

for large; coon, 90c. to \$1.25 for large; higher figures for black, according to size and color; skunk, 40c. to \$1.40, according to color and stripe.

GROCERIES.—The week has been a quiet one, and some of the travelling salesmen are still at home. With regard to prices, there is little new to note. Sugars are fairly steady at the decline of last week, with not a great deal doing. The St. Lawrence factory, which was shut down for the Christmas holidays, has resumed operations. Molasses is in very fair jobbing demand here, and is firmly held at 42 to 43c. for Barbadoes; Porto Rico, 38 to 40c., and Antigua, 34 to 36c. Valencia raisins continue high and scarce; no further supplies being available at outside points; some holders say they would not be disposed to entertain offers of 7c. for fair lots off-stalk. Canned goods continue very firm at \$1.10 for corn, and 95c. to \$1 for tomatoes, in quantity. Gallon apples are now quoted at \$2.40 in lots, evaporated apples, 8 to 8½c.

HIDES.—Beef hides are easier in price this week by half a cent, due, largely, no doubt, to the seasonable deterioration in quality, and perhaps somewhat to easier prices abroad. Dealers are now buying on the basis of 10c. per lb. for No. 1; quotations to tanners, 10½ to 11c. Lambskins are advanced to 90 to 95c. each.

LEATHER.—This is the dulllest week in the year, in the leather trade, and there is practically nothing doing. Values, however, are all firmly held, more especially in sole, of which there is quite a noteworthy scarcity. A large local firm is said to be quite short of stock, and a leading firm of Western tanners, writing their local agent, under date of 2nd inst., say that an English buyer has just cleared them out of several lines. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 26c.; No. 2, B.A., 24½ to 25½c.; No. 3, B.A., 23½ to 24c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 24 to 25c.; No. 2, 22½ to 23c.; No. 1 slaughter, 28 to 29c.; No. 2, ditto, 25 to 27c.; common, 20 to 21c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; ditto, heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits, 22 to 25c.; Quebec ditto, 18 to 20c.; juniors, 16 to 17c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calfskins, (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 24c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskins linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 31 to 33c.; buffed cow, 13 to 15c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 12½ to 14c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12½ to 14c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Ingot tin shows some recovery, and cable quotations show a recovery of from £7 to £8 from recent lowest points. Copper is a little easier; lead, firm. Pig iron shows little present local demand, but is firmer than ever, and \$28 is the regular quotation for Summerlee. The English market is reported stronger for tin, and all other descriptions of plates. Antimony is a shade stronger. Spelter, easy. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$28; Carnbroe, \$25; Calder, \$27; Hamilton, No. 1, \$30.00 to \$30.00; No. 2, do., \$30.00 to \$30.00; Ferrona, No. 1, \$30; machinery scrap, \$19 to \$20; common ditto, \$30 to \$30; bar iron, Canadian, \$2.40 to \$2.45; Canada plates—Pontypool or equal, 52 sheets to the box, \$2.80 to \$2.85; 60 sheets, \$2.90; 75 sheets, \$2.95; all polished Canadas, \$3.25; Galvanized Canada plates, \$4.25 per box of 52 sheets; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$8; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$3 to \$3.10; No. 26, \$2.95 to \$3.05; No. 24, \$2.95; No. 16, and heavier, \$3; tin plates; Charcoal, I.C. Alloway, \$4.80 to \$5; do., I.X., \$5.25 to \$5.50; P.D., Crown, I.C., \$5.50 to \$5.75; do., I.X., \$4.75; coke,

I.C., \$4.40 to \$4.50; galvanized sheets, No. 28, Queen's Head, \$4.75; No. 26, \$4.25 to \$4.50; No. 24, \$2 in case lots; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6c.; No. 26, etc., the usual extra for large sizes. Steel boiler plate, 38-inch, and upwards, \$3.15; ¼-inch, \$3.25; tank steel, \$2.90; ¼-inch; three-sixteenths, \$3; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.95; Russian sheet iron, 9 to 9½c.; lead, per 100 lbs., \$4.40 to \$4.50; sheet, \$4.75 to \$5; shot, \$6 to \$6.50; best cast-steel, 11 to 12c.; toe calk, \$3.40 to \$3.50; spring, \$3.50; sleigh shoe, \$2.80 to \$2.85; tire, \$2.85; round machinery steel, \$3.57, as to finish; ingot tin, 29½ to 30c. for L. & F.; Straits, 28 to 28½c.; bar tin, 35c.; ingot copper, 17¼ to 17½c.; sheet-zinc, \$7.50 to \$8; Silesian spelter, \$5.40; Veille Montagne spelter, \$5.50; American spelter, \$5.40 to \$5.50; antimony, 10½ to 11c.

OILS, PAINTS, GLASS, ETC.—Business is still of holiday character. A few travellers are getting out this week, but the bulk of them will hardly be upon the road before the 10th inst. In values, there is nothing new. The quarterly meeting of the Lead Grinders' Association will be held on the 9th inst., when some further advance in prices is deemed not improbable. We quote: Single barrels, raw, and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 62 and 65c. per gallon, for one to four barrel lots; 5 to 9 barrels, 61 and 64c.; net, 30 days, or 3 per cent., for four months' terms. Turpentine, one to four barrels, 75c.; five to nine barrels, 74c.; net 30 days. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Cod oil, 37½ to 40c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 40 to 42½c. per gallon; Castor oil, 8 to 8½c., in quantity; tins, 9 to 9½c.; machinery castor oil, 7½ to 8c.; Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$6.37½; No. 1, \$6; No. 2, \$5.67½; No. 3, \$5.25; No. 4, \$4.87½; dry white lead, 5½ to 6c. for pure; No. 1, ditto, 5c.; genuine red ditto, 5c.; No. 1, red lead, 4½ to 4¾c.; Putty, in bulk, bbls., \$1.65; kegs, \$1.80; bladder putty, in bbls., \$1.80; smaller quantities, \$1.95; 25-lb. tins, \$2.05; 12½-lb. tins, \$2.30; London washed whitening, 60c.; Paris white, 75 to 82c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2. Window glass, \$2 per 50 feet for first break; \$2.10 for second break.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, January 3rd, 1900.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Dullness is pronounced in this market, and the feeling heavy. There seems to be no snap to the market in either England or the United States; in Chicago, even, there is no speculation. Possibly the higher price of money, consequent on the South African troubles, affects all breadstuffs. We have no changes to make in quotations.

GRAIN.—There is some enquiry for spring Ontario wheat for export, and a little Manitoba keeps moving all the while. As to winter wheat there is very little movement; in fact, nearly the whole demand comes from millers, and even they are chary of buying wheat, when they are not, as they declare, getting any orders for flour; barley is dull and unchanged, at 39c. for No. 1; oats dull and nominal; in rye nothing is doing. Ontario distillers being apparently filled up.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—A feeling of buoyancy pervades the trade because of improvement of metal values during the year and partly because of a satisfactory year's business. Stocks are fairly well assorted. All Canadian made hardware is firm in price; most of the mills are busy producing enough to fill the demand. Iron and steel goods generally are good value, and stocks are none too heavy, considering the demand. We alter quotations of

coopers' hoops. Lead is steady and firm; the war has had a firming effect on prices. Tin and copper had a set-back a fortnight ago, but have recovered most of the decline; we quote ingot tin, 33 cents, and ingot copper, 19 to 20 cents; zinc, steady; quotations for galvanized iron are \$4.50 for gauges 16 to 24; \$4.75 for No. 26; \$5 for No. 28; tin plates, I.C., \$4.50; Canada plates, all dull, \$3; ½-pol., \$3.10; full pol., \$3.20.

HAY AND STRAW.—There is a fair supply of both on the market, and as much coming in from the country, from day to day, as is wanted. The price of hay has ranged from \$11 to \$13 per ton for the week for timothy, and \$9 to \$10.50 for mixed; bundled straw commands \$8 to \$9.50 per ton.

HIDES AND SKINS.—No change in price, 9½c. per lb. is still paid for green cows, and 10c. for steers; cured and inspected sell in moderate parcels at 10½ to 11c. However, the English market is a farthing easier, and the Chicago market ¼c. easier, and both these must be expected to be reflected here. Meanwhile, there is no accumulation at this point. Sheepskins find ready sale at our quotations.

HOPS.—The market is quieter and prices easier. Some small transactions this week at 14 to 16c., and one sale last month late of 23 bales, choice, at 15½c. Brewers appear to be pretty generally stocked up. The supply is fair; in the opinion of one dealer, the supply of yearlings must be pretty well used up.

PROVISIONS.—Activity in meats is not to be expected at the holiday season; poultry is the great thing then, and accordingly, as we have said a week ago, there was poultry galore. What was carried over has been sold at sacrifice prices, and to-day good fresh unfrozen turkeys would bring 9c. per lb.; geese, 6½c.; chickens, 35 to 40c. per pair. Hog products unchanged and quiet, as to mess pork and mess beef; the number camps will not be replenishing until spring. Lard is very firm, for the most of last year it ruled too low, compared with the price of dressed hogs, and holders think it should come up now; eggs are firm at higher prices; fresh are in fair supply and bring 22c.; butter of all kinds is scarce, probably because there was no stock of summer butter on hand, and there is now nothing to fall back on but fresh-made; we quote dairy rolls, 18 to 19c.; tubs, 18 to 20c.; creamery tubs, 21 to 22½c.; prints, 22 to 23c. per lb.; cheese is firm at 12½c. for September make; the supply is only moderate, but adequate to the demand.

WOOL.—Canadian woolen mills are all reported busy, yet they are none of them buying wool in any great quantity. Foreign wools are, therefore, quiet. As to domestic, the bulk of Ontario fleece has been marketed, and there is not much left in the country now. We do not alter quotations.

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