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OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Business in these lines is virtually dead at the moment, and stock-taking is the principal occupation in the various warehouses. In prices there is absolutely nothing new. We quote:—Turpentine, 43c. per gallon for single barrels; two to four barrels, 42c. Linseed oil, raw, 57c. per gallon; boiled, 60c.; 5-barrel lots, 1c. less; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; castor, in lots, 6½c.; single cases, 6½ to 6¾c.; tins, 7c.; Nfld. cod, 38 to 40c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 38c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 38 to 40c., in small lots. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$4.50 to 5.00; No. 1, \$4.50; No. 2, \$4.25; No. 3, \$4.00; dry white lead, 5c.; genuine red do., 4½c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; putty, 2c. in bladders per brl.; London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris white, 90c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50; window glass, \$1.20 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.30 for second break; third break, \$2.80. These prices are shaded 5c. for 50-box lots.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Dec. 6th, 1894.

DRUGS.—The general distributing trade of Toronto wholesale druggists is not altogether of a satisfactory nature. It is to be hoped that an improvement will yet take place this month, but it is impossible to count definitely upon an increased movement of staple drugs. A quantity of holiday supplies will, of course, go into consumption, but even this trade is very limited in amount. In values shellac is advancing, while higher prices are being asked for caffeine. Ipecac root is strong. Glycerine is firmer. Opium and quinine remain steady.

GRAIN.—English and American wheat markets have been firm during the week, although at the time of writing cables report a slight loss in strength abroad. Values on the local market are firmer by 1 to 2c. per bushel than they were one week ago. The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada is placed at 85,159,000 bus., an increase of 1,215,000 bus. over the figures of last week. This naturally had a tendency to bear the market, but American calculations were offset somewhat by English figures, which show a decrease of 1,400,000 bus. The position is thus brighter from a "bull" aspect, the world's visible supply showing but

little increase. Beyond wheat, no grain quotations on the local market have been changed. Oats are steady at 30 to 31c. Barley is in good demand, both by way of local and export trade, with quotations ranging from 39 to 45c. For peas there is good enquiry with prices unaltered over last week's quotations.

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on Nov. 24th were 642,972 bushels. During the week there were received 3,300,082 bushels, and shipped 973,054 bushels, leaving in store on Nov. 30th, 337,616.

GROCERIES.—Wholesale houses are fairly active as a consequence of an approaching holiday season. Nuts, raisins, figs, currants, prunes, everything used in Christmas festivities finds active demand. Valencia raisins are apparently going to be short in supply, but beyond this stocks of dried fruit are fairly large. A shipment of fine Panoriti currants arrived this week and should find good sale. Sugar prices continue low. Demerara crystal sugars are attracting considerable attention, and deservedly so, for they have a high test and good appearance. There are three grades on the market, with prices at 3c., 3½c., and 3¾c. per lb., ranging in color from a dark grey to a bright golden hue. On the local market teas remain unchanged in value. An English tea circular says: "Our Congou market has commanded increased attention, the country evidently having been looking over our stocks in a way they have not done for the last two or three years. This is of course the direct result of the material rise in values of Indians and Ceylons, and at the moment China tea has unchallenged control of the trade up to 6½d. per lb. How long this will last depends largely

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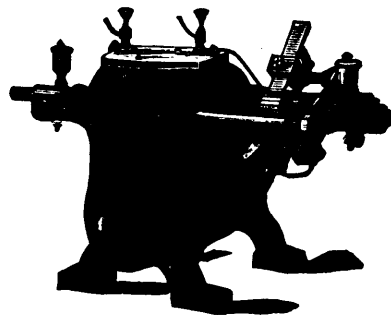
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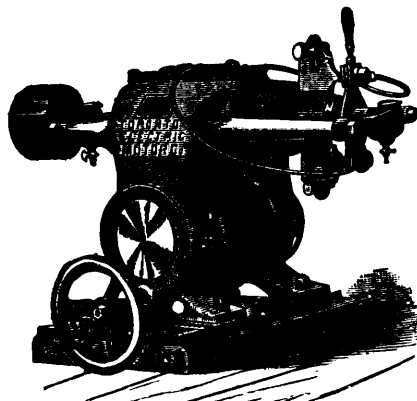
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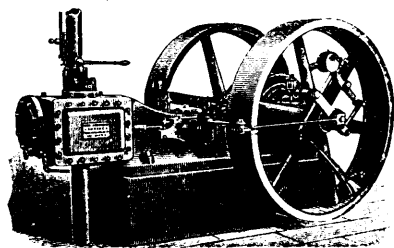
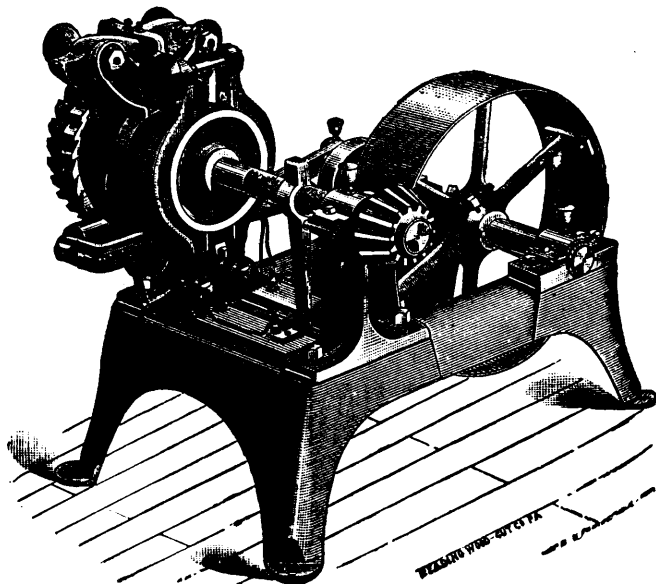
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