

otter, \$8 to 10; raccoon, 50 to 60c; skunk, 50, 75c. and \$1.00, according to quality and stripe.

GROCERIES.—The week has developed no new features. Sugars seem fairly steady at the decline noted last week, and the chances are against any advance in the near future. Granulated, 6½c. to the Guild; yellows, 4½ to 5½c. The Redpath refinery is now putting up Paris lumps in neat 5 pound boxes for family use, which retail at 50c. Molasses quiet but steady at 36 to 37½c. for Barbadoes; Trinidad, 31 to 32c. Teas dull at the moment, but show no weakening in values. Rice firm, with short supply at the mill. Dried fruits show firmness in all lines; desirable Valencias, 6½ to 6¾c.; layers, 7½ to 8c. There are some goods to be had at 5½c., but they would be dear at a much less price. Currants as at last report. Sultans, 18 to 19c., and very scarce; of prunes, only a few choice. Bosnias are to be had at 8 to 9c.; Malaga raisins also scarce and dear. Evaporated apples are worth 13 to 14c. in a jobbing way; dried ditto, 8 to 9c. Not many canned goods moving now, but tomatoes are good property, and for choice brands \$1.25 to 1.30 is asked. Salmon are also steadying up somewhat.

LEATHER.—We can do little else than repeat quotations, business in this line being of a strictly holiday character, and we hear of only a few unimportant sales of B.A. soles and splits at prices quoted. We quote:—Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 21 to 23c.; do., No. 2, B.A., 18 to 19c. No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 20 to 21c.; No. 2; ditto, 17 to 18c.; No. 1, China, 19 to 20c.; No. 1 slaughter, 22 to 25c.; No. 2 do., 21 to 22c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, 38 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 33 to 36c.; ditto, heavy, 31 to 35c.; grained, 32 to 34c.; Scotch grained, 32 to 37c.; splits, large, 16 to 24c.; do., small, 15 to 16c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 80c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 23 to 29c.; buffed cow, 12 to 14c.; pebbled cow, 12 to 15c.; rough, 20 to 25c.; russet and bridle, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Local quotations remain pretty much of a nominal character in view of the almost total absence of business; tin and copper may be called rather weaker, but in other lines we can make no changes. We quote:—Cottiness, no stock to import, \$24.00; Calder, No. 1, \$23.00; Calder, No. 3, \$21.50; Summerlee, \$23 to 24.00; Eglington \$20.00 to 21.50; Gartsherrie, \$23.00; Carnbroe, \$21.50 to \$22.00; Shotts, \$22.50 to 23.00; Middlesboro, none here; cast scrap railway chairs, &c., \$20.00; machinery scrap, \$19.00 to 20.00; common ditto, \$13; bar iron, \$2.25 to 2.30 for Canadian, British \$2.50; best refined, \$2.75. The products of the Londonderry Iron Company we quote as follows: Siemens' pig No. 1, \$23.00; Acadia bar, \$2.20; Siemens' bar, \$2.35; these figures for round lots. Canada Plates—Blaina, \$3.10; Swansea, \$3.10; Penn, \$3.25. Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$8.00 to 8.25. Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.80. Tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$6.50 to 7; charcoal I.C., \$4.75 to 5.00; do. I.X., \$5.25 to 6.00; coke I.C., \$4.50; coke wasters, \$4.25; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 5½ to 5¾c.; Morewood, 7c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c.; No. 26, 7c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.70 to 2.75; Staffordshire

boiler plate, \$2.80 to 3.00; common sheet iron \$2.75 to 2.90 according to gauge; steel boiler plate, \$3.00; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 10½ to 11c.; lead per 100 lbs., pig, \$4.00; sheet, \$4.75; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.50 to 3.00; round machinery steel, \$3.25; ingot tin 22½ to 23½c.; bar tin, 26c.; ingot copper, 15½ to 16½c.; sheet zinc, \$6.50 to 7.00; spelter, \$6.25; antimony, 00 to 20c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.75. Coil chain, ¼ inch, 5½c.; ½ in., 4½c.; 7-16 in., 4½c.; ¾ in., 4½c.; 1 in., 3½c.; 1½ in., 4c.; 2 in., and upwards, 3½c

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Quietude rules in these lines as well as in most others, and values are about stationary. Lead is a little easier in England but unchanged here. Linseed and turpentine as last quoted, castor oil easier at 11c. per lb.; cod oil neglected and rather weaker. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$6; No. 1, \$5 to 5.50; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$4 to 4.50; dry white lead, 5½ to 5¾c.; red do., 4½c.; London washed whiting, 50c.; Paris white, 90c. to \$1; Cookson's Venetian red, \$1.60 to 1.75; other brands of Venetian red, \$1.40 to 1.60; yellow ochre, \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50. Window glass, \$1.50 per 50 feet for first break, \$1.60 for second break; 5c. off for 100 box lots.

TORONTO MARKETS.

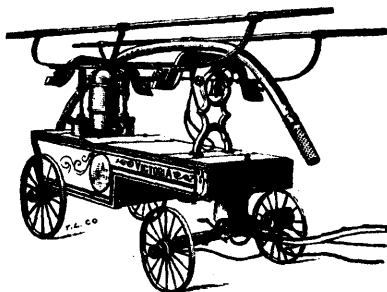
TORONTO, Dec. 31st, 1890.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The business of the month has been very generally satisfactory, all reasonable goods being in active demand. Manufacturers are now busy stock-taking and repairing machinery and there is a lull in shipments.

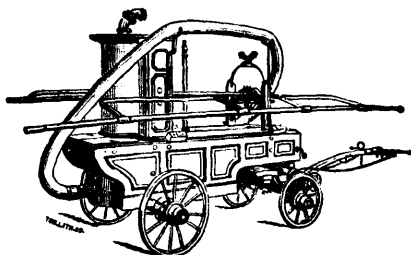
DRY GOODS.—As far as we can ascertain, the volume of business for 1890 will not come up to that of 1889. The year has been characterized by a very considerable aggregate of bad debts, and keen competition has reduced profits below the living point except for houses with large turn-over and relatively small expenses. Wholesale stocks appear smaller; indeed we are told of instances where they are one-fourth or one-fifth smaller than a year ago. Payments are generally called satisfactory.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The quietude continues, with the exception of a few sales of Manitoba flour and local sales to bakers; quotations are purely nominal. The Old Country market continues steady, and now that our prices for breadstuffs are down to very nearly an export basis, a little exporting is being tried. We quote patent winter \$4.50 to 4.75; Ontario spring, \$4.80 to 5.00; Manitoba strong bakers, \$5; ditto patent, \$5.30; all other flour quotations unchanged. Oatmeal dull; bran still scarce and in good demand; the price has gone up to \$18 to \$18.50 per ton.

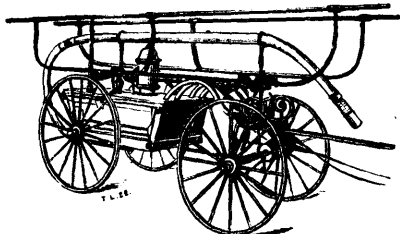
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