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HIDES.—A moderate enquiry exists, but no large sales are reported, and prices are a shade easier as the quality is falling off. For green hides 7, 6 and 5c. is still being paid, western hides have sold rather lower at 8c. for No. 1 Toronto, other lines at proportionate figures, dry hides quiet at 13 to 13½c.; calfskins 8c., sheepskins advanced to 80 to 85c.

GROCERIES.—The weather and the country roads have proved unfavorable to trade in this line from interior points, and the movement of merchandize is not free. Collections are fair. Sugars remain steady at 7½ to 7¾c. for granulated at refinery, Paris lumps 8½c., yellows range from 6½ to 6¾c.; no grocery raws offering at the moment; syrups badly wanted but hardly obtainable and prices stiff at 42 to 60c.; molasses not very plentiful and in few hands with prices still with an upward tendency, we quote Barbadoes 39 to 40c., Antigua 36 to 38c., Porto Rico 36c. We note that the Redpath refinery has apparently had a prosperous year, having declared a dividend at the rate of ten per cent. for '87, as well as something for the previous year the dividend for which has been passed. Teas at the moment are quiet, with no special features in prices; the purchase of a lot of 2,000 packages of old common Japan in New York is reported for Montreal account at a cut price. Coffees are in moderate request at the same prices prevailing locally of late; the market in New York is weaker, with sales for future delivery reported at a serious decline. Dried fruits are not now in much request, but stocks are light and prices pretty steady; a large arrival of Valencia raisins in New York, some 60,000 boxes, has caused weakness there, here they sell at 5½ to 6½c. as to quality; currants in very light supply indeed and from 6½ to 7c. for good fruit, Malaga fruit virtually out of the market; evaporated apples easier at 10 to 11c., dried apples dull at 6½c.; prunes none; figs in boxes 12 to 14c. Spices are steady at former figures, pepper 17 to 18c. for black, white 29 to 32c., cloves 28 to 30c., nutmegs 50 to 80c., mace 95c. to \$1.00. Rice firm at former quotations, the mill people refusing any concessions; outside markets show great strength, and former anticipations of short supplies seem to be verified. Canned goods still move very slowly, and tomatoes are easier at \$1.25 to \$1.30, corn \$1.40, peas \$1.50, salmon steady at \$1.65 to \$1.70.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—There is really nothing new to report in these lines, the demand is but moderate and to supply consumption wants only. Local prices are not changed in any particular; in Glasgow warrants have declined a little to 40/10d, makers' prices as before, tin is cabled at £170, best selected copper £78, antimony £50, nails quiet at former rates, horsehoes \$3.50. We quote:—Coltness \$23.75; Calder, Gartsherrie and Summerlee \$23.00; Eglington and Dalmellington \$20 to \$21; Siemens \$21.00 to \$22.00 for No. 1. No Carnbroe or Shotts here; cast

scrap, railway chairs, &c., \$19.00 machinery scrap \$17 to \$19, common ditto \$16. We quote:—Bar Iron, \$2.10 to \$2.20; Best refined \$2.35 to \$2.40; Siemens, \$2.10 to \$2.15; Canada Plates—Blaine, \$2.75; Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$6.00 to \$6.50; Charcoal I. C., \$4.75; do. I. X., \$5.50 to \$6.00; Coke I. C., \$4.00; galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5c. to 7c., according to brand; Tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c.; No. 26, 7c., the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100lbs., \$2.35 to \$2.50. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75; Common Sheet Iron, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian Sheet Iron, 11c.; Lead, per 100 lbs.—Pig, \$4.50; Sheet, \$4.75 to \$5.00; Shot, \$6.00 to \$6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 13c.; Spring, \$2.70 to \$3.00, Tire, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2.40 to \$2.50; Round Machinery Steel, \$3.00 to 0.00; Ingot tin 38 to 40c.; Bar Tin, 40c.; Ingot Copper, 18 to 20c.; Sheet Zinc, \$5.00; Spelter, \$5.00; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.25 per 100 lbs., Annealed do. \$2.30.

OILS, PAINTS, GLASS.—Fish oils are very dull, only a few sales of steam-refined seal being reported at about 48c., Nfd. cod 34c., Halifax ditto 31c., cod liver 70 to 75c. for new; linseed oil steady at 60c. for raw, 63c. for boiled, turpentine very firm, and selling at from 65 to 70c. for small lots, castor oil 8½c. per lb., olive \$1.00 for pure; shellacs continue to strengthen, glass very firm. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$5.50 to \$6.00; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25. Dry white lead, 5½c., red do. 4½c.; London washed whitening, 50 to 55c. Paris white, \$1.00 to \$1.15; Cookson's Venetian Red, \$1.75; other brands Venetian Red, \$1.50 to \$1.60; Yellow ochre, \$1.50; Spruce ochre, \$2.00 to \$3.00. Glass, \$1.50 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.60 for second break.

WOOL.—There has been an improved demand of late for wool, all domestic offering has been freely taken, and sales of foreign have been more liberal at firmer prices. The London wool sales last week were well attended, showing active competition and the position favoring sellers, an advance of a penny a pound in Cape may be said to be established. We quote:—A. super 27 to 28c., B. ditto 23 to 24c., unassorted 23 to 24c., fleece 24 to 25c., Cape 14½ to 17½c., Australian 16 to 20c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO. Feb. 9th, 1888.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Quinine, opium and morphia are dull and not quite so firm. Juniper berries and ergot show a sharp advance, while cubeb berries, balsam, copaiba and comomite flowers are firm, with the price tending upwards. There is also a better feeling in carbolic acid and borax and logwood chips, and extracts are doing better. General business is not at all bad.

DRY GOODS.—Business is only moderate, but payments on the 4th were well met in the case of three houses we have consulted, while only one complains of them. Values of merchandize are well maintained. There is a marked advance in French dress goods and also in British linens. Small failures continue with unpleasant frequency among the retail trade of Ontario. Several deliberate cases of swindling and absconding, too, have marked the present season, and without some further legal machinery, it is impossible to punish swindling store-keepers. A feature of the week has been the big auction sale at Suckling, Cassidy & Co.'s warehouses, on Tuesday last, when some \$150,000 of goods, principally dry goods, was disposed of. Our summary columns give the prices realized for these.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—No improvement is yet discernible in this department of trade, and dealers characterize the market as completely stagnant. Prices are purely nominal. Oatmeal has not undergone any change as yet, but it is thought that present prices cannot hold. Bran is somewhat inactive at \$18.

FISH.—This market is now completely bare of salt trout and white fish in first hands, and no more will now be received until next fall. The approaching Lenten season has stimulated the demand for all kinds of fish, and this state of things is expected to rule for the next six weeks. Prices are unchanged.

GRAIN.—We have still to report only a local