

nary 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, \$2.00; Russian sheet iron, 9 to 10c.; lead, per 100 lbs., pig, \$3.15;

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 machit nery steel, \$2.50; ingot tin, 16c. for L. & F.; Straits, 15½c.; bar tin, 16½ to 17c.; ingot copper, 11½ to 12c.; sheet zinc, \$4.50 to 4.75; Silesian spelter, \$4.25; American do., \$4 to 4.25. 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.—An understanding has now been arrived at among local dealers, acting in harmony with the Western trade, with regard to prices of linseed oil and turpentine, in which lines there has been much cutting. The fixed price for raw linseed oil is now 53 to 54c., boiled 56 to 57c.; turpentine, in one to four barrel lots, 45c.; five barrels and upwards open. Castor oil continues very firm at quotations. Fish oils dull; cod oil was offered last week in Quebec at 29c. f.o.b. in car lots. In leads and paints there is nothing new. Some moderate lots of glass to sort up stocks, are being received *vi* Portland. 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, 9 c.; 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, 40 to 45c.; 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.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, March 12th, 1896.

DRUGS.—Only a fair movement is reported in the drug market. Opium is weak, with prices shaded in primary markets. Castor oil

Notice is Hereby Given

That, in pursuance of the by-law in that behalf, the Annual General Meeting of the

Confederation Life Association

will be held at the head office of the company

On **TUESDAY, the 17th MARCH NEXT,**

at the hour of 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the report of the directors for 1895, the election of directors, and other business. Holders of participating policies are members and are entitled to take part in the business of the meeting.

J. K. MACDONALD,
Managing Director.

has fallen off in price. Glycerine is firm. Cream tartar remains strong. Rochelle salts are strong. Insect powder shows no sign of weakness. Carbolic acid is firm. The yield of Norwegian cod liver oil promises to be short in view of light catches reported recently. It is said that Newfoundland oil is finding its way into the market as Norwegian.

DRY GOODS.—It is pleasing to note the persistent energy with which merchants discuss the necessity of care in the credit department of the wholesale dry goods house. Nor is the movement ending in talk. Hitherto a retailer with \$500 has been able to obtain \$2,000 credit, and the wholesale trade have systematically built up competitors to their own good customers throughout the Dominion. The natural result of their unwise policy has been a multiplication of the middlemen beyond the requirements of a much larger country than Canada. Manufacturers and importers are canvassing the trade for autumn business in cotton goods. Elsewhere we note the season's novelties in prints. The usual line of staples is shown in indigos, four qualities being offered, grey backs and plates in pink and lilac. The gingham market is flat. Prices in the United States are demoralized, and goods are being offered here at great sacrifices. These goods are being gradually pushed out of trade by the law of substitution, other textiles, cheaper and more attractive, taking their place in the favor of consumers.

GRAIN.—The wheat market shows a decline of 2c. per bushel during the week. The United States crop bulletin this month estimates that farmers are holding an unusually large quantity of wheat for this time of the year. Local deliveries are slow, but with the better roads, which it is reasonable to expect soon, receipts may be expected to improve. Manitoba is dull, although Ontario millers are showing some inclination to make purchases. Barley is dull and unchanged. Oats are weaker, with sales at 22½ to 23½c. outside, according to location. Peas are dull. Buckwheat shows no life.

GROCERIES.—There is a moderate volume of business being done in wholesale grocery circles. The green Rio coffee market has advanced from the lowest point reached some time ago, and sales are being made here at a range of 17½ to 21c. Java is quoted 24 to 33c.; Porto Rico, 22 to 23c., and Mocha, 29 to 31c. per lb. Trade in teas is only fairly active. Indian Pekoes and Pekoe Souchong are up ½d. abroad. Flavoury Ceylon Pekoes are scarce. Some good values in Young Hyson are being offered at a range of 11 to 25 cents. In Moning Congous some good wholesome teas are offered as low as 10 to 14c. per lb.; these teas show exceptional value and may be used in blends without materially affecting the blend of the tea. The starch factories are behind in their orders for glucose syrups, probably owing to the scarcity of low grade sugar syrups. There is no special feature in the distributive movement of sugars, as is usual at this season of the year. The latest advices from Cuba and the British Islands are not reassuring regarding the sugar crop. Telegrams from Cuba indicate that the island is in a deplorable condition, and the crop is practically lost. Mail advices from St. Kitts report that there have been revolts there, and a good deal of sugar cane has been destroyed by rioters. The field hands have risen for higher wages. In one case their demands were granted, and the news of their success has passed to other islands. British gunboats, the advices say, were called upon to suppress the revolt. In canned goods strength continues to rule in peas and tomatoes, other vegetables remaining unchanged.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—Trade in general lines of hardware is improving. Orders for prompt shipment are being placed more freely, while forward orders continue to be booked. At the advance made some days ago nails are firm; cut nails are 10 cents a keg dearer, while the discount on wire nails is now 70 and 12½ per cent. At these terms delivery is only up to March 15th, and at this date a further communication may be expected from manufacturers, but we are not able to predict as to its probable tenor. Building paper has advanced again, and plain is now quoted 45 cents, and tarred, 55 cents. Nearly all the season's orders for window glass are already booked. Dealers who have not placed their orders are informed that early delivery cannot be guaranteed. The tinware trade is rather active and some large quantities have been called for. In plumbers' supplies there is but little doing and trade is

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