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OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Some houses report quite a nice lot of orders for oils and paints for shipment when spring freight rates come into force, also a fair proportion of import orders for glass. In turpentine there is quite a stiff advance of full two cents, owing to a stronger market in the south, where supplies are reported getting low. Linseed oil steady at the late decline. Seal oil firmer, at 43c. per gal. in a jobbing way. Shellac is being quoted very much lower on the Calcutta market, but as new supplies will not reach here before May or June, no present change in prices will be made here. We quote:—Turpentine, 48c. per gallon for single barrels, 2 to 4 barrels, 47c.; 5 barrels and over, 46c. Linseed oil, raw, 55c. per gallon; boiled, 58c.; 4 to 9 bbl. lots, 1c. less; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; castor, in lots, 6c.; single cases, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; tins, 7c.; Nfld. cod, 34 to 35c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 35c. 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, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5c.; genuine red do., 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 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, 40 to 45c.; 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; window glass, \$1.25 to 1.30 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.35 to 1.40 for second break; third break, \$2.90.

WOOL.—The movement is a light one, and a number of the mills are reported rather slack of business at present. In local prices there is nothing new. Cable reports of the London sales, which opened last week, are to the effect that closing prices of the last series are fairly maintained. Stocks are pretty low on spot; there is a certain amount of wool at the Cape bought on Canadian account, but there seems no disposition to hurry it forward, owing to the uncertainties regarding matters political.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Jan. 23rd, 1896.

GRAIN.—The wheat market is strong at an advance of 2c. per bush. over last week's quotations. The situation abroad is improved, while a strong active demand comes from the Canadian milling interests. The movement is confined, however, to comparatively small lots. Deliveries at country points are by no means liberal. In many districts the roads are in poor condition. The war talk emanating from so many different sources this last several weeks, has undoubtedly been a factor in influencing farmers to hold back their stocks. Other holders, mindful of an advance last summer from 60c. to \$1, are expecting history to repeat itself, and meantime are holding back their grain. It is almost a general opinion that stocks in the country are not heavy. Manitoba wheat is firm, and active, at an advance of 2 cents per bushel. Large sales of Manitoba wheat for May delivery at Fort William have been made recently, but at present holders are edging off and do not appear anxious to part with their stock. Oats are firm and in good demand at last week's quotations. Peas are steady and unchanged, with some demand for export. Rye is firm at an advance of 1c. per bushel; supplies are readily taken. Corn is dull and 1 to 2c. per bushel lower in price. Barley is slow and inactive.

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on Jan. 11th were 3,039,213 bushels. During the week there were received 256,848 bushels, and shipped 6,648 bushels, leaving in store on Jan. 18th, 3,289,413 bushels.

GROCERIES.—For January trade is good. Prices remain very steady without any very general changes. Currants are firm; the demand is, however, inactive. The movement in canned goods is only nominal. The feature of the week is the strong tone of the sugar market, prices advancing $\frac{1}{4}$ c. per lb. The Cuban crisis adds strength to the situation, which is aggravated by reported shortages in the beet root crop of Europe. Teas are locally without change, while markets abroad are not especially interesting.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—There is not that improvement in trade that jobbers would naturally expect as the season grows older. The main business done is in booking forward and import orders. In such lines as galvanized and tinned iron, tin plate, sheathing, copper, poultry netting, green wire cloth, screen doors, churns, milk cans, and milk can trimmings, the movement is fairly satisfactory. There have been but few changes in prices. The only change of importance resulting from the manufacturers' meetings was the reduction of $\frac{1}{4}$ c. per lb. in the price of barb and plain twist wire. A change has been made also in the list price of clout nails and shoe findings. In horse nails one pound packages have been advanced $\frac{1}{4}$ c. over former list price. Tinware is quiet, and little improvement is looked for until March. Plumbers' supplies are in better demand, although supplies are not large.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The local situation is without change. Dealers continue to pay butchers 5, 4 and 3c. per lb. for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 green; cured hides are quoted 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ c., but the best part of the movement is confined to the passing of hides sold on future delivery some weeks ago at lower quotations. It is difficult to descry the future. The speculative element in trade will probably be satisfied with

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