

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Matters in these lines are again quieter, and the volume of business taking place just now is comparatively light. Prices as a rule continue on the old basis; *Bleaching Powder* is easier, and we quote lower; *Quinine* still unsettled, and advices from London say that there are large quantities still on the market, which will have to be disposed of at a heavy sacrifice to manufacturers. We quote: *Soda* \$1.10 per 100 lbs.; *Bi. Carb. Soda*, \$2.40 to 2.50; *Soda Ash* \$1.65 to \$1.75; *Bichromate of Potash*, per 100 lbs., \$8.50 to \$10; *Borax* refined, 11 to 12½c.; *Cream Tartar* crystals, 30 to 31c.; do ground 34c. to 37c.; *Tartaric Acid*, 54 to 58c. per lb.; *Caustic Soda*, white, \$2.40 to 2.60; *Sugar of Lead*, 9 to 11c.; *Bleaching Powder*, \$2.75 to \$3.00; *Alum* \$1.75 to \$1.90; *Copperas*, per 100 lbs., \$1.00; *Ground Sulphur*, \$2.75 to \$3.00; *Flowers Sulphur*, sublim per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to \$3.25; *Roll Sulphur*, \$2.40 to \$2.60; *Sulphate of Copper*, \$5.75 to \$6.50; *Epsom Salts*, \$1.25 to \$1.40; *Salt-petre*, \$9.00 to \$9.50; *German Quinine*, about \$1.20 to \$1.30; *American do.*, \$1.30; *Howard*, \$1.30 to \$1.40; *Opium*, \$4.50 to \$5.00; *Morphia*, \$2.20 to \$2.50; *Gum Arabic*, sort, 28 to 33c.; *White*, 40 to 55c.; *Carbolic acid*, 55 to 65c.

FLOUR.—The demand has fallen off and prices now rather favor buyers, holders having to concede to draw out business. Prices of upper grades are generally lower. We quote: *Superior Extra*, \$4.25 to \$4.40; *Extra Superfine*, \$4.10 to \$4.15; *Fancy*, \$4.05; *Spring Extra*, \$3.90 to \$4.00; *Superfine*, \$3.25 to \$3.30; *Canadian Strong Bakers*, \$4.50 to \$4.85; *American ditto.*, \$5.00 to \$5.50.

GROCERIES.—Trade is not quite so brisk as a week ago, but travellers out are sending in fair orders, and there is a moderate volume of business passing. Some renewals are being asked for, but payments are not at all bad. *Sugars* remain on same plane, 6½c. still being refinery price for granulated, and yellows are unohanged. In *Tea*, *Japans* keep firming up if anything, and advices from *Japan* still report a great demand for grades below a good medium, a class of goods that is not to be had. What is most surprising, is a cable just received from *China* which says all greens are lower, and this can only be accounted for by the supposition that prices have been too high. In blacks there is nothing new. *Coffees* unchanged and dull; some *Jamaica* sold lately at 11½ to 12½c. *Rice*, same. *Currants* are firmer, first shipment of new fruit *via*. *Liverpool* is at hand, and are selling at about 6½c.; there is a brisk demand for old fruit, which is in limited supply, at 4½ to 5½c. There are very few old *Valencias* left, some new fruit is expected this week. A late cable from *Denia* quotes lowest price for *Valencias* 21s. 6d. and market expected to advance, crop estimated 800,000 boxes short. *Malaga* market steady, *Sultanas* quoted 22s. 6d. per cwt. *Filberts* continue very scarce locally, and *Tarragona Almonds* are not to be had.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—There is very little doing the current week, and hardware warehouses show little sign of bustle. Opinions seem to vary as to the amount of fall trade to be done. Some old travellers say that stocks in the country are moderately full, and as there is not much building going on, trade is not likely to be active. In metals matters are no better, and one house describes the situation as "sickening." Travellers west find orders almost impossible to get. *Canada Plates*, on account of their scarcity, are from 5 to 10 cents dearer, but in all other lines the tendency is easier if anything. *Bar Iron* is being sold at \$1.70, except for very small lots. Latest cable quotation of *Warranted*, 41s 7d. We quote: *Gartsherrie* and *Summerlee*, \$18.50 to 19; *Langloan*, \$19 to 19.50; *Coltness*, \$19.50; *Eglinton*, \$16.50 to \$17; *Dalmellington*, \$17.00 to \$17.50; *Calder*, \$18 to 19; *Hematite*, \$20 to 22.50, depending on brand; *Siemens*, \$18.50 to \$19.00; *Bar Iron* still \$1.70 to \$1.75; *Canada Plates* \$2.90 to \$3.00 as to lot and brand; *Tin Plates* *Bradley* Charcoal, \$5.85 to 6.00; *Charcoal I C* \$4.75 to \$4.90 as to brand; do. *I X* \$6.25 to 6.50; *Coke I C.*, \$4.25 to \$4.40, *Galvanised Sheets*, No. 28, 6 to 7c. according to brand; *Tinned Sheets*, coke, Nos. 24 to 26, 6½ to 7½c.; *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs., \$2.25 to \$2.30; *Boiler Plate* per 100 lbs. *Staffordshire*, \$2.45 to \$2.55; *Steel Boiler Plate* \$3.25 to \$0.00; heads \$4.50; *Russian Sheet Iron*, 10½ to 11c. *Lead* per 100 lbs. — *Pig*, \$3.75 to \$4.00; *Sheet*, \$3.75 to \$4.00; *Shot*, \$6 to \$6.50; best cast *Steel*, 11½ to 12½c. firm; *Spring*, \$3.50, firm; *Tire*, \$3.25 to \$3.50, firm *Sleigh Shoe*, \$2.25 to \$2.50. *Round*

Machinery Steel, 3½ to 4c. per lb. *Ingot Tin*, 21 to 22c. *Bar Tin*, 24c.; *Ingot Copper*, 15½c. to 16c.; *Sheet Zinc*, \$4.50 to \$5.00; *Spelter*, \$4.25 to \$5.50 *Bright Iron Wire*, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

LEATHER.—Most dealers in this line report trade as very slow, and prices are altogether unchanged. The demand for splits has slackened off, and all stocks are fully equal to any present demand put upon them. We quote: *Hemlock Spanish Sole B. A.* 25 to 28c.; ditto, No. 2 B. A. 22 to 25c.; No. 1, *Ordinary Spanish*, 24c. to 25½c.; No. 2 ditto 22c. to 23c.; No. 1 *China* 25c. No. 2 21c. ditto *Buffalo Sole* No. 1, 21 to 22c. ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c. *Hemlock Slaughter*, No. 1, 26 to 27½c.; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 33 to 38c.; ditto ditto heavy, 33 to 36c.; *Grained*, 34 to 38c. *Splits*, large, 23 to 30c.; ditto small, 16 to 24c. *Calf-splits* 29 to 32c. *Calf-skins* (35 to 46 lbs.) 70 to 80c.; ditto (25 to 34 lbs.) 60 to 70c.; *Imitation French Calfskins*, 80 to 85c.; *Russet Sheepskin Linings*, 30 to 50c.; *Harness*, 24 to 33c.; *Buffed Cow*, per ft., 14 to 16c. *Enamelled Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Patent Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Pebbled Cow*, 11 to 15½c. *Rough*, 28 to 28c. *Russet & Bridle*, 45 to 55c.

OILS AND PAINTS.—In *Linseed Oil* there has been quite a spring upward, owing to a strong advance on the other side, and prices have been raised 3 cents; raw is now quoted at 56 to 57c., boiled 59 to 60c. We hear of a recent sale of 100 brls. *Cod Oil* on p. t., quotations are still about 53 to 60c.; *Steam Refined Seal* 60 to 62½c.; very little *Pale Vat* at 57½c.; *Straw*, 55c.; *Cod Liver*, \$1.25 to \$1.30; *Olive and Castor Oil* unchanged; *Turpentine*, 60 to 52c. *Paints and Colors* show no change, and we quote: *White Lead*, (genuine and first-class brands only) \$6.25 to 6.75; No. 1 \$5.50 to 6.00; No. 2, \$5 to 5.50; No. 3, \$4.50 to \$4.75. *Dry White Lead* 6 to 6½c.; *Red do.* 5 to 5½c. These prices for round lots. *London Washed Whiting* 55 to 60c.; *Paris White* \$1.25 to 1.50; *Cookson's Venetian Red* \$1.75 to 2.00; *Yellow Ochre*, \$1.50

SALT.—Business still rures dull, and stocks keep pretty full. *Coarse Elevens* are still sold at 40 to 42c.; *Factory Filled*, \$1.10 to \$1.20; *Eureka*, \$2.40; halves and quarters at proportionate figures.

WOOL.—Business is fairly active, and a good many orders are reported, though for small lots. The demand is principally for *A* and *B Domestic* and *Black*, with some lots of *Cape*; of *Australian* there is very little in the market, and even in *Domestic* stocks have seldom been so small. We quote: *Cape*, 16½ to 18½c.; *Canadian A*, supers, 28 to 28c.; *B*, ditto, 21 to 23c.; *Black*, 22c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, 18th Sept., 1884.

The dullness in the stock market being intensified by the general interest taken in the Industrial Exhibition, it was decided to cancel the afternoon sessions of the Exchange, until the 22nd inst. With the demand slackening off, sellers have been more numerous, and rates fell nearly all round. The decline has been very decided in one or two instances. Federal was the weakest among the banks and shows a loss of 7½ per cent. for the week; closing rates being 50½ and 51. Commerce was 1½ lower at 120 bid. Ontario and Toronto were 1½ down for buyers, and Merchants 1, while other banks show a fractional loss as compared with a week ago. Stocks, other than banks, have remained about stationary, with the exception of *Canada North West Land*, which has fallen 4½ in bids, with sellers 4 shillings lower. The final rates were 44½ to 46.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—A very fair sprinkling of visitors is to be seen in the factories, but few of them leave any orders. Travellers have only recently covered the ground and present purchases are only for small sorting up parcels. Values are maintained.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The large influx of visitors to the city includes quite a few purchasers for articles in this line. We do not make any important alterations in our price list this week. *Quinine* is steady, *opium* unchanged. Some houses report money as coming in fairly well.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Everything continues flat and lifeless and values are lower all round. Superior extra flour is probably worth \$3.90 to \$3.95 and extra \$3.70 to \$3.75, but there are almost no transactions. Strong bakers would not bring over \$4.10 and there is very little movement in the lower grades. Spring wheat extra is quoted at \$3.40 to \$3.45, and superfine nominally \$2.55. Oatmeal is less firm, say \$4.15 to \$4.25 per bbl. Bran is down to \$10 to \$10.50. Cornmeal unchanged.

GRAIN.—Transactions are almost confined to the street at prices for wheat, some cents lower than a week ago. Farmers are commencing to market their grain but not to the extent which is looked for after the hurry and bustle of Exhibition week. We quote No. 2 fall 78 to 80c.; No. 3 ditto, 75 to 76c.; of No. 1 there is little or none on market. The different grades of spring are unchanged in price. Hardly any movement in barley; it is most difficult to quote anything like a value, the standard having not yet been established in this market. Oats are not quite so firm, say 35 to 36c.; peas a shade lower, and now selling at 63 to 66c. Stocks in store are as under;

	STOCKS IN STORE.		
	Sept. 15, 1884.	Sept. 8, 1884.	Sept. 17, 1883.
Flour bbls.....
Fall wheat, bush....	18,937	31,095	55,858
Spring wheat, bush..	37,967	42,270	35,861
Oats " " " "	800	970	900
Barley " " " "	5,070	2,691	30,525
Peas " " " "	887	698	1,099
Rye " " " "	441	441	341
Corn " " " "	100	100
Total.....	64,112	78,265	125,614

LUMBER.—Business at wholesale is unmistakably quiet, the few American enquirers who are here appear to be waiting for lower prices. Prices are not lowered yet, though the tone is less confident, and the shadow of overproduction appears to be over the trade. In the higher grades of pine, indeed, prices are strongly maintained, clear pine and pickings are fully holding their own. Bill stuff, too, is firm, with no seeming over-stock. Flooring is easier, we lower our quotations to \$13 to \$14. Joists and scantling, too, show a slight fall. We quote shingles 10c. lower; lath, on the other hand, is firm.

GROCERIES.—Trade has been quite brisk in the experience of most houses; this is due doubtless to the large number of visitors attending our yearly fair. They are cautious buyers, however, and only take what is really needed for present wants. Many farmers are holding on to their grain in the hope of getting better prices and this fact induces carelessness on the part of the country storekeeper. It ought, at the same time, to stir him up to make collections and to argue or threaten the country dealer out of his habit of holding on to his grain. Fruit is scarce here but new arrivals are shortly expected both in raisins and currants. Syrups, having accumulated at the refineries, are lower say 30c. to 35c. for Common; 35c. to 40c. for Amber, and 50c. to 55c. for pale ditto. Sugars are steady and a fair amount has been disposed of during the week. In teas news black are moving briskly and fresh supply of greens will soon be to hand. Money is reported as being easy.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—All the houses appear to be actively engaged in filling orders for the fall trade. The amount of business done consequent upon exhibition week has been fully up to expectations, indeed some dealers say that the present has been a better "Fair week" for trade than has been known for some years past. The sales made are, for the most part, sorting up parcels. The *Liverpool tin* market continues strong, and there is certainly no indication of prices receding. *Canada plates* are moving freely and the prospects are that they will be in more active demand prior to arrival of new lots, which are not expected until the latter part of October. Payments are improving. Prices unchanged from last week.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Supplies are rather light just at present and prices are firmly maintained. Sheepskins are coming in more freely and are all wanted at our previous quotation, viz, 60c. Tallow is a shade stronger, say 6½ to 7c. Quite a number of buyers have been through the warehouses during the past few days and have bought moderately well.

PETROLEUM.—The price of petroleum continues steady at 16½c. for Canadian; 19½c. for carbon safety, and 23½c. for American prime white. Business is not particularly lively.