

market are now pretty well forward, but supplies of shelled walnuts are limited. Malaga raisins are scarce, and enquiries just made at producing point show that stocks there are about cleaned out, and the present quotations there are almost prohibitory. Stocks of Valencias at Denia are also said to be pretty well exhausted. Prices of California raisins are withdrawn, and prunes are advanced half a cent from opening figures. In teas there is little doing on spot, but values are well sustained. Ceylons and Indians hold their advance of from a halfpenny to a penny.

Hides.—Receipts of beef hides are still fairly liberal, while the demand is not very active, and stocks in warehouse are getting larger. No change is reported in quotations, however, and we quote 8c. for No. 1. Lambskins are also unaltered at 65c. each.

Metals and Hardware.—Business in these lines is assuming more of a holiday character, though the quietude is not so pronounced as some seasons. The British iron market is also reported somewhat dull, with some indications of easiness. Locally there is practically no pig iron to sell, but at the moment there is not much enquiry, as most of the foundries are preparing for the usual holiday shut down. Bars are firm at \$1.95 to \$2. Wire nails have been subjected to a cut of 5 cents, and are now quoted at \$2.40 in car lots, and \$2.45 in lesser quantity, being now exactly the same price as cut nails. The English market for plates is rather firmer, owing to the decision of the masters to shut down alternate weeks for a time. Copper is easy, with buyers hanging off, fearing a drop. Tin and lead same as last week. Spelter is hard to get, and European prices are now higher than American; locally the price has been advanced to \$5.40.

Oils, Paints and Glass.—Some travellers are out again, but business with most houses at present is of a very quiet character. Notwithstanding a firmer market for linseed oil abroad, general cutting in local prices is still the rule. We quote: Single barrels, raw and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 67 to 68c. and 69 to 70c. per gallon, for one to four barrel lots, 5 to 9 barrels, 66 and 69c., net 30 days, or 3 per cent. for four months' terms. Turpentine, one barrel, 76c.; two to four barrels, 75c., net 30 days. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; cod oil, 35 to 37½c. per gallon; steam refined seal, 50 to 53c. per gallon; straw do., 45 to 47c.; castor oil, 7½c. to 8c. for machinery, pharmaceutical ditto, 8½ to 9c. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands), \$5.15 to \$5.25; No. 1, \$4.75 to 4.87½c.; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.12½; No. 4, \$3.75; dry white lead, 4½ to 5c. for pure; No. 1, do., 5c.; genuine red, do. 4¼c. to 4½c.; No. 1 red lead, 4 to 4½c.; putty in bulk, barrels, \$2; bladder putty, in barrels, \$1.90; ditto, in kegs or boxes, \$2.40; 25-lb. tins, \$2.55; 12½-lb. tins, \$2.65. London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris white, 75 to 80c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to

\$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2; window glass, \$2 to \$2.10 per 50 feet for first break; \$2.20 for second break.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 18, 1902.

Chemicals, Drugs, Etc.—Business under this heading remains normally good,

without any very special feature. Prices are changed but little. New York reports speak of the quinine market being just in about the same position as last month. The demand for opium is slack, but the price remains steady.

Dry Goods.—The demand for heavy winter goods has received considerable impetus from the cold weather. Every-

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