

etc. All enquiries as to contract prices, terms, etc., will, therefore, have in future to be addressed to Mr. Smaill. We learned yesterday that the proposed combination has not succeeded, and has been abandoned.

**OILS & PAINTS.**—Turpentine is a little easier, and may be quoted at 60c. per gallon now in single barrels. Steam-refined seal oil also on the weak side, with fair sized lots offered at 48½c.; in a jobbing way 50c. would be about the figure. Newfoundland cod oil unchanged; linseed oil 63c. to 64c. per gallon for raw; 66c. to 67c. for boiled, leads as revised last week; colors and glass without change. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$5.75 to 6; No. 1, \$5 to 5.25; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$4 to 4.50; dry white lead, 5 to 5½c.; red do., 4½ to 4¾c.; London washed whitening, 50c.; Paris white, 90c. to \$1; Cookson's Venetian red, \$1.60 to 1.75; other brands of Venetian red, \$1.40 to 1.60; yellow ochre \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50. Window glass, \$1.45 per 50 feet for first break, \$1.55 for second break; third break, \$3.40.

#### TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, April 23rd, 1891.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—Factory men are still complaining that business is more dull than usual at this season of the year. The roads are very bad in the country, in some districts totally impassable; warm, dry weather will soon deplete some spring stocks that are at present almost untouched. Reports continue to come in from all points in the country, of the more than average prospects of the fall and winter crops.

**DRY GOODS.**—Sales are still small in volume, but with the improved weather of the last few days, retail merchants, in the towns at least, have been kept busy. Provided the weather we have at present has come to stay, a large number of country merchants are expected next week in the city. Payments are about as usual. Among the summer fabrics offering we observe on Front street unusually dainty prints, one line of "lama effects" being especially pretty. On delicate grounds of salmon, lilac, or French grey are relieved vines, leaves, scrolls in differing colors: a cream has a heliotrope flower—a shrimp pink shows autumn leaves, grey and brown and olive. These are especially clever specimens of the calico-printer's art. Another line, by the same printer, we understand, exhibits striking patterns in graduated colors, produced by a process said to have been discovered by accident. Those we saw are called "radiated cashmere effects." There is much in a name now-a-days, and the names of colors as well as fabrics, is legion.

**DRUGS.**—Business is on the quiet side, and prices often weak. Quinine is still very dull; Norwegian cod liver oil is firmer abroad; glycerine a little easier, as well as cloves; quite a demand exists for camphor and insect powders, values of these are firmer; frequent enquiries after Paris green; no change in morphia or opium.

**FLOUR AND OATMEAL.**—The flour market continues active, the high prices rather stimulating sales than retarding them. There is, no

doubt, considerable speculation going on at present. Prices, locally, are again advanced in all brands. The increases are as follows:—Patent flours, winter and spring wheat, are each 10c. to 25c. per barrel dearer, now quoted \$5.25 to 5.50 respectively; straight roller, 20c. to 25c. per barrel higher, now quoted at \$5.10 to 5.25; extra also dearer, viz., \$4 to 4.75. Manitoba patent has advanced a little; price is now \$6.15 to 6.25. Strong baker's now up to \$5.85 to \$6. Oatmeal is unchanged in price, and steady. Bran continues scarce, and in good demand at \$18.50 per ton in car loads on track; for lesser quantities \$19 is quoted.

**GRAIN.**—The wheat market is very strong, the demand both for milling and export being active; white winter and Manitoba hard No. 2 and No. 3 are wanted by Ontario millers, and spring wheat is in request for English markets. Prices have again ascended about five cents per bushel on winter wheat, No. 1 now quoted at \$1.17 to 1.18; No. 2, \$1.15 to

1.16; No. 3, \$1.13 to 1.14; spring wheat shows an advance, No. 1 being now quoted at \$1.09 to 1.10; No. 2, \$1.07 to 1.08; No. 3, \$1.04 to 1.05; Manitoba hard shows an increase of from four to five cents per bushel; for No. 1 would be paid, provided any was offering, \$1.24 to 1.25; No. 2 is selling at \$1.22 to 1.23; No. 3, \$1.12 to 1.13. The English markets have been advancing daily during the week, and finished up with an advance of two shillings and sixpence sterling per quarter. The explanation of this persistent advance is, that European crops, fall and winter wheat, were almost annihilated by the past severe winter, and that there are short supplies in English centres. Speculation is said to be dead in the English wheat trade at present, and only legitimate demands are current. The American markets have been advancing during the week in sympathy, and show a gain of fully from five to seven cents per bushel. Barley is unchanged in quotations and pretty well

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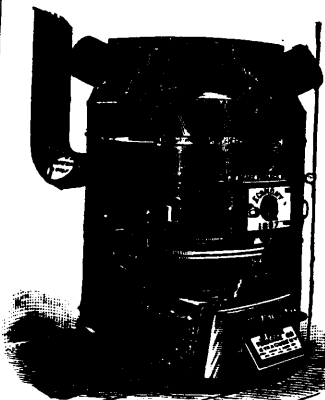
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