

noted as yet; blacks and greens remain solid in London. In fruits, currants are very scarce, and we doubt if 5½c. would now bring a round lot, we quote 5½ to 6½ in jobbing way; Valencia raisins 5½ to 6½c.; sultanas, 6½c. upwards; Malaga fruit dull and unchanged; prunes, scarce here and dearer, owing to a corner being established in New York Turkish prunes are worth 6½ to 7c.; French, 5 to 6c. Nuts remain at last quoted prices. Cloves and nutmegs are dearer in England, the former are worth 27 to 30c. here, nutmegs 37½ to 85c. as to quality; pepper, 17½c. for black, white 27½ to 30c. All lines of canned goods, except lobsters are decidedly scarce, and tomatoes are held at \$1.60.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—From consumers orders for immediate wants are coming in a little more freely, but large buyers of metals are seemingly disposed to defer orders until after the elections. The British iron market has eased off somewhat, Scotch warrants which were as high as 47s., declined to 44s., but have since recovered eightpence. Maker's prices are easier sixpence a ton on an average; locally, however, stocks are in a very narrow compass, and prices are very firmly held; Coltness particularly is very hard to get. Other lines of metals are unchanged. An advance has been established in nails of 20c. a keg. We quote:—Summerlee and Langloan \$19.50 to \$20.00 Gartscherrie, \$19.00; Coltness, \$20.00; Shott, \$19.00; Eglington and Dalmellington, \$18.00; Calder, \$18.00 to \$19.00; Carnbroe, \$17.50 to \$18.00; Hematite, \$20 to \$25; Siemens, No. 1, \$19.00 to \$19.50; Bar Iron, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Best Refined, \$1.85; Siemens Bar, \$2.10; Canada Plates, Blaine, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Penn and Pontypool, none here. Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Charcoal I. C., \$4.25 to \$4.75; do. I.X., \$5.50 to \$6.00; Coke I. C., \$3.75 to \$4.00; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5c. to 7c., according to brand; Tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c.; No. 26, 7c., the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.00; Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs., \$2.25; Staffordshire, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Common Sheet iron, \$2.00; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 to 11c. Lead, per 100 lbs.—Pig, \$3.75 to \$4.00; Sheet, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Shot, \$6.00 to \$6.50; best cast steel 11 to 13c., firm; Spring, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Tire, \$2.54 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Round Machinery Steel, 3 to 3½c. per lb. Ingot tin 24½ to 25c.; Bar Tin, 27 to 28c.; Ingot Copper, 12 to 13c.; Sheet Zinc, \$4.25 to \$5.00; Spelter, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.25 per 100 lbs.; Annealed do. \$2.30.

**OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.**—Fish oils are in a little better request, round sales of steam refined seal are reported at 48 and 48½c., we quote 48 to 50c.; pale seal 41 to 42c.; straw do. 38 to 40c.; Nfld cod 40c. for pure; Gaspe 37 to 38c.; Halifax 34 to 35c.; Cod liver 65 to 70c.; Linseed, 57c. for raw, and boiled 60c. in lots of 5 barrels or under; olive oil and castor oil as before; turpentine firmer at 57c.; paints and colors are unchanged. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$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 waiting, 55 to 60c. Paris white, \$1.13 to \$1.25; Cookson's Venetian Red, \$1.75; other brands Venetian Red, \$1.50 to \$1.60; Yellow ochre, \$1.50; Spruce ochre, \$2 to \$3. Glass \$1.50 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.60 for second break.

**SHOES AND LEATHER.**—Boot and shoe orders are coming in very fairly, and it is expected that the spring trade will be one of the most satisfactory for some years past, competition being lessened and better prices ruling. In leather trade is not active, manufacturers not being in the market for any large lots at the moment, and apparently contenting themselves with buying in moderation for immediate needs only. Stocks as a rule are pretty full but values hold up well. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A. No. 1, 24 to 26c.; do. No. 2, B. A., 20 to 23c.; No. 1 Ordinary Spanish, 21 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 19 to 21c.; No. 1 China, 22 to 23c.; No. 2, 21 to 22c.; ditto Buffalo Sole No. 1, 21 to 22c.; ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 25 to 29c.; oak sole, 42 to 48c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 38c.; ditto heavy 32 to 36c.; Grained 34 to 37c.; Scotch grained 36 to 40c.; Splits large 22 to 28c.; do. small 16 to 24c.; Calf-splits, 18 to 32c.; Calfskins, (35 to 46 lbs.), 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Calf, skins 80 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskins Linings, 30 to 40c.; Harness 24 to 35c.; Buffed Cow, 13 to 16c.; Pebbled Cow, 11 to 15½c.; Rough 23 to 28c.; Russet and Bridle, 54 to 55c.

**SALT.**—There is nothing new in this line, and business is of the usual jobbing character at this season. We quote:—Coarse eleventh 55 to 57½c.; twelves 52 to 55c.; factory-filled \$1.20 to \$1.25; Eureka \$2.40; Rice's pure dairy \$2.00; Turks Island 30c. per bushel; rock salt \$10 per ton.

**WOOL.**—As anticipated, the London wool sale on the 25th ult., developed higher prices, the competition being very lively, and local holders have advanced prices of imported wools; domestics are also firm with a good demand prevailing. A cargo of Cape wool arrived in Boston some days ago, and a second is expected shortly, a part of which has already been placed. We quote Cape 17 to 19c.; Australian 20 to 22c. and scarce at that; A super 28c.; B do. 23 to 25c.; unassorted 22 to 25c.; black 22 to 23c.; fleece 24 to 25c.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Feb'y 10th, 1887.

Trade in Toronto cannot be said to have been active since our last; but it may fairly be described as steady and at generally satisfactory prices. The weather, by checking communication, has done a good deal to lessen sales; and the unsettled political aspect outside has interfered with the demand for articles of export; but these have been held firmly in all cases, no disposition to press sales being evinced. Some parties charge the pending elections with having checked trade; but as "electioneering excitement" has, thus far, been almost unknown it is difficult to accept this view as correct. Produce has been rather unsettled. Provisions have been less active, but decidedly firm. Groceries have been quiet but show some improvement. Leather has been fairly active and steady.

**DRUGS AND PAINTS.**—In drugs the tendency continues upwards in most staples, particularly in opium, quinine, morphia, glycerine, carbolic acid, buchu leaves, arabics, borax, oils peppermint, lemon, cloves, bergamot and sassafras, citric acid, musk, insect powder, jalaps and ipecac. Gum arabic is quoted higher

at 65c. No change to note in paints and oils; feeling is generally strong; linseed oil, spirits turpentine and white lead are firmer.

**FISH.**—Demand continues good. Montreal buyers are still trying to get local holders of pickled trout and white fish to lower quotations, but they maintain former rates. Labrador herrings are still in demand, and lots of No. 1 new inspected are held 25c. higher at \$6.25 per bbl., there has been some movement of old at \$5.50. Old mackerel is selling in kits at 90c. Fresh whitefish is scarce and in demand at 8c. per lb.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—The late almost unprecedented dullness in flour has continued since our last; scarcely any demand has been heard on the one side and scarcely any concession has been offered on the other. At the close superior extra sold at equal to \$3.60, and extra was held as before at \$3.50, but with no demand. Bran, scarce and steady, with car lots worth \$12.75 to \$13.00 at close. Oatmeal, there has been little doing in cars, but prices

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