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ranging from two pence halfpenny to three-pence higher; a large purchase of Japans, some 2000 chests, is reported in New York for this market. Coffees rule dull and rather weaker. There is not much enquiry for dried fruit, but prices generally are steady, and currants are considerably higher in England; local price is 7c. for good fruit. The Milling Company is showing excellent samples of new rice, and are selling at \$3.50, but it is believed prices will be advanced 20c. later; the crop in Burmah is reported very short. Spices and tobaccos are unchanged. Representatives of Pacific Coast salmon-canners are now here, and are making contracts at \$1.00 a case higher than last year, without concession in any case, this should affect price of present stock; but we hear of sales still being made at \$1.70 per dozen; other lines of canned goods as before.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The amount of business doing in pig iron, &c., for present needs is very moderate, but orders for spring delivery are being booked more freely at prices ranging from \$17.75 to 20, ex ship, according to brand. Glasgow cables quote Coltness at 48/3d.; Langloan, 46/3d.; Summerlee, 48/-; Gartsherrie, 45/3d. Bar iron is steady at \$2.10, lowest; copper and tin rule very firm, also tin plates, though some large consumers are holding off in hopes of lower prices, a state of affairs not at all likely in the near future, considering the state of the tin market. We quote, for immediate delivery:—Coltness, \$23.50 to 23.75; Calder, Gartsherrie and Summerlee, \$23.00; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$21.00 to 22.00; Siemens, \$22.00 to 23.00 for No. 1. No Carnbroe or Shotts here; cast scrap, railway chairs, &c., \$19.00; machinery scrap, \$17.00 to 19.00; common ditto, \$16.00; bar iron, \$2.10 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.35 to 2.40; Siemens, \$2.10 to 2.15; Canada Plates—Blaina, \$2.60 to 2.75. Tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$6.00 to 6.50; charcoal I.C., \$4.75; do. I.X., \$5.50 to 6.00; coke, I.C., \$4.00 to 4.25 as to lot; galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5c. to 7c., according to brand; tinne sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c.; No. 26, 7c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.35 to 2.50. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75; common sheet iron, \$2.50 to 2.75; steel boiler plate, \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 11c.; lead, per 100 lbs., —; pig, \$1.25 to 1.50; sheet, \$4.75 to 5.00; shot, \$6.00 to 6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 11½c.; spring, \$2.50 to 2.80; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.40 to 2.50; round machinery steel, \$3.00 to 0.00; ingot tin, 40c.; bar tin, 40c.; ingot copper, 19 to 20c.; sheet zinc, \$5.50 to 6.00; spelter, \$5.00; antimony, 13 to 14c.; bright iron wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.25 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., 2.30.

OILS, PAINTS, GLASS, &c.—A marked decline in turpentine is reported in the South, and local quotations are down to 61 to 62c. for single brls.; linseed oil is also easier again at 58 to 59c. for raw, and 61 to 62c. for boiled. In fish oils, steam refined seal sells at 49 to 50c., straw ditto 35 to 37c. Nfd. cod 35 to 36c., Halifax ditto 32 to 33c., cod liver 75c.; olive oil 95c. to \$1.05 for pure, castor 7½ to 8c. per lb. Leads very firm, with advance very probable. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.75 to 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 whiting, 50 to 55c.; Paris white, \$1.00; Cookson's Venetian red, \$1.75; other brands

Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.60; yellow ochre, \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$2.00 to 3.00. Window glass, \$1.50 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.60 for second break; these are straight prices, the usual discount on 50 box lots being discontinued.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, March 22nd, 1888.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Quinine, opium and morphia are easier. Golden seal root is higher and ipecac root is likewise firm at the advance. These are the only changes of consequence. General business is extremely quiet.

FISH.—Stocks of salt whitefish are almost completely cleared out, and to close the balance, now that the Lenten demand is over, dealers would accept lower prices; say 5½c. for white. \$4.00 per barrel is given in a jobbing way for Labrador herrings. There are a few fresh-caught coming in from Port Dover and Lake Nipissing. For pike 6c. is asked; pickerel 5c. and perch 5c.; whitefish 8c. No trout in market. There is so much floating ice in the lake that the fishermen have not yet been able to take any ciscoes. Quite a number of blue-backed herring is coming in from Georgian Bay; \$1.75 per 100 or 3c. per lb. is asked. A lot of sea herring from Halifax reached here the other day, but in bad condition, and will have to be destroyed.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—No change for the better is yet apparent in the flour and meal market, and dealers aver that they never knew it to be so dull. Prices are nominally the same. There is not much doing in bran, there being little offering, 17 to 18c. would perhaps be paid.

GRAIN.—Very few transactions in wheat were recorded during the week, nothing in fact except to local mills. Prices are slightly lower in sympathy with English and American markets. We quote:—No. 1 fall, 83 to 84c.; No. 2, 81 to 82c.; No. 3, 79 to 80c.; No. 1 spring, 79 to 80c.; No. 2, 77 to 78c.; No. 3, 74 to 75c. There were no orders for export for barley and the feeling is dull and lower and little doing locally; No. 1 is quoted 77 to 78c.; No. 2, 74 to 75c.; No. 3 extra, 71 to 72c., and No. 3, 65 to 67c. Peas are dull and weaker, say 64 to 65c. There is also a weaker feeling in oats although the price is not quotably changed. Rye is scarce and in demand and corn purely nominal. Taken all round the week has been exceedingly dull.

GROCERIES.—The coffee market is fairly steady. There is now a lower grade of Rio here which sells at 16 cts. Considering the amount of general business the trade in fruits is fully as active as anything else. London layers are said to be quite out of the market, a circumstance almost unknown at this season of the year. Black baskets are also in narrow compass, and sultanias are very firm and scarce, no good grades now to be had under 8½ cts. in round lots. An advance of 6d. on currants in Greece has rendered that article quite firm here. Vostizias are said to be out of stock. Except for local made brands Syrups are almost impossible of purchase, orders are booked for two months back and not yet completed. Rice is scarce and firm. The sugar market is steady and prices as last quoted. There is some Porto Rico now on the way. Teas are moving fairly well.

HAY AND STRAW.—Supplies of hay are now very limited, which may be expected to continue for some little while. Prices are slightly firmer; Timothy, \$15.00 to 17.00; clover, \$12.00 to 14.00; bundled oat straw, \$12.00 to 13.00; loose ditto, \$7.00 to 9.00.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Dealers report a continued slow demand and an accumulation of stocks. Prices are, consequently, lower by another ¼c. and now stand at 5¾c. for No. 1; cured is held at 6¾c.; sales slow at this figure. There are very few sheepskins coming in now and for the best \$1.25 is being paid. The supply of calfskins grows more plentiful and the demand, except for choice, light stock, is very meagre. Tallow appears to be getting scarce and prices little firmer in consequence.

HARDWARE.—Metals are not quite so buoyant as at last writing, but a scarcity in the Canadian market of ingot tin has had the effect of putting up values. This also applies to antimony and lead. Copper is keeping firm, and cable reports indicate that the syndicate is better prepared than ever to maintain