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direct supplies are not due till about the middle of October; Valencia raisins are selling at 7½c. on spot; in currants there is a considerable range of from 5½ to 7c., according to grade; new sultanas are afloat for this market, but none here at present. Malagas difficult to get quotations as yet, but will open high. Rice rules very firm in all European markets, and there are indications of a possible scarcity; the milling company here will not make any new contracts at old figures. In tobaccos and spices there are no special features. Reports as to the tomato pack are very conflicting, and prices are quoted by packers all the way from 97½c. to \$1.15; canned salmon, firm at \$1.75 to \$1.80; lobsters very firm, \$5.75 to \$6.00, net cash; mackerel very scarce; sardines, 7½ to 11½c., as to quality.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Hardware travelers are now all out and report business rather better than expected. In heavy goods there is also a fair amount doing, and there is general firmness all through the list. Pig iron is considerably higher than a few weeks ago, and likely to go higher; warrants cabled at 42/2d.; bar iron is 5/- up at home, it is still being sold at \$2, but stocks could not be replaced at prices to warrant sales at this figure, and travelers have instructions to refer all large orders to principals before closing; coke tins \$3.75 to 3.90 firm, and 1,000 box lots could not be had under former figure; tin firmer; lead advanced, a 50 ton lot sold the other day at \$4; there is a stiffening tendency in steels, which are advanced 2/6d. to 5/- a ton in England. We quote:—Coltness, \$22, with little or none here; Calder and Summerlee, \$21.00; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$19.00; Gartsherrie, \$20.50; Siemens makers are not selling or making any fresh contracts; Carnbroe, \$20.00; Shotts, \$20.50; Glengarnock, \$18.25 to 18.50; Middlesboro, none here; cast scrap, railway chairs, &c., none; machinery scrap, \$16.50 to 17; common ditto, \$16; bar iron, \$2; best refined, \$2.25; Siemens, \$2. Canada Plates—Blains, \$2.40 to 2.50. Tern roofing plate, 20x28, \$7 solid. Tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.75; charcoal I.C., \$4.00 to 4.50;

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do. I.X., \$5.25; coke I.C., \$3.75 to 3.90; galvanized sheets, No. 28, 4½ to 7c., according to brand; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6c.; No. 26, 6½c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.20. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75; common sheet iron, \$2.50 to 2.75; steel boiler plate, \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 11c.; lead per 100 lbs., —; pig, \$4.00 to 4.50; sheet, \$4.50 to 4.75; shot, \$6.00 to 6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 11½c.; spring, \$2.50 to 2.80; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.40 to 2.50; round machinery steel, \$3.00; ingot tin, 25c.; bar tin, 27½ to 28c.; ingot copper, 18½ to 19c.; sheet zinc, \$5.00; spelter, \$4.50 to 5c.; antimony, 12 to 13c.; bright iron wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.15 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.20 to 2.25.

OILS, PAINTS, AND GLASS.—A better demand exists for fish oils, which are firmer; Nfld. cod oil has sold at 35c. in fair lots, Gaspe 34c., Nova Scotia 30 to 31c.; steam refined seal is dearer at 45 to 47½c.; linseed strengthening, we quote 57c. for raw, 60c. for boiled; turpentine also firmer at 60 to 63c. as to lot. In leads, colors, and glass there is no change. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.75 to 6; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25; dry white lead, 5½c.; red do., 4½c.; London washed whitening, 50 to 55c.; Paris white, \$1.00; Cookson's Venetian red, \$1.75; other brands Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.60; yellow ochre, \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$2.00 to 3.00. Window glass, \$1.40 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.50 for second break.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, 27th Sep., 1888.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Exhibition week did not see as many customers in the warehouses as in former years, and purchases were very light. However, travellers had covered their ground pretty thoroughly beforehand and are still booking a fair number of orders. They report country traders as being in a hopeful frame of mind and look forward to a fair fall trade. Collections are still very backward. There are a good many excuses made just now, but when the grain crop gets fairly on its way an improvement is expected.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The only feature of the week is the advance of 20c. per pound in opium. Quinine is also much steadier.

DRY GOODS.—Trade has opened out most promisingly, the present condition is much better than was expected and customers are coming back for repeat orders. The harvest prospects are generally reported to have turned out ahead of anticipations, and all appear quite cheerful in looking for a profitable business. Travellers are now preparing for the sorting trip and hope to do an active October trade. The price of grey cottons is slightly lower owing to the break up of the combination, but the compact in white cottons continues and they are firm. Flannel and woollen goods generally are selling fairly well and appear firm in price. We are told that there is less disposition amongst wholesale houses to cut