

23c.; No. 2 do., 19 to 21c.; No. 1 China, 22 to 23c.; No. 2, 21 to 22c.; ditto. Buffalo Sole No. 1, 21 to 22c.; ditto. No. 2, 19½ to 21c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 25 to 29c.; oak sole, 42 to 48c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 38c.; ditto. heavy 32 to 36c.; Grained 34 to 37c.; Scotch grained 36 to 40c.; Splits large 22 to 28c.; do. small 16 to 24c.; Calf splits, 18 to 32c.; Calfskins, (35 to 46 lbs.), 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Calf, skins 80 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskins Linings, 30 to 40c.; Harness 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 13 to 16c.; Pebbled Cow, 11 to 15½c.; Rough 23 to 28c.; Russet and Bridle, 54 to 55c.

PROVISIONS.—We can report no marked difference in prices, but there seems to be an easier feeling prevailing. Sales are reported of Montreal short-cut bacon at \$17.75 but some holders ask more; Western is quoted \$18.25; hams, uncovered 12 to 12½c.; bacon per pound 11 to 12c. Nothing is doing in dressed hogs just now, but a movement in choice light is expected about Easter week. Lard we quote, Fairbanks 10 to 10½c.; Canadian 9½ to 10c.; tallow 4½ to 4¾c. Eggs, the market is easier by reason of free receipts, fresh are to-day changing hands at 14½ to 15½c.

METALS.—Nothing unusual falls to be noticed as to the movement in this department of trade. Warrants are cabled 42s. 4d. Glasgow, No. 3 foundry in Middlesborough at 34s 9d, and hematite pig in Workington at 45s 6d. Spot tin, in London, £100 5s; three months' futures, £102 15s. Market firm. G. O. B. Chili bars, £39 15s.; soft Spanish lead, £12 10s; best selected copper, £44 10s; soft English lead, £12 15s; tin plates, 12s. 9d.

The iron market in Philadelphia is dull and lifeless, but still prices are maintained. The Pittsburg iron manufacturers say the card rate of iron will hardly go any higher, as representatives of Swedish and English firms have recently invaded Pittsburg and are making desperate efforts to place orders for foreign. Manufacturers fear that another advance will let in foreign producers. The iron business is not as good as it was a few weeks ago. Pig iron has declined 50 cents a ton and muck bar \$1.50.

WOOL.—Last week's prices may still be quoted as fairly representing the market. Thus:—Cape 16 to 18c.; Australian 17 to 21c., extra fine 27 to 29c.; A super 28c.; B. do. 23 to 25c.; unassorted, 25c.; black 22 to 23c.; fleece, 23 to 25c.

London wool sales, on the 26th, showed brisk competition among continental buyers. Prices for greasy merinos were dull, but other values were well maintained. Following are some of the sales in detail:—Victoria—Sales 2,900 bales; scoured at 1s. 2d. to 2s., greasy at 4½d. to 1s. 1½d. New South Wales—Sales 1,700 bales; scoured at 1s. to 1s. 6d.; do. locks and pieces at 8d. to 11½d.; greasy at 4½d. to 1s. 2½d.; do. locks and pieces at 6d. to 10d. Queensland—Sales 1,400 bales; scoured at 10d. to 1s. 7½d.; do. locks and pieces at 8d. to 1s. 4½d. greasy at 4½d. to 9d.; do. locks and pieces at 8½d. to 1s. 3d. New Zealand—Sales 1,100 bales; scoured at 11½d. to 1s. 1d.; do. locks and pieces at 8½d. to 1s. 2d.; greasy at 8½d. to 11½d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal—Sales 900 bales; scoured at 8½d. to 1s. 5d.; greasy at 5d. to 9d.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, March 31, 1887.

We have had a most uneventful week on the Toronto Stock Exchange. A slightly easier feeling having supervened, buyers found that no stocks could be had at the lower rates, and at the close prices stiffened up, closing about the same as last week. Nearly the whole list of Bank shares is fractionally higher. The miscellaneous list is unchanged, except that Montreal Telegraph is stronger and Canada North-West Land weaker, Loan Societies' shares are firm and fairly active. Call money still brings about 5 per cent.

DRUGS.—Wholesalers report business as being fairly good. Opium has advanced and is firm. Gum arabics and senna leaves are a so strong, while quinine and iodine are easier. Morphia, in sympathy with opium, is dearer. Remittances are not bad.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—There is no improvement to report in flour and no reduction of the large

stocks on hand is looked for until navigation opens. Transactions are mostly for retail lots, sales of car loads being very few. Prices are nominally the same. Oatmeal is moving fairly well. Roller is worth from \$4.25 to 4.50 according to grade; granulated quotes \$4.10 and Standard \$3.60. American kiln dried cornmeal sells at \$2.90 to 3.00, Bran is firm and scarce at \$13 to 13.50.

GRAIN.—Fall wheat shows an advance of about 1c. on our prices of a week ago, and we now quote No. 1, 83 to 84c.; No. 2, 81 to 82c.; No. 3, 79 to 80c. Spring remains for the most part unchanged. Business during the week has been rather better, there being quite a few sales made on export account, and besides filling the wants of local millers Barley remains very dull. Oats show more steadiness, but there is not much changing hands. Peas are firm and in demand. The *Mark-Lane Express*, in its review of the British grain trade during the past week, says: "The grain trade does not improve. There has been a further decline in values of English wheat, although the supplies are meagre. The sales of English wheat during the week were 42,970 quarters at 33s. 2d., against 76,001 quarters at 30s. 9d. during the corresponding period last year. Country flour has maintained values. Foreign wheat is stagnant. The prospect of ample supplies from America, combined with the opening of the season of imports from Russia, Australia, and India, will cause values to sink much lower than even now. The week's decline in Liverpool amounts 2d. Flour is irregularly cheaper, some American brands selling at 1s. less. Oats and barley are heavy. Eleven cargoes of wheat arrived: one was sold, eight were withdrawn, and two remained. At to-day's (28th) market wheat was depressed. There was no buying even at reduced quotations. Corn was 3d. lower. Beans and peas were 9d. cheaper. Linseed was 9d. lower, and 37s. 3d. ex ship has touched the lowest price on record."

GROCERIES.—Some houses find signs of improvement in trade, and look for business to throw off the dull aspect that has ruled for so long. During the week there has been a marked improvement in the movement of teas with the call mostly for low and medium grades. The sugar market maintains the firm tone last reported, and refiners are exceedingly stiff, 6½ being their lowest for large lots, and 6¼ for small lots. Both molasses and syrups are firm and scarce. Canned goods are moving well and at firm prices. We read in the *New York Times* that many operators in the Coffee Exchange have been woefully caught of late. For some time the market has been dull, and some large houses on the Street have been holding off in anticipation of larger receipts. In this they were disappointed. The Brazilian receipts have been rapidly dwindling, and so far this year, the crop is away below the average. This has caused heavy purchases in Brazil, and at Havre the advance was 1½ before the opening of the market, when the price was an average of 30 points higher. The

sales of Monday were 119,750 bags, against 412,000 for the whole of last week. The price was \$13.60, against \$12.75 a week ago. It is said that one firm which sold heavily lost a quarter of a million by being short.

HARDWARE.—Merchants are just now busy upon orders, which were booked early in the season. It cannot be said that there is very much fresh business doing at the moment, either through travellers or by mail. There are complaints from the country of the scarcity of money, and, doubtless, this fact has something to do with what is only a passing lull. A revival is shortly looked for. The general condition of the metal market may be termed as somewhat inactive. Ingot tin and antimony, are exceptions, both exhibiting firmness, the latter notably so, the price having advanced from £2 to £4 per ton according to brand. The consumption of tin plates is said to be greater this spring than up to the corresponding date of last year. Stocks, therefore,

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