

some houses ask \$1.15 to 1.20 in a jobbing way, while other packs are sold at lower figures.

HIDES.—The enquiry from tanners is still of a very slow character, and trade is without life or activity. Receipts of green hides are comparatively small, dealers are paying 4c. per lb. for No. 1, and for calfskins 5c. Toronto and Hamilton No. 1 are quoted at 5½ to 5¼c.; dry hides, 9 to 10c.; lambskins are worth 90c. to \$1 each.

WOOL.—Trade in this department is very quiet at the moment, but there is no decline in the firmness of values, and stocks on hand at present are almost nothing. Cape is quoted at 20 to 22c., Australian 21 to 23c. per lb.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Feb. 23, 1890.

DRY GOODS.—The amount of business doing at present is small; orders from travelling salesmen are coming in very slowly and for small parcels. The stocks in hand are as a rule not regarded excessive, for buying for some time past has been conducted in a very conservative spirit by importers, but they are claimed to be unusually well assorted. The

millinery openings will occur very soon, and much attention is being devoted to that department of the trade; the date for this event has from force of competition been getting early the last few years, but it is to be hoped that the mistake of last season will not be committed this year and customers brought from the country to buy feathers and flowers in fur-cap-and-rubber-weather. The fourth of next month is looked forward to with some amount of anxious curiosity.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Flour is still chronically dull; so persistently neglected that holders seem not to care to name prices. Straight rollers could probably be bought at \$3.80 to 3.85, and extra at \$3.50 to 3.55, had there been anybody desirous of obtaining any. The uniform report is no buyers and no prices for anything. Bran has been in good demand and steady, with sales of cars at equal to \$11.00 on track, and at \$10.00 outside, same freight as from Toronto for shipment east. Oatmeal.—Only small lots selling, and those selling very slowly at \$3.75 for standard, and \$4.00 for granulated.

GRAIN.—Low prices in some cases and small offerings in others seem to have brought some demand, but even this has been small. There has been some enquiry for lots of wheat lying outside at ruling prices. Sales were made late last week at 79c. per bush. for No. 2 fall, and 80c. for No. 2 red, lying on the Northern,

and at 79c. for spring on the Midland. On Monday and Tuesday these prices were repeated for all these grades, and goose wheat brought 66c. on track on Monday. Manitoba hard quiet; sold on Tuesday at equal to \$1.04 for No. 1. The market closed with No. 1 hard again sold at equal to \$1.04, and No. 2 fall on the Northern at 79c.; and red winter and spring probably worth previous prices. Oats.—Offered slowly and have seemed firmer. Mixed on track sold at 29c. on Friday and Saturday, and at 29c. to arrive on Tuesday; white very quiet, but sold last week for 26c. on Grand Trunk west. At the close there were sales on the C. P. R. at 25 and 26c. per bush. for white, and 25c. for mixed, with former prices probably obtainable for cars lying on the track. The movement in barley has been very small and the demand seems less active; extra No. 3 lying outside sold since our last at 37c., being equal to 40 to 41c. here; No. 2 also outside sold on Monday at 43c., being equal to 45c. here; with 38c. bid for extra No. 3 and refused. The market closed inactive, not much demand heard for any grade but holders steady. Peas sold fairly well late last week for 54 and 54½c. per bushel for cars lying at points north and west; and this week at 54c. To-day there were sales at 54 and 54½c. Rye sold late last week for 44c. at a point east; and at the close some demand was noted for May delivery, probably at about 45c.



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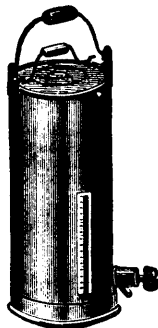
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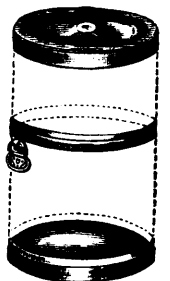
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