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TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, August 27th, 1891.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The volume of business has improved a little, and orders from salesmen are coming to hand a little more freely. The factories have their full complement of operatives, and are working them on full time, confident of a good demand this fall.

DRY GOODS.—Trade in this line is steady and the feeling buoyant, but no large sales are being effected at present. Travellers are just about completing what they call their "placing" journey, and are taking a few holidays where they can, before buyers come to the city. Stocks are arriving steadily, and are already in a fairly satisfactory condition as regards both Canadian and British goods. By the first of September they will be fairly complete. As yet our wholesale houses have not been visited by many buyers, a few from the North-West; and although very hopeful for the trade of the coming season, are buying very cautiously, and show no great disposition to anticipate requirements. Still orders thus far have been, in some cases, rather larger than last year. It is expected that next week will see a fair influx of the bigger buyers. All anticipate a better trade than last year with better payments.

FLOUR AND OATMEAL.—The flour market is a little more active than it has been, and orders from the Maritime Provinces and Quebec are commencing to come in. Prices are firmer; in straight roller an advance of ten to fifteen cents per barrel has taken place, that brand being now quoted at \$4.40 to 4.50; extra has also gone up ten to twenty cents per barrel, being quoted at \$4 to 4.20. Oatmeal is dull and prices are a shade easier. Bran is still moving slowly at \$12 to 12.50 per ton.

GRAIN.—The wheat market is firm and higher, having fully recovered the decline in last week's quotations. There is a good export demand and the milling necessities are active. The English markets are advancing daily; cable to-day, however, advises markets a little easier. The American markets are now very unsteady and fluctuating, but prices distinctly tend upward; closed yesterday at highest point. Winter wheat has advanced about three cents per bushel, and is now quoted, 98 to 99c. for No. 1, 96 to 97c. for No. 2, 93 to 94c. for No. 3. Spring wheat has also advanced from three to four cents per bushel and the quotation for No. 1 is 95 to 96c., for No. 2, 93 to 94c. and for No. 3, 90 to 91c. Manitoba hard is in request and very scarce, stocks of old being pretty well cleaned out, no new on the market yet, increase in price fully five cents per bushel. Quotations are, No. 1, \$1.14 to 1.15, No. 2, \$1.10 to 1.11, No. 3, 99c. to \$1.00. Barley is dull, none offering, nor is there any demand

heard of; deliveries of new crop will be a little late, and although the amount of acres under cultivation is less than last year, the increased yield per acre will about bring up the supply to last year's figures. Oats are a little firmer and rather scarce; not sufficient offering for the demand; the consumption is not by any means excessive. Peas are actively enquired after, no new offering except for future shipments. Corn dull and purely nominal. Rye is in active demand, ruling at 83c. to 85 per bushel, none offering at present; the estimated harvest total for the year is 1,000,000 bushels.

GROCERIES.—In wholesale grocery circles business is slack and payments from retail dealers much about the same. This is about the usual state of trade at this season every year. Canned goods are dull, but prices strong. The late wet weather has not been favorable to the tomato crop, and will tend to make the season late. The salmon pack is away under that of last year, and prices are expected to advance very soon. As to dried fruits there is no change in harvest conditions to report. Early shipments of Valencia raisins and currants from Patras have been already on their way about a week via Liverpool. Syrups are easy and dull. Sugars are slightly easier in price. The demand is not nearly so active. In teas the Young Hysons placed on the market this week are said to be fully up to quality, and prices will be much about the same as last year.

HAY AND STRAW.—The market is better supplied with hay and straw this week. An occasional load of old hay brings \$16 per ton, new hay is ruling at \$11 to 13.50, the average price secured is about \$12.50 per ton; straw is

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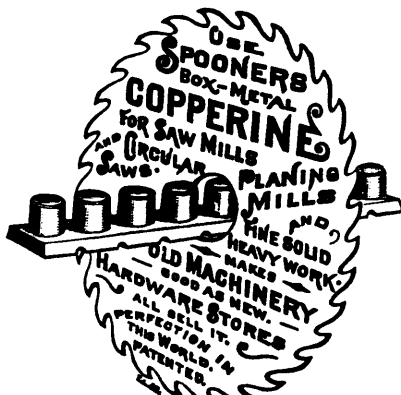
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