LEATHER.—We hear of pretty general complaint among shoe men, that orders for Fall footwear are coming in but slowly, and leather dealers are finding business again somewhat quiet. Prices are, however, steady at the late little advance, and some fair sales are reported in colored goods A private letter from England reports sales of hides at a farthing to a halfpenny advance, and a firmer market all around; account sales are also to hand of some very fair lots of No. 2 sole, at 18½c., figures nearly a cent and a-half better than a 10,000 side lot was sold here for several weeks ago. We quote:—Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 20 to 22c.; do. No. 2, 19 to 20c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 19 to 21c.; No. 2, 18c.; No. 1 slaughter, 21 to 22c.; No. 2 do., 19c.; common, 17 to 18c.; waxed upper light and medium, 27 to 30c.; do. heavy, 25 to 28c.; grained, 25 to 30c; Scotch grained, 25 to 30c.; western splits, 16 to 20c.; Quebec do., 12 to 14c.; juniors, 13 to 16c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calf skins (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calf skins, 65 to 75c; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 22c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 14c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 11 to 13c.; extra heavy buff, 14c.; pebbled cow, 10 to 12c.; polished buff, 10 to 12c.; glove grain, 10 to 11c.; rough, 20 to 22c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Another quiet week has to be recorded in these lines, and in quotations there are no very notable changes. Copper is the only line that shows any advance, 12c being now the lowest figure for ton lots. Zinc, spelter and galvanized iron keep very firm. For Summerlee pig iron ex-store quotations are a little modified, $20 being as much as is asked now. Bars, hoops, &c., are without change. Some changes in nails, wire, &c., are possible at the next quarterly meeting of the trade early in July. We quote:—Summerlee, $19.00 to 19.50, ex-wharf; $20.00 ex-store; Carron, $19 to 19.50; Ayrsome, $18.50; Shotts $18.25 to 18.50; Siemens pig, No. 1, $16.50 to 17; Ferrona, No. 1, $16.50 to 17.00; machinery scrap, $16 to 18; common do., $12 to 13.00; bar iron, Canadian, $1.55 to $1.60; British, $2.00 to 2.15; best refined, $2.40; Low Moor, $5.00; Canada plates—Blaina, or Garth, $2.10, 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets $2.15; 75 sheets $2.20; all polished Canadas, $2.30 to 2 75; Terne roofing plate, 20x28, $5.75 to 6.00; Black sheet iron, No. 28, $2.40; No. 26, $2.30; No. 24, $2.30; Nos. 17 to 20, $2.10; No. 16 and heavier, $2.40; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, $5.50; charcoal, I. C., Alloway, $3.15; do. I.X., $3.90; P.D. Crown, I.C., $3.75; do., I.X., $4.75; Coke I.C, $2.75 to $2.90; coke, wasters, $2.65; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, $3.75 to 4.15; No. 26, $3.50 to 3 90; No. 24, $3.65 in case lots; Morewood, $5.15 to 5.40; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 5½c.; No. 26, 6c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs., $1.85; English ditto, $2; hoops, $2.15. Steel boiler plate, ¼ inch and upwards, $1.90 to 2.00 for Dalzell, and equal; ditto, three-sixteenths inch, $2.60; tank iron, ¼ inch, $1 50; three-sixeenths do., $2.25; tank steel, $1.70; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, $2.60; Russian sheet iron 9 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, 16c. for L. & F.; Straits, 15½c.; bar tin, 16½ to 17c; ingot copper, 12 to 13c.; sheet zinc, $5.00; Silesian spelter, $4.50; American spelter, $4.50. Antimony, 8 to 9½c.; bright iron wires, Nos. 0 to 8 $2.60 per 100 lbs.; annealed and oiled, do., $2.65; galvanized, $3.15; the trade discount on wire is 20 per cent. Barb and twisted wire and staples, 3½c.; freight paid on half-ton lots.

OIL, PAINTS AND GLASS.—The volume of business is lessening with the advancing season. In values there are few notable changes. Linseed and turpentine remain at figures as revised last week. Fish oils are dull and not in demand. In leads there is a firmer feeling, and correspondence is passing with western dealers tending towards an agreement on an advance. Makers of dry leads in Europe are reported to be well sold up, and firmer in their ideas. We quote: Turpentine, 1 to 4 brls., 42c. Linseed oil, raw, 51 to 52c., boiled 54 to 55c.; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; castor, in lots, 6½c.; single cases, 6½ to 6¾c.; tins, 7 to 7½c.; Nfld. cod, 35 to 37c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 35 to 37c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 42 to 43c. 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; Paris green, 13½ to 14c. in bulk, packages 15c.; window glass, $1.20 per 50 feet for first break; $1.30 for second break; third break, 2.70.

WOOL. Business in this line is still of the "hand to mouth" character noted last week, and we do not hear of one important sale. Greasy Cape is quoted at 13½ to 16c. per lb as to quality; Natal, 15 to 17c.; B. A. scoured, 27 to 33c.; domestic fleece, 19 to 21c.; pulled wool, 21 to 23c. the pound.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, June 18th, 1896.

BURNING OILS.—At the present time the oil trade is very quiet and prices have declined. We quote: Canadian, 16 to 16½c.; Canadian water white, 18 to 18½c.; American water white, 20 to 21½c.

DRY GOODS.—Trade at this season of the year is very quiet, but with the elections and tariff uncertainty at hand, orders are unusually quiet. Values are unchanged in staple lines. Manufacturers of cotton goods are cutting prices, as noted in our report of last week.

GRAIN.—The market is dull. There is little or no business being done in the local market and quotations remain nominally unaltered. In Ontario the crops are looking well and promise heavy yields of grain. Conditions in Manitoba have favored growers from seeding time, but the late season had the effect of reducing the acreage. Speculative influences have recently been rife in American markets. The general belief is, however, that the big traders in "scalping" the market on a large scale got overloaded and are now simply "milking" it to get out. Crop prospects in Europe are generally reported excellent. Thursday English cables report stronger wheat markets. Oats are dull and at a recent decline the market is depressed. Peas remain dull and if anything the feeling is weaker, although there is no change in local quotations.