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quarters. Locally, pig iron and bars are quoted at old figures. Iron pipe is steady at \$4.42 for inch. Canada plates are easy at \$2.20 to \$2.25, but black sheets are relatively higher at \$2.25 to \$2.30. Galvanized sheets, tinplates, etc., are unchanged. Lead is steadily advancing, and is now quoted at \$3.50 in a jobbing way; a meeting of the lead pipe manufacturers was held yesterday, but it was not decided to advance prices as yet. Copper is also showing a gradual firming up, and 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. is the present jobbing price. Spelter is steady at 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 6c., and antimony at 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.

Oils, Paints and Glass.—The improvement in the movement, as noted last week, continues, and a fair seasonable trade is doing. In quotations not a change is reported, but further decline is expected momentarily in turpentine. Quotations are: Single barrels, raw linseed oil, 47 to 48c.; boiled, 50 to 51c. net 30 days, or 3 per cent. for four months' terms. Turpentine, 87c. single barrels; olive oil, machinery, 90c. to \$1; cod oil, 35 to 40c. per gallon; steam refined seal, 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 65c.; straw seal, 42 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 45 to 55c. per gallon; tinged and brown ditto, down to 35c.; sweet pale whale oil, 50 to 55c.; castor oil, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8c. for machinery; pharmaceutical ditto, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9c.; lead (chemically pure and firstclass brands), \$4.50; No. 1, \$4.25; No. 2, \$4; No. 3, \$3.80 to \$3.90; No. 4, \$3.60; dry white lead, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for pure; No. 1 ditto, 4 to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; genuine red ditto, 4 to 4 $\frac{1}{4}$; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; putty in bulk, bbls., \$1.80; bladder putty in bbls., \$1.90; ditto, in kegs or tins, \$2.65; London washed whiting, 45c.; Paris white, 75c.; Venetian boxes, \$2.40;

23-lb. tins, \$2.55; 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ -lb. red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2; Paris green, 14c. in bulk, and 15c. in 1-lb. packages; window glass, per 100 ft., \$3 to \$3.25 for first break; \$3.45 for second break, and \$4.20 for third break; per 50 feet, \$1.70 for first break, and \$1.80 for second break.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, April 14th, 1904.

Chemicals, Drugs, Etc.—Trade in local drug circles is about fair, without any particularly noteworthy feature presenting itself. The most important point in the situation in New York has been the decline in refined camphor of 8c. per pound, owing to the fact that crude is again coming forward from Japan. It keeps steady. No change in menthol has occurred since the drop reported a week or two ago. Opium is easy.

Dry Goods.—Wholesalers report a fairly busy week. No further changes have taken place in staple cotton goods, but prices continue very strong. Travelers report prospects for the coming season as excellent. Payments early this month were hardly up to the average, but this had not been expected.

Flour and Grain.—The only change reported in grains is in the price of rye which is 1c. higher, being scarce and wanted. Wheat is quite dull. Little business is being done, and receipts are almost nil. Flour is steady at \$3.57 for ninety per cent. patents in buyers' bags, with extra brands a little higher. Oatmeal is very firm. Bran and shorts remain without change.

Groceries.—There has been no change this week in sugars, though the New York market has strengthened still further. Canned vegetables are in very good demand, and prices are firm. Teas also show a rising tendency, and business is fairly active. In dried fruits no special feature is displayed, but currants promise to be firmer.

Hardware.—Trade in general lines of hardware is becoming more active, as spring requirements become more urgent. No price changes have been made recently, and values keep firm. All the indications point to a good season's business as soon as navigation opens. Metals are moving fairly well, considering all things, but a considerably brisker trade is looked for at an early date.

Hides and Skins.—Trade may be described as quiet, but steady. The offerings, for this time of the year, are fair. Calfskins have made no change. Leather is showing considerable activity and a good deal of talk of advancing prices is heard.

Provisions.—The butter market is easy, owing to the liberal receipts of large dairy rolls. For choice dairy and creamery, the demand is good. Not much change has occurred in the cheese

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situation. A steady market prevails for eggs (new laid) at 14 to 15c. Hops are dull, with Canadian crop quoted at 28 to 30c. The offerings of dressed hogs continue rather small, but prices continue easy. Hog products are in fair demand, but this is expected to improve with the opening of navigation.

Seeds.—Greater quietness than is usual at this time of the year prevails in the seed business, but this no doubt is due merely to the lateness of the season. Prices are quoted as follows: Alsike, \$4.25 to \$7.80 per bushel; red clover, \$5.25 to \$7.50, and timothy, \$1.50 to \$2.75, the latter for flail threshed.

Wool.—Business is still very quiet. In fleece very little is doing, while in pulled wools, the demand from the domestic mills is very slow.