a like advance has come for lower grades. It should not be forgotten, however, that the leading makers of the East are far from satisfied with the outlook, and unhesitatingly declare their belief that No. 1 anthracite will sell as low in June, 1886, as in December, 1885.

General Notes.

THE Dominion Telegraph Company's shareholders will gather in their yearly meeting on the 10th proximo.

TIMBER to the value of \$112,601 was sold at the Provincial Government office, Quebec, during the year just closed.

THE Montreal Herald, the recognized organ of the Canadian Pacific Company says a working or pooling arrangement has been entered into by the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific railroads.

THE dried apple, or evaporated fruit, crop in Western New York has all been bought up by dealers, and it is reported or estimated that there is not enough to supply the demand.

THE total sales by the wholesale grocery houses of Chicago for 1885, amount to about \$33,000,000, and the aggregate, says the Tribune, is increased to nearly \$60,000,000 by the sales of jobbers.

THERE are no less than five new roller-process flouring mills now about completed in Manitoba and the Territories. Two of these have already commenced to grind, and the remainder will be in operation in about a month's time. These mills have a capacity of from 100 to 150 barrels per day each, and are located at Regina, Qu'Appelle, Virden, Oak Lake, and Morden. In addition to these, a stone mill at Fort Qu'Appelle is being changed to the roller system, and several mills are being agitated for at other points,

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