

good fruit. Bosnia prunes, 5½c.; no desirable French prunes here. In rice, spices, and tobaccos there are no changes. Canned goods still move very slowly. There seem a good many tomatoes of 1889 pack still in the market but the combination holds well and \$1.15 to 1.20 is still asked for best western brands; corn, \$1.15 to 1.25; salmon is lower at \$1.55 to 1.60. The new pack being offered at figures equal to \$1.45 to 1.50 here.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Some fair sales of pig iron have been reported within the week, at pretty low prices, by parties desiring to realize. It is question if the figures could be repeated, but there is not a doubt but that the market is materially weakened. Warrants are down to forty-eight and eleven pence, and makers' prices are from six pence to a shilling lower than a week ago. We quote:—Coltress, \$26; Calder, No. 1, \$26, No. 3, \$25; Langloan, \$26; Summerlee, \$26; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$22 to 23; Gartsherrie, \$25; Carnbroe, \$23; cast, scrap, and railway chairs, \$23; Siemens No. 1, \$25. Tin plates, Canada plates, andterne plates are unchanged; tin, copper, and lead slightly weaker. The duties on iron have been changed on wrought iron pipe up to two inches. The duty has been bounced up to \$35 a ton, but the effect on prices is not yet patent. Piping over two inches remains at old duty. Copper wire, which was on the free list, is to be charged 15 per cent. which creates some surprise.

OILS, PAINTS, AND GLASS.—Business is pretty active at the moment. A good many orders having been booked for delivery early in April. One house reports 22 double team loads of goods shipped yesterday. Linseed oil is up again a little in England and is steady here at 68c. for raw and 71c. for boiled, one cent per gal. less in lots. Turpentine 66c. per gal. in single brls., and a little weaker South. Steam refined seal weaker as season for new approaches. But the only holder is asking 53 to 55c.; Nfid cod, 39 to 42c. The duty on glass having been reduced from 30 to 20 per cent. first and second break have been reduced to \$1.60 and \$1.70 respectively. The higher breaks unchanged. Ochres will be dearer as the duty has been changed from 10 to 30 per cent. Oxides, umbers, and siennas have been raised from 20 to 30 per cent.

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L. VANKOUGHNET,

Deputy of the Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, March, 1890.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, April 3rd, 1890.

DRY GOODS.—It can be said with truth that there is a more cheerful tone prevailing in dry goods circles, but business is still of a more restricted character than the soft and sunny weather might indicate. This, it may be hoped, is accounted for in some measure by the greater care with which orders are scanned when received, as well as by the caution of retailers in buying. Commercial travellers report country business somewhat improved; the orders they send in now-a-days are mainly of a sorting up nature.

FLOUR AND OATMEAL.—In flour there is a much improved feeling prevailing, with a slight increase in price in some brands, and more

disposition to do business. This is not the result of advance of duty on flour to 75c. a barrel either. Stocks of wheat in millers' hands are so small that they do not care to enter into contracts for future delivery at present figures. We quote improvements in prices as follows: Straight roller, \$3.80 to 3.85 per bbl.; extra, \$3.50 to 3.70; strong bakers', \$4.70 to 4.90. In oatmeal the demand is very quiet, with prices unchanged. Bran still ruling at \$14 to 14.50 per ton, with short supply.

FURS.—From Messrs. Phillips, Politzer & Co.'s report on the Hudson Bay Co.'s sale in London, Eng., for March, 1890, we take the following extracts:—"Since our last report no improvement is to be noted in the state of the fur trade, and the downward course which prices had taken in the winter sales continued

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