

We quote first pots \$3.55 to \$3.60, seconds \$3.30. Pearls continue easy at about \$4.70 to 4.75; a small lot of poor tares only realized \$4.60 a few days ago.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—A good local trade is being done, and the supply is now in limited compass, but the first London and Belgian steamers due next week will have some moderate lots. There is but light demand yet reported from the West for import. Prices are unchanged at \$2.05 to 2.15 for English, and \$1.90 to 2.05 for Belgian. Firebricks are quiet at \$16 to 20 as to quality.

DRY GOODS.—Retailers in the towns and cities are better satisfied with their sales of late, and are more cheerful in disposition. Sorting business among wholesalers is, as a consequence, better, and is reported as being rather ahead of this time last year. The bulk of the orders are from the larger centres, however and business with general country dealers is moderate. Some houses report payments as a little improved.

FURS.—In raw furs there is little doing at the moment, receipts being light. Full advices as to the results of the Leipzig fur sales are not yet to hand. We quote for prime pelts: Beaver, \$3 to 3.75 per lb.; bear, \$10 to 15; cub, \$5 to 8; fox, red, \$1 to 1.15; cross, do., \$3 to 5; silver do., \$20 to 75; fisher, \$5 to 6; martens \$1 to 1.75; mink, \$1 to 1.25; lynx, \$1.50 to 2; coon, 50 to 75c.; fall rats, 5 to 10c.; winter do., 10 to 12c.; spring do., 18 to 20c.; otter, \$9 to 12; skunk, 25 to 90c.

GROCERIES.—Business continues but moderate, and the night at hand general elections will have more or less of a disturbing influence on trade, so that no special activity is looked for during the next couple of months. Sugars remain unaltered; refiners continue to report a very slow demand, and still quote 4½ to 4¾ for granulated, and from 3½ to 4c. for yellows. The New York market is reported hardly so strong. Molasses is a shade firmer on the island, with a good demand. Four cargoes are now reported as sold for this market, and will be due here about the beginning of June; calculated cost laid down is about 29½c. A 200-puncheon lot of extra fine new Porto Rico is being offered at 31c. in 25-puncheon lots. Jobbing quotations are without change. For teas there is but a slim demand, sales being almost wholly confined to small lots for immediate wants. There seems to be a general expectation that the Japan market will open pretty low. Coffees are quiet; we quote Rio 16 to 18c; Mocha 23 to 28c; Java 24 to 27c., and Maracaibo 17 to 20c. Dried fruits as a rule are pretty firmly held. Prunes have become quite scarce. Tarragona almonds are being offered very low, at 9½c., it is said in quantity, duty paid. Stocks of domestic canned peas are practically cleaned out. Tomatoes are getting scarce, and some western packers are quoting 80 to 82½c. for choice brands, but on the other hand it is said Quebec packs are being offered at 65 to 70c.

Tenders Wanted.

Tenders addressed to the undersigned will be received up to eight p.m. of Monday, May 25th, for Consolidated Debentures of the Village of Tilbury, amounting to \$6,724.27, running for a term of twenty-five years, from December 1st, 1895, and bearing interest at five per cent. per annum. An equal amount of principal and interest payable annually, on the 1st day of December in each year for twenty five years, commencing on December 1st, 1896.

Said Debentures will be issued under authority of "The Village of Tilbury Debenture Act, 1896," and will be dated June 1st, 1896.

WILLIAM C. CRAWFORD,
Reeve of said Village.

Dated April 29th, 1896.

Tenders for Debentures

The undersigned will receive sealed tenders marked "Tenders for Debentures," up to the Fifth of May, 1896, at 8 o'clock p.m., by post or otherwise, for \$10,000 general debentures of the municipality of the Village of East Toronto. The said debentures are dated the 15th of April, 1896, and are payable in twenty yearly instalments, bearing interest at five per cent., payable half-yearly.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JOHN RICHARDSON, Reeve,
East Toronto.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—Tanners are not buying at present at all, the hide men say, and there is understood to be considerable accumulation in the hands of the local combination. An experimental shipment of 3,000 beef hides and 2,000 calfskins was made to France several weeks ago, but no advices are yet to hand as to the results. Dealers are paying 4, 3 and 2c. for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 hides, 6 and 4c. for Nos. 1 and 2 calfskins, 75 to 90c. for sheepskins, and 10c. for lambs and clips.

LEATHER.—Leather men can hardly recall a duller April than the month just closing, and indications of any immediate improvement are lacking. A few small sales of dongolas, colored leather, and odds and ends, are about all the business that is reported, and none of the larger shoe manufacturers are buyers to any extent. Sole leather men say that 75 per cent of their product is going to England. A good many Quebec splits are now being sold by the foot, instead of by weight as heretofore. Prices tend to easiness. We quote:—Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 20 to 22c.; do. No. 2, 18 to 20c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 19 to 21c.; No. 2, 17 to 18c.; No. 1 slaughter, 20 to 22c.; No. 2 do., 18 to 19c.; common, 17 to 18c.; waxed upper light and medium, 27 to 30c.; do. heavy, 25 to 28c.; grained, 25 to 30c.; Scotch grained, 25 to 30c.; western splits, 16 to 18c.; Quebec do., 12 to 14c.; juniors, 13 to 16c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calf skins (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calf skins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 22c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 14c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 11 to 18c.; extra heavy buff, 14c.; pebbled cow, 10 to 12c.; polished buff, 10 to 12c.; glove grain, 10 to 11c.; rough, 20 to 22c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Apparently a little more is doing in iron and some other lines of heavy metals, but the improvement is not very marked. Some moderate sales of domestic pig have transpired at \$16.50 to 16.75. Scotch iron does not seem to be wanted, and there are several hundred tons of old stock still on spot. A few small sales of Summerlee are reported at \$20 ex store; to arrive it is generally quoted at \$19, though it is said offers have been made at \$18.25 to \$18.50 in quantity ex ship. Domestic bars are firmer at 1.55 at the mill. Wrought iron scrap is scarce, and firm at \$18. Common charcoal tins are selling at \$3.15 to \$3.25; P. D. Crown, \$3.75; cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90. Tin, lead and copper remain at former quotations.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—There is a fairly brisk shipment of goods still going on in these lines, and collections are reported slightly improved. Prices show little variation, but some changes are probable upon arrival of fresh stocks by vessels now close at hand. Turpentine is reported rather weaker in the south, but is unchanged here. No quotations have yet been made for new seal oil, and old is still selling at quotations. Cod oil is dull at 35 to 37c. per gal. in a jobbing way. Whiting is very scarce on spot, only one house having any stock, and the quotation is stiffly held. We quote: Turpentine, 1 to 4 brls., 45c. Linseed oil, raw, 54c. per gal.; boiled, 57c.; 4 to 9 brl. lots, 1c. less; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; castor, in lots, 6½c.; single cases, 7c.; tins, 7½c.; Nfld. cod, 35 to 37c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 35 to 37c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 42 to 43c. per gal. in small lots. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$4.75 to 5.00; No. 1, \$4.50 to 4.75; No. 2, \$4 to 4.25; No. 3, \$4; dry white lead 4½ to 5c.; genuine red do., 4½ to 4¾c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; putty, \$1.60 to 1.65 in bulk, \$1.75 to 1.85 in bladders, \$2 to 2.10 in tins; London washed whiting, 45 to 50c.; Paris white, 85 to 90c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50; Paris green, 13½ to 14c. in bulk, packages 15 to 16c.; window glass, \$1.25 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.35 for second break; third break, 1.290.

WOOL.—Sales are reported very slow at the moment. Stocks on spot are small, there being no Australian or Natal of any account. What little Cape is moving is at a range of from 14 to 16c. per lb., and B.A. scoured 27 to 33c. Domestic are, if anything a little easier. A large cargo of Cape for this market is due in New York about the 15th of May. A new series of sales opened in London this week, at which the offerings will aggregate some 340,000 bales.

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