Leather.—Trade in this line is still comparatively quiet, local shoe manufacturers not being free buyers as yet. Quebec manufacturers also are not in the market to any degree, as jobbers have not yet placed orders to any extent for spring footwear. Prices in all lines are well sustained.

Metals and Hardware.—Good business is reported by all dealers in these lines. As regards values, few changes are reported. Ingot tin has shown further easing off, and is now quoted at 29½c. in a jobbing way for Straits; copper steady at 14c., and lead at $3.10. Antimony continues to rule low at 7c. It is reported that cast iron, steam and hot water fittings, of which considerable quantities are imported from the United States, are being offered at considerably lower prices. Pig iron inclines to easiness. No. 1 Summerlee is quoted at about $20, and No. 2 at $19.25 to $19.50. There is little English iron available owing to a scarcity of tonnage from shipping ports. The new furnace at Londonderry is not yet blown in, but is expected to be in blast shortly. Bars are steady at $1.90 to $1.95; bar steel, $2.10, and cast steel 7½ to 7¾c.

Oils, Paints and Glass.—Orders are said to be coming in well. There is no improvement in the linseed oil market and cut prices still prevail. Fish oils very dull. Turpentine firmly held at high prices. Stocks of glass rather low, but full new supplies are about due. Quotations are as follows: Single barrels, raw linseed oil, 48 to 49c.; boiled, 51 to 52c., net 30 days, or 3 per cent. for 4 months' terms. Turpentine, 85 cents; single barrels. Olive oil, machinery, 90c. to $1; cod oil, 35 to 37½c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 50 to 55c. per gal.; straw do., 45 to 47c.; castor oil, 7½ to 8c., for machinery; pharmaceutical ditto, 8½ to 9c.; lead (chemically pure and first-class brands), $4.85 to $5; No. 1, $4.60; No. 2, $4.40; No. 3, $4.15; No. 4, $3.90; dry white lead, 4½ to 4¾c. for pure; No. 1 ditto, 4 to 4¼c.; genuine red ditto, 4¼ to 4½c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; putty, in bulk, bbls., $1.80; 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, 40c.; Paris white, 75 cents; Venetian red, $1.50 to $1.75; yellow ochre, $1.25 to $1.50; spruce ochre, $1.75 to $2; Paris green, 14c. in bulk, and 15c. in 1-lb. packages; window glass, per 100 ft., $3.50 for first break; $3.70 for second break, and $4.20 for third break; per 50 feet, $1.95 for first break; $2.05 for second break.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Oct. 1, 1903.

Chemicals, Drugs, etc.—The volume of trade being done in local drug circles is fair; prices remain steady, but there is no very special feature to report. Quinine and opium are both in moderate supply. British reports speak of a fairly good export demand for some lines, but domestic wants are of a hand-to-mouth order.

Flour and Grain.—The firmness in flour continues, and, indeed, the tendency is still towards higher prices. Car lots of ninety per cent. patents fetch $3.05, in buyers' bags, middle freights, with extra brands a little higher. Millfeed is firmer, while oatmeal is steady. Ontario wheat has gone down from 1 to 2c., while Manitoba is dull at unchanged quotations. Barley and oats are 1 to 2c. lower, and dull at the decline. Peas and rye unchanged. Not very much is moving.

Fruit and Vegetables.—Arrivals of fruit are gradually falling off, but the demand continues good and prices keep steady. Peaches are plentiful, and sell at 20 to 35c. Grapes are now coming in in large quantities. Cape Cod cranberries sell at $9 per bbl. Other prices may be quoted as follows: Cocoanuts, per sack, $3.70 to $5; oranges, late Valencias, $4.50 to $5; Jamaica oranges, $6.50 to $7 per bbl.; lemons, Verdelli, $4 to $4.50; bananas, 8's, $1.50 to $2; firsts, $2 to $2.50; extras, $2.50 to $3; sweet potatoes, $3.75 to $4 per bbl.; tomatoes, 20 to 25c. per basket; celery, 30 to 35c. per doz.; cucumbers, 15 to 20c. per small basket; gherkins, 40 to 90c.; Spanish onions, $2.75 to $3 per large case, and 90c. to $1 for small.

Groceries.—A good business is being done throughout the country. In canned salmon, cohoes are hard to obtain under $1.35. Canned tomatoes are nominally $1.05, but we have heard of more having been paid. Dried fruits will be arriving within the next week or so, and prices will be better fixed then. Teas continue high priced, but not very much business is passing. Sugars remain unchanged from last week; the movement is fair.

Hides, Skins and Leather.—A somewhat easier market prevails for hides, though prices remain generally the same. Sheepskins continue at 55c. Calfskins are steady. Tallow is unchanged. Prospects for a good fall's leather trade are good, but for the moment it is slow.

Provisions.—Both butter and eggs are showing the effect of a good brisk demand from the Old Country. Dairy butter has gone up to 16 to 17c.; prints, 18 to 20c., while creamery boxes fetch 18 to 20c., and prints 21 to 22c. Eggs are held at 18 to 19c. for new laid, 16 to 17c. for pickled. Cheese is firm around 12c. Receipts of poultry are larger and prices are easier. A good demand exists, however, in all lines. Smoked meats of all sorts are in request, and it is likely will continue so till navigation closes.