

son's Venetian Red, \$1.75; other brands Venetian Red, \$1.50 to \$1.60; Yellow ochre, \$1.50; Spruce ochre, \$2.00 to \$3.00. Glass, \$1.50 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.60 for second break.

WOOL.—There is nothing of a special character to note in this line, the demand is fairly maintained and prices are steady. We quote A. super 27 to 28c., B. ditto 23 to 24c., unassorted 23 to 24c.; fleece 24 to 25c., Cape 14½ to 15½c., ditto pulled 25 to 27c., Australian 15 to 18c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, January 19th, 1888.

DRUGS.—Our prices-current show no change since last week. We note an advance in Ergot and staples are firm throughout. Trade generally has been very quiet.

DRY GOODS.—While some houses have had a good year, there are others who complain not only of the narrowing of profits and the waste occasioned by forcing trade, but of numerous bad debts and some gross cases of swindling by retailers. A good many orders are coming in from travellers for spring stuff, but taken on such terms that their principals in some cases refuse them. Values are for the most part steady, Canadian grey and white cottons yield a small profit but job lots of Magog prints are heard of at slaughter prices.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—“Flat as a pancake,” was the response to our inquiry as to trade. There is no inquiry for any descriptions, and our quotations of a week ago still hold. Patent (winter wheat) flour, \$3.85 to \$4.25; patent, spring, \$3.85 to \$4.25; straight roller, \$3.75 to \$3.80; extra, \$3.50 to \$3.55; superfine, \$3.05; strong bakers, \$3.75 to \$4.25. Oatmeal unchanged and quiet. Bran still very scarce at \$18.

GRAIN.—The past has been a very dull week in this market. There is no wheat selling except to local mills which are buying all kinds with the preference for white. We quote No. 1 fall, 84 to 85c.; No. 2, 82 to 83c.; No. 3, 80 to 81c.; No. 1 spring, 82 to 83c.; No. 2, 80 to 81c.; and No. 3, 78 to 79c. Barley is firm and selling freely at 79 to 80c. for No. 1; 75 to 76c. for No. 2; 71 to 72c. for No. 3 extra, and 67 to 69c. for No. 3. Oats are scarce and wanted at 40 to 44c. There are no peas offering, 62 to 63c. is the nominal quotation. Rye is wanted but none offering, and corn continues nominal.

GROCERIES.—Trade continues unusually quiet. There is some activity in barrelled herrings which were a drug a few weeks ago. In fruits Sultanna raisins are very scarce and high, and no old Valencias are now to be had. Currants have further advanced in Greece, but this market has not yet responded. There are said to be no old currants in first hands here. All fruits show a better tone, Syrups continue very scarce and dear. Rice is firm, and in Arracan there is nothing under 3½c. for round lots, and 3¼c. for small. Sugars maintain their previous firmness. Tobaccos are without change, there being no signs of an advance as yet. Teas are holding their own, with Japan early pickings hard to get. In their tea letter, dated London, 6th Jan., Messrs. Lewenz & Hauser Bros. write as follows:—There has as yet been but little business passing since the beginning of the New Year. The private market though quiet has remained firm; but at the public sales which were resumed as early as Monday last, a weaker tone has prevailed, which told upon the lower Congou sorts to the extent of the whole of the recent advance being nearly lost. Thus new season's low common black and red leaf teas have touched 4½d. again the same quotation nominally obtaining for low common old tea, as the little of it that was in sale was not allowed to go below the 4½d. In other grades or sorts there is no change to report.

HARDWARE.—With the exception of a still further stiffening in metals there is no special activity to note. Those who were holding off purchasing or contracting feeling that a break would have taken place ere this are now fully convinced by the strength of the situation that there is no possibility of prices receding for some time. The impression prevails that existing quotations will hold until the end of the year, and in certain lines it will not be among the improbabilities to see still higher figures rule. There is no change to note in prices in English or home market, but there is a fair

jobbing trade now being done in metals and general hardware as stocks are low. Payments are not regarded as particularly satisfactory, especially in city and certain sections of the country.

HIDES AND SKINS.—No special news is forthcoming from dealers since last issue. The market for hides remains steady at 6c. for steers, 6c. for cows, and 6½ to 7c. for cured and inspected. Calf skins, as previously quoted. Best sheep skins bring \$1.10, a slight advance on the week. The supply is only moderate. Tallow is dull at 2c. for rough, and 3¼ to 4c. for rendered.

PETROLEUM.—Prices are unchanged from last week. Refined is a little easier, but there is hardly any appreciable change except in special cases. The market at Petrolia is fairly active, but refiners are not satisfied with the condition of matters. In the States prices have advanced about ¾c., but no response has been noticed here, merely a stiffening in the feeling.

PROVISIONS.—Trade remains quiet. Butter of choice quality is the only grade in demand at 19 to 20c. Medium is still accumulating. Cheese is dull and steady. In the hog products there is a very firm feeling; long clear is worth 9c.; hams, 11½ to 12c.; lard, 10 to 10½c. Although not so scarce as last week, there are not so many dressed hogs coming in. We quote \$7.10 to \$7.15. Eggs are weak, and this market is glutted with pickled. Beans are worth \$2.10 to \$2.15 for hand picked, and

for jobbing at \$2.25. There is no poultry coming in. Dried fruit without change.

WOOL.—We note the sale of 100,000 pounds of fleece wool on American account at prices ranging from 20 to 22½c., which figures must have resulted in little or no profit to the dealer. The wool will go into the manufacture of fine worsteds. In pulled there is very little doing at the moment. The mills are holding off until the dry goods trade have decided on samples. Prices unchanged.

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