

do. \$5.50. Some cheaper grades of antimony are on the market, and we quote from 18 to 15c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.65 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$3.35; the trade discount on wire is  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. Coil chain,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, 5c.;  $\frac{3}{4}$  in.,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 7-16 in.,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., 4c.;  $\frac{3}{4}$  in.,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., 3c.;  $\frac{3}{4}$  in., and upwards, 3c.

**OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.**—In these as in most other lines, the elections in this province have interfered more or less with trade. Concerning values very little new can be said; turpentine is still held at the strong advance noted last week, but as new crop is nearly due, a decline is pretty sure to come shortly. All others are in *statu quo*. We quote linseed oil, raw, 57 to 58c. per gallon; boiled, 60 to 61c.; turpentine, 64 to 65c.; olive oil, none here; castor  $8\frac{1}{2}$  to 9c. per lb., according to lot; Newfoundland cod, 42 to 44c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 48 to 50c. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.50 to 5.75; No. 1, \$5 to 5.25; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$4 to 4.50; dry white lead, 5 to  $5\frac{1}{2}$ c.; genuine red do.,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to  $4\frac{3}{4}$ c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; London washed whiting, 50c.; Paris white, 90c. to \$1; Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50. Window glass, \$1.35 to 1.40 per 50 feet for first break, \$1.50 for second break; third break, \$3.25.

**WOOL.**—There is rather more enquiry reported, with a tendency to firmness in prices. Local stocks are very low in all lines, but one house has some 300 bales just arrived at Boston, and also 1,200 bales afloat, and other supplies are reported pointing this way. Capes are quoted at  $14\frac{1}{2}$  to 16c. per lb.; B. A. scoured, 32 to 38c.; some medium Nor-West still held here at 14c.

#### TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, March 10th, 1892.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—Business is steadily on the increase. Orders are coming in both for present and future delivery that total largely

in bulk, though, as a rule, the single orders are in small lots. During this week the increase in the demand has been more than unusually noticeable, and prospects for a large spring movement are most encouraging. Payments are coming in well.

**DRUGS.**—Latterly we have experienced more activity in our local and country requirements. Owing principally to a rumoured combination among the manufacturers of quinine, prices are now much firmer. Morphia and opium are weaker. There has been an advance in the price of sassafras, assafetida, oubebs, oils of lemon and bergamot.

**DRY GOODS.**—Business is in a satisfactory state and the wholesale houses are busy. Orders are coming in freely, mostly for small parcels, but to a large aggregate amount. A very satisfactory feature is that shorter credit is being, as a rule, asked and given. The milder weather has stimulated the demand for all kinds of spring dress materials. Hosiery and underwear are in request. All round the outlook is most hopeful; the wholesale houses have imported large stocks of goods from London and Paris, so that in addition to ample supplies of home-made material, retailers can select from the products of the best markets of the world. Payments are steadily improving, and are in advance of the spring of last year.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—The market is very dull and prices nominal; straight rollers are quoted at \$4.15 to 4.20; oatmeal is in very light demand, prices \$4.25 for rolled and granulated and \$4 for broken lots of standard. Bran quiet at \$14 per ton.

**GRAIN.**—Wheat is more steady; standard fall sold yesterday outside at 86c. per bushel, and spring wheat sold at 86 and 87c. on the Midland; white and red, lying west, sold at 88c., and for spring lying west 87c. was offered. No. 1 Manitoba hard was wanted at \$1, North Bay with sellers to arrive at \$1.05; No. 2 hard quoted at 99c. to \$1, and No. 3 hard at 91 to 92c. Street receipts have been small and closed yesterday at 91 to 92c. for white and red. Oats in small supply, with 33c. bid for mixed on track. Barley is about un-

changed with little enquiry; street price 48 to 52c. Rye is easy at 83 and 84c. Peas were quiet at 61 and 62c. outside. Buckwheat is quoted at 48 to 50c. Corn closed yesterday at 48c. on track. Our latest cable advices from Liverpool report wheat quiet, demand easy and offerings only moderate. Corn is firm and in fair demand.

**GROCERIES.**—Probably for no other reason than that sugar rose both on Monday and on Tuesday 1-16c. in New York, all sugars were advanced here  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. on Wednesday, and are now quoted as being firm at the advance. But while  $4\frac{1}{2}$ c. for granulated sugar and 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for yellows are nominally the bottom prices here, deals are being effected both in this city and Montreal daily at lower figures under certain conditions of quantity, spot payment, or contingent orders for other goods. We have had during the past few days an undoubted improvement in the enquiry for many of our more seasonable lines, but still outside of cheap teas and sugar the movement is not such as business men have been expecting; dullness is still the marked characteristic of many departments of the trade, and the average of the corresponding period of last year is scarcely approached. Cheap Japan teas are selling largely. Coffee is dull. Dried fruits and nuts are quiet. Rice is moving slowly. For syrups and molasses there has been a better enquiry. But with the single exception of sugars, prices are probably unchanged. During the week much has been said among the persons primarily most immediately interested about the resuscitation of the sugar "combine;" so far, however, it is reported that no agreement has been within sight, and the general opinion would appear

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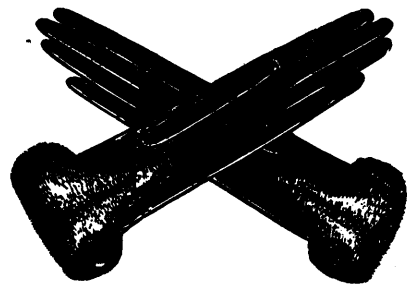
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