

Scotch grained, 36 to 42c.; Splits large, 22 to 28c.; ditto, small, 16 to 24c.; Calf-splits, 28 to 32c.; Calfskins, (35 to 46lbs.), 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Calfskins, 80 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskin Linings, 30 to 40c.; Harness, 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 13 to 16c.; Pebbled Cow, 12 to 15c.; Rough, 23 to 28c.; Russet and Bridle, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—General business in these lines does not show any improvement of late, and the uncertainty prevailing with regard to duties has acted unfavorably on trade. The iron market in Britain also continues to rule dull and weak, and warrants are cabled at 38/-. Local prices are unchanged; stocks are low, and there is practically no Lamgloan or Coltness in the market. Finished iron is unchanged; tinplates at home very steady; Canada plates dull and neglected; tin is advanced at home, also copper, lead as before. General hardware prices unchanged. We quote:—Summerlee and Gartsherrie, \$18.50; Langloan and Coltness, \$18.50 to \$19.00; Shott, \$18.00 to \$18.50; Elginton and Dalmellington, \$16.50 to \$17; Calder, \$18.00; Carnbroe, \$17.50 to \$18; Hematite, \$18 to \$20; Siemens, No. 1, \$18 to \$18.50; Bar Iron, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Best Refined, \$1.90; Siemens bar, \$2.10; Canada Plates, Blaina, \$2.30 to \$2.40; Penn & Co. \$2.40 to \$2.45. Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Charcoal I. C., \$4.35 to \$4.75; do I.X., \$5.75 to \$6.25; Coke I.C., \$3.75 to \$4; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5½ to 7c., according to brand; Tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c.; No. 26, 7c., the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and Bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.90 to \$2; Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs.,—Staffordshire, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Common Sheet iron, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 to 11c. Lead, per 100 lbs.—Pig, \$3.50 to \$4; Sheet, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Shot, \$6 to \$6.50; best cost steel, 11 to 13c. firm; Spring, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Tire, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2 to \$2.25; Round Machinery Steel, 3 to 3½c. per lb.; Ingot tin, 23 to 25c.; Bar Tin, 27c.; Ingot Copper, 12½ to 13c.; Sheet Zinc, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Spelter, \$4 to \$4.50; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.40, per 100 lbs.

OILS AND PAINTS.—Turpentine very firm at advance with an increasing scarcity, and 75c. asked for small lots. Linseed oil steady at 58 to 59c for raw; boiled 61 to 62c. Steam refined seal in light demand and rather easier, 52½c. would be accepted for fair lots; Nfld. cod is scarce and held firmly at 55 to 57½c.; Gaspe 52½ to 54c.; Halifax 48 to 52c.; cod liver about 80c.; castor steady at 8½ to 9c. per lb.; olive \$1.00 to \$1.05 for pure. Leads are firm at advance at home. No change here. We quote 9c., olive as before; steam refined seal, 52½ to 55c.; Newfoundland cod, 55 to 57½c.; Gaspe 52½ to 55c. Lead is again advanced at home, a rise of 10 shillings being reported. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$5.50 to \$5; No. 1, \$5; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.00. Dry white lead, 5½c.; red, do. 4½ to 4¾c. These prices for sound lots. London washed whiting, 50 to 60c.; Paris white, \$1.25; Cookson's Venetian red, \$1.75; other brands Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.60; Yellow ochre, \$1.50; Spruce ochre, \$2 to \$3. Glass \$1.70 per 50 feet for first break.

PROVISIONS.—In butter there is a continued good demand for the better grades, and the market is firm. We quote: Creamery 22 to 26c; good to choice townships 16 to 21c.; Morrisburg 14 to 20c.; Western 9 to 15c. Cheese steady at 9½ to 10c. for Oct. and Sept. makes, other grades 8 to 8½c. Eggs coming in freely, strictly fresh 16 to 16½c. Dressed hogs \$6.50 to \$7.00; Western Mess \$14 to \$14.25; lard 9½ to 9¾c.; hams 11½ to 12c.; bacon 10½ to 11c.

SALT.—We can only repeat former quotations, which are altogether unchanged:—Factory-filled, per bag, \$1.15 to \$1.20; elevens, 52½ to 55c.; twelves, 50 to 52½c.; Higgins' Eureka, per sack, \$2.40; half sacks, \$1.20; quarters, 60c.; Ashton's sacks, \$2.40; half sacks, \$1.20; quarters, 50c.; Turk's Island, 30c. per bushel. Rock salt 50c. per cwt., special rates for ton lots.

WOOL.—There is a continued fair demand, but as regards domestics there is no A or B in the market, and only one small lot of unassorted; black also is hardly to be had. Foreign wools are in better supply, and selling pretty well. We quote: Cape, 14 to 16½c.; Natal, 17 to 20c.; Australian, 22 to 30. Domestic, A super, 27 to 38c.; B super, 22 to 24c.; unassorted, 21 to 22c.; fleece, 19 to 21c.; black 21 to 22c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, March 18th, 1886.

Transactions on the Stock Exchange have been moderate in extent with a firm undertone, chiefly in bank shares, which nearly all close at an advance over last week. Dominion Bank sold at 216, and Hamilton at 135, the highest prices reached in the history of these institutions. Ontario advanced 2% to 112½, and Toronto is 1% higher at 197 bid. Western Assurance was fairly active at 129 to 130 cum allotment of new stock, and is now quoted ex allotment at 120½ to 125. There were large dealings in Consumers' Gas at 190 to 188, and back again to 189½ at the close. Canada North-West Land was weak, declining from 78½ to 75½. The only feature amongst loan societies' shares was the fall in London and Canadian from 157½ to 153. The plentiful supply of money still brings investors into the market, and the quantity of stocks carried on margin is consequently limited.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Prices in this line are sufficiently firm as not to affect the trade in broker packages. Essential oil of lemon has taken a decided upward turn during the last month, and quotations are now approximately \$2.50 to \$3.25. Citric acid in sympathy with this rise has advanced nearly 50 per cent, in European markets, and is worth 75c. and scarce. Quinine is very low. Pink root has jumped to 90c. per pound. Cube berries are held firmly. The turpentine market in New York is said to be considerably excited, and has advanced, which, however, may prove to be only temporary.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Trading in flour has been done to a limited extent this week at prices which are practically the same as last Thurs-

day. In oatmeal and cornmeal sales are not numerous and values are unchanged. Bran still quotes at \$12.50 to \$13.00, sales having been made at the latter figure.

GRAIN, WHEAT.—Values of wheat are at least a cent higher than last week and the market is steady. No. 1 fall is quoted at 85 to 86c.; No.

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