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tions of the Dominion also speak of snow and backward weather, and sorting business among the wholesale warehouses is quite dull. Remittances are also reported as irregular and rather unsatisfactory. Nothing new is reported in the way of market changes.

Hides.—There has been no advance as yet in lambskins, but it is probable prices will be put up on the 1st of May. For No. 1 beef hides dealers are still paying 9c. per lb., and 13c. for No. 1 calfskins.

Metals and Hardware.—At this time a year ago there were considerable shipments being made by boat to river points, but at date there are no distinct signs of the opening of navigation, and the movement is not up to the average of what is expected at this season. The threatened strike of the plumbers, who have served the masters with a notice that after May 1st, they want 35 cents an hour, and an 8-hour day, is also affecting business adversely, orders being placed with supply houses in moderation, and subject to revision or cancellation. With regard to prices there are a few special changes. Londonderry pig-iron is quoted at \$19 to \$19.25; No. 1 Summerlee at \$19.25 to \$19.50, and No. 2 at \$18.75. Bars remain at \$1.65 to \$1.70. Standard brands and weights of tinplates are quoted at \$3.65 for cokes, and \$3.90 for charcoals; Canada plates, \$2.25 to \$2.30; black sheets, \$2.25 for 28 gauge, and \$2.20 for No. 26 gauge; galvanized sheets, \$4 to \$4.25. Lead has eased off a little, being quoted at \$3.40 to \$3.50; ingot tin, 32 to 32½c.; antimony, 7¼ to 8c.; copper, 13¾c.

Oils, Paints, and Glass.—While business is better than it was several weeks ago, there is no special "swing" to trade, and the movement is not up to that of a year ago. Not a variation of any kind in prices is reported for the week. 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, 62½ to 65c.; straw seal, 42½ to 45 to 55c. per gallon; tinged and brown ditto, down to 35c.; sweet pale whale oil, 50 to 55c.; castor oil, 7½ to 8c. for machinery; pharmaceutical ditto, 8½ 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, 4¼ to 4½c. for pure; No. 1 ditto, 4 to 4½c.; genuine red ditto, 4 to 4¼; 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; 12½-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 21st, 1904.

Chemicals, Drugs, etc.—Business has now about regained its usual proportions, though no doubt a large part of the trade which would have been done during the first two or three months of the year, but which was prevented owing to the severity of the season, has been more or less irretrievably lost. Opium continues very dull, but quinine is firm and stocks in first hands are small. There is no noteworthy feature in the New York market. Advices from Great Britain refer to a dull trade, especially for home requirements, though for export it is not so bad.

Dry Goods.—The terrible conflagration on Tuesday night, which wiped out so many of the city's great dry goods warehouses, has rendered it difficult to speak in a general way of the present conditions and future prospects in this line. Trade, it may be said, however, has continued dull, owing to the unseasonable weather for this time of the year. Judging from travellers' letters, the indications for good business in the future are fairly good. Prices remain as before, very firm.

Flour and Grain.—The usual quotation for ninety per cent. patents to-day stands at \$2.60 in buyers' bags, middle freights, while extra makes would be a few cents higher. Manitoba flour is unchanged. Bran, shorts, and oatmeal are all as be-

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fore, and steady. Quotations for grain remain as listed last week. The market is dull, with little business being done.

Fruits and Vegetables.—Unseasonable weather has not improved the general conditions in the fruit trade. Spanish onions are now practically out of the market. Semi-tropical fruits are still plentiful, and pineapples are becoming more so every day. The following are the quoted prices:—Apples, 75 to \$2.50 per bbl., according to grade and quality; cocoanuts, \$4 per sack; oranges, California navels, \$2.75 to \$3.50; Valencias, ordinary, \$4.50 to \$5; large, \$5.50 to \$6; lemons, Messina, 360's, \$2.25 to \$2.50; 300's \$2.75 to \$3; bananas, 8's, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bunch; 1st, \$2 to \$2.50; celery, \$4.50 to \$5.50 per case, and 75 to 90c. per dozen; cranberries, \$6 to \$7 per barrel, \$1. to \$1.25 per basket; Malaga grapes, \$6.50 to \$7.50 per barrel; dates, Sair, 3½c. per lb.; Hallowee, 4c.; figs, 8 to 12c.; tap figs, 3½c.; pineapples, \$4 to \$5 per case; strawberries, 10 to 12c. per pint box, and 18 to 20c. for quarts; Egyptian onions, \$3.50 per sack. Liverpool apple market is reported quiet, and without change, but there is a good demand for sound fruit.

Groceries.—Sugar continues firm at the recent advances, with a fair movement. In dried fruits, there is a seasonable activity, while the demand for canned goods is very brisk. Prices for the latter were this week advanced about 5 per cent. Teas, stocks of which are in not over-large compass, are selling freely, with prices very firm.

Hides, Skins and Leather.—Moderately good shipments of hides are coming forward, and a steady market prevails. Sheepskins and calfskins remain without appreciable change. Tallow is a little easier in price. The improvement in leather noted a few days ago can hardly be said to have continued, though this is probably due merely to the bad weather. The prospects for an active season's trade are quite good.

Wool.—Nothing is being done in fleece wool now, and new clip is not expected to arrive in any quantity until after considerable improvement in the weather. Trade in pulled wools is quiet.