

57c. per gallon; boiled, 60c.; 5-barrel lots, 1c. less; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; castor, in lots, 6½c.; single cases, 6¼ to 6¾c.; tins, 7c.; Nfld. cod, 38 to 40c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 38c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 38 to 40c., in small lots. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$4.50 to 5.00; No. 1, \$4.50; No. 2, \$4.25; No. 3, \$4.00; dry white lead, 5c.; genuine red do., 4½c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; putty, 2c. in bladders per brl.; London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris white, 90c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50; window glass, \$1.20 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.30 for second break; third break, \$2.80. These prices are shaded 5c. for 50-box lots.

WOOL.—A marked lack of activity is still to be noted in the local demand, but dealers are hoping for some improved enquiry with the opening of the New Year. There is no disposition towards lowering prices. We quote Cape 13½ to 16½c.; B.A. scoured, 27 to 32c.; domestic fleece 17 to 20c.; pulled supers, 20 to 21½c.; British Columbia, 10 to 11c. per pound.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Dec. 27th, 1894.

DRY GOODS.—With the movement in holiday novelties completed, trade, so far as seasonable goods are concerned, is being conducted in a desultory way. Some of the houses, however, are already beginning to ship goods for the spring trade, while many warehouses are busy receiving goods for summer distribution. As an example of the manner in which trade is conducted, it may be stated that orders have been placed during the week for woollen goods for the trade of 1895.

GRAIN.—Wheat is firm, but quotations have remained unchanged during the past two weeks. It is said that two large buyers are attempting a "corner" on Manitoba wheat, and from present appearances are likely to succeed in their design. Mr. W. W. Ogilvie and Mr. W. A. Hastings, of Montreal, returning from Manitoba, have given to the press a very bullish report in regard to the outlook for the wheat held in that province. The position should be all the stronger because of the lack of spring wheat in Ontario. A Toronto firm, who operate along the Midland Railway, assert that, whereas last year they purchased 100,000 bush. of spring wheat, this year they have bought scarcely any spring wheat in that district. There is little strength in the export demand for wheat at present, but local millers are taking red and white winter wheat quite freely. Oats are firm and higher. Offerings are not very free, while the demand is good especially from the eastern provinces, and considerable shipments are going to Quebec. Barley is quiet and is likely to remain so for a few weeks yet. When the weather becomes colder American brewers may be expected to turn more to Canadian barley, and the export trade will then pick up. Peas are in good demand for export.

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on Dec. 15th were 455,865 bushels. During the week there were received 55,322 bushels, and shipped nil bushels, leaving in store on Dec. 22nd, 511,187.

GROCERIES.—No one feels the reaction which necessarily follows the holiday season more than the wholesale grocer. As a consequence, trade is not brisk in the wholesale grocery warehouses. Values remain without important changes, although prices are being shaded in some lines of holiday goods. The better grades of Valencia raisins are in small compass, but of the poorer descriptions there remains a good supply on the market. Some shading is being done in the prices of currants; we quote: Provincial, 3½c.; Filiatras, 4½c.; Patras, 4½c.; Vostizza, 6 to 7c. Syrup and molasses are finding but moderate demand in the local market. Sugars remain easy, and 1c. is quoted on domestic granulated. Canadian refiners have apparently determined to meet the competition of German refiners and are making some very low quotations. Recent arrivals of German granulated sugars have, we understand, been disposed of on satisfactory terms. There is nothing to report in coffees: Rios are ruling between 21 and 25c. The distribution of teas is just a little slow at present. There is little demand for canned fruits and vegetables, and not till January has well spent itself can this demand be expected to show any material development. Canned salmon is selling rather slowly, but as stocks are not large, in comparison with

previous years, better things are evidently in store for this trade later in the season.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Seldom has the market remained so long in an unchanged state. The situation on the local market is to-day in almost the same position it was two months ago. At the moment trade is not brisk. The butchers are in the habit of making large displays for Christmas time, and in consequence many hides have been offered recently. But for the next few weeks the kill will be comparatively light, and the hide trade may be expected to remain quiet. Reports from Chicago indicate strength there. The quality of offerings continues good. Values are without alteration. Sheepskins are plentiful, and buyers do not appear keen to take stock; prices remain unchanged, with a quotation of 65c. The sale of woolled sheepskins in London, Dec. 20th, showed 3,700 bales of fair quality, and brought a moderate attendance. The competition was dull at a farthing to a half-penny decline for crossbreds, and a farthing decline for short wools and lambs. A lot of good parcels were withdrawn. The large kill for the holiday season has had the effect of weakening the tallow market; dealers are paying 5½c. and are asking 6c. for stock.

LEATHER.—Although some manufacturers are enquiring for stock, trade generally is quiet, and must remain so until the middle of January, at which date manufacturers usually begin in earnest to cut for spring trade. The jobbing trade is slow, sluggish, in fact, and presents but few bright features. Spanish sole leather is moving actively by way of export, and it is expected that at least five cars will go forward destined for England before the New Year opens; slaughter sole is quiet and in abundant supply.

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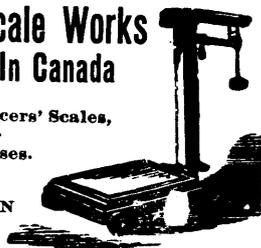
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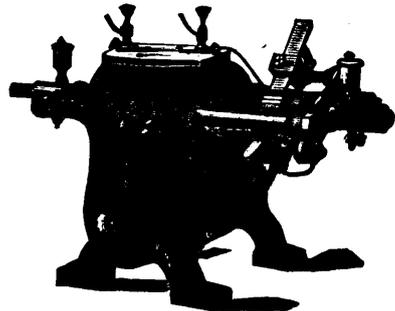
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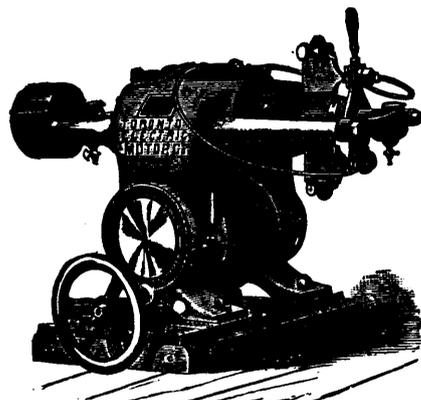
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