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HIDES.—The old fight between dealers appears to be still going on, 9½c having been paid for No. 1 green butchers, upon which a loss has occurred, as dealers have been supplying cured hides to the Quebec tanners at the same price paid for the green. It is known that 2000 hides were sold last week for shipment to Quebec at \$9.50, although a lot was bought by a city buyer at \$10.25. Prices, therefore, are unsettled, the nominal rate being \$9.50 for No. 1 green. But for the misunderstanding among dealers No. 1 hides would be selling at \$8 to \$8.50. In Western hides a few lots have changed hands at about last week's prices, and a lot of Toronto at \$9.50 for No. 1 and \$9 for No. 2. Lambskins are selling freely at 60c, about 1,500 skins being taken in last week at that figure. Sales were also made at 65c. Calfskins: nominal, at 12c to 13c.

Hops.—Brewers are taking a few lots of the best Canada new hops at 20c to 21½c, the latter figure being for very fine qualities, and prices range from 18c to 21½c, as to grade. Some magnificent samples of New York and California hops have been offered on this market by a representative of a New York firm who has made several sales to brewers here, among which is a lot of No. 1 California at 23c and a lot of New York State at 21c, also a parcel of good California at 21½c, these prices being f.o.b. New York—the two best lots costing 29c and 30c laid down here and the good lot at 27½c laid down here. They are much superior to the Canadian hop, and by some are considered equal to English descriptions.

IRON AND HARDWARE.—The pig iron market continues in bad shape, it being impossible to sell, except at a shading from current rates. A large lot of Coltness was offered at \$19.50 delivered at Hamilton, but the best bid obtainable was \$18.75. Here there is only a limited trade passing in small lots, and quotations are reported as follows:—Siemens \$18 to \$18.50, Coltness \$19.25 to \$19.50, Langloan \$19 to \$19.25, Summerlee, Gartsherrie and Calder \$17.75 to \$18.00, Dalrymplington \$16.50 to \$16.75, and Eglinton at \$16.00 to \$16.25. Warrants during the week advanced to 42s., but are lower again at 41s. 11d. The metal market is easy and 12s. 6d. lower on the week, at £81.5 in London. Copper is quiet and unchanged at £59. Here sales of copper are reported at 15½c to 15.75c, and tin at 21c to 22c. Tin plates are quiet and easy. The only sale reported is a lot of 2,000 boxes I.C. coke to-day at 15s 3d f. o. b. Liverpool. Here prices are quoted at \$4.00 to \$4.10 for I. C. coke and at \$4.50 for I. C. charcoal. Canada plates are scarce, with a good demand at \$2.85 for good brands. The general hardware trade is also quiet, but remittances with some houses have improved. Owing to an agreement among manufacturers to advance the price of horse-shoe nails discounts have been reduced to 45 and 50 per cent.

LEATHER.—Whilst several fair-sized lots of sole and black leather have found a market on local account, the market generally is quiet, and but for the export demand, business would be extremely dull. A lot of about 250 sides of Spanish sole brought 25½c. A few parcels of harness, waxed upper, and buff, have also been placed at within the range of price list. Glazed calf steady at 22c.

LUMBER.—The chief feature at the yards is the slack condition of trade, the like of which dealers say has not been known at this season for many years past. An enquiry from Boston is reported for ash and walnut, but it does not appear to have resulted in much business. Laths are quiet and steady, at \$1.75 to \$2 as to size of lot, but stocks are too light to admit of much trading. A few lots of deals are going forward by steam to U. K. ports, but there is an absence of life even in the shipping business. The last lumber charter for South America was at \$12.50.

OILS.—The market for fish oils lacks animation, although prices are fairly well maintained. Cod oil is steady at 56c to 60c, with sales at within that range. Steam refined seal 59c to 62½c, pale sale at 55c to 57c, and straw seal at 52½c to 55c. The advance in linseed oil has been well maintained, and ordinary lots are quoted at 55c to 56c for raw and 59c to 60c for boiled. Spirits of turpentine 47½c to 51c. Cod liver oil is quiet at \$1.20 to \$1.30.

SUGAR AND FRUIT.—The market for cane sugar is cabled weak and lower in London, with beet sugar dull but sensitive and may react quickly. Stock in four ports of the United Kingdom on Sept. 13th was 6,000 tons under that of last week, or 273,834 tons, against 200,657 tons at the same time last year. A further sharp decline of 1s 3d per cwt. has taken place in the London market for beet sugar, sales of 88 degrees of polarization having been made at 10s 9d for new crop October-December delivery. Fair refining muscovado has declined 9d to 11s 9d. Havana advices quote the market dull and lower. Prunes are cabled 2s. lower, at 14s. f.o.b. Bordeaux, but Bosnian prunes are preferred, although 2s. higher, at 16s. f.o.b. The first direct fruit vessel, the "Esculona," from Patras to Montreal, left on Monday last. Samples of new crop Smyrna figs are expected this week.

WOOL.—The demand previously referred to for domestic wool on American account has fallen off, and prices here are quoted as follows: A supers 27c to 28c, and B supers at 23c to 24c, unsorted 20c to 22c, and fleeces, 19c to 21c. In foreign wools sales are mentioned of Cape in small lots at 16½c to 17½c, as to quality. Australia is quoted at 19c to 30c, as to quality.

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ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Sep. 25, 1884.

(Beerholm's Advices.) Cargoes off coast—Wheat, firm; corn, nothing offering. Cargoes on passage—Wheat and corn firmly held. Red Winter wheat off coast 33s. Quantity wheat on passage for Continent 480,000 qrs.; maize 40,000 qrs. Maize for U. K. 180,000 qrs.; wheat and flour 1,650,000 qrs. Liverpool wheat on spot, rather more enquiry; corn, depressed; mixed maize 4s. 11d; peas. 6s 8d.

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

(Revised by Telegraph.)

TORONTO, Sept. 25, 1884.

It would be misleading to say that trade is good, but it is true that the volume of trade in all branches is moderate, and nothing more is expected. There is no reason to suppose that trade will be dull, with the sort of dullness that has existed during the spring and summer months of this year. Complaints from wholesale houses are now largely due to the keenness of competition in trade, a circumstance which has been pointed out as existing both in wholesale and retail trade. But it is certain that the marketing of produce will be restricted in extent, owing to low prices. The movement of grain, so far, is smaller than was looked for, and the information is received that the farmers will wait to see if prices do not improve. It is this waiting that will embarrass the wholesale