

is a tendency to increasing firmness in manufactures of iron generally. One large maker of wire nails has advanced his prices 10c. a keg, and revised quotations are looked for at any time for boiler plate, iron pipe, etc., etc. Owing to the constant advance in ingot tin higher prices for tin plate are deemed not improbable. Ingot tin is quoted strong at 36½ to 37c.; pig lead is again firmer at \$3.80 to \$3.85; copper steady at 17½c.; spelter, \$6.75 to \$7; sheet zinc, 7 to 7¼; antimony is a little easier at 14 to 14½c. Other lines remain as they were.

Oils and Paints.—About the only notable feature since last writing is quite a strong advance in turpentine, which is now quoted at 97c. per gallon in single barrel lots. Linseed oil continues to rule easy; castor, 7 to 8c.; fish oils dull, with cod oil quoted at 36 to 38c.; steam refined seal, about 45c.; whale oil, 35 to 40c. Ground white lead, \$4.25 to \$4.50 for pure, according to lot; bulk putty, \$1.40.

Wool.—The demand from woolen mill men is still of a slow character, but prices of all kinds are firmly held at the following quotations: Domestic fleece, 28½ to 29c.; ditto pulled, 30 to 31c.; ordinary capes, 17½ to 18½c.; North-West, 19 to 21c.; fine B.A. scoured ranges up to 45c. per lb.

#### TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, October 12, 1905.

Drugs, Chemicals, Etc.—No appreciable change has occurred in the position of the staple drugs. Business in local markets continues in fair volume, with no special feature worth noting. A report from Manchester dated 29th ult., said, referring to chemicals: The better feeling mentioned in our last report a month ago is fully maintained and in fact strengthened. With the close of the holiday season there has been a serious settling-down to business, and satisfaction is in general expressed with the present position of affairs and the outlook. For export there is a good demand, and the home trade also is fair. There is more enquiry for delivery over next year, and although values in general are inducing caution, much care is shown in buying, and whilst the tendency is to cover prospective wants liberally there is little disposition towards positive over-purchasing. In the heavy alkali branch there is a good tone. Consumers of bleaching powder continue to cover their wants for next year

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and prices are firm, but under special circumstances some slight concession is granted. Caustic soda values are steady for prompt and forward delivery, and contracts are being placed for next year. Other alkali products are moving off steadily. White powdered arsenic has advanced strongly, a shortage in supply having become apparent.

Flour and Grain.—The usual quotation for ninety per cent. patents now is \$3 in buyers' bags, with more for extra brands. Not much is doing in the export business, freight rates being exceedingly high. There is a good demand for shorts, and bran is, rather scarce. Rolled oats is a little on the easy side. Ontario wheat is meeting with only a light movement. That of the Manitoba wheat is being hampered by a shortage of cars and there is considerable complaint from millers, who have sometimes had to cancel their orders. Oats are very firm, and some complaint is heard respecting quality. Rye is firmer owing to increased demand. In corn little trade is being done. Other lines are much as before.

Fruits and Vegetables.—Prices for all kinds of fruit keep up well. Plums are now practically out of the market. Pears, too, are becoming scarcer. There have been a good many lemons entering the market this week and prices are lower. We quote: Peaches, 20 to 90c.; pears, 50 to 85c.; plums, 35 to 60c.; apples, basket, 15 to 25c.; grapes, Concord, 15 to 30c.; grapes, Niagaras, 17 to 30c.; Tokay grapes, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Cantaloupes, basket, 20 to 25c.; Cantaloupes, case, 65 to 80c.; Cantaloupes, Rock-fords, basket, 35 to 40c.; bananas, bunch, \$1.75 to \$2; lemons, box, \$4.50 to \$5; oranges, Jamaicas, barrel, \$5.50; oranges,

crate, \$5.25 to \$6; cranberries, barrel, \$9 to \$9.50; tomatoes, basket, 30c.; celery, dozen, 35 to 40c.; onions, 25c.; onions, silver skins, 85c. to \$1; onions, case, \$2.50; sweet potatoes, barrel, \$3 to \$3.50; peppers, large, 20 to 50c.; peppers, small, 50 to 75c.

Groceries.—Trade in general groceries has shown marked improvement the last few days. Sugars are a trifle firmer than they were, though no change in price has taken place. An active demand is noted for tea. Canned goods are in good movement and there is a firm undertone. Dried fruits are meeting with a seasonable demand. Payments are said to be better than they were a month ago.

Hides and Leather.—The offerings are of good quality and are quickly absorbed, at unchanged firm prices. In some grades of leather there is said to be some degree of scarcity. Business is good and values strong.

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