

22c.; colored pebble cow, 15 to 16c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 25 to 32c.; buffed cow, 13 to 14c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebbled cow, 11 to 14c.; polished buff, 11 to 13c.; glove grain, 11 to 14c.; rough, 22 to 25c.; russet and bridle, 40 to 50c.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—A general state of quietude prevails in these lines, and we do not hear of a noteworthy transaction. Prices, however, rule very firm. Black sheets are stiffly held at the late advance, No. 16 and heavier gauges being quoted at \$2.40. A round lot of Canada plates might be done at \$2.15, though they could not be replaced at that figure. We quote:—Coltess pig iron, none here; Calder, No. 1, none here; Calder, No. 3, none here; Summerlee, \$20.50 to 21.00; Eglinton, \$18.00 to 18.50; Gartsherrie, none here; Carnbroe, \$19.00; Shotts, \$19.50 ex-yard; Middleboro, No. 3, \$17.; Niagara, No. 2, \$21; Siemens pig, No. 1, \$17.50 to 17.75; Ferrona, No. 1, \$17.50 to 17.75; machinery scrap, \$15.; common do., \$12 to 13.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.60; British, \$2.00 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.00; Canada plates—Blaina, or Garth, \$2.25, 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets \$2.30; 75 sheets \$2.40; all polished Canadas, \$2.50 to 2.75; Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$5.75 to 6.00; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.50; No. 26, \$2.40; No. 24, \$2.30; Nos. 17 to 20, \$2.25; No. 16 and heavier, \$2.40; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.00 to 5.50; charcoal, I. C., \$3.25; P.D. Crown, \$3.75; do., I.X., \$4.75; Coke I.C., \$2.90; coke wasters, \$2.50; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 4½c.; No. 26, 4c.; No. 24, 3½c., in case lots; Morewood, \$5.15 to 5.40; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6 to 6½c.; No. 26, 6½ to 6¾c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.85; English ditto, \$2;

hoops, \$2.15. Steel boiler plate, ½ inch and upwards, \$1.90 to 2.00 for Dalzell, and equal; ditto, three-sixteenths inch, \$2.60; tank iron, ½ inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths do., \$2.15; tank steel, \$1.70; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.00; Russian sheet iron, 9½ to 10c.; lead, per 100 lbs.; pig, \$3.15 to 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, 16 to 16½c. for best; Straits, 16c.; bar tin, 16½ to 17c.; ingot copper, 12 to 12½c.; sheet zinc, \$4.50 to 4.75; Silesian spelter, \$4.25; American do., \$4.25. Antimony, 9 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.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Business at the moment is dull, and stock-taking the rule in most warehouses. Seal oil is firmer, and sales of fair lots have been reported at 40 to 41c. for the United States, but local jobbing quotations are not altered. Belgian advices speak of great firmness in glass, and manufacturers are withholding quotations for spring shipments. A leading importing house offered a jobbing house here the other day a 5 per cent. advance on their entire stock of some 10,000 boxes. We quote:—Turpentine, 43c. per gallon for single barrels, two to 4 barrels, 42c.; 5 barrels and over, 41c. Linseed oil, raw, 56c. per gallon; boiled, 59c.; 4 to 9 brl. lots, 1c. less; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; castor, in lots, 6c.; single cases, 6½ to 6¾c.; tins, 7c.; Nfld. cod, 34 to 35c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 35c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 40 to 42c. 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, 40 to 45c.; 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; window glass, \$1.25 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.35 for second break; third break, \$2.80, 50-box lots 5c. less.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Dec. 5th, 1895.

DRY GOODS.—The cold weather and snow have brought trade to the retailer, but wholesale business has not shown any special signs of activity. A number of firms have finished stock taking and are now ready to take advantage of the extra spirit which Christmas always brings in sorting up orders. Prices continue very steady. On the 30th November a circular issued by the St. John Cotton Mills Co. announced an advance of 5 per cent. in cotton warps, while notice was given of advances in grey cottons equal to about 7½ per cent. Machinery is being placed in the Merritt and Hochelaga mills to make cotton blankets. The trade has previously depended upon foreign makers for their supplies of these articles. Trade in woolen goods remains with but few new features. The product of some mills is being sold at small advances over the prices of last year, but for the most part values remain very low and out of proportion to the wool market. A circular from a Montreal silk firm announces that in ribbons the whole product has been sold up to April, and no more orders are being taken for May delivery.

GRAIN.—The wheat market in Ontario has been rather quiet during the week, but prices are steady and unchanged from quotations of last week. There is little demand for Ontario wheat from local millers. The roads are as a rule good, and in some parts of the country there is excellent sleighing. Odd cars of Manitoba wheat are selling to local millers, while considerable export shipments are being made via New York. Barley is steady; No. 1 is in better demand than it was a week ago. Local maltsters are taking the better descriptions, while of lower grades sales have been made at 32c. outside for feed purposes. Oats are steady and unchanged at 26 to 27c. Shipments are going forward to Montreal. The lumber woods are taking some supplies, the principal movement being towards the Georgian Bay district, with odd cars sent to the Ottawa lumber woods. Peas are dull and unchanged in price; there is seemingly but little demand, and prices have fallen off 1d. in England since our last report. Rye is in good demand, prices are firm, and deliveries are wanted by local distillers. Buckwheat is firm and in good demand. Shipments are being made to Germany via New York. Corn is in good demand for local feeding purposes.

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on Nov. 23rd were 2,025,558 bushels. During the week there were received 610,757 bushels, and shipped 1,156,394 bushels, leaving in store on Nov. 30th, 1,479,922 bushels.

GROCERIES.—Trade is partaking more of a Christmas character. A great many buyers leave off the supply of their Christmas wants until the last moment, and wholesale merchants are now deluged with orders for immediate shipment. Advices from Denia concerning Valencia raisins say: "There is only a small quantity left in growers' hands. Prices are nominally firm at last quotations, and holders of the few lots here are not disposed to sell." Advices received in Toronto from Smyrna, dated November 15th, say: "The stock of Elme figs is virtually exhausted; a few lots, for the most part naturals, command ready sale to continental shippers. The price of Grenoble walnuts in primary markets is at an equivalent of ½c. higher than at the beginning of the season. Marbot and Bordeaux walnuts are expected here shortly. No change in the prices of sugars from refiners' hands has taken place since September. Values abroad are firm, and to-day, Thursday, refiners' agents were advised of an advance of ½c. in New York.

HAY AND STRAW.—Deliveries of hay on the market vary from ten to twenty loads a day. The roads are in very good condition at present, although they have been poor the past several weeks. Hay is selling from \$17 to 18.50, and straw \$13. Oats are quoted 27 to 28c. on the St. Lawrence market.

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