

\$4.75; do I.X., \$6 to \$6.25; Coke I.C., \$3.75 to \$4; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5½c to 7c, according to brand: Tinned Sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c; No. 26, 7c, the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and Bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.90 to \$2; Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs. Staffordshire, \$2.25 to \$0.00; Common Sheet iron, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 to 11c. Lead, per 100 lbs.:—Pig, \$3.50 to \$4; Sheet, \$4 to \$4.25; Shot, \$6 to \$6.50; best cast steel, 11c to 13c; firm; Spring, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Tire \$2.50 to \$2.75; Sleighshoe, \$2 to \$2.25; Round Machinery Steel, 3½ to 3¾c. per lb.; Ingot tin, 23 to 25c; Bar Tin, 27c; Ingot Copper, 12½ to 14c; Sheet Zinc, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Spelter, \$4 to \$4.50; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

**OILS AND PAINTS.**—Linseed in Britain receded but recovered again; sales here are still made at 60 to 61c. for raw, 63 to 64c. for boiled. Castor continues to strengthen, and from 9 to 9½c. is now asked for jobbing lots; turpentine 54 to 59c.; the bulk of the supply of steam refined seal is now held by one firm, and 52½c. is asked in lots; Nfld. cod 55 to 57½c.; Gaspe do 52 to 55c.; Halifax 48 to 50c.; cod liver oil dull at 80 to 85c. for new. Leads and colors show no change, and we quote:—Leads (genuine and first-class brands only) \$6 to \$6.25; No. 1, \$5.50; No. 2, \$5.00; No. 3, \$4.50 to \$4.75. Dry white lead, 5½c.; red, do. 4½ to 4¾c. These prices for round lots, London washed whiting, 50 to 60c.; Paris white, \$1.25; Cookson's Venetian red \$1.75, other brands Venetian red \$1.50 to \$1.60; Yellow ochre, \$1.50; Spruce ochre, \$2 to \$3. Glass \$1.70 per 50 feet for first break.

**PROVISIONS.**—The butter market is again weaker if anything, and business is of a very limited character; holders find considerable difficulty in effecting sales. We quote creamery 17 to 19c.; good to choice Townships 12 to 16c.; Morrisburg 10 to 15c.; Western 9 to 13c. Cheese dull; fancy September and October 8½ to 9c.; August 7½ to 8c. Eggs 20 to 21c. for fresh. Dressed hogs \$5.50 to \$5.65; hog products generally at last week's figures.

**SALT.**—The movement is now become a very moderate one. Prices remain as follows:—Eleven 55c.; twelve 52½c.; factory-filled \$1.15 to \$1.20; Ashton's and Eureka \$2.40; Turks Island 30c. per bushel; rock salt 50c. per cwt., special quotations for ton lots.

**WOOL.**—Matters are generally expected to become quiet in this line at this season, but the demands continue very fair, and considerable wool is still going into consumption. Values remain altogether unchanged and we quote:—Canadian A supers 27 to 28c.; B ditto 22 to 23c.; unassorted 21 to 22c.; black 20 21c.; Cape 16 to 18c.; fleece 22 to 23c.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 17th, 1885.

Business on the stock exchange has been quiet, as is usual at this season of the year. The only bank shares which have developed any particular change are Imperial and Hamilton, which advanced 2 and 1, respectively.

British America Assurance sold at 95, closing with bids at 94. Dominion Telegraph sold as low as 93 but rose to 94½. Canada North West Land was fairly active at 58½. For Loan Securities' shares there continues to be a steady demand for investment with no decided alteration in prices.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—Our last week's prices still represent current values, and business on the whole is neither better nor worse than when we last wrote. Hopes are entertained that the long siege of dullness will be replaced, after the holidays, by something approaching activity. We hear of as large sales, some car lots of superior have changed hands at \$3.75 and extra at \$3.65. There is little doing in bran which is worth in the neighborhood of \$10.75 to \$11.00.

**GRAIN.**—Lower prices are ruling for both spring and fall wheat than a week ago. There seems to be little disposition to do business and this grain might be termed neglected. No. 1 fall, quotes at 85 to 86c.; No. 2, 83 to 84c.; No. 3, 81 to 82c. No. 1 spring, 87 to 88c.; No. 2, 85 to 86c.; No. 3, 82 to 83c. The lower grades

of barley are weaker in price but Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are unchanged. Peas are steady at 60 to 61c. Not much doing in oats at 33 to 34c. Corn and Rye continue nominal.

**GROCERIES.**—The approach of Christmas finds some houses more than usually busy while others report only the ordinary amount of business. Fruits, which are always in active demand at this season of the year, are hard to get and great firmness is maintained by the fortunate possessor of stocks of raisins and currants. Reports from the New York market state that the price is advancing there owing to the limited supplies. Grenoble walnuts have sold at 14½ to 15c. and Bordeaux are expected to arrive in a few days and will command 7½ to 7¾c. There is continued firmness in the sugar market and granulated can not be had for less than 6½c. at the refinery. The coffee market is also firm with good Rios in demand. There is a fair amount of fish selling but white fish is almost out of market, the price would be \$4.50 and \$3.50 for trout. Money is coming in moderately well.

**HARDWARE AND METALS.**—The only advance that has come under our notice this week is in ingot tin, which is being firmly held in England at £98 per ton with it, it is said, the prospect of a further rise. Tin plates, in sympathy with this, are much firmer and no concessions are being made by manufacturers for good marketable brands. There was expected to be an overstock of Canada Plates but a large number of the tinsmiths appear to have exhausted their stocks and are working upon those now held by the wholesale trade. The cable quotation for both sheet and block zinc shows a marked advance, but we hear of no perceptible effect as yet on the Canadian market. We are told, however, that higher prices must rule before long, for merchants will be compelled to replenish stocks prior to the opening of navigation. There is a fair enquiry for galvanized iron but the supplies are equal to the demand. A fair sorting-up trade is being done in shelf goods and particularly in finer grades of plated ware and cutlery and skates. Payments cannot be termed good.

**OILS.**—Prices all along our list have undergone a marked change since last week. On Friday the market in Petrolia took a sudden upward turn and 5 to 10 barrel lots of Canadian are now quoted at 18c., with single barrels at 18½ to 19c. Carbon safety is also dearer, say 20c. and American prime white commands 24c. and water ditto 27c. Linseed is firm and not in over supply. We quote raw 64 to 65c., boiled 67 to 68c.

**PROVISIONS.**—Receipts of dressed hogs have shown considerable increase since our last. The market continues firm at 5.25 to \$5.50. There is little or no demand for bacon; long clear is offering at 7c. We hear of only a small trade passing in smoked meats, breakfast bacon 10½c., hams 11½. In butter the situation is much the same as a week ago, there is very little doing. Sales have been made of 100 packages of selections at 11 to 12c. Choice is still in demand from the city trade at 15 to 16c. Cheese is dull of sale but firm in price. Eggs are without change.

## BRITISH MARKETS.

The London Tea Letter of Messrs. J. Lewenz & Co., dated 4th Dec., says: "We have to report a strong and rising market, this week, for all China Congous under 10d. Buying of a more or less tentative character was taking place early in the week until the publication of the monthly returns gave rise to a more general display of activity on the part of the trade. Thus public sales this week went off at higher prices for all Congou sorts, while the competition for the rather scanty offerings of common teas in the private market has become somewhat keen these last two days, resulting in a distinct advance of ¼d. per lb. being paid to-day on last week's rates.

Bonded stock on 30th Nov. compared with the last two years is as follows:

	1885.	1884.	1883.
Congou.....	53,917,000 lbs.	69,740,000 lbs.	81,155,000 lbs.
Souchong....	2,413,000 "	3,102,000 "	3,121,000 "
Green Tea 4,445,000 "		3,904,000 "	4,249,000 "
Scented " 7,180,000 "		6,151,000 "	5,909,000 "
Other Sorts 1,701,000 "		1,406,000 "	2,516,000 "
Indian (including Java).....	22,327,000 "	22,923,000 "	22,709,000 "
	91,983,000 "	107,226,000 "	119,659,000 "

Ar. to Nov. 30, but not included. 600,000 " 3,000,000 " nil.

**BIRMINGHAM IRON.**—The trade of South Staffordshire and allied districts maintains a steady tone, though there is no conspicuous increase of transactions. Merchants show more disposition to do business, but the manufacturers of good merchant iron refuse to accept the minimum prices quoted by makers of inferior iron, and they also decline to commit themselves to heavy engagements at the current rates. Prospects for the new year are regarded as favorable. Production keeps a fair average, but the margin of profit is still inadequate, some firms who are not regularly employed barely paying working expenses.

**THE MANCHESTER COTTON MARKET** opened quietly, and it was soon evident that trade was falling off, and the tone flat. Yarn was weak, and Tuesday's decline in cops was fully established. Cloth was not so well held for full prices and shirtings have been scarcely so strong. The best inquiry has been for India, but it was principally at rates which could not be accepted.

**BRADFORD.**—The English wool market keeps firm, but is without animation. There is, on the whole, a fairly good turnover, although individual transactions are generally small. Mohair is firm; alpaca without change. Prices are still maintained with difficulty, but looms are more generally occupied, not only in coatings, but also in Italian cloths, cashmeres, and some fancy dress fabrics.

**NOTTINGHAM LACE AND HOSIERY.**—The improvement in the lace trade is this week very slight. Some buyers have visited the market; but the orders placed are small. Cotton millinery laces sell very slowly, and coloured goods are in limited request. Yak laces have considerably declined; torchons sell freely at very low prices; as also do crochet edgings and laces. There is a steady business doing in fine bobbin nets, and the curtain department is somewhat more active. In the hosiery trade shirts and pants sell fairly at steady values. Cotton hosiery is dull. Lace and hosiery yarns remain unchanged in price.—*Glasgow Herald*, 4th

**CONTINENTAL WOOLLENS.**—The Jacquard reports that a considerable number of orders for woollen cloths has been received by the Elbeuf commission and mercantile firms during the past month, both for plain goods and *nouveautés*. Unfortunately for French industry, however, it is added, these orders have for the most part been for low-priced foreign goods, German especially. Worsteds fabrics have been in good demand during the last few days at Roubaix. Fancy tissues have been taken at satisfactory prices. *Bombe* fabrics, imitating Astrakan goods, are, it is said, now certain to be the fashion for robes and mantles this winter. Reports from Sweden say that the woollen manufacturers there have had a fairly good season: indeed the carded woollen yarn and cloth industries appear to have been more prosperous in Sweden than in any other country on the Continent. Stocks are increasing in Germany, although very low prices are obviously being accepted. The Austrian centres of the woollen industries have suffered in consequence of the crisis in the Levant; remittances are coming in very slowly, and further financial disasters are anticipated.

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