

to 2.50. 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, \$4.25 to 4.50; sheet, \$4.75 to 5.00; 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 to 0.00; ingot tin, 40c.; bar tin, 42c.; ingot copper, 19 to 20c.; sheet zinc, \$5.50 to 6.00; spelter, \$5.00; antimony, 15c.; bright iron wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.25 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., +2.30.

OILS, PAINTS, AND GLASS.—Fish oils are still dull, with sales of cod at 35 to 36c. for Newfoundland, and 33c. for Halifax; seal oil as before quoted. Reports of the spring catch are very favorable, one steamer being reported with the unusually large catch of 42,000 seals. Raw linseed oil is very scarce on spot and is rather firmer; we quote 58c. for raw, 60c. for boiled. Turpentine 61c. in single barrel lots. Castor and olive as before; leads, paints, and glass as before. We quote: Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.75 to 6.00; 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, \$1.50 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.60 for second break; these are straight prices, the usual discount on 50 box lots being discontinued.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, April 19th, 1888.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Our price list is almost unchanged from a week ago. We hear that there is considerable activity in methylated spirits, and purchases cannot be made at less than \$1.35 as compared with \$1.15 last week. The manufacturers, it is said, look for some action on the part of the Government regarding the production of this spirit, and are carefully hoarding stocks.

DRY GOODS.—Flying dust and chilly winds, such as we have, are not favorable to city trade in this line; while in country districts there is mud or snow in place of dust, and these prevent free movement or much activity either in sales or collections. Trade is therefore not brisk in our warehouses as a rule, though limited sorting parcels of staples and spring stuff continue to move. The cotton mill men have been meeting, but there seems a little uncertainty of tone amongst them. Prices, meanwhile, have been maintained, and we trust terms will not be relaxed. In wools, whether home-made or imported, the laxity of dating is going beyond all precedent, and it is to be hoped will soon get beyond all bearing.

FISH.—Trade in this department is dull, it being between seasons. There are no stocks of salt fish now on hand and frozen are about exhausted. A few Lake Ontario's are coming in, which, with the exception of pike, are the only kind of fresh fish now to be had. They bring \$5 per hundred. There will be no supplies of fresh white and trout until after the 10th of next month, when it is expected prices will rule much higher than heretofore. American buyers are making contracts for all they can secure, and at better figures than before. They pay 4½c. on the fishing ground, which price is exclusive of freight.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Some relief to the pronounced dullness which has ruled in this market for so long is afforded in enquiry now heard from the east, but it is yet of a very limited nature and cannot be said to have had much effect. Dealers, however, are hopeful that it may mean the beginning of better times. The demand should improve about this season and freights are lower. There have been no transactions of note in bran, which is nominally worth from \$17.50 to 18.00. A meeting of the oatmeal combine was held last week, when it was thought the present prices would be replaced by lower ones, but nothing in this direction was done. It is thought that current quotations will not rule much longer, as Manitoba meal can be, and has been, laid down in carlots at \$4.70 for granulated and \$4.50 for standard. The addition of 25 cents to these figures would give the price of jobbing lots. We have revised our prices current in accordance with this.

GRAIN.—We note a firmer feeling in wheat, with prices about a cent higher all round. There is no export movement the sales being altogether on local milling account. We quote fall No. 1, 86 to 87c.; No. 2, 84 to 85c.; No. 3, 82 to 83c.; No. 1 spring, 81 to 82c.; No. 2, 79 to 80c.; No. 3, 76 to 77c. The season for barley being about at an end there are no transactions to record and prices may be regarded as nominal. Oats are meeting with the usual retail enquiry at last quoted prices. Peas are high and firm at 65 to 74c. There is some demand for rye at 78 to 80c. but none offers. Corn nominal at 63 to 64c.

GROCERIES.—Wholesale dealers report a slight improvement in business. The stock of fruits is getting into small compass here and values are firm. By mail information from Denia the total shipments of Valencia raisins for the season to the 24th ult. is shown in the following statistics:

	1887-88.	1886-87.
To United Kingdom, bxs.	1,200,452	1,085,440
To U. States and Canada.	1,125,516	1,123,688
To France and Continent.	432,216	135,912

Total boxes..... 2,758,184 2,345,040
The scarcity of syrups has been slightly relieved during the week by the receipt of some back orders. There is a better feeling in sugars here, but complaints are heard as to the cutting of prices to country traders. The stock of sugar at four ports of United Kingdom on Tuesday was 225,000 tons, against 202,000 tons same time last year. Other lines call for no special remarks.

HARDWARE, &c.—Elsewhere we note some features of the trade, at home and abroad. Prices here are meanwhile unaltered.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Since our last there has been no marked change in the aspect of this market. The supply of hides is not found to be so plentiful, but the enquiry is light and stocks on hand are not much reduced. Ruling prices are 6 to 6½c. according to selection. Offerings of sheepskins are limited, while the demand for calfskins is fair for light, clean, fresh skins, but heavy are quite inactive. Lambskins are not worth more than 15c., although still limited the supply is becoming more plentiful from day to day. Tallow is scarce and wanted; 5c. would be paid for prime, rendered and rough stands at 2½c.

LEATHER.—Trade continues quiet. Still the volume is not much behind that for the same time in previous years. The cheaper grades of No. 2 sold are in large supply and prices are weaker than even our quotations, that is buyers of large lots could do better. Prime jobbing leather is in good request and there seems no accumulation. In harness, first-class makes, handstuffed, prime and heavy, sell fairly well, but prices of ordinary descriptions are low, there being no enquiry for such. Upper is weaker, with not much on the market and very little present demand for any weights. Calf and kip are slow of sale. Splits are in ample supply, with the movement moderately good. Large parcels to first-class men could, no doubt, be shaded under present quoted figures. We are told that there is no great accumulation in any one line, tanners acting prudently, a course for which they are to be commended. Payments are rather poor, but the outlook is not bad.

PETROLEUM.—In the local market the situation is much the same as at this time last week. Perhaps the addition of half a cent. to outside quotations would more accurately represent values here, say 14 to 14½c. f.o.b. Toronto for Canadian refined. In Petrolia the feeling is very firm, and the advance within the week is quite ½c. if not 1c. The tendency there is to still higher prices on account of the enhanced value of crude.

PROVISIONS.—Another collapse is to be noted in the egg market, which now rules at 13c. and the feeling weak. Receipts have been heavy. Butter is still in good demand, fresh rolls command 20 to 21c. Cheese is quiet at unchanged quotations. In hog products the tendency is firm but with only a jobbing business, large transactions being few. Dried apples are scarce and wanted while evaporated are dull. There is nothing doing in white beans.

SEEDS.—Much dissatisfaction is expressed at the recent action of the Government in abolishing the duty on timothy, clover, and grass seeds. Dealers here were taken greatly

by surprise and are quite outspoken in their denunciation of the movement. Fortunately there has been a sharp advance in Western United States markets, and this lets the Canadian holder out without loss. Prices, compared with those ruling a week ago, will be found to be somewhat lower. We now quote as the ruling figures:—Timothy, per 100 lbs., \$5.75 to 6.75; alsike clover, \$7.50 to 9.00; red, \$7.25 to 7.50; Hungarian grass, \$2.25 to 2.50; millet, \$2.10 to 2.25; flax seed as before.

WOOL.—Matters appear to be little changed from last report. While the enquiry is rather more pronounced prices are barely holding their own. Fleece wool in the English markets is well maintained, buyers are numerous and quotations steady.

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