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LUMBER.—The local market is exceptionally dull, business at the yards being the most disappointing that has been experienced for years at this season. There is very little lumber arriving, and that is not wanted. Laths are firm, but there is scarcely any trading in them, the demand being as small as the supply. A few isolated sales have been made at the yards at \$2. A further movement is reported in deals for export, two outside steamers having been chartered for Liverpool at 40s. Regular lines, however, are getting 50s. Sailing vessels are being loaded with lumber at \$13 50 for Buenos Ayres.

NAVAL STORES.—A moderately steady business is passing in spirits of turpentine, sales to importers being quoted at 47c to 48c in large quantities, but in smaller quantities wholesale dealers are getting 50c. Rosins are quiet, and can be bought at low prices.

OILS.—A moderate enquiry is noted for cod oil, with a sale of 100 bbls. at 56c, but for ordinary lots 57½c to 60c is still quoted. Steam-refined seal has likewise been asked for, and a lot of 100 bbls. was sold at 59c. Lined oil remains quiet and steady, at 51½c to 53c. In other kinds there is little change.

PETROLEUM.—Refined petroleum is meeting with more enquiry at the advance quoted last week, and sales of car lots in store have taken place at 16½c, broken lots at 16¼c to 16½c, and single barrels at 17c to 17½c. Refined oil at Petroleum is steady at 13½c f.o.b.

PHOSPHATE.—The market here retains the quiet features characterizing it for some time past. The bulk of the season's shipments have now gone forward, amounting to about 16,000 tons against about 17,500 tons at the corresponding date last year. The latest cable offer reported was 11d per unit for 75 per cent Liverpool, and prices here are quoted at \$10.75 to \$14 per ton, as to quality, a round lot of low grade phosphate being offered to a city firm at \$10.75. Freight engagements by steam have been made at 5s and 6s.

PROVISIONS.—A fair aggregate of business in Western pork is reported, although in small parcels, which have changed hands at \$20 to \$20.50. For round quantities \$19.50 would probably be accepted. There is very little Canada short cut in the market, which is held at \$22. Western lard has sold at 11c in pairs, and Canadian at 10½c to 10¾c for best brands. Smoked hams are steady at 14½c to 15½c as to quality, and bacon at 14c to 15c. Refined tallow is quiet, a lot of 7 bbls. selling at 7c.

Tobacco, etc.—There is a steady demand for Canadian manufactured in England, and a number of orders are being filled for that market. One house in this city is working overtime in its export department, and is putting in 9 days work per week in order to meet the

urgency of its orders. Bright tobaccos in 25 to 50 package lots are quoted at 22c to 40c, as to quality. Solaces at 20½c to 24c, and Black at 17c to 22c. The cigar trade is steady, with a fair business doing in both imported and home brands.

WINES AND SPIRITS.—A very fair enquiry exists for spirits, but it is chiefly on tavern account, quite a number of jobbing orders having been taken for brandies, gins and rum, at steady rates. Sales of brandy in wood have occurred at \$3.50 for Sazerac and \$5 00 to \$5.50 for finest Cognac. There is no speculative demand, trade being confined to immediate wants. Prices are quoted steady, as follows: Brandies in cases at \$10.75 to \$11 for leading marks, and in wood at \$3.50 for common up to \$5 for finest. Jamaica rum, 16 o. p., \$2.50 to \$2.80 per gallon. Sherries and ports \$1.50 to \$6, as to quality.

WOOL.—A few small parcels of Cape and Australian have been taken by manufacturers, the former at from 16½c to 17½c, and the latter from 19½c to 22c. Finest Australian is held as high as 29c to 30c. Canada wools are quoted as follows: A Supers 27c to 28c, and B Supers at 23c to 24c, unsorted 20c to 22c, and fleece 19c to 21c.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

Boston, Sep. 18.—Flour, market dull, prices easier, trade purchasing only as wanted. Superfine quoted at \$2.50 to \$2.75; Extras from \$3.00 to \$3.75, including choice Bakers', \$3.75 to \$4.50. Patent Spring sold at \$5 25 to \$6.20, and Patent Winter from \$5.00 to \$5.50. Cornmeal selling at \$2.90. Oatmeal sales at \$4.00 to \$5.00 for ground, and \$5 25 to \$6.00 for cut. Hay, market quite dull, choice quoted at \$18.00 to \$19.00, with extra at \$20.00; ordinary grades quite dull. Butter, market firm for choice; Sales of extra creameries at 23c to 25c; good to choice 20c to 23c. Cheese firm, late made command full prices. Sales of choice 9½c to 11½c; fair to good 7½c to 9c. Eggs dull, prices easier. Canadian quoted 17½c to 18c. Potatoes have been in demand, with sales at 50c to 60c.

Chicago, 2 p.m.—Wheat, Oct., 77½c; Nov., 79c; Dec., 80½c. Corn, Oct., 53 7-8c; Nov., 46½c; Year, 35½c. Oats, Oct., 25½c; Nov., 26c; Year, 25½c. Pork, Oct., \$17.00; Year, \$11.25; Jan., \$11.50. Lard, Oct., \$7.17½; Nov., \$7.00; Jan., \$7.15.

New York, 2 p.m.—Wheat, Oct., 87 5-8c; Nov., 89 3-8c; Dec., 91½c. Corn, Nov., 58½c; Dec., 61½c; Jan., 48½c. Oats, Oct., 31 7-8c; Nov., 32 5-8c.

Milwaukee, 2 p.m.—Wheat, Sept., 75½c; Oct., 75 7-8c; Nov., 78c.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Sep. 18, 1884.

(Beerbohm's Advice.) Cargoes off coast—Wheat, quiet but steady; corn, nothing offering. Cargoes on passage—Wheat, slow; corn quiet, California wheat just shipped or prompt to be shipped 3-4s 6d; nearly due 3s 6d. Quantity wheat on passage for Continent 540,000 qrs.; maize 20,000 qrs. Maize for U. K. 240,000 qrs.; wheat and flour 1,875,000 qrs. Liverpool wheat on spot, steadily held; corn, strong, Liverpool mixed maize 5s; peas. 6s 7d.

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

(Revised by Telegraph.)

TORONTO, Sept. 18, 1884.

There was expected to be some advantage to trade this week, owing to low fares and the attractions of the industrial exhibition. Some of the wholesale houses report a number of visitors in consequence, but what is done is no real gain, as the business would have been transacted sooner or later, and trade is not much improved in any branch. It is now apparent, what was conjectured, that there will not be an active trade this year. Although it is not late for a general movement of grain, there are growing evidences that only where farmers are forced to sell will there be much wheat brought to market. It may be that prices will not mend much even by next May, but if there is a chance of them mending any, the farmers who are able to hold their wheat will not sell it at present prices. This will have an effect on trade, and wholesale men of the first reputation are not looking for developments beyond what they have calculated. It is even felt that payments will have to be compulsory to some extent in many cases. The situation is without parallel that the country should be full of produce which it is felt cannot be converted, for the reason given, into cash. The strain from delayed payments is growing heavier. A diminished trade would be borne as involving only a reduced income, but obligations must be discharged. The position of commercial men is still one of difficulty. Financial matters are quite unchanged. Bank discounts are quiet. The rates are still 6½ to 7½ per cent on commercial paper, and it is not likely that there will be any advance. Call loans are quiet; rates on bonds and debentures and first-class security are 5 per cent; on loan shares 5½ to 6; on bank shares 6 to 6½ per cent. Sterling Exchange is very dull, and without change. The Stock Exchange has been very dull. Following are prices to-day compared with those of last Thursday: