

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, May 21st, 1891.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—In this line trade is improving; orders are coming in daily in increased volume. Summer stocks in the hands of country merchants are being depleted, and sorting orders are numerous. Travellers' reports are more hopeful, and fact-rymen seem to be better pleased with the situation and prospect than for some time. Payments are still slow; the acknowledged want all over the country is rain.

DRY GOODS.—The volume of trade doing this week is fair, probably about the same as last year, if not slightly larger. Payments are described as very fair. All kinds of summer goods are actively enquired after, gold trimmings holding their prominent position well. Parasols are in active demand; muslin embroideries and skirtings selling well.

FANCY GOODS AND WOODEN WARE.—Business in these lines opened up fairly well, and in some lines of fancies and wood ware there has been a normal demand. Indurated goods are having a brisk run: they are preferred to ordinary wood because they do not warp nor spilt nor taint their contents. They are also neater, and are almost indestructible. We quote, for pails, 2-hoop, clear, \$1.70 per doz.; do. painted, \$1.60; 3-hoop, clear, \$1.90; painted, \$1.80. Tubs, "O," \$9.50; No. 1, \$8; No. 2, \$7; No. 3, \$6. Indurated ware, Star pails, \$4.50 per doz.; milk or dairy, \$5.50. Tub, No. 1, \$15.50; No. 2, \$13.25; No. 3, \$11. Washboards, "X," \$1.25; XX, \$1.40; Waverley, \$1.50; Planet, \$1.60; Electric, Duplex, \$2.25; Globe, \$1.80. Matches, Eddy's Telegraph, \$4.40; do. Telephone, \$4.15 (single case lots); Parlor, \$1.75.

FISH.—The demand is fair, and the supply of the kinds on hand at this season is good. Whitefish is selling at 6½c. per lb.; trout, 6½c.; herring, \$2 per 100. The supply of British Columbia salmon averages two to three tons per week, not all consumed in Toronto, balance forwarded to Boston and New York markets. B. C. salmon selling at 16 to 17c. per lb. Lake fish are not on the market, season commences this week.

FLOUR AND OATMEAL.—The flour market is still dull and quiet, quotations for the higher brands are unchanged; straight roller shows a reduction of 10 cents a barrel, being now quoted at \$4.80 to 4.90; extra has receded the same amount, now quoted at \$4.40 to 4.50. Oatmeal is dull and easier, standard quoted at \$5.25 to 5.65 per barrel; granulated and rolled oats, \$5.65 to 5.75. The demand for bran is still "off," cars on track quoted at \$13.50 per ton, lesser quantities, \$14.

GRAIN.—The wheat market is dull, very little offering, and apparently none wanted at present. Some enquiry exists for Ontario

spring and Manitoba hard No. 3 for export. The milling demand is partly supplied again by farmers living in the neighborhood of mills, making business with dealers slack. The quotations on Ontario and spring wheat have receded one to two cents per bushel, now quoted as follows: Winter wheat, No. 1, \$1.10 to 1.11; No. 2, \$1.08 to 1.09; No. 3, \$1.04 to 1.05. Spring wheat, No. 1, \$1.04 to 1.05; No. 2, \$1.02 to 1.03; No. 3, 98c. to \$1. Manitoba hard unchanged in price. Not much moving by rail, mostly by Owen Sound, going through to Montreal. The English markets have been declining until yesterday. To-day they have secured a slight advance; the feeling, however, is unstable, and all depends on the weather that is ahead. American markets are much in the same position, very unsettled, up and down daily; yesterday firmer than for some time, dropped about five cents during the week, and recovered three to four cents. Barley quotations unchanged. Very dull, and but little offering or

wanted. Oats are inactive, have gone back in price two cents per bushel, now quoted at 48 to 49c. Too many offering, and sales being pressed; afraid of heating in the warm weather. Supplies are said to be larger than was expected. Peas quiet, and very little doing; the season is about over. Prices are unaltered, and almost nominal. Rye unchanged in price, dull, and none offering. Corn is purely nominal. Nothing doing.

STOCKS IN STORE.

	May 18, 1891.	May 19, 1891.
Fall wheat, bush.....	32,110	47,148
Spring wheat, ".....	44,614	74,586
Oats, ".....	47,428	1,606
Barley, ".....	28,314	4,249
Peas, ".....	nil.	11,340
Rye, ".....	nil.	5,230
Indian corn ".....	nil.	nil.
Total grain, bush.....	152,466	144,159

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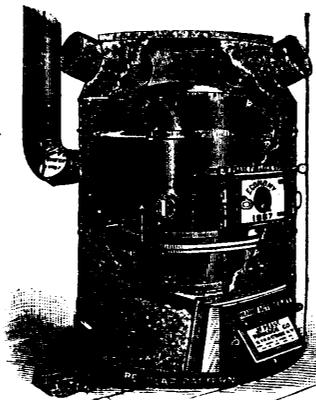
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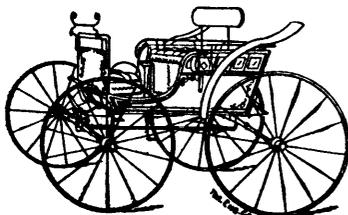
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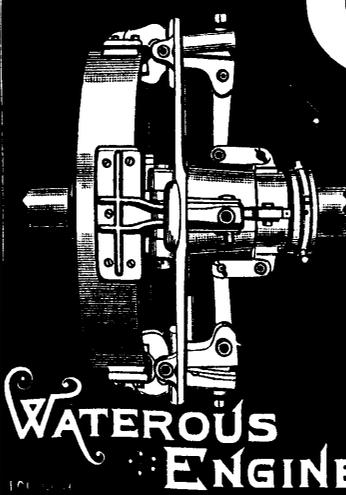
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