

and speak hopefully for the future, but business for immediate delivery is somewhat slow. Prices show little change; castor is a little weaker, and would be sold at 8½c. in case lots; olive is quoted a trifle easier in England; fish oils, sluggish and unchanged. Paints and glass present no new features. We quote linseed oil, raw, 57 to 58c. per gal.; boiled, 60 to 61c.; turpentine, 55c.; olive oil, \$1.10 to 1.20; castor 8½ to 9½c. 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 5½c.; genuine red do., 4½ to 4¾c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; London washed whitening, 50c.; Paris white, 90c. to \$1; Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50. Window glass, \$1.40 per 50 feet for first break, \$1.50 or second break; third break, \$3.25.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, 28th January, 1892.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The trade is not selling so much for immediate use, but spring orders are coming to hand more freely since sleighing

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became general. The feeling is greatly improved as to the likelihood of a larger amount of business being secured for February. Payments are still slow, nevertheless it is admitted they are improving a little.

DRUGS.—Business is not very brisk at present; certain lines of goods are in demand, but their consumption does not affect the wholesale trade materially. Quinine has again advanced about 3c. per ounce, and firm at the increase; glycerine firm and tending upwards. Opium is also increasing in price; ergot has made another sharp advance, and is now worth about \$1.00 per lb. Payments are inclined to be slow.

DRY GOODS.—All travellers are now on their various routes and reported to be doing a fair amount of business. In addition there are a few buyers in the city, several from the North-West purchasing fair-sized lots of spring goods. British and American importations of spring fabrics are now arriving daily, and by the middle of February there will be a fair proportion of those lines in stock. Values in staple goods are keeping well up, and in some instances prices are rather firmer. Shirts are slightly advanced since the first of December, and there is a very active enquiry for flannelettes, more indeed than the mills can overtake; manufacturers decline to produce the inferior lines. Payments are just about up to last year's average at this season.

FLOUR AND OATMEAL.—The flour market is lower and very dull, quotations on the various brands being 5 to 20c. per barrel lower. There is no export demand, and but few and very small lots going east; locally the market is rather quiet. Oatmeal is if anything easier, and not active. Bran is in fair demand, prices unchanged, selling at the mills in the city for \$16 per ton.

GRAIN.—The wheat market is still very dull and prices of Ontario spring and winter wheat again lower by about one cent per bushel. Little or no export demand exists, and locally the mills have got all they require for present wants. The downward tendency is not strong. The English markets are dull and weaker, decline checked yesterday. The market values fell fully threepence to sixpence per quarter during the week. The American markets are

also in sympathy, weak and declining two to three cents per bushel since last week. Manitoba hard wheat maintains its price, the market chiefly borne up by the small quantities coming forward. Barley is steady, and although prices are not strong they are without change. Some small shipments are being forwarded for United States markets for malt- ing purposes. The English export demand at present is about dead. Oats are lower and weaker, large quantities are offering and less export enquiry, local demand about usual; quotations are 32½ to 33c. per bushel. Peas have declined about one cent per bushel, now quoted at 58 to 59c.; the English market is lower, and present wants not extensive. Rye

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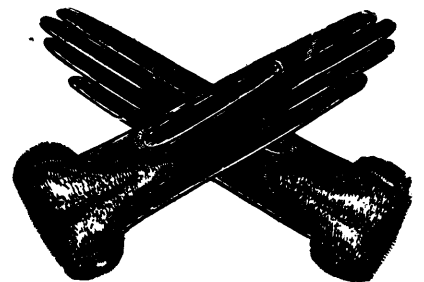
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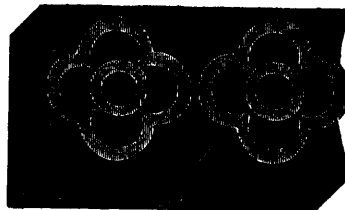
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