

doing, Valencia raisins are a little easier owing to the reduction of 5 per cent. in duty, currants which come under the same reduction rule about as before owing to the limited supply. *Coffees* show somewhat of an upward tendency, as also do *Spices*.

HARDWARE.—In hardware circles a satisfactory trade is reported for the season, and remittances are as good as circumstances would warrant. Prices are unchanged as a rule. In *Pig Iron* business is as 'dull as ditch water,' no activity is looked for until the opening of navigation, and even then importations will be light, for the almost universal disposition among foundrymen and manufacturers is to buy lightly until matters are more settled. There is also seemingly a wide spread belief that iron will be lower in Britain during the summer. The prices of *Tin Plates* rule steady in England, though the production appears to be getting ahead of the demand, in spite of recent heavy failures in the trade there. The falling through of the *Copper* combination in the U. S. has not affected the market here, some small orders being filled in New York instead of Great Britain. We quote *Pig Iron* per ton; Coltness \$25.50 to \$26; Siemens \$24 nominally; Gartsherrie \$24 to \$24.50; Summerlee \$25; Langloan \$24.50 to \$25; Carnbroe, none in the market; Hematite \$27 to \$28. *Bar* per 100 lbs. is quoted at \$2 for even only fair lots in anticipation of lower spring freights; Norway and Sweeds \$4 to \$4.25; Lowmoor and Bowling \$6.25 to \$6.50. Penn. \$3.15 to \$3.25; Hatton, \$3.00; Clifton, \$3.15 to \$3.25; *Tin Plates* per box, Charcoal IC. \$5.25 to \$5.50; Charcoal, IX., \$7.00 to \$7.25; ditto, DC., \$4.75 to \$5.00; ditto, DX., \$6.50 to \$6.75; Coke IC., \$4.35 to \$4.40; *Galvanized Sheets*, No. 28, 7 to 7½; *Tinned Sheets*, No. 26 Charcoal 9 to 10c; ditto, Coke No. 24, 7½ to 8c; *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs., \$2.50 to \$2.60; *Sheets*, best brands, \$2.75 to \$3.00; *Boiler Plate* per 100 lbs. Staffordshire \$2.75 to \$3.00; *Russian Sheet Iron*, 11 to 12c; *Lead* per 100 lbs.—Pig \$4.00 to \$4.25; Sheet \$5.50; *Bar* \$5.00 to \$5.50; *Shot* do. \$6 to \$6.50; *Steel*, cast 12½; *Spring* \$3.25 to \$3.50; *Tire* \$3.50 to \$3.75; *Sleigh Shoe*, \$3.00 to \$3.35. *Ingot Tin*, 24 to 25c.; *Bar Tin*, 26 to 27c.; *Ingot Copper*, 18½ to 19c.; *Sheet Zinc*, \$5 to \$5.50; *Spelter*, \$4.75 to \$5.

LEATHER.—Business continues to rule on the dull side, which state of affairs cannot be altogether satisfactorily accounted for. Stocks of all kinds are plentiful, but there is a probability of some of the larger producers of sole leather partially shutting down, and there will also likely be a lessened production of upper leathers. There is no material alteration in prices, however, as yet—nor is there likely to be for some little time, in consequence of the talk of shutting off. A good many splits are being shipped to England, and are realizing fairly. We quote *Hemlock Spanish Sole B. A.* 25 to 27c.; ditto No. 2, BA 23 to 24c.; No. 1 *Ordinary Spanish* 24 to 26c.; No. 2 ditto, 21½ to 23c.; *Buffalo Sole* No. 1, 21 to 23c.; ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c.; *Hemlock Slaughter*, No. 1, 26 to 28c.; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 33 to 36c.; ditto ditto heavy, 32 to 35c. *Grained*, 34 to 36c. *Splits*, large, 21 to 27c. ditto small, 15 to 20c. *Calfskins* (35 to 40 lbs.) 70 to 75c.; ditto (25 to 34 lbs.) 60 to 70c. *Sheepskin Linings*, 25 to 50c.; *Harness*, 24 to 32c.; *Buffed Cow*, per ft., 14 to 16c. *Enamelled Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Patent Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Pebbled Cow*, 12 to 15½c. *Rough*, 22 to 27c. *Imitation French Calfskins*, 79 to 83c.

PAINTS AND OILS.—Lined oil keeps steady at 62 to 63c. for raw, and 66 to 67c. for boiled. Steam refined seal though still principally held by one concern has fallen away from the high price of some weeks ago, probably in anticipation of new crop, about 85 cents is present quotations on spot, to arrive a little less. Newfoundland cod oil quotes at 73½c. Halifax do 70c. The reduction of the duty upon turpentine from 20 to 10 per cent. has made no material alteration in the state of the market, as no turpentine has come in yet under the lessened duty. Leads are unchanged in any particular.

PROVISIONS.—The market for hog products has developed something of an advance in values in sympathy with western quotations. Western mess is quoted at \$22.50, Canada short cut \$23 to \$23.25; American lard, 15c.; Canadian 14½c.; city cured hams 14½ to 15c. In butter only a local trade is being done, and 25 to 26c. is being paid for new butter. Fresh eggs realize about 16c.

WOOL.—Not much doing, nor will there be probably until navigation opens. It is thought by some that the reduction of the American duties on foreign wool, coming into effect July 1st,

may make business livelier, but others do not anticipate any great change therefrom. The change consists in taking off the *ad valorem* duty, which averaged about 3½ cents per lb., and putting the duty at ten cents per lb. all round. We quote Canadian supers. A, 31 to 33c.; ditto B, 26 to 28c.; unsorted and blacks, 25 to 26c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, April 26, 1883.

Wholesale trade shows little, if any, improvement, the colder weather of the past two days having checked buying in some directions. Bad roads in the country and spring work of the farmers account for the quietness reported from rural districts. Orders sent in are mainly of the sorting-up kind. The money market continues very quiet. Speculation has been restricted, and the "short" brokers are willing to carry most of our local *bar* stocks at reasonable rates of interest. A few call, as well as time loans, have been made at 7 to 7½ per cent. Commercial paper is in moderate offer, and discounts are unchanged at 7 to 8 per cent, according to name and date. Sterling exchange is steady; 60-day bills are quoted at 109½ between banks, and 109½ to 109½ across the counter, and demand bills at 109½ to 110. Drafts on New York at ½ to ¾ premium. The stock market has been quiet and somewhat unsettled the past few days. So far as declared, banks have not increased their dividends, and some sanguine speculators have been disappointed. It has been expected that shareholders in Bank of Toronto will receive a bonus, but at the weekly meeting of the Board on Tuesday, the question was not decided. It is hinted that a special meeting will take place on Saturday, when the dividend will be declared. Since the beginning of the week, Montreal sold at 200 to 199½ cum dividend, and at 196½ to 195½ ex-dividend; Ontario at 116½ to 115; Toronto at 191½ to 189; Merchants at 125½ to 125; Commerce at 134 to 134½; Imperial at 142 and 142½; Federal at 159½ to 158; Dominion at 199 to 198½, and Standard at 116 and 115½. North-west Land Co. shares easier, with sales here at 78s and 78½s, and Hudson Bay sold in London yesterday at £31½.

COAL OIL.—The market for Canadian refined is said to be somewhat firmer, but prices are unchanged at 16c per gallon for five or ten barrel lots, and 16½c. for single barrels. American is steady at 25c. for prime, and 28c. for water white.

COAL AND WOOD.—The demand for coal is somewhat restricted, but prices continued unchanged at \$6.50 per ton for the best soft and hard; steam rules at \$4.50 to \$5.50. The production of anthracite in the United States for the month of March was 2,375,512 tons, an increase of 267,469 tons as compared with the same month in 1882. Wood here is unchanged at \$5.50 to 6.00 per cord for hard, and \$4.50 for pine.

DRY GOODS.—The city warehouses contain varied and attractive stocks, fully as large as there is need for, apparently, when the coldness and lateness of the season, and the consequent restricted trade are regarded. Movement in

country districts being difficult and retail trade slack, the orders coming in are limited. There is perhaps another reason for this: staple fabrics, it is considered, are not likely to be higher in price. The American makers of woollen goods are buying but lightly and, according to the *Bulletin*, "still complain, not only of the present, but prospective condition of the goods market," and, except in fine or

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