

lead, \$3.10; spelter very firm at \$5.10; antimony, 8½c.; sheet zinc, 6c.

Oils, Paints and Glass.—The one prominent feature in the paint trade is the dissolution of the lead grinders' association, owing to internal dissensions, and ground leads are now being sold at cut prices. Under existing circumstances it is hard to quote any regular figures, and the prices given below are only approximate. In other lines there are no changes. We quote: Single brls., raw and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 77 and 80c. per gallon, for one to four barrel lots; 5 to 9 barrels, 76 and 79c. net 30 days, or 3 per cent. for four months' terms. Turpentine, one barrel, 68c.; two to four barrels, 67c.; net 30 days. Olive oil machinery, 90c.; cod oil, 35 to 40c. per gallon; steam refined seal, 55c. per gallon; straw ditto, 45 to 47c.; Castor oil, 8 to 9c. as to quality and lot. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.25; No. 1, \$4.87½; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.12½; No. 4, \$3.75; dry white lead, 5 to 5½c. for pure; No. 1, do., 5c.; genuine red, ditto, 4½ to 5c.; No. 1, red lead, 4 to 4¼c.; putty, in bulk, bbls., \$2; bladder putty in bbls., \$2.35; ditto, in kegs or boxes, \$2.50; 25-lb. tins, \$2.45; 12½-lb. tins, \$2.75. London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris white, 75 to 80c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2; Paris green, in kegs, 14½ to 15c.; in lb. packages, 16c.; window glass, \$2.10 per 50 feet for first break; \$2.20 for second break.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, August 21st, 1902.

Chemicals, Drugs, etc.—In the local drug market the sorting trade is about up to the average for this time of the year. Prices as a rule are about steady, but in some cases fluctuations are taking place. English camphor has gone down 1 to 2c., owing to the competition from Germany. Gum arabic has advanced, owing to scarcity in Egypt. Oil of peppermint and seneca root are advancing slightly, owing to the lightness of the supply. Linseed oil remains in about the same condition that has obtained for some time, but the demand is slight. Paris green is still selling fairly well. Little opium is being bought except for immediate requirements.

Dry Goods.—Travellers are now off the road, being in many cases on their holidays. This gives the wholesale houses a chance to catch up with back orders and to prepare for the approaching Exhibition and the millinery openings, at which time an extra large amount of business is anticipated. Reports from all parts of the country continue favorable.

Flour and Grain.—There is not very much to say under this heading this week. Fair quantities, considering the present early stage of the harvest of wheat have come in and still more of oats, which latter has made rather a heavy drop. The corn market is dull as also is rye. In barley there is nothing doing. New 90 per cent. patent is quoted at \$2.77½ to \$2.85 in buyers' covers, middle freights. Oatmeal is

about the same. Bran and shorts are a little on the quiet side just now.

Boots and Shoes.—No particular feature distinguishes this business at the present moment, it being more or less between seasons. On the whole, however, trade during the last few weeks has been fully equal to, or perhaps rather better, than during the same period of last year. This applies to the Dominion generally, but more particularly to Ontario. There have been less bad debts than usual and those that have been experienced are due perhaps in some measure to a natural, even if not altogether pardonable feeling of liberality of credit in such prosperous times.

Hides, Skins and Leather.—No change has taken place in the hide market, but lambskins and shearlings have gone up about 5c. In Chicago offerings of packers' hides are small. The business transacted during the past ten days has cleaned the market fairly close of the late rake off, and packers have practically withdrawn from the market as sellers. Prices quoted are 14½ to 14¾c. for native steers, 15½c. for heavy Texas, 13¼ to 13½c. for butt brands, 13 to 13¼c. for Colorados, 12c. for heavy cows and 11c. for branded do. Country hide are in fair demand and firm at 9½ to 9¾c. for No. 1 buffs. The leather trade is a little quiet just now, locally, but an improvement is looked for shortly, and the export trade is particularly good.

Hardware.—Trade is quite brisk for this time of the year, but no change in prices are reported. This is a 'tween-season period, the summer trade is practically over and the fall hardly begun, though a large number of orders for future delivery have already been placed. Retail customers will make no mistake in placing orders now for future requirements, as any change in prices is almost sure to be in an upward direction.

Groceries.—Sugars remain in the same position that they have occupied since last June, in respect to prices, and they are still very dull, but there is every prospect for an improvement during the next few weeks. The general trade is also on the easy side. In canned goods, considerable firmness exists, and tomatoes are hard to obtain under \$1.15. Beans, too, are now 77½ to 95. Sockeye salmon, too, is dearer, owing to lightness of catch. Valencia raisins continue scarce and high priced.

Live Stock.—A steady demand at good prices continues for choice qualities of cattle and latterly the quality has improved materially. The distilleries are now in the market looking for feeders to eat waste products. Bulls from 900 lbs. weight upwards and steers from 1,000 lbs. are the most favored. Export cattle at the market this week kept their prices, but butchers' were a shade easier. Sheep declined a few cents, selling at \$3.40 to \$3.60.

Provisions.—Not any very material changes have taken place under this heading since last issue. Smoked meats are still in good demand. Butter receipts are up to average, but the quality is not very good. Cheese is dull and easy. Eggs

are in fair demand. Receipts of poultry are light. Beans are scarce and high priced.

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