

on orders booked before opening of navigation, and nothing of consequence has gone into stock here yet; the home market continues easy with warrants cabled at 37/9d. Bar iron continues to be sold at \$2 in most cases, tin plates and Canada plates as last noted; copper is steady, tin is cabled lower at £85, but is fairly steady; at 28 to 30c.; lead rather easier. We quote:—Coltness, \$19; Calder and Summerlee, \$18.75; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$17.50; Gartsherrie, \$18.50; Siemens, \$18.50 to 19.00 for No. 1; Carnbroe, \$17.75; Shotts, \$18.75; Glengarnock, \$18.25; Middlesboro, No. 1, \$17; cast scrap, railway chairs, &c., none; machinery scrap, \$16.50 to 17; common ditto, \$16; bar iron, \$2; best refined, \$2.25; Siemens, \$2.00. Canada Plates—Blaina, \$2.50. Tern roofing plate, 20x28, \$7.00. Tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$6; charcoal I.C., \$4.00 to 4.25; do. I.X., \$5.25 to 5.50; coke, I.C., \$3.75; galvanized sheets, No. 28, 4½ to 7c., according to brand; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 5½c.; No. 26, 6½c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.20. 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, \$3.85 to 4.00; sheet, \$4.50; 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, 28 to 30c.; bar tin, 30c.; ingot copper, 18½ to 19c.; sheet zinc, \$5.00; spelter, \$5.00; antimony, 13 to 15c.; bright iron wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.15 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.20 to 2.25.

OILS, PAINTS, AND GLASS.—Fish oils move slowly; we quote new steam refined seal oil at 42½ to 44c., Nfld. cod oil 34 to 36c., Nova Scotia ditto 31c., cod liver oil 70 to 75c. Linseed steady at 55 to 56c. for raw, 58 to 59c. for boiled. Turpentine easier as lots are beginning to arrive by barge, at cheaper freight rates; we quote 55 to 57c. as to lot; olive oil \$1.00 for pure castor; easy at 7 to 8c. as to size of order. Leads, colors, and glass as before. 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., 4½c.; 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.

WOOL.—Matters remain quiet in this line. Pulled domestics are still very scarce and hardly to be had at all; fleece is also as yet in light supply. We quote Cape 14½ to 16c., Australian 15 to 19c., fleece 23 to 25c.

#### TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, 1st June, 1888.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Travellers now out are booking a few orders for fall goods, and filling an odd sorting-up want. The office people report payments as still very backward.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—About the only change is in quinine, which inclines to firmness, but opium preparations are dull.

FISH.—Supplies of whitefish, trout, and ciscoes are ample, with the demand fairly good at unchanged prices, except for the last-named, which are now \$1.25 per box, a shade under previous figures. British Columbia salmon is plentiful; the price has dropped a cent or two and now rules at 15 to 18c. Fishermen are sending in enquiries as to the prospects for marketing pickerel, pike, and sturgeon, but as no encouragement can be given they will be sent to the States, where they find ready sale.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Business has not been very active during the week, but prices have remained firm. There have been sales at our quotations to outside points. Bran is moving slowly at \$13 to 14.

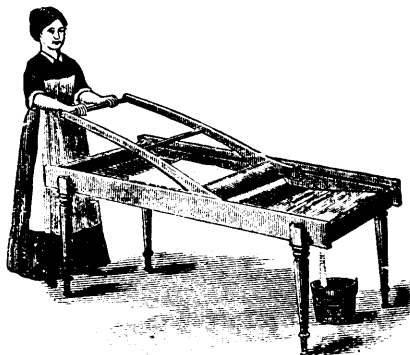
GRAIN.—Up to the last day or so the feeling in prices has been steady, but at the close an easier tone was apparent. There is nothing selling except to local millers. Prices are without change. Oats have been somewhat excited owing to scarcity. Sales during the week were made at 51½c. to 54, f.o.b. Peas are firm and not much changing hands. Corn and rye are purely nominal.

GROCERIES.—Business shows some signs of a healthier tone, but the volume of trade is not large. Valencia raisins are very scarce and firm. Ordinary are about cleared out of market and selected sell at 7 to 7½ cents. Sultanas are also in small compass, there is nothing under 6½c. Prunes, too, are almost out of market except a few kegs which are held at 5c. Syrups are difficult to get. Sugars are firmly held at present quotations and all firm drawing teas are in demand.

HARDWARE.—This market remains fairly steady, without any indication of an immediate advance. Prices in a great many lines are now lower than for some time, still there does not appear to be much disposition on the part of consumers to anticipate their wants. On this account trade may be called quiet, compared with former years. We make no change in our prices current except in the case of lead, which is slightly lower. Ingot tin is, if anything, firmer, but plates are easier for forward delivery in sympathy with English markets; for prompt shipment the price is well maintained. Manufactured goods are without any change in values. Payments are not regarded as very satisfactory, but the prospects are improving.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Although the supply of hides is falling off slightly and the demand shows signs of improvement large accumulations of stock will prevent any advance of price in the near future. Sales have been made of a car, as they run, at 6c. for No. 1 and 6½c. for selected. Very few sheepskins are coming in and values range from \$1.00 to 1.40 for best. An advance of 5c. has taken place in the price of lambskins and the present quotation is now 25c. For light calfskins there is a fair enquiry, but heavy grades are slow of sale. Tallow continues scarce and in good request; 6c. would be paid here for fine stock.

PROVISIONS.—Butter remains at 15 to 16c. for choice, but the season for rolls is about over. Holders of white must now expect lower prices, as buyers are looking for grass butter. Cheese is steady and without change, say 10 to 10½c. Trade in hog products has been somewhat restricted owing to a scarcity of stock. Rolls are now out of market. Long clear quotes at 10c.; hams 12½c.; breakfast bacon 12½, and ½c. more for canvassed meats. Eggs are firmer at 13½c. Lard steady at 10½ to 11½c. as to package. Evaporated apples very dull.



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SEEDS.—The season for clover and timothy being now over and prospects indicating a light crop of hay and grass, there has been an active demand for all substitutes, such as Hungarian grass, millet, and western corn, the latter to sow for fodder and ensilage purposes. Hungarian grass is firm and scarce, quoting at \$3 to 3.25. Hay on farmers' market is worth from \$15.00 to 19.00.

WOOL.—One or two small lots of new clip have offered on this market and found takers at 18 to 19c. The condition of the market in the States and England for wool and woollen goods is very unsatisfactory. Prices are hardly established yet, but it is looked upon as certain that they will rule very low and the season is expected to be slow and dragging. Dealers are not anxious to stock up until trade improves.

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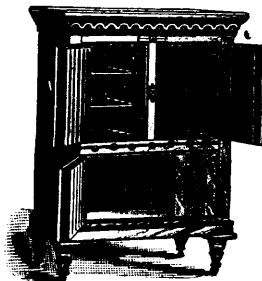
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