

wasters, \$2.65; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, \$3.75 to 4.15; No. 26, \$3.50 to 3.90; No. 24, \$3.65 in case lots; Morewood, \$5.15 to 5.40; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 5½c.; No. 26, 6c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.85; English ditto, \$2; hoops, \$2.15. Steel boiler plate, ¼ inch and upwards, \$1.90 to 2.00 for Dalzell, and equal; ditto, three-sixteenths inch, \$2.60; tank iron, ¼ inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths do., \$2.25; tank steel, \$1.70; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.60; Russian sheet iron, 9 to 10c.; lead, per 100 lbs., pig, \$3.25; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 9 to 10c.; toe calk, \$2.25; spring, \$2.50; sleigh shoe, \$1.90; tire, \$2; round machinery steel, \$2.50; ingot tin, 16c. for L. & F.; Straits, 15½c.; bar tin, 16½ to 17c.; ingot copper, 11 to 12c.; sheet zinc, \$4.50 to 4.75; Silesian spelter, \$4.50; American spelter, \$4.50. Antimony, 8 to 9½c.; bright iron wires, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.60 per 100 lbs.; annealed and oiled, do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$3.15; the trade discount on wire is 20 per cent. Barb and twisted wire and staples, 3½c.; freight paid on half-ton lots.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—The movement has temporarily quieted down, but preparations are in progress for some very fair shipments by first river boats. Prices are without change, and likely to remain so until new supplies come in by first ocean vessels. Castor oil rules very firm abroad and would cost 6½c. to lay down. Paris green also rules very firm. We quote: Turpentine, 1 to 4 brls., 45c. Linseed oil, raw, 54c. per gal.; boiled, 57c.; 4 to 9 brl. lots, 1c. less; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; castor, in lots, 6½c.; single cases, 7c.; tins, 7½c.; Nfld. cod, 34 to 35c. per gal.; Gaspé 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 4½ to 5c.; genuine red do., 4½ to 4¾c.; 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, 45 to 50c.; 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; Paris green, 13½ to 14c. in bulk, packages 15 to 16c.; window glass, \$1.25 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.35 for second break; third break, \$2.90.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, April 23rd, 1896.

DRUGS.—The movement in staple commodities has been seasonably active. No change in values of any moment is reported. Opium is locally unchanged, with wholesale merchants quoting \$3.75; in New York it is said bids of \$2.05, single cases, would not be refused. London mail advices, date of April 11th, intimate that late reports from producing points have more or less greatly exaggerated the extent of the damage to the growing crop. Cables from Smyrna at the beginning of the week quoted 8s. 3d. to 8s. 4d. for ordinary druggists' quality. Quinine is firm, although prices are unchanged. Norway and Newfoundland cod-liver oil continue strong, with \$3 quoted for the former description and \$2 to 2.25 for the latter. Chemicals find moderate demand, with prices unaltered. Gums are firm.

GRAIN.—Intelligence from outside markets during the week was on the whole of a bull nature. As a consequence Ontario wheat is steadier, and prices have moved up 1c. per bush. since our last report; supplies are not abundant, while the local milling demand is excellent, although confined to requests for present consumption. Further reports of winter killed wheat have come to hand this week, and it is said that considerable damage has been done to the crop in several counties of central and northern Ontario, but in other districts present appearances all point to an abundant harvest in 1896. Manitoba wheat quotations are unchanged in the local market, although the feeling is perhaps a shade easier. Seeding operations in the North-West are from two to three weeks later than usual. Barley remains quiet at 38 to 40c. Oats are dull; stocks both east and west are large, while the demand is rather quiet with 22 to 22½c. quoted outside. Rye continues unchanged at 47c. Corn is dull and weaker, with many sellers offering at 31c. outside, but buyers are few. Some small transactions were made in buckwheat at 32c. outside. Peas are dull, although late cables report an improvement in Liverpool.

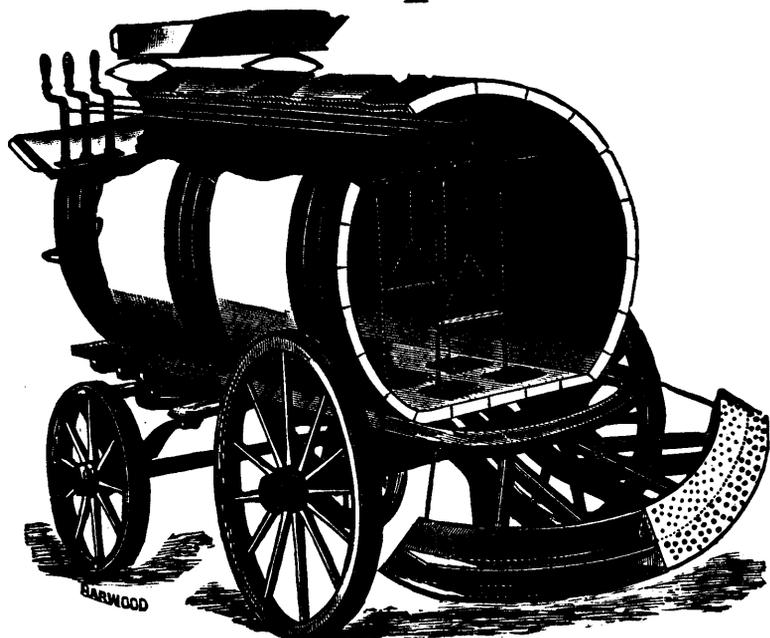
The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on April 11th were 3,430,753 bushels. During the week there were received 18,206 bushels, and shipped 13,333 bushels, leaving in store on April 18th, 3,435,543 bushels.

GROCERIES.—Very satisfactory trade conditions have ruled throughout the week. Navigation with North Shore points opens on Monday next, while lake shipments will be made to Sault Ste. Marie next Wednesday. Affairs in Northern Ontario are apparently prosperous, and a considerable movement to the various points of distribution is taking place. In dried fruits there is a fair turn over, but the market shows no special features in regard to local values. Sugars are unchanged in price, but retailers are expressing their confidence in the situation by forwarding an increased number of orders for car lots. There is nothing that is new to report of

molasses or syrups. The low values at which canned corn is offering is resulting in a number of sales, prices ranging from 60c. up. Stocks of tomatoes are being reduced, dealers quoting 85c. Peas at \$1 are getting into small compass. The low grade canned salmon is being fast picked up, and consequently prices are higher 2½ to 5c., with the lowest pink salmon now quoted \$1.12½ to 1.15 per dozen. Canned lobster, as previously noted, is scarce; we quote: Talls, \$2.20; flats, \$2.40. There is nothing new in spices, markets abroad holding very steady.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—The general movement in hardware supplies is very satisfactory, and in tinware and granite ware an equally good movement is taking place. Merchants find no little difficulty in securing supplies of granite ware, as Canadian manufacturers have failed to keep up with their orders. The bulk of the orders for green wire cloth are now filled.

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