

\$3.10. Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$7.50 to 8.00. Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.80. Tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$6.50 to 7; charcoal I.C., \$4.75 to 5.00; do. I.X., \$5.25 to 6.00; coke I.C., \$4.50; coke wasters, \$4.00 to \$4.25; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 5½ to 5¾c.; Morewood, 7c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c.; No. 26, 7c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.70 to 2.75; Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.80 to 3.00; common sheet iron \$2.75 to 2.90 according to gauge; steel boiler plate, \$3.00; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 10½ to 11c.; lead per 100 lbs., pig, \$3.85 to 4.00; sheet, \$4.75; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.50 to 3.00; round machinery steel, \$3.25; ingot tin, 25 to 26c.; bar tin, 26c.; ingot copper, 16½ to 17c.; sheet zinc, \$6.50 to 7.00; spelter, \$6.25; antimony, 00 to 20c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.75. Coil chain, ¼ inch, 5½c.; ½ in., 4½c.; 7-16 in., 4½c.; ¾ in., 4½c.; 1 in., 3½c.; 1½ in., 3½c.; 2 in., and upwards, 3½c.

OILS, PAINTS, AND GLASS.—Complaints are still made that there is cutting of prices in linseed oil, and we repeat quotations of 70 to 71c. for boiled, despite an advancing market in England and dearer freights; seed is cabled up two shillings a quarter; turpentine is up 1½c. in the South, but is still being sold here at 61 to 62c.; an advance is probable; castor oil, 11½ to 12c. per lb.; olive, \$1, and very little going. Lead dearer in England, but not likely to suffer any change here this season; red lead is cabled ten shillings dearer per ton. Glass, &c., as before. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$6; No. 1, \$5 to 5.50; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 2, \$4.50; dry white lead, 5½ to 6c.; red do., 4½c.; London washed whiting, 50c.; Paris white, 90c. to \$1; Cookson's Venetian red, 1.60 to \$1.75; other brands of Venetian red, 1.40 to \$1.60; yellow ochre, 1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, 2 to \$2.50. Window glass, \$1.50 per 50 feet for first break, \$1.60 for second break.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Oct. 9th, 1890.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Business keeps good, manufacturers being fairly well employed filling orders. Most travellers are now on the road carrying fall samples, and orders are coming in freely, rubber goods especially receiving considerable attention. Prices in rubber goods are 10 per cent. higher than last year, partly caused at any rate by the troubles in Central America.

DRUGS.—Trade in the drug warehouses is fair to good and remittances said to be improving a little. Prices of chemicals are generally

firm and steady all round, with the exception of silver preparations, which are very fluctuating in value, but on the whole on the upward move. Mercury and all mercurial preparations still keep high; gum shellac continues to advance, oil lemon and oil peppermint are advancing and quotations firm for present delivery.

DRY GOODS.—Business is a little on the quiet side this week, the wet weather to some extent contracting the volume of sales. Travellers on the road are doing moderately well; their orders continue of a sorting nature, but gradually improving in size, which points to a growing confidence by retail dealers. Fall and winter goods are receiving all attention, spring samples not being carried yet; mantle cloths and velveteens are in good demand, and plushes are very popular for trimming purposes. In Canadian woollen goods, undershirts and drawers, the demand is fairly up to the mark, but there is a scarcity of the manufactured article. All staple goods are very low in price, and bound to advance soon; the margin between the raw and manufactured fabric is either wiped out or on the wrong side. Indeed it is claimed that staples are at present being produced at a loss to the manufacturers. Remittances on the 4th of this month show considerable improvement; some houses report them better than expected.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The flour market is still languishing; prices are unchanged but weaker, and a decline in values may be expected soon; oatmeal also easier; our quotations are unaltered; bran is pretty firm at \$13 per ton on the spot and somewhat scarce in the city, as both mills are at a stand-still under repairs to machinery.

GRAIN.—The wheat market continues dull with little or no demand at present existing, and values have fallen from one to two cents per bushel. The English and American markets are recovering a little and display a more firm feeling in prices. For Winter wheat, No. 1, we quote 93 to 94c. per bushel; No. 2, 91 to 92c.; No. 3, 88 to 90c. Spring wheat in the various grades is quoted at the same figures as winter wheat. Some transactions have occurred in new crop Manitoba hard wheat at \$1.16 to 1.17 for No. 1, and \$1.14 to 1.15 for No. 2. Barley has, as was anticipated last week, gone down about ten cents per bushel. No. 1 is now quoted at 59 to 60c.; No. 2, 55 to 56c.; No. 3, extra, 50 to 51c.; No. 3, 45 to 46c. Not much barley is moving this week, which may be partly accounted for by the rainy weather, and also the natural reaction after the last fortnight's experiences with the McKinley Bill "rush." Prices are steady at present quotations. Oats are reduced in price one cent per bushel, being now 40 to 41c., and

not much doing, except the usual city trade. Peas are easier but no changes in prices to report. Corn and rye purely nominal.

STOCKS IN STORE.

The quantity of grain in store in Toronto elevators on dates mentioned was as follows:

	1890 Oct. 4	1889 Oct. 5	1888 Oct. 6
Fall wheat, bush...	21,443	9,197	828
Spring wheat, bush.	24,300	36,165	46,740
Oats.....	750	21,450	100
Barley.....		50,111	55,982
Peas.....	4,182	1,200	1,900

Total grain..... 50,675 118,123 105,550

VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The following is a comparative statement of the visible supply of grain in the United States and Canada, as prepared by the secretary of the New York Exchange:

	1890 Oct. 4 bush.	1889 Oct. 5 bush.	1888 Oct. 6 bush.
Wheat..	17,059,052	18,849,813	31,536,885
Corn ..	8,721,426	11,511,974	10,013,355
Oats....	4,024,888	5,645,576	7,408,924
Rye....	584,155	1,183,019	923,394
Barley...	3,271,075	845,987	407,620

GROCERIES.—Wholesale houses seem to be thoroughly satisfied with the volume of business doing, and in most cases admit an improvement in remittances. Canned goods are moving freely; new salmon is now in store in bulk, with a big demand from the English market; prices have gone up 50c. per case.

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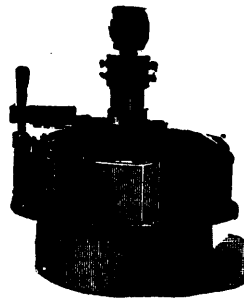
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