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**OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.**—Linseed oil is reported firmer in England, prices here still 60 and 63c. for raw and boiled respectively; turpentine has been subject to a sharp advance and is now quoted at 55c.; olive \$1.00 to \$1.05 for pure; castor 8½ to 8¼c. per lb. Nothing special to note in fish oils. Leads and colors are at former quotations. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$6.00; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25. Drywhite lead, 5¼c.; red, do. 4½ to 4¼c. London washed whitening, 50 to 60c.; Paris white, \$1.25; Cookson's Venetian red, \$1.75; other brands Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.60; Yellow ochre, \$1.50; Spruce ochre, \$2 to \$3. Glass \$1.70 per 50 feet for first break.

**SALT.**—The usual steady movement goes on in this line. Prices continue easy. We quote elevens 43 to 44c.; twelves 41 to 43c.; factory filled \$1.10 to \$1.15; Eureka and Ashton's \$2.40; Rice's pure dairy \$2.00; rock salt \$10 a ton.

**WOOL.**—Imported wools are in light supply and values firm. A sale last week of about 200 bales of damaged Cape realized good prices. We quote:—Caps 13 to 16c.; Australian 20 to 30c. Domestic, A super, 27 to 38c.; B super, 22 to 24c.; unsorted, 21 to 22c.; fleece, 19 to 21c. nominal; black 21 to 22c.

### TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, July 29th, 1886.

With the exception of Canada North-west land, the whole list of active securities dealt in on the Stock Exchange has been strong and in good request. There is scarcely any reaction from the continually-improving prices of Bank shares; nearly all are higher than last week, Ontario gaining 3½, Molsons 3, Montreal 1½, and Dominion 1½.

Among miscellaneous shares Western Assurance rose 3% to 138, and Consumers Gas 3 to 189 bid, while Canada North West fell 3/4 to 67/9, at which price it is now offered with 64/4 bid. The business among Loan Societies shares was confined to London and Canadian, which sold from 158½ to 160; Union at 132; and Western Canada (20% stock) at 179. Money is plentiful, call loans being quoted at 3½ to 4½.

**BREADSTUFFS, &c.**—The market for wheat and flour is weaker, and the demand for coarse grains, peas excepted, very slack. We hear of outside sales of car lots superior extra flour equal to \$3.60; very little extra is moving but if bought on Wednesday equal to \$3.50 at an outside point. Spring extra is higher, by reason of scarcity, and any offered would command \$3.25. Strong bakers is of the regular market, a good deal of American is used and brings \$4.00 to \$4.30. Oatmeal quiet at unaltered prices. Bran still worth \$10.00, and some are asking 10.50. No cargo lots of wheat are moving; only car lots change hands. No. 2 Fall sold this week at 77 to 78c.; No. 2 Spring is nominal at same figure. Barley is not wanted. Oats scarce and in fair request. There is a little stir in peas which are quoted higher, and in request at 60c. for No. 1, and 58c. for No. 2. Nothing doing in rye or maize.

**CATTLE, ETC.**—The local demand for cattle is very dull, and for export equally so. A good many beeves offer, some of them being of very good quality. Prices range from 3 cents per lb. live weight to 4½c. according to quality. Sheep are plentiful enough, the highest figure we hear of is \$4 per cental live weight. A good number of lambs offer; they bring \$2.75 to \$4 each and are worth 8c per lb. dressed. There is a good deal of veal in Market, live and dead, the best veal is worth 8c per lb. and from \$7 to \$10 is paid for live calves.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—Much the same conditions prevail as last week with respect to hides. We quote lambskins 40c. and pelts 39c. Tallow is extremely low, we quote 2c. for rough, and 4½c. for rendered as the prices that are paid here by dealers, rendered sells in large lots at 4½c. and in smalls at 5c.

**HOPS.**—Will there be another big "boom" in hops? In the meantime there is a little one. The prospect for the hop crop in New York state is

very poor, late rains can hardly improve the condition of the vines. Dealers in New York city, said the *Journal of Commerce* last week, would pay 25c. quickly, but none can be bought at that price. "Sale has been made of 100 bales of American, exceedingly fine, brought back from London. It would be impossible to buy any choice goods in this city under 28c., and we quote 26 @ 28 cents." The market began to advance early in July, but no pronounced advance was deemed safe until a fortnight ago, and even now, English advices of early July are that the crop is good and there is 70,000 pounds in hands of growers. Here, in Canada, the advance has been rapid from 8 to 10 cents early in July, to 15c. last week for good and 20c. for choice to-day. We hear of a sale at 20c. of hops which two weeks ago would have readily sold at 8c. The supply cannot be called short, but no one is disposed to offer them and some holders talk even of 25c. for choice. It remains to be seen how long the boom will hold. Brewers must be pretty well supplied at low figures.

**LEATHER.**—Trade with retail dealers in the country is moderately active and their remittances fair. The prospects for fall trade are considered at least as good as the average. In sole leather, stocks of all kinds are at a low ebb, manufacturers are cutting in a lively way and while prices are low the market may be called active. Cutters are, at the same time, not buying much upper; the greatest enquiry is for light weights which are scarce, stocks generally appear to be light. Harness, which is in good request, is in fair supply, there is no accumulation of stock. Splits are quiet and without special feature. Calf is in the usual demand. French steady and domestic a shade less active. In tanners' materials we do not change quotations of degrass or sumach. English sod oil is quoted 5c to 6c per pound.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—No new features can be reported this week. Prices are firm at quotations and no disposition is shown to make concessions except on copper and ingot tin which are easier. The American Copper Manufacturers Association have formed (July 7th) a combination on sheets, and what little business is now done in Canada for forward delivery is done with English markets. The tinplate market remains steady and for good brands no concessions are being made. Occasionally odd lots of wasters are put upon the market which has a demoralizing effect. Canadian plates are still being sold at prices that leave but little if any margin of profit to the importer, without taking into account the risk of damage in transit, which cannot be covered by insurance. The combination price in horse nails is well maintained and merchants express regret that more of the manufacturers do not take the initiative in fixing prices for jobbers and insisting on their being carried out. This they can do by retaining a portion of the discount allowed to such jobbers as a guarantee against breach of faith. Rope has advanced in price, we quote Sisal 7½c to 7¾c, and manilla 10½c to 11½c. The local Iron mar-

ket is unchanged: of pig, the stock is largely in one hand. The largest consumers here are the St. Lawrence Foundry, which is now making quantities of water pipe and gas mains for this city. A good demand continues for steel boiler plates, and a corresponding request for boiler tubes.

**PROVISIONS.**—Trade continues very quiet. The supply of butter is more than ample, and prices are weak, say 12c to 13c for city trade and slow demand. There is at present no export enquiry and stocks are accumulating in the country. Cheese remains unchanged, though the feeling is a little easier. The cable shows a decline of 1/- on the week to 41/-. In hog products the tone of the market is firm, stocks are in comparatively small compass. Bacon, long clear is jobbing at 7½c, hams at 13c, lard 9c to 9½c. In dried fruit there is no movement. Mess beef, \$10.50 to \$11, a 5-bbl. lot sold last week at \$11; some other small lots sold at inside figure and better could be done for larger lots.

**SALT.**—We quote Liverpool coarse 65c to 70c per bag. Canadian (which costs 75c per bbl. to lay down) 80c round lots, 85c to 90c for smaller parcels. Eureka dairy continues at 65c to 67c per 56 lbs. Washington 45c per 50 lbs.; Rice's 45c; Rogers' Canadian 35c.

**WOOL.**—No particular feature to be noted. A fair demand continues from the factories, but no great activity. Fleece is quiet.

### METALS MARKET IN BRITAIN.

The annual return showing the exports and imports of copper, tin, lead, spelter, and zinc ores and metals, which has just been issued, is especially interesting just now, owing to the serious variations of prices, and more particularly the decline in the price of copper. Venezuela continues to be the chief source of supply of copper ore, and the British possessions in South Africa to occupy the second place. Compared with the returns a few years

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