

steel, \$2.50; ingot tin, 16 to 16½c. for best; Straits, 16c.; bar tin, 16½ to 17½c.; ingot copper, 12 to 13c.; sheet zinc, \$4.50 to 4.75; Silesian spelter, \$4.25; American do, \$4.25. Antimony, 9 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.

**OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.**—Business is still very quiet, but travelers are about getting on their routes again, and things will probably begin to move again in the course of a week or two. Turpentine has moved strongly upwards south, and local prices were advanced to 45 to 46c. per gal. for ordinary jobbing lots. Linseed oil, on the other hand, is a peg easier, being quoted at 57 to 58 cents for boiled, and 54 to 55 cents for raw. We quote: Turpentine, 46c. per gal. for single barrels, 2 to 4 barrels, 45c.; 5 barrels and over, 44c. Linseed oil, raw, 55c. per gallon; boiled, 58c.; 4 to 9 bbl. lots, 1c. less; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; castor, in lots, 6c.; single cases, 6½ to

6½c.; tins, 7c.; Nfld. cod, 34 to 35c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 35c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 40 to 42c. 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; window glass, \$1.30 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.40 for second break; third break, \$2.90.

**WOOL.**—Towards the last of the year there was some fair amount of business done, but since the holidays the local market has been inactive. This is in strong contrast with Boston and New York, where heavy dealings are reported. The next series of London sales begins on the 14th inst. Local stocks are low. We quote: Cape, 14 to 16c.; Natal, 15 to 17c.; B.A. scoured, 27 to 34c.; domestic fleece, 22 to 25c.; pulled supers, 20 to 21½c.; extra, 23 to 26c. per pound.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Jan. 9th, 1896.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—The campaign for 1895 business has been rather discouraging. Price lists have been reduced in some instances several times since the first announcement, and manufacturers have received an unusual number of cancellations. Retailers are slow in placing orders, and the ground must be covered several times in order to secure the season's business. Manufacturers are not in unison in their opinions as to the effect of the sole leather combination upon the boot and shoe industry. Manufacturers of rubber shoes decreased their discounts 5 per cent. on Jan. 1st.

**DRY GOODS.**—The jobbing houses are very active, and the employes are working until late hours in order to fill orders from the country. Prints and linens at present make up the bulk of the shipments. Goods are being received daily, and consist for the most part of dress goods, silks, gloves, and hosiery of foreign and domestic make. By next week stocks should be very complete, and although a limited distributive movement is now taking place, it will then be in full swing. Activity is assured for the next six weeks. Prices remain very steady, and lists show little change. Prices for the fall trade are beginning to excite attention, but little information can be gleaned of autumn values until a fortnight has passed.

**GRAIN.**—Wheat is firm and quotations are 2 to 3c. higher than they were one week ago. The local demand is fairly strong. Receipts are light, and notwithstanding the heavy fall of snow the roads are in poor shape. War rumors have undoubtedly had an effect on the markets, although it is a general opinion here that whatever strength comes from this quarter will soon subside. Manitoba wheat is 1 to 2c. per bushel higher and receipts are liberal. The Buyers' Syndicate are selling freely at the advance. There is a good export movement via Boston and Portland. Barley is dull and unchanged, with every indication of lower prices. Oats are firm and 1c. per bushel higher. Shipments are being made to Montreal, while the local demand is very strong. Rye has advanced 1 to 2c. per bushel and holders find a ready market. Peas are firmer and in good demand for export. Buckwheat is dull and unchanged. Corn remains nominally unaltered.

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on Dec. 28th were 2,464,654 bushels. During the week there were received 380,661 bushels, and shipped 58,166 bushels, leaving in store on Jan. 4th, 2,817,149 bushels.

## STOCKS OF GRAIN AT LAKE PORTS.

The following table, prepared from the reports of the Chicago Board of Trade, shows the stocks of wheat and corn in store at the principal points of accumulation on the Great Lakes on 28th December, 1895:

	Wheat, Bu.	Corn, Bu.
Chicago .....	21,203,000	911,000
Duluth .....	8,444,000	1,000
Milwaukee .....	935,000	.....
Detroit .....	367,000	29,000
Toledo .....	921,000	141,000
Buffalo .....	3,240,000	167,000

35,110,000 1,249,000  
As compared with the previous week, these figures show an increase of 557,000 bushels wheat and 128,000 bushels corn. At the last mentioned date 824,000 bushels of the wheat and 205,000 of corn was "afloat," that is, in the holds of vessels instead of in elevators; and 284,000 bushels oats and 304,000 bushels barley was also afloat in the harbors of Chicago and Buffalo.

**GROCERIES.**—Raisins are unchanged in feeling. A shipment of Filiatras currants was received this week. We quote: barrels, 3½c.; half-barrels, 4c.; cases, 4½c., and half-cases, 4¾c. per lb. The sugar market remains very strong at the advances reported a week ago; granulated is quoted 4½ to 4¾c., and no yellow can be bought at less than 3½c. The molasses market is very firm, and prices are up 2c. per gal. The situation in Cuba has been a very strong factor in influencing the market, and recent advices from Trinidad say that there is no stock held there, and the new crop will not come into the market for several months. There is little that is interesting to report of the local tea market. Canned goods are unchanged, and the movement remains very quiet.

**HAY AND STRAW.**—The country roads are still very rough and sleighs are not used by the farmers attending the St. Lawrence market. Hay is quoted \$18 to 19 and straw \$13.50. The

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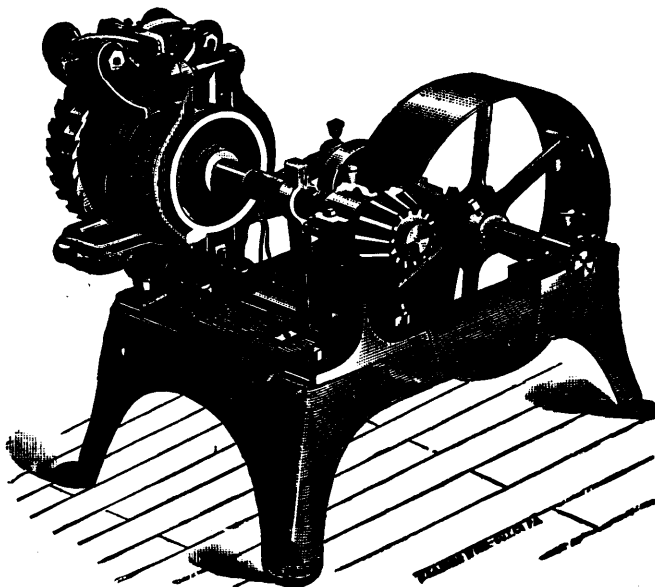
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