do. \$5.50. Some cheaper grades of antimony are on the market, and we quote from 13 to 18c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.65 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$3.35; the trade discount on wire is 7½ per cent. Coil chain, ½ inch, 5c.; § in., 4½c.; 7.16 in., 4½c.; ½ in., 4c.; § in, ½c.; ½ in. 3½c. ½ in., and upwards, 3c.

do.; \$\frac{2}\$ in. \$\frac{3}{2}\$ o. \$\frac{7}{2}\$ in., and upwards, \$3c.\$

Ones, Paints, &c.—We can learn of little new in these lines. Turpentine is a trifle easier, and might be bought at 54c. per quart in lots; of pure clive cil there is not a barrel here. Linseed and fish cils are unchanged, as also are leads, colors and glass. We quote linseed cil, raw, 57 to 58c. per gal.; boiled, 60 to 61c.; turpentine, 54 to 55c.; clive cil, none here; castor \$\frac{3}{2}\$ to \$\frac{9}{2}\$c. per lb., according to lot; Newfoundland cod, 43 to 45c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 48 to 50c. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.50 to 5.75; No. 1, \$5 to 5.25; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$4 to 4.50; dry white lead, 5 to 5\frac{1}{2}\$c.; genuine red do., \$\frac{1}{4}\$ to \$\frac{4}{2}\$c.; No. 1 red lead, \$4c; London washed whiting, 50c.; Paris white, 90c. to \$1: Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow cohre; \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce cohre, \$2.25 to 2.50. Window glass, \$1.40 per 50 feet for first break, \$1.50 or second break; third break, \$3.25.

Wool.—Remains very quiet. We hear of a few small sales of Cape at 14½c. The London sales now on show values to be fairly maintained with firmer grades a little stiffer. Locally there is no amount of stock of any description; some few small lots are on the way for this market via New York, but there is some difficulty in getting hold of stock at the Cape as growers are holding back supplies. There are no Natals here, nor a bale of Australian, it is said. There is some small supply of B.A. scoured at 33 to 38c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, 18th February, 1892.

Boots and Shoes.—Reports in this department of business are more favorable. Travellers are sending in good orders. The improvement in the demand for immediate supplies is marked. Payments are better.

DRUGS.—Notwithstanding the prevalence of an unusual amount of sickness the demand for drugs is easy; snow blockades in various quarters are held responsible for much of the dullness. Changes in quotations are nominal and of no importance.

Day Goods.—The condition of the trade just now is one of preparation for spring. The seasonable weather of the past few weeks has, however, stimulated the demand for winter goods so as to keep houses fairly well occupied. The orders for spring are coming in liberally, and exceed already the average of the corresponding period of last year. A tone of confidence exists among leading men of the trade. Since our last report, payments have shown a marked improvement.

FLOUR.—A very light demand is reported for the week and prices show no alteration. Straight rollers are nominally quoted \$4.10 to 4.20, and extra \$4. Bran is in light demand but steady at \$15 per ton.

Grain.—Though the close of last week was marked by depression, a better tone in wheat was noticeable at the beginning of this week, and late white wheat lying east sold at 87c.; on the Northern spring wheat brought 87c.; and 92c. were bid here for No. 2 fall. For No. 1 hard (to arrive at North Bay) \$1.01 was offered, while 98c. was offered for No. 2 hard. No. 3 hard (to arrive at North Bay) was sold at 90 to 90½c. On the street 91½c. was paid for white and red; spring wheat brought 87c., and goose 80c., and occasionally 81. There is scarcely any demand for buckwheat, and values are normal at 46 to 47c. per bushel outside. Very little demand for barley, but prices are now steady in anticipation of the duty being reduced in the States.

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Graceries.—The present week has been one of much noise but very little business in the grocery trade. The failure of the sugar and starch combines was expected, and of course, to a considerable extent, anticipated, and the

increased activity from the reduction in the price of sugar is more imaginary than real. We cannot report a marked improvement in any of our leading lines. Granulated and yellow sugars are $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per pound lower, and of course all other brands are weaker. Teas continue fairly firm, especially the more common kinds. Tinned goods are not doing much, and prices show in many lines a tendency to yield. Payments are not satisfactory, and the immediate prospects are none too encouraging.

LEATHER.—There is a better feeling and increasing activity all round; the local trade is moving, not rapidly but satisfactorily, while country orders are daily increasing both in number and size. Latterly the exports of sole leather to England have been large and the demand is increasing. Payments are reported as showing improvement. Stocks are not large and prices are well maintained.

LIVE STOCK.—More settled cold weather and smaller supplies have at last created something like the old-time condition of business at the western cattle market here. The trouble now is that we find no improvement in quality. For really prime butchers' cattle 4c. per pound is readily paid, and 4gc. has been paid several times this week for any butchers' cattle really worth the money. Sheep and lambs are in about equal demand and supply at figures that show no advance. Hogs are selling readily at from \$4 to 4.25 per cwt. for the best. Calves have lately been almost absent from the market and are in active demand.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Trade still continues very quiet, and we do not expect any material alterations until the end of this month, when the indications are for considerable activity. Just now orders are fair for future delivery, but those for immediate requirements are small. From outside collections are, perhaps, a little more satisfactory, but in Toronto city they continue poor. Some

slight changes will be observed in horse nails, horse shoes, and strip tin.

OILS, PAINTS, ETC.—A marked change for the better has occurred during the week, and increasing orders for future delivery are being daily received. Linseed oil continues weak at 57c. per gal. for raw, and 60c. for boiled; but only current orders will be accepted at these figures, as prices are expected to materially advance certainly not later than the close of the month.

Provisions.—There has not been much doing but prices have remained steady. Choice dairy butter has been in demand at 200., pound rolls steady at 23 and 24c. Cheese in light request at 11 and 12c. for prime. Case eggs 16 to 17c. per doz., and fresh wanted at 24c. Scarcely any demand for mess pork at \$15.50 and \$16 per barrel. Lard is wanted at 9c. per lb. for tierces. White beans dull and very weak. Stocks of provisions are generally limited.

SEEDS.—There is a good seasonable demand in progress for both alsike and red clover, though the export demand for both grades has nearly ceased. We have very promising commencement to the home trade as far as activity is concerned, but prices are weak. The current quotations will be found in our price list.

Wool.—Very quiet; enquiry and supply unusually small. Some deals of combing fleece have been made at 18½ to 19c. The demand from outside markets continues very dull.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

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