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Wool.—The strong upward tendency in all outdoor markets is being reflected here, and woollen manufacturers are beginning to show more anxiety to buy. We quote:—Cape, 15 to 17c.; Australian, 15 to 20c.; domestics unchanged.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Dec. 27, 1888.

COAL AND WOOD.—We are very quiet all at once. Last week the activity was much greater than expected, and so the present stagnation is the natural course. The mild weather also makes a great difference in the demand. Just now there is comparatively nothing doing, and good stocks are laid in pretty well all round. Last week's figures stand.

DRUGS.—There has been but little doing. The market is steady in tone, but sales are very quiet, and are regulated by the pressing wants of purchasers. The demand for both quinine and opium is very light, and prices are easy. There is no change as a matter of fact in the drug market.

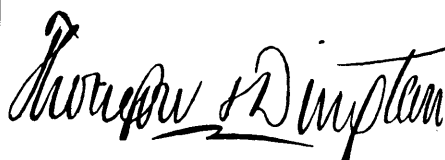
FLOUR AND MEAL.—The demand for flour has continued chronically dull. Straight roller was offered late last week at equal to \$4.85 without finding buyers; and at the close sellers of it could have taken the same figure, and sellers of extra probably \$4.65, without buyers being found for either, and prices closed purely nominal. Bran continued scarce and in good demand at advancing prices; at the close a car lying outside changed hands at equal to \$6.50 on the track here. No change can be reported in oatmeal; the only movement has continued to be that in small lots at \$4.00 to \$4.25 for standard, and \$4.50 for granulated, cars remaining purely nominal.

GRAIN.—A fairly good demand has been heard. Prices were firmer for wheat in the latter part of last week, when No. 2 fall and No. 2 red winter, lying outside, sold at equal to \$1.05 here, and No. 2 spring at the same figure; with one sale of No. 1 spring lying east at \$1.06; No. 1

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Manitoba hard at \$1.25. At the close, however, the market became unsettled in consequence of a break in the States, and \$1.03 was the best bid heard for No. 2 fall, red winter, and seed spring, but holders were not inclined to accept these prices, and no movement was reported. Oats have been in good demand and steady; mixed on track sold at 36c. for light and 37 and 37½c. for heavy weight; on Monday mixed lying outside sold at 33c., being equal to 36½c. here, and white on track brought 37½c. At the close the feeling was quiet but steady, with mixed on track sold at 37c. The movement in barley has been very small but values firm. No. 1 was wanted last week at 66½ to 67c., and small sales of No. 2 were made at 62 to 63c. f.o.c. At the close these prices would readily have been repeated; with extra No. 3 worth 60 to 61c. and No. 3 about 57c., but holders did not seem inclined to accept these figures, and almost none offered. Peas in fair demand at steady prices; lots lying outside sold daily at 58 to 59c., about equal to 60c. here, at which figures more could probably have found a sale. Rye inactive and easier, with street prices declined to 65c., but very little doing even on that market.

GROCERIES.—Business during the week has been quiet but prices are firmer. In canned goods, tomatoes are in demand. Tea is selling well, and there is special enquiry for green teas. We have a fair movement in tobaccos. In sugar trade is very dull but prices are maintained. Rice has not shown much activity but quotations are firm. Valencia raisins are much steadier, but in dried fruits generally there has not been a great deal doing, though values are being well sustained. Payments this week are not very good.

HARDWARE.—Trade has been very quiet. Most of the fitters are stock-taking. Prices in some lines are a little easy and in favor of buyers. Payments are slow. Metals are held firmly, especially iron.

HAY AND POTATOES.—Pressed has been offered more freely and taken less readily, even at easier prices, which closed at about \$14.50 to 15.50 for timothy by car-lot on track; clover unlikely to have brought over \$12.50 to 13.00, but nothing doing in it. Potatoes, car-lots inactive, but seemed at the close rather firmer and likely to find buyers at about 35c. on track, holders asking rather more for any on the spot.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Rather an increased supply of green of good quality at former prices; but cured have been weak with sales of car-lots at 6c. Calfskins, scarcely any green offered and cured are purely nominal. Sheepskins, offerings have been on the increase, but prices have been firm at \$1.15 to 1.25 for green, with a few going at \$1.30, and dry ranging from 65 to 80c. Rather more tallow offering, all readily taken at 5½ to 6½c. for rendered and 2½c. for rough. Nothing doing in trade lots.

HOPS.—Have been very quiet: the only movement reported is very small lots of choice new for the supply of the immediate needs of brewers, at 22 to 24c., these prices being nearly always for single bales only; yearlings held at 14 to 16c. but hardly any selling, and old without buyers at any price.