

\$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, \$2.80.

WOOL.—The movement at the moment is restricted to some small lots of Cape, for which full quotations are exacted. There are no full stocks in any line on spot. We quote:—Cape, 14 to 16c.; Natal, 15 to 17c.; B A. scoured, 28 to 36c.; domestic fleece, 22 to 25c.; pulled supers, 20 to 21½c.; extra, 23 to 26c. per lb.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Dec. 12th, 1895.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—A fairly good distributive trade is taking place in general lines. Retailers throughout the country are somewhat exercised over the principle of association for the purpose of sustaining prices, and in some cities bitter fighting is being done. Some changes in values are reported in the market. Camphor is firm. Carbolic acid holds steady

at quotations. Cream of tartar and tartaric acid are weak. The following are strong and reported advancing: glycerine, oil aniseed, oil cassia. Balsams Tolu and Peru are very firm and likely to go higher.

FLAX SEED AND PRODUCTS.—Nothing has happened this week to change the situation in flax and flax products. Flax seed in the rough, as received from the growers, is quoted by wholesale merchants at 95c. per bush. in round lots, prices ranging from this up to \$1.35 per bush. for choice cleaned seed for druggists' purposes. The yield of seed in Russia this year is fair, in India an average, phenomenal in the Argentine Republic, and amounting to, it is said, some 2,000,000 bushels in Manitoba. Western mill men had not anticipated so large a yield in the North-West, and opening the season with prices based on last year's harvest, they have reason to regret their early purchases. Dealers in Toronto quote linseed oil, raw, 52c.; boiled, 55c. per gal. net cash. Merchants quote oil cake \$14 to \$20 per ton. Following are advices from other markets:

New York, Dec. 10.—“For linseed oil the market is without change. The amount of business transacted is small, but as crushers were not crushing their supplies for sales, prices are steadily held. Western crushed oil is quiet and unchanged.” We quote linseed, raw, American seed, 42c.; do. boiled, American seed, 45c.; do. raw, Calcutta seed, 43c. “The market for linseed is neglected, and prices quoted nominal. We quote: \$1.52½ by sail from Calcutta, and \$1.52½ by steam from England.” London, Eng. —“Calcutta linseed, November shipment, via Cape, 36s. per quarter.” Hull, December 1.—“There is a very quiet demand for linseed oil, which sold at 18s. 7½d per cwt. naked on the spot and month, and business done at 18s. 4½d for delivery January-August. Linseed cakes in fair demand at £5 5s. to £6 6s., and cottons £3 15s. per ton.”

GSAIN.—Wheat is firmer. During the week prices of winter wheat at Ontario points have advanced 1 cent per bushel. Deliveries are large, and in many districts the roads are in excellent shape, sleighing being good. The requirements of the mills amount to a fair average. Manitoba wheat is held firm, values having advanced 1c. per bushel during the week. Barley is steadier, the feeling being somewhat firmer, prices remaining unchanged. Oats are easier in face of large receipts from the North-West in Montreal. The buckwheat market is firm: the export demand is good, and prices unaltered. Rye is scarce, and wanted. Peas are quiet and easy, at 50 to 51c.; the export demand is slack. Corn is unchanged.

GROCERIES.—An active demand and brisk movement is the feature in grocery circles. Trade is largely of a holiday character. The movement in dried fruits is active. Fruit merchants quote new Eleme figs, 14-oz. box, per box, 9c.; 10-lb. box, 10c. per lb.; 28-lb. boxes, 11c. per lb.; cooking, about 33 lbs., 4c.; raisins, layer connoisseurs, \$2.30 per box; dessert clusters, \$3 per box. Nuts are quoted: Tarragona almonds, 50-lb. boxes, 12c. per lb.; Formegetta almonds, 11c. per lb.; Grenoble walnuts, 12½c.; Marbot walnuts, 10c.; Brazils, 12½c. per lb.; Sicily filberts, 8c.; roasted peanuts, 9c.; green peanuts, 7c. per lb. The above goods are quoted terms cash and not according to usual grocers' terms. Several cars of California evaporated fruits arrived this week; we quote in bags: peaches, 10½c.; apricots, 13½ to 14c.; pears, 10c.; prunes, 7 to 9c.; nectarines, 10½c.; in boxes, egg plums, 8c.; French prunes, 10½, 9½ and 8½c. In the primary market 40-50 prunes are said to be scarce, but 50-60 are in good supply, and prices are off ½c. Sugars are very firm. Refiners' agents quote granulated, ½c. advance, but we have not heard of sales at these figures; the most that has been realized is 1-16c. In yellows, ½c. advance is quoted. The consumptive demand is apparently not very active at present, but doubtless the upward tendency of the market will have the usual result of calling out the dormant demand. In coffees there is little that is new to report; latest reports from Rio and Santos are firmer. Teas show no special features, and attract but little interest from the local trade. Canned goods are not active, the movement at this season of the year being usually limited.

HAY AND STRAW.—The receipts per day o hay, at the St. Lawrence market, average about 20 loads. Hay is quoted \$16 to 17; straw, \$12 to 13.50. Oats are quoted 27 to 28c. on the market.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—Trade is quiet, although there is some activity in the movement of fall specialties. The demand for snow shovels, skates, plated ware and cutlery is good. In axes and saws trade is only fairly good. Trade in metals is quite satisfactory, although not characterized by any special activity. Canada plate is going out very freely. Galvanized iron is in good request, as is tin plate. Pig lead is moving more freely and prices are firmer at 3½ to 3¾c. per lb.; London cable for soft Spanish is £11 11s. 3d. Glasgow mail advices report the Scotch pig iron market as firmer in view of the anxiety of the bears to reduce their oversales. In sympathy with warrants maker's iron is rather firmer.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The local market has, during the week, resulted in little change. Dealers are paying 5, 4 and 3c. to butchers. Cured are quoted 6 to 6½c. An Ohio buyer was in the city recently looking up stock, which speaks well for the condition of affairs in the Western States. Dealers in Toronto have few hides for sale, in fact several of the largest

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