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OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Turpentine has eased off somewhat, and is now quoted at 63 to 64c. for ordinary jobbing lots; linseed oil is also easier, raw being quoted at 58 to 59c., boiled 61 to 62c., olive 95c. to \$1.00 for pure; castor 7½ to 8c. per lb.; fish oils are about as before, steam refined seal being sold at 49 to 50c., straw 36 to 37c., Nfld. cod 34 to 35c., Halifax 31 to 32c. Leads are more firmly held, and are bound to go higher as fresh supplies of dry lead are bought to supply the local mills, the English market being much above the local lead. 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. 4½ to 4¾c.; London washed whiting, 50 to 55c. Paris white, \$1.00; Cocks-on'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. 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 market rules quiet, the demand from mill men being only moderate. A cargo of Cape for this market arrived at Boston last week, and another is expected this week, a considerable portion of these cargoes has been sold to arrive. There is still a great scarcity of domestic supers. We quote A supers 26 to 28c., B ditto 23c., fleece 23 to 24c., cape 14 to 15½c. Australian 15 to 19c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, March 15th, 1888.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Quinine, opium, morphia and iodide of potash are easier. Insect powders, cubeb berries, ipecac root, glycerine and extract of logwood are all firmer, without much if any change in quotations. Business during the week has been rather quiet, due, perhaps, to the severe weather of the past few days.

LOUR AND MEAL.—Business is reported to be in the same lifeless condition as for so many weeks past and with no immediate prospect of any change. Prices are nominally unchanged and transactions of a purely retail nature. Oatmeal is also dull at previous figures. We hear of nothing doing in bran, no carloads are changing hands; \$16.00 to 16.50 is about the present quotation.

GRAIN.—Trading in wheat during the week has been confined almost exclusively to local millers, the price being too high for export. There is nothing at all doing in barley and the market is very dull. Oats are a little easier; some sales have been made at 45 cents on local account. Peas are dull and no transactions reported. Rye is higher, about 75 cents, but no stock here.

GROCERIES.—Wholesalers still report a very quiet condition of affairs with nothing of an important feature worth noting. Sugars are steady, syrup still scarce, and teas and coffee holding their own.

HARDWARE.—Building operations, just now, have been checked by the very severe weather, and this, in turn, has somewhat restricted sales, although we find the various houses working upon orders booked during the winter months. Metals, such as copper, tin and zinc, are fairly maintained, while a few of the other lines exhibit some slight signs of weakness. This is, however, not viewed as permanent, as it is found difficult to place orders for forward delivery based on present quotations. The present state of the tin-plate market seems to favor buyers, due, doubtless, to weakness on the part of some of the smaller makers, although the demand—as far as the American trade is concerned—is fully equal to last year. For coke plate the quantity required is also likely to exceed the figures of 1887. We learn that the nail market is in a far more satisfactory condition, there not being that disposition on the part of merchants to sell at cost. Established prices now rule and no concessions are made. General hardware trade is favorably spoken of, with some slight improvement in payments.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Quietness still has the upper hand in this branch of trade. Sales are slow at 6½ to 6¾c. for selected. There are not so many hides coming in from the country. Sheepskins are in light supply at \$1.00 to 1.30, which is freely paid for best skins. The stock of calfskins on the other hand is rapidly increasing, with only a moderate demand for light pelts; heavy very dull. Tallow remains as before.

PROVISIONS.—Butter is in good demand, rolls having the preference at 18 to 19c. Tubs bring 20 to 21c. when faultless. The market for eggs broke badly during the week, owing to heavy receipts; sales were made at 16c. Cheese is without change and dull. There is a good jobbing trade reported in hog products at steady prices. Long clear is worth 9½c.; rolls, 10½c.; hams, 11½ to 12c.; and lard, 10½ to 10¾c. as to package. Receipts of dressed hogs are now limited to those brought in by farmers for local butchers. Packing is now virtually over. Evaporated apples are very dull; dried are steady at quotations. Hand picked beans are dull at \$2.40 and common \$2.

WOOL.—We have little improvement to note in the demand from the factories. Business is still very quiet, with, however, a prospect of a change for the better in another week or so. Cables from Liverpool auctions now in progress report foreign wools quiet but steady.

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