

with intervals of "muggy" heat. City retailers make poor mouths, and country shopkeepers complain, but the latter suffer from bad roads and cannot well be otherwise than slow in payments.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—Dealers report a steady general distribution in all lines, with continued firmness in heavy chemicals; bleaching powder is scarce on spot; quinine is reported rather firmer abroad, but local prices are unaffected; cascara sagrada is coming into very extensive use and is scarce, all available supplies having been bought up, it is now held at 30c. firm; Senega root has about doubled in value of late; gum Arabic and camphor keep getting scarcer and scarcer and are certain to go higher. We quote:—Sal soda, 90c. to \$1.00; bi-carb soda, \$1.80 to 2.00; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$1.70; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 10 to 12c.; cream tartar crystals, 32 to 35c.; do. ground, 33 to 35c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 54 to 55c.; do. powder, 55 to 58c.; citric acid, 65 to 70c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.35 to 2.50; sugar of lead, 10 to 12c.; bleaching powder, \$2.50 to 2.75; alum, \$1.60 to 1.70; copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.20 to 2.30; roll sulphur, \$2.10 to 2.25; sulphate of copper, \$6.00 to 6.50; epsom salts, \$1.30 to 1.50; saltpetre, \$8.25 to 8.75; American quinine, 52 to 55c.; German quinine, 52 to 55c.; Howard's quinine, 55 to 60c.; opium, \$4 to 4.50; morphia, \$1.90 to 2.10; gum arabic, sorts, 80 to 90c.; white, \$1.00 to 1.25; carbolio acid, 55 to 65c.; iodide potassium, \$3.90 to 4.10 per lb.; iodine, \$5.25 to 5.75; iodoform, \$6.00 to 6.25. Prices for essential oils are:—Oil lemon, \$2.00 to 2.50; oil bergamot, \$3.00 to 3.75; orange, \$3.00 to 3.25; oil peppermint, \$4.50 to 5.50; glycerine, 25 to 30c.; senna, 15 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 50 to 60c.; American do., 45 to 50c.; insect powder, 70 to 80c.

**DAIRY PRODUCE.**—As regards butter, the situation is one of quietude, with no export movement whatever. The decline in exports is shown elsewhere. We quote for September creamery, 24 to 25c.; August do., 20 to 22c.; Townships, good to fine, 19 to 22c. Cheese is quiet, good to fine September is quoted at 10 to 10½c.; August, 8½ to 9½c. Eggs are bringing 20c. per dozen.

**FISH.**—A fair all-round enquiry exists at the moment, though it is stated that the volume of business to date is a good deal behind last year. Labrador herrings sell in ordinary jobbing lots at \$5.50 to 5.75; Cape Bretons, \$6.00 to 6.25; green cod No. 1, \$5.00 to 5.25; dry cod, \$4.75 to 5.00; N. S. salmon, \$14.50 to 15.00 for No. 1; B. C. ditto, \$13.00 to 14.00. Oysters are in good supply at \$2.50 to 4.00, as to quality.

**GROCERIES.**—We have to report rather a slackening off in the distribution of groceries to the country, largely due, no doubt, to the almost impassable roads in the interior. Teas are quieter and in less active demand, though values are steadily held, and firmness marks all outside markets. Coffees show firmness, but are moving in small lots; we quote Rio 14 to 16c., Java 18 to 21c., Mocha 23 to 27c., Ceylon 18 to 21c. Sugars are again a shade easier, granulated selling at refinery at 7½ to 7¾c. to the wholesale trade, yellows 5½ to 6¾c.; some considerable lots of Scotch refined sugars have been brought in, and it is thought by some that the reduction by local refiners is to meet the competition from this quarter, though one would hardly think it sufficiently serious for this. Molasses still retains its firmness, Barbados being quoted at 39 to 40c., Porto Rico 37 to 38c.; syrups firm at last advance, and exceedingly difficult to get. In dried fruits there is a steady demand; good sound Valencia raisins are selling at 6¾c.; it is said some off grades have sold at 6c. and under, but they are not desirable goods; currants, 6 to 6½c.; figs, scarce and firm at 11 to 14c.; don't hear of any prunes offering. There is still a dearth of Malaga raisins, and likely to be very few for the Christmas trade, as it is said none have been snipped yet for this market, and owing to the lateness of the season a number of houses have cancelled their orders. Some new filberts are in the market at 8½ to 9c.; almonds, 14c. In canned goods lobsters and mackerel are very scarce, and there is a difficulty in filling any over moderate orders; values are stiff at \$6.00 to 6.50 a case; salmon, firm at \$1.75 a dozen; tomatoes sell in a jobbing way at \$1.00 to 1.10, though packers have sold, it is said, as low as 90c. and under; corn is easier.

**HIDES.**—Receipts of green hides have been very liberal, and though tanners have not been buying freely, values are pretty steadily maintained at advance. Dealers are paying 6¾c. as a rule for No. 1 green, and getting 7¾c. for same inspected. Western hides are not so scarce; Torontos selling at 7½ to 8c. for No. 1; calfskins, 5 to 5½c.; lambskins, 70c.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—The situation is still marked by a rather unseasonable dullness, but firmness in value prevails all along the line, pig iron being if anything firmer. Scotch warrants are cabled at 41/8d., and makers' ideas are not weakened, latest cable quotations being Coltness 49/3d., Langloan 48/6d., Summerlee 49/3d., Gartsherrie 47/3d., Eglington 41/6d., Dalmellington 42/6d. Tin is steady at last noted advance, last London quotation being £101 7/6d., and local price 25c.

**OILS, PAINTS, AND GLASS.**—Turpentine has eased off a little from late stiff advance, and has been sold in moderate lots at 68 to 69c., probably 70c. would still be asked for single brls.; linseed is steady at 55 to 56c. for raw, 58 to 59c. for boiled; Nfld. cod oil, 38 to 40c.; steam refined seal, 48 to 49c.; castor, 7½ to 7¾c. per lb.; olive, \$1 to 1.05 for pure. Leads, colors, and glass unchanged. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.75 to 6.00; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25; dry white lead, 5½c.; red do., 4½c.; London washed whiting, 50 to 55c.; Paris white, \$1.00; Cookson's Venetian red, \$1.75; other brands Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.60; yellow ochre, \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$2.00 to 3.00 Window glass, \$1.40 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.50 for second break; for lots of 50 boxes and over 5c. per box less.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, 8th Nov., 1888.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—There has been a consultation among the manufacturers with regard to shortening production: some step of the kind is found desirable. Orders are neither numerous nor large at the moment, and remittances might easily be improved.

**DRUGS AND MEDICINES.**—There are no material changes in addition to those already noted. There is firmness in borax, mercurials, vanilla beans and cubebs. Jamaica ginger is firm. Camphor is still very high and firm, having jumped up 25 to 30 per cent. in a week or two.

**FLOUR.**—The market is in reality flat, the demand having died down, and the small "boom" kept up for a time has apparently collapsed. The feeling is easier. We quote: spring patent, \$5.75 to 6.20; straight roller, \$5.40 to 5.50; extra, \$5.25 to 5.30. Strong bakers' is worth rather more than last week's quotations, say \$5.60 to 5.70. There is no stock of superfine in market. Oatmeal is nominally unchanged; bran, \$14.00 to 15.00.

**GRAIN.**—More grain is coming into the city, and there is a fair aggregate of transactions. Wheat is fairly active, and there is a moderate move in barley. There are sales of No. 2 fall reported at \$1.18 to 1.20; while No. 3 quotes at \$1.16 to 1.18. For spring, equal figures with fall have been obtained; a car of No. 1 sold this week at \$1.21 per bushel, and \$1.22 could probably be obtained. We quote: No. 2, \$1.18 to 1.20, and No. 3 at \$1.16 to 1.18. The lower grades of barley seem to be considered better value than the high, at all events they are more in demand. We quote: No. 1, at 75 to 76c.; No. 2, at 73c.; while 3 extra will bring 70 to 71c., and No. 3, 65 to 68c. The stock of peas is increasing; the quotation is 60 to 62c. per bush. Oats we quote 38 to 39c.; the demand is fair and the supply improving.

**GROCERIES.**—The features of this department are the firmness in teas and the peculiar position of the fruit market. The "rubbishy" teas appear to have been locally well cleared out; the brisk demand this autumn for low-priced Japans has taken them mostly out of first hands. All teas are firm, all desirable grades are sought for, especially first crop blacks and good greens and low grade Japans. Indeed, the prospect of an advancing market has not for years been so good, not only because of a short crop but by reason of the position of exchange, which is equal, we are told, to a cent per pound advance. Sugars may be called considerably easier, the demand is light and refiners are anxious sellers; we

quote yellows from 5½ to 00c.; extra granulated, 7½ to 8c.; Paris lumps, 8½c. As to fruit, London layer raisins are higher; we quote \$3.50 to 3.75; new Valencias can be had at 6½ to 6¾c., which is lower than they can be imported; Sultanias, 8 to 9½c.; currants are uncertain, the position speculative. Malaga fruit will be, we are told, 40 per cent. higher than last year, and there is difficulty in getting orders for it filled. Codfish we quote higher, at \$5.00 to 5.50; French sardines, 9½ to 13c. In tobaccos, we note that Prince of Wales 6's are now 7's at the request of the trade generally. We add to our list the Napoleon 8's and 49c. per lb. Opinions vary as to the market for leaf; if the crop is short, as supposed, the price of the manufactured article must go higher by spring, if not before. October was a small month with some houses, a middling one with others, in volume. November has shown more activity thus far.

**HAY AND STRAW.**—There is a good deal of baled hay offering, but not much fresh; the former brings \$14.00 to 16.00 per ton by the car load; the latter, \$23.00 to 25.00. Straw, bundled, is selling at \$14.00 to 16.00.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—A fair quantity of green hides offered and were taken at 5½c. for No. 1 green; cured, not so brisk, 7c., at which price there were sales of cars. Sheepskins have advanced by reason of local competition, and a good many are now offered and taken at 75 to 80c. Calfskins are nominal. Tallow is steady and unchanged at 2½c. for rough, and 6 to 6½c. for rendered.

**LEATHER.**—A fair demand exists this week, especially for slaughter sole from the manufacturers. Spanish sole is meantime neglected and begins to accumulate. There is plenty of enquiry for harness, especially the heavy weights. Nothing new in upper.

**PROVISIONS.**—The butter market is easier; receipts have been a good deal heavier. We quote choice, 19 to 20c.; rolls, 17 to 19c. Cheese is dull at steady prices, factory men are not disposed to sell, and buyers are indifferent. England now looks to New Zealand for additional supplies, which is a new feature. In hog products, long clear bacon brings 10½ to 11c.; breakfast bacon, 12 to 12½c.; hams, 12 to

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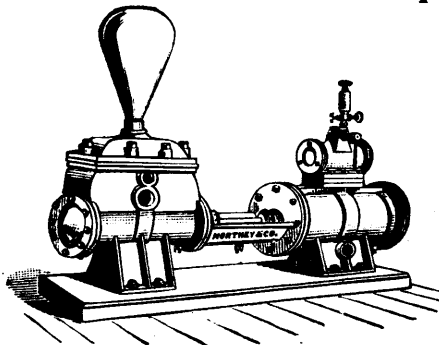
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