

likely to be reached ere long. The linseed oil market is still in unsatisfactory shape, with sales of raw oil reported as low as 48c. for fair lots. We quote as follows: Single barrels, raw linseed oil, 48 to 49c.; boiled, 51 to 52c., net, 30 days, or 3 per cent. for 4 months' terms. Turpentine, 83 to 85c., single barrels. Olive oil, machinery, 90c. to \$1; cod oil, 35 to 37½c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 50 to 55c. per gal.; straw do., 45 to 47c.; castor oil, 7½ to 8c., for machinery; pharmaceutical ditto, 8½ to 9c.; lead (chemically pure and first-class brands), \$4.85 to \$5; No. 1, \$4.60; No. 2, \$4.40; No. 3, \$4.15; No. 4, \$3.90; dry white lead, 4½ to 4¾c. for pure; No. 1 ditto, 4 to 4¼c.; genuine red ditto, 4¼ to 4½c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; putty, in bulk, bbls., \$1.80; bladder putty in barrels, \$1.90; ditto, in kegs or boxes, \$2.40; 23-lb. tins, \$2.55; 12½-lb. tins, \$2.65; London washed whiting, 40c.; Paris white, 75 cents; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2; Paris green, 14c. in bulk, and 15c. in 1-lb. packages; window glass, per 100 ft., \$3.50 for first break; \$3.70 for second break, and \$4.20 for third break; per 50 feet, \$1.95 for first break; \$2.05 for second break.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Sept. 17, 1903.

Dry Goods.—The sorting season is now on in full blast, and reports as to its character are good. Wholesalers are

selling both plain and fancy cotton goods at old prices while present stocks last, but as soon as these are exhausted there is no doubt prices will be higher. Prospects for manufacturers' clearing lots are not bright; job lines will be fewer and less important than in former years. Many orders were given by Exhibition visitors—more than in previous years; these are looked upon with great satisfaction, as house orders are naturally the most profitable of all.

Flour and Grain.—Though cables from the Old Country show no particular advance, the flour market is very strong, and Manitoba brands have been steadily rising during the last week. Bran and shorts both keep steady, as does also oameal. Wheat has gone up 2 to 3c. for Manitoba, while Ontario remains unchanged. Barley and oats are 1c. higher. There is little or nothing doing.

Fruits and Vegetables.—Large quantities of fruit have again been in evidence. The warm weather brought about easier conditions, and a good deal had to be rushed out to save quality. Peaches are plentiful, and grapes are becoming so. Canteloupes are plentiful at 25 to 50c. per case. Apples still fetch from 12½ to 20c. per basket. The English apple market is firm. Other prices may be quoted as follows: Cooanuts, per sack, \$3.70 to \$4; oranges, late Valencias, \$4.50 to \$5; lemons, Verdelli, \$3 to \$3.50; bananas, 8's, \$1.40 to \$1.75, 1st, \$1.75 to \$2; extras, \$2 to \$2.50; sweet potatoes, \$4.50 per barrel; egg plants, 10 to 20c. per basket; tomatoes, 12½ to 17c. per basket; celery, 35 to 40c. per dozen; gherkins, 25 to 30c.

Groceries.—The expected decline in sugars has come, and they have declined 10c. The movement continues comparatively slow. In other lines of groceries a good trade is passing, but no feature presents itself for particular comment.

Hides, Skins and Leather.—A somewhat better market exists for hides and skins, and there is no accumulation of stocks. Sheepskins have advanced to 55c. As to leather, the prospects are promising for a good fall trade. Prices are firmly held.

Live Stock.—Under the stimulus of a demand fully equal to the moderate receipts trade at the cattle markets this week was active and prices kept steady with no difficulty. Few export cattle offered, and they were mostly of No. 2 grade; but prices kept up. Butchers' cattle were all cleared up, though a slightly easier feeling would be discerned for inferior grades. Stockers and feeders are quiet. Few milch cows offered, but prices kept the same. The demand for calves was brisk.

Povisions.—Choice dairy rolls are scarce and wanted, and good creamery prints sell well to take their place. Ordinary offerings are fair. Cheese is about steady and the market is without feature. The demand for eggs has been good in spite of the hot weather, and the market is good at 16c. for choice fresh laid. Poultry receipts are not large. There is a great scarcity of salt partly owing to

irregular shipments from the west. Not much is doing in hops, nor is much business expected till the new crop begins to move. In smoked meats the trade being carried on is a brisk one.

Wool.—Pulled wools are in good demand from domestic mills at steady prices, but there is no export enquiry for fleece, and, indeed, dealers claim they have given more for it here than it would fetch in the United States. Cables from London report wool auction sales openings show unchanged prices for merinos and fine crossbreds, while medium and coarser grades show a 5 to 10 per cent. advance.

Hardware.—The only change in prices is in glass, where the dealers have been able to make a slight revision. General trade is very good, and prospects for the fall are flattering. The movement in metals is good. Iron and steel prices are now about normal, and are likely to remain about the same for some time to come. Glasgow advices recently to hand speak of a firm market for pig iron, consumers having been buying more freely again.

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