

continuing satisfactory. We quote:—*Hemlock Spanish Sole B. A.* 24½ to 27c; ditto No. 2 B A 22 to 24c; No. 1 *Ordinary Spanish* 24 to 26c; No. 2 ditto, 21 to 23c; No. 1 *China* 23c. No. 2 ditto 21c. *Buffalo Sole* No. 1, 21 to 22c; ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c. *Hemlock Slaughter*, No. 1, 26 to 28c; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 33 to 37c; ditto ditto heavy, 33 to 35c.; *Grained*, 34 to 38c. *Splits*, large, 21 to 30c.; ditto small, 14 to 20c. *Calfskins* (35 to 46 lbs.) 70 to 80c; ditto (25 to 34 lbs.) 60 to 70c.; *Russet Sheepskin Linings*, 30 to 50c; *Harness*, 24 to 34c; *Buffed Cow*, per ft., 14 to 16c. *Enamelled Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Patent Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Pebbled Cow*, 12½ to 15½c. *Rough*, 23 to 28c. *Imitation French Calfskins*, 75 to 85c; *Russet & Bridle*, 45 to 55c.

OILS AND PAINTS.—Absolutely nothing is doing and in absence of business we repeat former prices:—Steam refined seal oil firm at 75c. for jobbing lots; straw seal, 62 to 63c; boiled oil, 60 to 61c.; Pale vat, 65 to 67½c. Newfoundland Cod oil, 50 to 61½. Linseed dull and weaker at 56 to 57c. for raw. Turpentine held at 57½ to 60c. Paints in the same condition as oils. We quote: *White Lead* (genuine and first-class brands only) \$6.50 to \$7.00; No. 1 \$5.75 to \$6.25; No. 2 \$5.25 to \$5.75; No. 3 \$4.75 to \$5.00. *Dry White Lead* 6 to 6½c.; *Red do.* 5 to 5½c. These prices for round lots. *Whiting* per 100 lbs., 55 to 70c. *Cookson's Venetian Red* \$2.00 to \$2.50; *Yellow Ochre*, \$1.50 to \$1.75; *Spruce Ochre* \$2.25 to 4.00 as to quality.

PROVISIONS.—The situation in pork is unchanged, and Western Mess is firmly held at \$17.50 to \$18.00. There is very little Western lard here, and prices are purely nominal, but 12½c represents the figure Canadian lard is quoted at 11½c. Dressed hogs are firm at \$8.00 to 8 50. Eggs are firm and unchanged at 27 to 28c per dozen. Butter is very dull. We quote Creamery 25½ to 27c. Townships choice 21 to 22c, and fair 18 to 20c. Morrisburg 18 to 21c; Brockville, 18 to 21c, and Western 15 to 18c. Cheese is firmer, in consequence of the advance in Liverpool, and is now quoted at 12½ to 13c for best, and 11½ to 12c for inferior.

SALT.—The only novelty is the scarcity of tens, which are now out of the market. Other prices are retained:—Elevens, 55c., twelves, 50c. Factory filled, \$1.30 to \$1.50; Eureka and Ash-ton's \$2.40 per sack.

WOOL.—There has been no business, and there is nothing new to report. Former quotations are:—A supers, 29 to 31c.; B, 24 to 26c., and black 24c. Foreign is—Greasy Cape, 17 to 20c., and Australian 23 to 31c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Jan. 3, 1884.

There is so little wholesale business passing this week, as to make it difficult, in some lines to obtain particulars of transactions enough to base prices upon. The stock market, what with the holidays and with the present rarity of the speculative disposition, is almost lifeless. We observe that Mr. C. C. Baines retires from the firm of W. & C. Baines, and that Mr. W. J. Baines will carry on the stock broking business.

DRUGS AND MEDICINES.—There is no especial feature in this trade; business is light and prices not materially changed. Morphia continues firm at \$2.60 to \$2.70 per oz. Quinine shows signs of being easy Howard's is quoted at \$2.20 per oz. Opium is firm at \$4 50 and Chloroform higher. Beeswax scarce and higher, quoted now at 45c. per lb. Cream tartar and tartaric acid firm.

DRY GOODS.—Warehouses are as a rule busy with preparation for spring trade. Samples have already been out and travellers too, for some houses, but, as one of the guild expressed it, "Not easy work this, selling linen dusters at Christmas." So, while every one admits it is absurdly early to sell spring wares, no one dares to defy the custom for fear his neighbor "will do all the trade." The situation in textile fabrics shows improvement here and there, the limiting of production having relieved the market. The New Brunswick Cotton Mill has, we are told, received more orders for last month than during any other December since their foundation. Of flannels, blankets, and knitted goods there is still enough and to spare.

PROVISIONS.—Trade for the past week has been very dull. Butter continues to accumulate and is very difficult to place; large rolls are offered at 15 to 16c.; ordinary lots of tub 14 to 15c.;

Cheese is firmer, the cable indicating an advance. In hog product there is but little doing; the price of dressed hogs keeps advancing, sales have been made at \$6.75 to \$7, the latter price being paid for shipments to Montreal. It is now admitted that the supply of hogs will be short. We do not alter our quotations, but the feeling is generally firmer.

RAW FURS.—There is a scarcity of fine quality, though inferior are plentiful. East of Toronto, retailers have found business good, owing to colder weather, while westward the warmer temperature has hindered sales. But good goods have been generally in request, Buffalo skins show a fair movement, we quote \$6 to \$12; Mink are down to 30c. to \$1, the latter figure for prime; Muskrats nominal at 8 to 12c.; Skunk scarce and high, say 20c. to 70c. as a range; Coon 30 to 60c.; Beaver, command from \$2 to \$2.75 per pound; good Bears, \$8 to \$12 each, with \$1 to \$3 for cubs; Wild Cat 20 to 60c.; Red Fox vary in quality, we quote 75c. to \$1.50; Cross Fox, \$1.50 to \$3.00; Grey Marten, weak at 75c. to \$1; Otter are

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