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Hides.—There is again open war among the local hide dealers, and owing to the keen competition in buying, the market is very unsettled. For No. 1 beef hides 9c. is being paid, and in some cases, it is said, more, though there can be no money in such business. Sheepskins remain at 70c., but 12c. is being paid for No. 1 calfskins, and 25c. is now the figure for lambskins.

Metals and Hardware.—In hardware there are now some signs of a slackening demand, but the spring's business has been a record one. Heavy metals are still in good demand. The pig iron market is a firm one, and the Hamilton people are reported to be asking from \$21.50 to \$22 at the furnace. Bars are very steady at \$1.95. Tinned iron sheets are cabled £2 a ton higher in Britain, and local quotations are firmer at 7¼ to 7½c. for 24 gauge; galvanized sheets are also cabled ten shillings higher, but local quotations are unaltered as yet. There appears to be some variation in the quotations for Canada plates, some holding at \$2.75, while it is claimed business can be done at \$2.65. Black sheets are quoted at \$2.55 for 28 gauge. Ingot tin has advanced a little in New York the last day or two, but local quotations remain at 33 to 34c.; copper, a little firmer at 13½ to 13¾c.; lead, \$3.15.

Oils, Paints and Glass.—Turpentine has scored further advance; it is claimed all the indications point to still higher prices, and buyers are advised to fill their wants immediately. Supplies are slow in coming in. Turpentine is also up 2c. Other lines show no change. We quote: Single barrels raw and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 84 and 87c. per gallon, for one to four barrel lots; 5 to 9 barrels, 83 and 86c., net 30 days, or 3 per cent, for four months' terms. Turpentine, one barrel, 72c.; two to four barrels, 71c.; net 30 days. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Cod oil, 35 to 40c. per gallon; steam refined seal, 49 to 50c. per gallon; straw, ditto., 45 to 47c.; Castor oil, 9c.; in quantity; tins, 9¼ to 9½c.; machinery castor oil, 8½ to 9c.; Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.87½; No. 1, \$5.37½; No. 2, \$5.12½; No. 3, \$4.87½; No. 4, \$4.37½; dry white lead, 5½ to 6c.; pure; No. 1, do., 5c.; genuine red, ditto, 5c.; No. 1, red lead, 4½ to 4¾c.; Putty, in bulk, bbls., \$2; bladder putty, in bbls., \$2.35; ditto, in kegs, or boxes, \$2.50; 25-lb. tins, \$2.45; 12½-lb. tins, \$2.75. London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris white, 75 to 80c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2; Paris green in kegs, 14½ to 15c.; in lb. packages, 16c.; Window glass, \$2.10 per 50 feet for first break; \$2.20 for second break.

Wool.—Though no great amount of business is doing the market is a strong one. Local dealers report some moderate business in Capes at 16½c., with quotations ranging up to 17½c. Natal quote at 18 to 19c., and B.A. scoured at from 30 to 40c.

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