

25 to 28c.; grained, 25 to 30c.; Scotch grained, 25 to 30c.; western splits, 18 to 21c.; Quebec do., 13 to 16c.; juniors, 16 to 17c.; 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, 14 to 15c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7c.; harness, 25 to 32c.; buffed cow, 12 to 13c.; extra heavy buff, 14c.; pebbled cow, 10 to 13c.; polished buff, 10 to 12c.; glove grain, 11 to 12c.; rough, 20 to 22c.; russet and bridle, 40 to 50c.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—Iron and metals generally do not meet with any improved demand. Summerlee pig iron is offered at \$19 per ton for import, Carron at \$19.50, and Ayrshire at \$18.50, but we do not hear of any orders being booked. In Britain business is reported good; according to advices just to hand shipments from Glasgow to March 20th, are 4,000 tons ahead of last year, from Middlesboro 38,000 tons ahead, and from the Hematite district 11,000 tons ahead. Prices are reported very firm in all lines, except tin plates, the American demand for which is poor. Lead is advanced, and locally \$3.25 is now the lowest figure. The advance in spelter is confirmed, and for this reason galvanized sheets are also firmer. Local quotations for black sheets are a little easier, as follows: up to 16 gauge, \$2.50; 17 to 20 gauge, \$2.10; 22 to 24 gauge, \$2.20; 26 gauge, \$2.30, and \$2.40 for 28. The Association of Nail and Wire Manufacturers is now in session here, but nothing is yet known as to any changes that may be contemplated. We quote:—Coltness pig iron, none here; Calder, No. 1, none here; Calder, No. 3, none here; Summerlee, \$20.00 to 21.00; Eglinton, \$18.00 to 18.50; Gartsherrie, none here; Carnbroe, \$18.50 to 19.00; Shotts, \$19.50 ex-yard; Middlesboro, No. 3, \$17.00; Niagara, No. 2, \$21.00; Siemens pig, No. 1, \$16.75 to 17.00; Ferrona, No. 1, \$16.75 to 17.00; machinery scrap, \$14 to 15.00; common do., \$12 to 13.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.50 to \$1.60; British, \$2.00 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.00; Canada plates—Blaina, or Garth, \$2.15, 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets \$2.20; 75 sheets \$2.25; all polished Canadas, \$2.30 to 2.75; Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$5.75 to 6.00; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.50; No. 26, \$2.40; No. 24, \$2.30; Nos. 17 to 20, \$2.25; No. 16 and heavier, \$2.50; 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, 6c.; No. 26, 6½c.; 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, \$3.15 to 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.; bartin, 16½ to 17c.; ingot copper, 11½ to 12c.; sheet zinc, \$4.50 to 4.75; Silesian spelter, \$4.25 to 4.50; American do., \$4.25 to 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.**—Spring freight rates go into effect to-day, and shipping out of orders, which have been booked some time, will now be active. In values there is little new. Sperm oil is a little off. The arrival of the first sealing steamer is reported from St. Johns, Newfoundland, with a fair catch, but it will be yet some time before complete reports are to hand. We quote: Turpentine, 1 to 4 brls., 45c. Linseed oil, raw, 54c. per gal.; boiled, 57c.; 4 to 9 brl. lots, 1c. less; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; castor, in lots, 6½c.; single cases, 7c.; tins, 7½c.; Nfld. cod, 34 to 35c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 35c. 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, 45 to 50c.; 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, 13½c. in bulk, pound packages 15c.; window glass, \$1.25 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.35 for second break; third break, \$2.90.

**WOOL.**—The local market shows little change, and just a moderate movement. Stocks on spot are light. A cargo of cape, some 1,200 bales, is en route for this market, but is not due for a month yet. A second cargo is also said to be about loading. We quote Cape 14 to 16c.; Natala, 16 to 17c.; Australian, none here; B.A. scoured, 27 to 33c.; domestic fleece, 22 to 24c.; domestic pulled, 22 to 23c.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, April 1st, 1896.

**BURNING OILS.**—Trade is quiet, the movement in burning oils showing a seasonable falling off. Prices, however, continue firm. The report of an oil well in Pelee Island producing thirty-five to forty barrels per day is attracting the attention of oil merchants, otherwise affairs in oil circles are uninteresting.

**DRUGS.**—Business is not brisk in drug circles and collections are very slow. In values the feature of the week has been a sharp advance in cod liver oil, dealers now quoting as high as \$2.00 to 2.25 for Newfoundland, and \$3.00 for Norway. Insect flowers are firm. Quinine is firm abroad, but locally values have not advanced. Glycerine is firm. Cream tartar is reported easier abroad, but prices here are no higher. Opium remains unchanged in price, but if reported damages to the crop have foundation, the situation will gain strength later in the season.

**GRAIN.**—There is practically no change in the wheat situation. Prices in the local market show no alteration, and are, apparently, better maintained than in American speculative centres. Deliveries remain of a limited character. The depth of snow which still remains on the ground has served as a protection to the growing crop from the frequent changes in temperature which have occurred the past week. Manitoba wheat continues unchanged and the market will probably show little variation before the opening of navigation. The occasional transactions made in barley are at lower prices, dealers quoting at a range of 32 to 42c. per bushel. Oats continue dull, the market having eased off 1c. per bushel. Peas are also lower in view of weakness in English markets. Rye is quiet. Corn remains nominal. Buckwheat is quoted 1c. lower, the market being dull at the decline.

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on March 21st were 3,445,616 bushels. During the week there were received 21,196 bushels, and shipped 34,628 bushels, leaving in store on March 28th, 3,428,584 bushels.

**GROCERIES.**—The holiday which breaks the week has not proved a stimulating factor, and trade has been confined within rather narrow limits. There is fairly good demand for coffees; primary markets are steady, but favor importers. The local situation in sugars is unchanged, although an advance of 1-16c. in refined, in New York on Tuesday, the first since March 16th, has added strength to the situation. New Orleans molasses meet with good request, 28c. being quoted for barrels, and 32c. for half barrels. Teas find only moderate demand and the situation is uninteresting. Canned goods have been selling well during the week. Corn is active. Tomatoes are firm, with 85c. quoted. Peas are moving freely.

**HARDWARE & METALS.**—March business will in the aggregate compare favorably with business during the same month a year ago. The snow blockade caused a temporary falling off in trade, but merchants are now receiving the delayed orders. Spring freight rates come into force on April 1st, and large quantities of goods are being sent forward to various consumptive points on orders booked some time ago. In spades, shovels, screen doors, rope, harvest tools, and general heavy hardware, there is good movement. Trade in nails, both cut and wire, is slow, many country dealers having placed their orders prior to the recent advance in the price lists. Dealers have no reason to complain of the metal trade, inasmuch as there is good request for galvanized iron, black iron, and steel sheets and tin plate; however, the movement in ingot copper and antimony shows a falling off. Last week manufacturers reduced prices in barb wire and plain wire 12½c., the quotation now being \$2.87½ per 100 lbs., with terms of delivery unchanged. In plumbers' supplies enquiries are more free, and prospects for the April trade are very bright. The improvement rests, however, almost entirely with the country, the city building trade remaining quiet.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—Affairs in the hide market remain very dull. Dealers continue to pay 5c. to butchers for green hides. Offerings run largely 2's and 3's, while No. 1 are not of the best quality. For cured hides 4c. is quoted, but it is some time since a transaction was made at this figure. Sales have been effected during the week at 5½c. Eastern tanners are bidding 5½c., but we have not learned that these offers

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