

OILS, PAINTS, AND GLASS.—Turpentine holds its strong position steadily, and is being sold at 79 to 80c. per gallon in ordinary lots; linseed oil still steady at 57c. for raw, 60c. for boiled; olive, \$1 to 1.10 for pure; castor, 84c. per lb. Fish oils are fairly active and firm. Newfoundland cod, 42 to 44c.; Halifax, 38 to 40c.; steam refined seal, 51 to 53 cents. No change in leads or glass. **Quote:**—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$6.25; No. 1, \$5.50; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, 4.50; dry white lead, 54c.; red lead, 48c.; London washed whiting, 60c.; Paris white, \$1.00; Cookson's Venetian red, \$1.60 to 1.75; other brands Venetian red, \$1.40 to 1.60; yellow ochre, \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$2.00 to 2.50. 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.—The market is quiet but firm. Domestic pulled wools are not to be had, unless in an occasional small lot of unassorted at 23 to 24c.; Cape, 15½ to 17c.; Australian scarves at 17½ to 20c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, 4th April, 1899.

The markets have generally been quiet during the week. Both buyers and sellers seem to have been inclined to wait for the opening of navigation, which appears to be close at hand. Besides, the weather has left country roads in rather a bad condition. The situation, however, appears not unsatisfactory, at least few complaints have been heard in any quarter.

Raw Goods.—The present is no weather to invite spring trade in this line. Snow, mud, raw winds to-day, wind, rain, thunder, lightning on Sunday, is enough to give a dry goods man the shivers. Still, there are a good few buyers in town, buying assorting parcels. Woollery is in request, cashmere, cotton, and silk; and prints are in such variety and beauty that everybody wants some, especially of the finer styles. Sateens, too, and other prevailing forms of woollen summer dress goods, meet with due attention. Gloves and parasols, dress trimmings, small wares—all these departments have their enquirers either by letter or in person. Samples from the woollen mills are being shown, and concurrently with somewhat higher prices in Britain the prices named show an increase this year. As we noted last week, there is room for complaint for slack deliveries of Canadian fancy cottons. The payments, considering the ill-favored weather, have not been bad.

Wool.—This week the movement has been about equal to expectations; while most of the orders are in small lots they total up to a very respectable aggregate. A good all round business for this month may be expected. Quinine has been very quiet, but shows no change in prices; the jobbing trade is a shade better, but there is no speculative interest. Opium continues very depressed, and while some tempting offers are made the trade cannot be induced to purchase beyond immediate requirements.

Flour and Meal.—The chronic dulness and inactivity in flour has remained unabated; but holders have shown no inclination to press sales at the cost of concessions; straight rollers has sold at equal to \$4.85 per bbl. here; and at close it was held steadily at this figure, with extra at \$4.60 to 4.65, but no demand heard. Bran is easier, and sold on Monday at \$18.50 per ton on the track, ton-lots going at the mills for \$15. Oatmeal shows no change whatever; a very few small lots have sold at \$4. per bbl. for standard, and \$4.50 for granulated; oat-lots purely nominal.

Grain.—Has generally been unsettled. The demand for wheat somewhat slack and confined almost entirely to a supply for milling purposes; prices easy. No. 1 spring lying on the Midland sold last week at \$1.09, and on Monday at \$1.10, and No. 2 spring at \$1.06 outside last week, with \$1.07 bid for it on the spot l.o.c. at close; No. 2 fall lying outside sold at \$1.06 on Monday, and No. 2 red winter on the spot sold at \$1.08 f.o.c. on Tuesday. No. 1 Manitoba hard changed hands at Carlton on 2nd at \$1.30; No. 2 sold at \$1.28 on track, and No. 3 frosted to arrive at 76c. At the close the market was inactive and easy. Oats have sold slowly and at a fall of one to two cents; mixed sold at 32c. for light and 33c. for good

average on the track, closing with more offered at 33c., and No. 2 lying outside sold at equal to 30½c. here. Barley was unsettled all week, but with rather more moving; last week two large lots of extra No. 3 sold for 45c. f.o.b. in April; and a round lot of No. 2 lying at a lake-port for 48c. f.o.b. on the opening of navigation; on Monday a round lot of No. 1 lying at an outside point where Toronto rates rule sold at 56c., but another sale was reported at the same time at equal to 53c. here; and a sale of No. 2 on the spot at 49c. f.o.c. The market subsequently remained quiet until the close, when No. 1 lake-port was offered at 56c. but not taken; No. 2 was reported offered at equal to 49c. here and not taken. Peas are fairly steady, with cars lying outside sold late last week at 55c. and on Tuesday at 54 and 55c., which prices would probably have been repeated at the close. Nothing doing in corn and prices nominal.

Groceries.—Business is very good but not so active as last week, still it is in excess of the corresponding time last year. In tea there is a very fair market for greens and Japans, but blacks are a little off. Sugars have advanced ½c. since our last report. Syrups also have advanced 3c. per gallon. There is a good movement in tobacco at steady prices. Rice is active with a very firm market. The trade is fair in dried fruits and nuts; Valencia raisins are in good demand and advancing. Coffee is rather quiet but very firm. In canned goods the movement in tomatoes, corn, and peas is strong, the natural inference being that the extremely low prices stimulate consumption to a greater extent than we were inclined to expect. Payments are better, and the outlook is encouraging.

HAY.—Pressed has been offered freely and sold very slowly at weak prices; several cars of poor timothy sold at \$13, but really choice was worth \$14.00 to 14.50, with mixed sold at \$12 on track.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Offerings of green hides fully equal to the wants of dealers, but an increasingly large proportion consisting of low grades; cured unsettled, with sales of both mixed and selected reported at 5½c. Green calfskins are in increased supply but taken as before; cured have been imported at lower prices than they are held here. Sheepskins.—The new month has brought no change in prices, which still stand at \$1.40 to 1.50 for the best green, with dry going down to \$1.00. Tallow easier in sympathy with outside markets, at 2 to 2½c. per lb. for rough and 5½ to 6c. for rendered, with offerings increasing.

HARDWARE.—No radical change during the week either in conditions or prices. Locally business is good, prices firm, and prospects fairly satisfactory. But advices from London and New York agree that in both these centres trade is certainly not brisk, and that prices are unsettled with a tendency to

weaken, though as yet there has been no positive decline.

Hops.—Very quiet. Choice new have sold to a very small extent in single-bale lots at 20 to 21c.; and a small lot of very choice yearlings changed hands at 11c., but the only movement has been for the supply of immediate necessities; old have been simply unsaleable.

LEATHER.—The business for March was altogether fairly satisfactory, but it has fallen off during the week a good deal. Sales are merely retail in their character. Prices are firm. Stocks generally are small. The failures down east have affected trade in Toronto, and we fear it will be a few weeks before the effects of this cause of depression have passed away. There are no changes of consequence.

LIVE STOCK.—Trade fair but prices continue low. The Montreal market has been off and this has considerably affected the Toronto market. We have had a noticeable improvement in the quality of offerings all round; but at the beginning of the week supplies were so large that prices gave way both in cattle and sheep. Anything of good quality is sure to sell readily, but for secondary and inferior stock there is no demand except at the lowest figures. Cables from London give prices about 2d. a stone better; at Liverpool, prices though not advanced are much firmer, and from both places the prospects appear to be considered good.

POTATOES.—Car lots very weak and very slow, but one or two have changed hands outside

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