

Plates—Blaina, \$2.40 to 2.50. Tern roofing plate, 20x28, \$7 to 7.25. Tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.75; charcoal I.C., \$4.25 to 4.50; do. I.X., \$5.25; coke I.C., \$3.75 to 3.90; galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5 to 7c., according to brand; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6c.; No. 26, 6½c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.30. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75; common sheet iron, \$2.50 to 2.75; steel boiler plate, \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 10½c.; lead per 100 lbs., —; pig, \$4.00 to 4.50; sheet, \$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; ingot tin, 25c.; bar tin, 27½ to 28c.; ingot copper, 18½ to 19c.; sheet zinc, \$5.00; spelter, \$5 to 5.50; antimony, 12 to 13c.; bright iron wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.15 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.20 to 2.25.

OILS, PAINTS, AND GLASS.—The sharp advance in turpentine noted last week is steadily held here, the price being 70c., though there is reported to be some slight weakening in the South; linseed remains at last quoted figures; olive, \$1.00 to 1.05 for pure; castor, 7½ to 7¾c. per lb. Fish oils retain the gain in strength of late noted, with rather a tendency to further advance. Nfld. cod oil, 39 to 40c.; Gaspe, 38 to 39c.; Nova Scotia, 36 to 37c.; steam refined seal, 48c. steady. Leads show strength at home. 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 whitening, 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, \$1.40 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.50 for second break; for lots of 50 boxes and over 5c. per box less.

Wool.—A marked improvement is shown in the demand from millmen within the last few weeks, and all dealers express satisfaction at the amount of business doing. Domestic pulled wools are in fair supply, and selling at 26 to 28c. for A supers; B ditto, 22 to 24c.; unassorted, 22 to 24c.; fleece, none here. Cape, 14 to 15½c. for ordinary, with some finer grades at 16½c.; Australian, 16½ to 20c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, 1st Nov., 1888.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The factories here are all busily employed. Travellers now out report the feeling amongst country storekeepers as being very hopeful and the salesmen are picking up quite a few orders. Letters ask mostly for felt goods and rubbers, in addition to fair sorting-up parcels of boots and shoes. There is still a marked enquiry for cheap goods and the quantity of Quebec-made stuff seems to be increasing. Money remitted is still the subject of complaint.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There is very little change in the situation or in prices of drugs. Opium is easier, also preparations of opium. Quinine is flat, but camphor high and with a tendency to still higher figures. Business on the whole is fair.

DRY GOODS.—This week and last show a marked falling off from the activity of earlier October. Maybe the wet weather has to do with this. Remittances were injuriously affected probably by the same causes. Advice from Britain are to the effect that the French woolen dress goods and fine dress fabrics of all kinds have advanced in price. The market is very firm at the advance, with indications that goods of this character will all be higher. The break in domestic cottons—which was by no means so great as the *Mail* represented—is likely to be cured by the advance in price of the raw staple, which is marked.

GRAIN.—Prices of wheat in some grades are perceptibly higher since our last review, but the market, except for a demand from the mills, is quiet. No. 2 red has sold here this week at \$1.23 on track, and the same figure bid for November. We quote fall wheat No. 1, \$1.24 to 1.25; No. 2, \$1.22 to 1.23; No. 3, \$1.20 to 1.21. No. 1 spring, \$1.24 to 1.25; No. 2, \$1.22 to 1.23; No. 3, \$1.20 to 1.21. Oats are scarce and wanted at 40 to 41c. In peas there is nothing doing here as yet; the nominal quotation is 63 to 65c. Barley is moving somewhat freely at lower prices; sales have

been made at 74 to 75c. for No. 1; 72c. for No. 2; and No. 3 extra brought 68c.; No. 3 quoted at 65 to 66c. Corn and rye are purely nominal at 55 to 58c. for the former and rye 73 to 75c.

FISH.—To-day is the commencement of the close season, which lasts for 30 days, but there will be practically no fishing doing until next April, while all that are caught through the ice will be insignificant. The demand is brisk for salt fish, and there will be no stocks in first hands by the beginning of February, and prices will, it is thought, advance shortly. Fresh fish are in light request.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Business during the week has been very flat, and there was no enquiry from outside points. Straight roller is offering at \$5.50; patent winter is worth \$5.80 to 6.25; spring ditto, \$5.75 to 5.80. Other kinds as before. Oatmeal steady and unchanged at \$4.50 for standard. Bran is in fair demand, but there is not much offering, \$14 to 14.50 is the figure.

GROCERIES.—Most houses report trade as being very quiet for October, rather more so than usual. This is accounted for by the lateness of the season. There is little of interest to note. Sugars are not so firm and last week's quotations are shaded an eighth, say Canadian refined, 6 to 6½c.; extra granulated, 8 to 8½c.; and Paris lumps, 8½c. Teas are moving briskly and are about the only exception to the general quietness. Stocks of walnuts are almost nil, but will soon be replenished with new, which are expected in three weeks. Syrup and molasses are more plentiful, 40c. in barrels and 38c. in puncheons being the quotations for the latter.

HARDWARE.—Brisk movement is going on in heavy goods and a good deal of building hardware is selling. The demand for machinists' supplies indicates that foundries and machine shops are busy. Advice from the Old Country show great firmness in both iron and steel, with much activity, but other metals show more or less dulness, and black tin is rather easier. Difficulty is found here in getting delivery of tin plates from English makers.

HAY AND SEEDS.—Receipts of hay on farmers' market are very light. Prices for loose timothy are \$21 to 25.00. Straw as before. In seeds the fall trade is over, and the only movement is in jobbing lots of flax seed at \$2.50 to 2.60.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The demand for hides is still active and prices steady and unchanged. For calfskins the demand is improving, with a tendency to upward prices. Sheepskins are scarcely so active; the high prices current all over the country being, it is contended, really above the value. Dealers here are paying 70 to 80c. Tallow is about the same with stocks still very light.

PROVISIONS.—Butter keeps in good demand. Some large sales of creamery for shipment to British Columbia are reported at 23c. Choice dairy brings 20 to 21c., and rolls 19 to 20c. Receipts are moderately free. Cheese is steady and without change in price. There is not much doing in dried apples, which sell at 5 to 5½c.; evaporated are worth 8 to 8½c. In hog products the movement is fair. Long clear quotes at 11 to 11½c.; breakfast bacon, 13c.; backs, 12 to 12½c.; hams, 12½c.; lard, 12½ to 12¾c. Dressed hogs, \$7.25 to 7.40, quite a few coming in from farmers, but little by rail. Eggs are worth 20c. for fresh and 18 to 19c. pickled.

Wool.—In fleece wool there is little or nothing doing as yet. For other kinds the demand from the factories is improving and considerable sales have resulted. Prices are as previously quoted. Foreign markets show an upward tendency and latest advices report a farthing to a halfpenny advance on medium and coarse wools.

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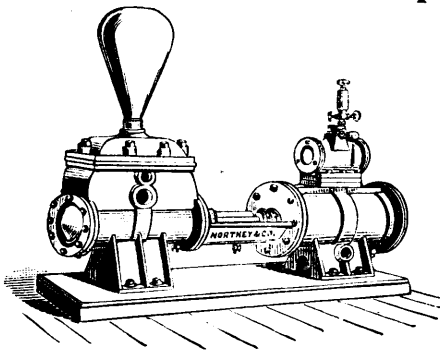
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