

\$19.50 ex-yard; Middlesboro, No. 3, \$17.00; Niagara, No. 2, \$21.00; Siemens pig, No. 1, \$17.50; Ferrona, No. 1, \$17.50; machinery scrap, \$14 to 15.00; common do., \$12 to 13.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.50 to \$1.60; British, \$2.00 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.00; Canada plates—Blaina, or Garth, \$2.15, 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets \$2.20; 75 sheets \$2.25; all polished Canadas, \$2.30 to 2.75; Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$5.75 to 6.00; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.50; No. 26, \$2.40; No. 24, \$2.30; Nos. 17 to 20, \$2.25; No. 16 and heavier, \$2.50; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.50; charcoal, I. C., Alloway, \$3.15; do. I.X., \$3.90; P.D. Crown, I.C., \$3.75; do. I.X., \$4.75; Coke I.C., \$2.75 to \$2.80; coke-wasters, \$2.65; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, \$3.75 to 4.15; No. 26, \$3.50 to 3.90; No. 24, \$3.65 in case lots; Morewood, \$5.15 to 5.40; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6c.; No. 26, 6½c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian

bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.85; English ditto, \$2; hoops, \$2.15. Steel boiler plate, ¼ inch and upwards, \$1.90 to 2.00 for Dalzell, and equal; ditto, three-sixteenths inch, \$2.60; tank iron, ¼ inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths do., \$2.25; tank steel, \$1.70; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.00; Russian sheet iron, 9 to 10c.; lead, per 100 lbs., pig, \$3.15; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 9 to 10c.; toe calk, \$2.25; spring, \$2.50; sleigh shoe, \$1.90; tire, \$2; round machinery steel, \$2.50; ingot tin, 16c. for best; Straits, 15½c.; bar tin, 16½ to 17c.; ingot copper, 11 to 11½c.; sheet zinc, \$4.50 to 4.75; Silesian spelter, \$4.25; American do., \$4 to 4.25. Antimony, 9 to 9½c.; bright iron wires, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.60 per 100 lbs.; annealed and oiled, do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$3.15; the trade discounted on wire is 20 per cent. Barb and twisted wire and staples, 3½c.; freight paid on half-ton lots.

markets about March 1st. The wool market having advanced 5 to 7 per cent. at the January sales, English manufacturers are talking higher prices, but it is, as yet, too early in the season to make an estimate as to the probable course of the market. The buyers of cotton goods are returning, having completed their season's work. Retail dealers the country over are complaining of the excessive competition in trade, and say that it is almost impossible to obtain a legitimate advance upon the cost of distributing goods to the public. The departmental stores are probably the inspiration, if not the direct cause, of this unfortunate state of affairs.

GRAIN.—The week has brought additional strength to the wheat market. Although the total stocks of wheat held in Canada are larger than a year ago, Ontario descriptions are not in better supply. There has been for some time a steady decrease in the acreage devoted to spring wheat. A Toronto firm, operating principally along the Midland, report that whereas at one time in two months they were accustomed to purchase 140,000 bushels, this season they have bought but three carloads in that district. Manitoba wheat has gradually crowded out Ontario spring wheat, and the farmers' energies have been diverted into other channels. Dairying has been profitable of late years, and farmers have worked out their own salvation in turning to general farming rather than exclusive wheat growing. The February market is on a much higher range of values now than for some years past, as the following comparative quotations will show:

	Feb. 15, 1894.	Feb. 15, 1895.	Feb. 14, 1896.
Winter wheat	54-59c	56-61c	77-84c
Spring "	54-59c	59-65c	70-76c
Manitoba hard	65-75c	73-80c	76-82c

It will be seen upon a comparison of these prices that the advance in Ontario wheat is relatively more than that in Manitoba. Barley is dull and unchanged. Peas are steady. Oats are firm at 26 to 27c.; dealers are quoting 24 to 25c. east, and 22 to 23c. west. Rye is dull, prices remaining nominal. Corn is in fair demand at 38c.

GROCERIES.—The week opened quietly, and trade is dull. Staple lines, for which dealers expect daily consumptive demand, are slow of sale. The heavy snow-fall of the past few days may be in part accountable, as the roads in Western Ontario are in many districts impassable. The near approach of the Lenten season has improved the fish trade, which is now assuming satisfactory proportions. Sugars are quiet, but prices, in view of strength abroad, continue firm. Latest Cuban advances are as strong as ever, while European cables quote beet higher. Canned goods are all but featureless. Peas continue scarce, stocks being reduced to a minimum. Tomatoes are held in strong hands at 80c. The distributive movement in teas is quiet, the market exciting no special attention.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The local situation remains without change. Prices of green, to butchers, are unaltered; while sales of cured have been made on the basis of last week's quotations. Stocks in Toronto are not large, one dealer only carrying what might be considered a fairly large supply. Country hides in Chicago are reported ¼c. firmer. Sheepskins are quiet at 90c., the price arranged at the beginning of the month.

LEATHER.—It is idle to make excuses for an absence of orders. Trade is not good—far from satisfactory—and February from present prospects will be a quieter month than January. The fault lies in the boot and shoe trade. With failures reported among jobbers and retailers in almost every quarter, aggregating some hundreds of thousands of dollars in loss, it is little cause for surprise that manufacturers prove poor customers in the leather market. The sole leather tanners suspended the operation of their selling arrangement from January to February 3rd, presumably to secure the patronage of some manufacturers who had opened accounts with outside tanners.

PROVISIONS.—During the week receipts of dairy butter have fallen off somewhat, due probably to unfavorable weather and snow blocked country roads. All good fresh rolls are readily purchased at former quotations. Medium and low grades are neglected. Dealers strongly advise shippers to more carefully grade their offerings before forwarding. We quote: Dairy tubs, 15c.; rolls, 14 to 15c.;

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Orders continue to come in fairly for spring shipment, but present wants are small. Turpentine is steady at last week's decline. Complaint is made that linseed oil is being sold in the West at cut prices. Shellac is weaker abroad, but no change will be made in local prices till May. Fish oils are very dull. We quote:—Turpentine, 46c. per gal. for single brls., 2 to 4 brls., 45c.; 5 brls. and over, 44c. Linseed oil, raw, 55c. per gal.; boiled, 58c.; 4 to 9 brl. lots, 1c. less; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; castor, in lots, 6½c.; single cases, 7c.; tins, 7½c.; Nfld. cod, 34 to 35c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 35c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 42 to 43c. per gal. in small lots. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$4.75 to 5.00; No. 1, \$4.50 to 4.75; No. 2, \$4 to 4.25; No. 3, \$4; dry white lead 4½ to 5c.; genuine red do., 4½ to 4¾c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; putty, \$1.60 to 1.65 in bulk, \$1.75 to 1.85 in bladders, \$2 to 2.10 in tins; London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris white, 85 to 90c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50; window glass, \$1.25 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.35 for second break; third break, \$2.90.

WOOL.—A wool salesman who has made a trip west, reports that the mills as a rule did not seem very busy, and that he was not very successful in the way of taking orders. On spot there is little doing, and values show no change. We quote: Cape, 14 to 15c.; Natal, 15 to 16c.; B.A. scoured, 27 to 35c. per lb.; domestics, as before quoted.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Feb. 13th, 1896.

DRUGS.—Trade is fair; the prices of all staple lines continue firm. Cream tartar, tartaric acid, glycerine, quinine, morphia and insect powder are all strong. Cocoa butter, spermaceti and saccharin are reported weaker in outside markets. Collections are slow.

DRY GOODS.—The work of distributing spring requirements to the retailers throughout the Dominion is being continued. Although the employes of the different houses are busy, house trade is rather quiet. Buyers for the woolen department will leave for European

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