

and heavier, \$2.40; 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 \$2.90; 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, 5½c.; No. 26, 6c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.85; English ditto, \$2; hoops, \$2.15. Steel boiler plate, ½ inch and upwards, \$1.90 to 2.00 for Dalzell, and equal; ditto, three-sixteenths inch, \$2.60; tank iron, ½ inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths do., \$2.25; tank steel, \$1.70; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.60; Russian sheet iron, 9 to 10c.; lead, per 100 lbs., pig, \$3.25; 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 L. & F.; Straits, 15½c.; bar tin, 16½ to 17c.; ingot copper, 11 to 12c.; sheet zinc, \$4.50 to 4.75; Silesian spelter, \$4.50; American spelter, \$4.50. Antimony, 8 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 discount on wire is 20 per cent. Barb and twisted wire and staples, 3½c.; freight paid on half-ton lots.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—In these lines a fair trade is reported. Some fair receipts of linseed oil are reported by the first London steamer, and quotations are easier by a cent, quotations now being from 51 to 53c. for raw and 54 to 56c. for boiled, as to size of lot. Turpentine is easier at 43c. per gal. for jobbing lots. The Hamburg steamer "Christiana" is in port with some 10,000 to 12,000 boxes glass, but there is no change in prices. Latest reports with regard to the Newfoundland seal catch are of a much more favorable character, some of the vessels first reported empty having come in with good fares, and the proportion of old seals taken—which are more productive than the young—is larger. We hear that new seal oil has been quoted at 38½ to 39c. in quantity to arrive, but little business has yet transpired. Castor oil rules very firm at quotations. The London steamer has some 550 pkgs. of whiting, which will relieve the scarcity in this article, and quotations are easier at 40 to 45c. as to lot. We quote: Turpentine, 1 to 4 brls., 43c. Linseed oil, raw, 53c. per gal.; boiled, 56c.; 5 to 9 brl. lots, 52 and 55c.; 10 to 19 brls., 51 and 54c.; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; castor, in lots, 6½c.; single cases, 7c.; tins, 7½c.; Nfld. cod, 35 to 37c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 35 to 37c. 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; Paris green, 13½ to 14c. in bulk, packages 15 to 16c.; window glass, \$1.25 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.35 for second break; third break, \$2.90.

WOOL.—The demand is still slack, and though mill men seem fairly busy, orders on this market for imported wools are very light. Samples of the large cargo spoken of last week as being close at hand, have been received, but importers do not seem anxious to submit them to buyers. The London sales opened last week some 5 per cent. below closing figures of last series, but some recovery is since noted. Americans are light buyers, and some considerable lots have been withdrawn. Local quotations are unchanged.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, May 7th, 1896.

BREADSTUFFS.—Foreign markets were dull all week until Tuesday, when they stiffened a little, the firmness being maintained on Wednesday. Chicago went up ¼c. on Wednesday for wheat. There are no transactions in wheat in this market, except in Ontario wheat to local millers, and prices remain exactly as they were. Oats are dull and unchanged, likely to remain so until the large stocks in Montreal—nearly 500,000 bushels—are removed. Peas are also dull and quoted a cent lower, with a moderate demand at the decline. The barley season is over. No other feature in the grain market.

There is not a great deal of flour selling. Manitoba patent is held at \$4, and Manitoba strong baker's at \$3.65 to 3.75; patent winter is unchanged at \$3.75, but straight roller is in request and firmer at \$3.50 to 3.60; what little extra is in market is held at \$3; oatmeal is quiet; there is nothing doing in bran, shorts or middlings; bran is lower.

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on April 25th were 3,436,224 bushels. During the week there were received 19,911 bushels, and shipped 322,199 bushels, leaving in store on May 2nd, 3,133,936 bushels.

DRUGS AND MEDICINES.—There has not been much animation in Ontario trade since our last, but some good orders have come in from Manitoba. Cod liver oil is less firm; cream of tartar, which had eased off, is, firmed up again; camphor is easy, though not quotably lower; opium and morphine are unchanged in price; gums are still high in price; heavy chemicals are inclined to be easier by reason of the new stocks arriving.

DRY GOODS.—The season being later than usual, country stocks are probably not broken yet. The farmers are largely seeding, too, which keeps the storekeeper from being busy. There is not much doing in staples in warehouse; but in spring novelties, lappets and zephyrs are much in vogue, while dimity in linen and cotton are also fashionable. Organdies in muslins, and chameleons moires in prints, are very effective in dresses and blouses. In staple lines of prints, clarets and navy blues with white or yellow spots are greatly sought after; prints are made in grey grounds, "natural" or linen tints of cotton in imitation of linen, and very dainty-looking goods they are, looking like 25 cent fabrics, while they can be had for half the money.

FURS AND SKINS.—We cannot report any activity in any branch of the fur trade. Bear is very low in this market; dropped 50 or 55 per cent. within a year, and from \$8 to \$12 is an approximation to current values; the demand is very slack. Fox are ruling as before; red, \$1 to 1.15; cross, \$3 to \$5, the season being pretty well over. Beaver and otter are being preserved, and not bought here now. For mink 75c. to \$1.25 is paid, and the demand fair, many being used for linings. Marten brings from \$1 to 2.50. Coon are fairly plentiful; prices of rats are 5 to 10c. each for fall, 5 to 10c. for winter, 16 to 20c. for spring; skunk has fallen in price of late, and is quoted now at 25c. to \$1.

GROCERIES.—Trade shows some improvement; no article is especially in demand, but all over the list there is a better movement. A fair request exists for sugars; yellows quote at 3½ to 4c. for Demerara, 4½c. for bright yellows, 4½c. for very bright. There has been, as we last week noted, some movement of canned corn, probably surplus stock which packers are working off. The Japan tea market has opened lower on better qualities, which may be expected to be easier, but common grades are not affected.

HIDES AND SKINS.—All the green hides coming in are taken readily at 5c. per lb., while cured and inspected are selling at 5½c., mostly in small parcels of from 50 to 100 each. Cal-

skins are nominal; little or no demand; country stock arrives in poor condition. Deacons are quoted from 20 to 25c. and culls half price; veal skins, 4 to 6c. per pound; horse hides, \$1.50 to 1.75 each. Tallow very dull and low; 3 to 3½c. per lb. for best rendered, and 2½ to 3c. for ordinary.

LEATHER.—While it would be incorrect to say that any dealer is busy, there is a little more enquiry for leather. There is a feeling that matters have touched bottom in the leather trade, and that any change henceforth must be for the better. It is at any rate significant that the United States Leather Co. has put up its prices by one cent on Spanish sole made from B.A. and Cordova hides, though not on common hide stock. It is further significant that on Tuesday last native hides (April) No. 1 advanced in Chicago a half cent to 7½c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—There is no change in price of heavy goods since our last. We have already noted that wire nails were advanced at 1st of May, and there will be an advance on 10th May of cut nails, all kinds, to \$2.75 base, which will mean an advance of 15c. on present quoted prices. No other changes in our list.

OILS.—With the exception of linseed oil for spring painting, and lubricating oils for boats and engines, there is not much briskness in this line. Petroleum burning oil is quieter, less being wanted at this season, but the price keeps firm as quoted; lubricating oil is just now in great demand, by reason of the opening of navigation and the fact of mills starting up; axle grease is active; for cod oil there is not much demand, but the price is 45c. per gal. for single barrels and 40c. for 5 to 10 barrel lots; lard oil is steady at 60 to 70c. for extra and 50 to 60c. for ordinary. Linseed oil is in request freely; our quotations are for 1 to 5 barrels; if larger lots are bought a closer figure may be secured.

PAINTS, ETC.—There is a fair enquiry in this line, both for paints for outdoor and for finishing colors, alabastine, etc., for interior finish. Paris green is in a state of quietude meanwhile, but expected to be in active demand in the course of a fortnight. Red lead is exceedingly scarce, but fresh stocks coming forward via the St. Lawrence will shortly help jobbers to fill their orders. Window glass has weakened slightly; spring stocks will soon be complete, and prices may fall.

PROVISIONS.—There is no special activity to chronicle; indeed the whole trade is quiet. Butter is weak, 11 to 12½c. being the price for large rolls; buyers seem to want grass butter; creamery is weak at 15 to 16 cents; cheese is quiet, new jobbing at 8 cents, and old at 8 to 9 cents, with very little demand; hog products are unchanged in price. English advices report a better market, which may take some of the surplus stock away from here; eggs are easy at 9½ to 10c. per doz.; hops, it is difficult to say what they are worth; at any rate there is no sale for them.

SEEDS.—Since our paragraph of last week in this connection, we have received the circular of John Shaw & Sons, seed merchants, London, who say that for two weeks there had been up to that date an active sowing demand for farm

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