

hides. A sale of 2,500 calfskins to France is reported, but the lot of hides and calfskins reported as shipped there some weeks ago is not reported sold yet. Dealers continue to pay 6c. per lb. for No. 1 calfskins, and 4c. for No. 2; for sheepskins, 75 to 90c. each. In lambskins there has been a marked jump upwards, the figure having been advanced this week to 25c., and the same for clips; this has been done, it is understood, to freeze out an outside buyer.

LEATHER.—While there is not actually much more business doing, shoe manufacturers are looking around and feeling the market, and some of them apparently seem to think that bottom prices have been reached for the present. In sole leather there seems a steadier feeling, and the market is reported notably firmer in the United States. One of the largest local firms are not anxious sellers, and we have seen a letter from a leading Western tanning firm which instructs their agent not to sell their No. 2 manufacturers' stock under 19c. In black leather there is nothing new. We quote:—Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 20 to 22c.; do. No. 2, 18 to 20c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 19 to 21c.; No. 2, 17 to 18c.; No. 1 slaughter, 20 to 22c.; No. 2 do., 18 to 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 18c.; 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.—The situation in these lines is just about as noted last week, and the volume of business doing is not up to what is generally calculated on at this season. Pig iron moves slowly, and Scotch iron is comparatively neglected, some of the formerly well known brands not being dealt in at all. Glasgow warrants are showing a weakening tendency, and are cabled at 45s. 11d. Tinplates are reported to be exhibiting rather more firmness in Britain, and the reported failure of a large manufacturer of Canada plates is said to have stiffened quotations from 2s. 6d. to 5s. per ton. Makers of galvanized sheets are very firm in their ideas. We quote:—Summerlee, \$18.50 to 19.00; Carron and Ayrshire, \$18 to 18.25; 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, ½ inch and upwards, \$1.90 to 2.00 for Dalzell, and equal; ditto, three-sixteenths inch, \$2.60; tank iron, ½ inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths 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, \$3.25; 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, 11 to 12c.; sheet zinc, \$4.50 to 4.75; 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., \$2.70; 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.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Business is still reported very fair in these lines. No new seal

oil has been yet received here, nor decided quotations received, but letters from Newfoundland say that good orders have been received from England, at figures equal to about 41 cents, and local quotations for old stock are now 43 to 45c. per gal. in a jobbing way, with supplies light. Norwegian cod liver oil is very high, and in the opinion of some this will help the price of seal oil, which at such times is considerably used for purposes of adulteration. Of castor oil there is at the moment rather a scarcity, but some new supplies are on vessels close at hand. Linseed oil and turpentine are steady at prices as revised last week. In other lines there is nothing specially new. We quote: Turpentine, 1 to 4 brls., 43c. Linseed oil, raw, 53c. per gal.; boiled, 56c.; 5 to 9 brl. lots, 52 and 55c.; 10 to 19 brls., 51 and 54c.; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; castor, in lots, 62c.; single cases, 7c.; tins, 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 15 to 16c.; window glass, \$1.25 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.35 for second break; third break, \$2.90.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, May 14th, 1896.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Business is improving somewhat after several months dullness. Orders are small but not infrequent; the remittances, however, are slack, complaint being frequent of the lack of money in the country and of the fact that farmers are too busy to shop. There is considerable quantity of cheap Quebec-made boots and shoes selling, people seeming now-a-days to want a cheap boot with a fine appearance; also, however, a steady demand for substantially made fine goods of modern pattern.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Trade is fairly active; a good many orders are being received, but remittances do not quite keep pace with them; they are not up to the average thus far this month. All bromides have advanced; gum Arabic and gum tragacanth are higher by reason of the Egyptian troubles. Hellebore and Paris green are in good demand; also blue

vitriol, which is one of the new insecticides used for spraying fruit trees; camphor is easier in price, perhaps because of the variety of substitutes.

DRY GOODS.—A better feeling is perceptible this week; while trade is not particularly active, there are a good many letter orders coming in, and the tone of retailers is more hopeful. One leading house reports a very satisfactory increase of its sales for the Spring season over that of 1895, and says its remittances this month are considerably above those of May last year. Another house says that money has come in fairly well, and orders for fall underwear, etc., are coming in, though there is at the moment somewhat of a lull in Spring goods. Prints are moving freely as a rule, and all sorts of muslins, crinkles, reversibles and blouse effects are in request. We see in this market linen lawns in plain and fancy, those fabrics now so very fashionable in the United States. Bicyclists' dress goods, in tweed effects and plain, are much sought after. The prevailing rush for tweeds and Scotch effects for men's bicycle wear, causes some to wonder if tweeds are going to run worsteds out of market. But it is pretty safe to conclude that there will always be more or less room for worsteds. Besides, the bicycle fever may wane, or fashions change.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Business is exceedingly dull, and no transactions reported worth recording. Manitoba patent flour is hardly moving; the demand seems relatively greater for Ontario winter wheat patent, which is worth \$4 to 4.25; straight roller is selling somewhat freely at about \$3.50 to 3.60; there is scarcely any extra in market. Oatmeal is dull. Bran plentiful at \$11 to 11.50 in town, or \$10.50 at outside points.

GRAIN.—It is not possible to say that the grain trade is active, but fair quantities of wheat, oats and peas are moving. We hear of a sale of oats for export at 22½c. at an outside point; peas have sold at 48c. outside, and wheat at 66c. outside. The market is unsettled at the moment; indeed, henceforth for months we shall have what are called "weather markets," more or less dependent upon the condition of the weather. Chicago market is irregular, the English unchanged. Quotations are lower this week for both wheat and barley, a cent lower all round on Ontario wheat and about two cents on Manitoba; nothing doing in barley, quotations for which are nominally lower.

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on May 2nd were 3,133,936 bushels. During the week there were received 218,212 bushels,

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