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being held at 40 to 41c. A weekly trade contemporary had last week a somewhat sensational editorial relative to a reported heavy drop in teas, but the sole foundation for the article seems to be the sale by one house of some lots of Japans, for some time held, at prices a little below former askings to clear out stock. Prices generally show no disturbance locally, nor is there anything in the state of the outside markets to call for special notice. The past week has, if anything, developed a rather better enquiry for teas, and further improvement is looked for speedily. Coffees rather dull and unchanged. The only thing new in spices is an advance in New York of 2c. a lb. in pepper, and in England it is reported prices are also up a penny. Rice and tobacco without change. Valencia raisins rather more active, one or two large sales being reported, prices 5½ to 6c. for good fruit. Currants firmer in all outside markets, and local supply very limited; we quote 6½ to 7c. In canned goods there is nothing new within the week; tomatoes are easy as before noted, prices ranging from \$1.10 to 1.25, as to brand and lot; \$1.05 was offered for a thousand box lot of a fair brand, but was not taken.

LEATHER AND SHOES.—The leather trade does not show any increased demand, but there are some in the trade who seem to have some hope and expectation that matters are approaching a turning point, and that the trade will ere long strike the up grade, though the improvement may be very gradual and slow. The recent failures in Quebec are likely to afford some relief, and in some lines of cheap leather the accumulation is not so marked. The English market is reported better and freer. Shipments are being made from Quebec, while we hear of some ten-ton lots going from here. The shoe trade is quiet. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A., No. 1, 24 to 25c.; do. No. 2, B. A., 19 to 20c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 21 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 18 to 19c.; No. 1 China, 20 to 21c.; No. 2, 17 to 18c.; hemlock slaughter, No. 1, 23 to 26c.; oak sole, 40 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 33 to 37c.; ditto, heavy, 31 to 35c.; grained, 34 to 37c.; Scotch grained, 36 to 40c.; splits, large, 16 to 26c.; do., small, 12 to 18c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 46 lbs.), 55 to 70c.; imitation French calfskins, 75 to 85c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 24 to 33c.; buffed cow, 12 to 14c.; pebbled cow, 19 to 14½c.; rough, 23 to 26c.; russet and bridle, 54 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—General business shows very little change from a week ago. Orders for present needs are small, and in an

import way business rules rather dull, the disposition to hold back being very general, a weaker market for iron in Glasgow tending to strengthen this feeling. Warrants are cabled at 39/1d., and makers' prices also show some decline. Prices of Canada and tin plates continue to be cut locally and sold at prices as revised last week, in a jobbing way, but it is said lots of I. C. charcoals might be had at under \$4.50, and cokes under \$4. Tin and copper firms before. Coltness, \$23; Calder, Gartsherrie, and Summerlee, \$23.00; Eglington and Dalmellington, \$21.00 to 00.00; Siemens, 22.00 for No. 1. No Carnbroe or Shotts here; cast scrap, railway chairs, &c., none; machinery scrap, \$17.00 to 19.00; common ditto, \$16.00; bar iron, \$2.10 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.35 to 2.40; Siemens, \$2.10 to 2.15; Canada Plates—Blaina, \$2.50. Tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$6.00 to 6.50; charcoal I. C., \$4.50 to 4.75; do. I. X., \$5.50 to 6.00; coke, I. C., \$4.00 to 4.25 as to lot; galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5c. 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., \$2.35 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 have ruled quiet of late, in fact are very dull; stocks of cod liver are small but demand is slack at 70 to 75c.; Nfld. cod oil 36c.; Halifax 33 to 34c.; steam refined seal is fairly steady at 50c.; reports of the spring catch of seals are favorable. Linseed oil is easier at 57c. for raw and 60c. for boiled in a jobbing way, buyers of lots could probably get shaded prices; turpentine 61c. in single barrels; dry lead continues to advance at home, and is now up to £19 10s.; local prices are firm, but as yet list prices are not altered. 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 whiting, 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.

WOOL.—The demand is still of a moderate character, and prices are unchanged. London sales now in progress show firmness of values. Domestic pulled wools are not to be had, even in the smallest quantities, the market being swept completely clean. We quote Cape, 14 to 15½c.; Australian, 15 to 19c.; fleece, 24 to 25c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, April 12th, 1888.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Wholesalers report a very quiet trade, and collections still hard to make. Travellers are out with sorting goods and find country dealers not much disposed to do much buying.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business is reported to be picking up, and travellers now out are meeting with fair success. The leading lines are steady and without alteration in price.

GRAIN.—A better feeling in England and American markets has had a beneficial effect on this market, and prices of fall wheat are about a cent better, but spring is unchanged. Transactions are confined to supplying local wants; there is no export demand. Barley is decidedly dull and nominal as last quoted. Oats are retailing at 43½ and 44c., and peas are dull and unchanged. Rye is still wanted and scarce. Bran is dull at \$17 and 17.50.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The condition of the hide market appears to be about the same as when we last wrote. The feeling while quiet is somewhat steadier; receipts have fallen off perceptibly, and reports from Chicago and other important points have had a beneficial effect. A light demand is, however, to be noted. There is no change to note in calfskins; for light skins there is a fair enquiry,