

finest seal steady at 55c. in small lots. New catch to arrive is quoted at 47½c., none likely to be here till end of May; Nfld. cod, 42 to 45c.; castor, 10 to 10½c., 9½c. per lb. to arrive. Leads and colors unchanged; glass in rather small supply, certain sizes being difficult to get. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$6.00 to 6.25; No. 1, \$5.00 to 5.50; No. 2, \$4.75, No. 3, \$4.50; dry white lead, 5½ to 6c.; red do., 4½c.; London washed whiting, 55c.; Paris white, \$1; Cookson's Venetian red, \$1.60 to 1.75; other brands of Venetian red, \$1.40 to 1.60; yellow ochre, \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$2 to 2.50. Window glass, \$1.60 per 50 feet for first break, \$1.70 for second break.

- WOOL.—The demand does not show any improvement, buyers for the mills continuing to purchase very sparingly. The only notable feature since last writing is the recent auction sale of 57 bales, representing about 23,000 lbs. of damaged Cape to Sherbrooke and Carleton Place manufacturers at from 15½ to 16½c. per lb. Sound Cape sells at about 18½ to 21c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, May 8th, 1890.

DRY GOODS.—A steady and moderate volume of business is doing, although not equal to that of the corresponding season of last year. Payments from the country are found to be distinctly improved. A wholesale house which went under a few days ago (not of an extensive character) is accused of having persistently undersold all classes of goods to the trade. There is little sorrow wasted on the delinquent, and relief is felt at the weeding out of another dishonest competitor.

The feeling in dry goods circles is better, it is now rather one of cheeriness and hope.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The market for flour is fairly active and considerable business doing, more than for some time past. Prices are still on the upward move, for patent 10 to 20c. per bbl. higher. Winter now being quoted at \$4.80 to 5.00 per bbl., and spring \$4.80 to 5.00; straight roller advanced 10c., now \$4.50 to 4.60; extra is unchanged; strong bakers' has gone up further by 15c., and is now quoted at \$5.25 to 5.40. Oatmeal, in sympathy with the advance in oats, is dearer, with an advance of 25 to 30c., and is now quoted for standard \$4 to 4.10, granulated \$4.25. Rolled oats \$4.25. The advance in oats has been caused by large shipments to points east, and also west, especially to Winnipeg. In bran there is not much doing, prices remaining at \$12 to 12.50 per ton for car-lots.

GRAIN.—Since our last report wheat has still further advanced from 5 to 6c. per bushel all round. Although prices are firm at present quotations, there is an unsettled feeling prevailing, with an anticipated weakening of values. We quote No. 1 winter wheat, \$1.07 to 1.08; No. 2, \$1.04 to 1.05; No. 3, \$1.00 to 1.01. For spring wheat, No. 1, \$1.05 to 1.06; No. 2, \$1.02 to 1.03; No. 3, 98c. to \$1. Manitoba hard, No. 1, \$1.21 to 1.22; some large sales at the end of last week reported at \$1.22; No. 2, \$1.17 to 1.19. Barley is quiet, and has receded in price from 3 to 5c. per bushel with very little offering; No. 1 is now quoted at 52 to 53c.; No. 2, 48 to 49c.; No. 3, extra, 45 to 46c.; No. 3, 40 to 41c. Peas are firm with prices unchanged. There is an active demand for oats and prices have advanced, now quoted at 37 to 38c. A quantity has been shipped to Winnipeg. Corn and rye dull and inactive. The English markets are unsettled and weaker.

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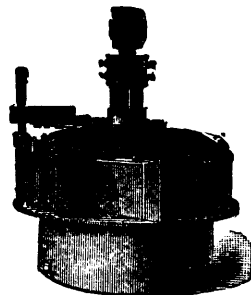
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