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and the present level here. There are some currants and Valencia raisins on the "Dracoma" in port from the Mediterranean, but prices remain steady at 6½ to 7c. for the former and 5½ to 6c. for the latter. Spices show little change, and the late rise in pepper is maintained. Starch has advanced half a cent a pound. Canned salmon are firm at \$1.70 to 1.75; lobsters scarce and dear. Tomatoes easier owing to the fact that large speculators in the West have been unable to corner the market, and they have been offered in blocks as low as 90c., but in a jobbing way good brands are still sold at \$1.10 to 1.20.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—First steamers have brought fair quantities of pig iron, &c., all of which was on order, and actual stocks here have not as yet been replenished, but still prices have been subject to a general revision, and put upon a summer basis. Pig iron is from \$2 to 3.00 a ton cheaper; bars have dropped to \$2.00 owing to severe local competition principally, though also lower in England; tin plates also lower; tin we quote nominally at 30 to 35c., though it could probably be bought considerably cheaper in fair lots; Canada plates steady, but tin plates easier, copper steady, lead easier, also zinc. We quote:—Coltress, \$19; Calder and Summerlee, \$18.75; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$17.50; Gartsherrie, \$18.50; Siemens, \$19.00 for No. 1; Carnbroe, \$18; Middlesboro, No. 1, \$17; cast scrap, railway chairs, &c., none; machinery scrap, \$17.00; common ditto, \$16; bar iron, \$2; best refined, \$2.25 to 2.35; Siemens, \$2.00. Canada Plates—Blaina, \$2.50 to 2.60. Tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$6; charcoal I.C., \$4.25 to 4.50; do. I.X., \$5.25 to 5.50; coke, I.C., \$3.90; galvanized sheets, No. 28, 4½ to 7c., according to brand; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 5½c.; No. 26, 6½c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.20 to 2.30. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75; common sheet iron, \$2.50 to 2.75; steel boiler plate, \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 11c.; lead, per 100 lbs., —; pig, \$4.00 to 4.25; sheet, \$4.50; shot, \$6.00 to 6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 11½c.; spring, \$2.50 to 2.80; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.40 to 2.50; round machinery steel, \$3.00 to 0.00; ingot tin, 30 to 35c.; bar tin, 30 to 35c.; ingot copper, 19c.; sheet zinc, \$5.00; spelter, \$5.00; antimony, 15c.; bright iron wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.15 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.20 to 2.25.

PAINTS, OILS, AND GLASS.—Leads are firm at quotations, and though dry lead has receded somewhat of late from its highest point, still prices of ground lead here are proportionately low. There is a good deal of linseed oil arriv-

ing in first vessels, relieving the scarcity of raw, and prices are easier. We quote 55 to 57c. for raw, and 58 to 60c. for boiled as to lot; turpentine also is easier at 58 to 60c., and will probably be lower as soon as first lots by barge come to hand. Some fresh supplies of glass are close at hand; quotations are unchanged, but would probably be shaded for large orders. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.75 to 6.00; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25; dry white lead, 5½c.; red do., 4½c.; London washed whiting, 50 to 55c.; Paris white, \$1.00; Cookson's Venetian red, \$1.75; other brands Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.60; yellow ochre, \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$2.00 to 3.00. Window glass, \$1.50 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.60 for second break; these are straight prices, the usual discount on 50 box lots being discontinued.

WOOL.—Business is comparatively quiet just now, there being a slackness in the demand from mill men. There is a general scarcity of all classes of domestic wools. Cape is quoted at 14½ to 17c.; Australian 15½ to 19c.; fleece 24 to 25c.; domestic supers altogether nominal. A cargo of Cape is afloat for this market.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, May 10th, 1888.

DRUGS AND MEDICINES.—Things are quiet, and the volume of trade not so great as this time last year. Among the few features worthy of mention are that mercuries are still very high, opium and morphia easy, quinine also easy; methylated spirits are high in price, awaiting the action of Government, which should not longer be delayed.

DRY GOODS.—No exception to the general dullness in wholesale circles is furnished by the dry goods trade. All the pushing and coaxing and dating ahead ever tried will not get people to buy summer goods freely while the air is cold and raw as at present, and farmers perceive no growth. The sunshine is uncertain, "like an April day," and the country store-keeper's mind is likewise uncertain; he is waiting for his shelves to be lightened. The retailer on the frontier or on the lake is waiting for navigation to be fully open; only the city retailer is free to trade, and even he is backward. Each and all seem to lack heart.

FISH.—Trade, in the absence of stocks, is very quiet. What few Lake Ontario ciscoes come to hand are eagerly bought up. By next week whitefish and trout will be on the market, word having come that the boats have at last got away.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—While the demand is not yet very brisk still the market keeps steady and prices firm. Enquiries are principally from the Maritime Provinces, for extras and straights, of which there have been sales at our figures. Bran quotes at \$15 to \$15.50, with not much business to report.

GRAIN.—As will be seen from our prices current, values of both fall and spring wheat are from one to two cents higher than a week ago. English and American markets have been firm, which has favorably affected ours. Local millers are buying generously of white, red winter, and Manitoba wheat; the latter quotes at 90 to 95c. Peas have also advanced and buyers are offering at 70 to 71c. Dealers say there are no stocks here, and supplies come from along the line of the Grey and Bruce road. Oats are steady at about 33½ to 34c. Rye is still scarce and higher. Both corn and barley are nominal, the latter neglected.

GROCERIES.—An improved feeling is apparent in teas. For all good-drawing Hysons and Congous there is a steady demand with but a short supply. The like may be said with respect to Japans, for all over 22c. are in request and the supply is limited. It is at present the case that a Toronto house can sell—and on Wednesday did sell—a line of fine greens of its own importation from China via the Pacific and C. P. R., against all the English samples in the market. A better tone is shown in sugars, and a spurt of more active business would suffice to advance prices. Jamaica has sold freely this week in hhd's. Some selected Valencia raisins are shown at 7½c. A Valencia authority says: "Of the total crop of raisins the past season, say 35,000 tons, 15,000 tons consisted of sound stock, 10,000 tons rain damaged, and 10,000 tons for distilling."