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TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Jan. 3, 1889.

DRUGS AND MEDICINES.—Business of late has been, while quiet, not unsatisfactory; money has been coming in well and dealers are hopeful of a very fair spring trade. Parcels have not been large, and there is no disposition to increase them rashly. As to prices, balsam copaiba is on the list of preparations advanced in price; cascara sagrada bark is becoming scarce and dear; senega root is also higher; cream tartar is lower at 32c.; rochelle salts lower, 32 to 35c.; caffeine and its preparations have dropped in price; quinine is easier.

DRY GOODS.—The wholesale houses, while not particularly busy, are now beginning to ship Canada tweeds and some lines of Canadian domestic cotton goods, orders for which were taken in November. Of these are denims, ticks, and cottonades. Prices are maintained, both in cottons and woollens. Indeed, orders for Canadian tweeds will not be filled at old prices, and Old Country woollen mills are asking an advance and are very stiff. Bradford advices say that soft goods, in which Botany wools are used, are all 6 to 10 per cent. higher. From Roubaix comes the news that all-wool cashmeres made there are five per cent. up. In cotton goods, we note several positive advances on dyed cotton materials, 5 per cent. on some and 7½ per cent. on cottonades. Such goods as gingham and some kinds of linings cannot be repeated in England at former prices. The recent advance on cotton spools, we observe, has brought about an increase in price of linen sewings also. The silk centres in France are excited over an advance in raw silk, which affects all descriptions of manufactured goods in that line. In all directions, therefore, there is firmness of price. Payments have not been bad, bad as the roads are of late by reason of the continued soft weather.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—This is rarely an active market at the present period of the year, and certainly there is no activity in it now. There have been transactions since our last in carlots of patent winter wheat flour at \$5.30 and 5.50 per bbl. Spring has moved at the same figure; straight roller sold last week at \$4.90, and now \$4.90 to 5.00 is paid; extra is nominal at \$4.60 to 4.65; no strong bakers' in market and no demand, local bakers getting supplied by out-of-town millers. The oatmeal market is featureless. Bran is bringing \$16 to 17 per ton.

FURS.—Though no great quantity of raw furs has come in from country districts as yet, they are expected to be sent in with freedom very shortly. Some bear are in already in fair condition, and bring \$12.00 to 16.00 for medium and from \$15.00 to 20.00 for large. Parcels of beaver have been arriving, and from \$2.00 to 6.00 has been paid, according to quality. Fisher are scarce, and if in right condition would find ready takers at \$3.50 to 5.00. Otter are in good demand and find ready sale at \$14.00 to 15.00 for No. 1. Mink are neglected, 60 to 75c. would be paid for No. 1. Lynx, if prime, are worth \$3.00 to 3.50. Raccoon are wanted at 70 to 75c. for No. 1. Skunk, we quote black \$1.00; striped, 25

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to 75c. Muskrats are coming in pretty freely, and realize 15c., a good price.

GRAIN.—A fair movement, for the season of the year, may be reported. The sales of wheat are mainly to local mills, and consist of parcels of No. 2 spring and fall and Manitoba. The last mentioned has sold repeatedly since our last at \$1.25 for No. 1; not much No. 2 in market, but it would bring \$1.20. There is no "Northern" wheat seen here this year, no grade having been made for it. Both No. 2 spring and fall are scarce (there is no No. 1 here), car-lots for mill purposes have brought \$1.03, but transactions are few. In barley there has been a fair movement, while but little demand exists for No. 1; there is plenty for No. 2, which has sold freely at 67c. and would still bring this figure. The lower grades are comparatively neglected, but we hear some request for No. 3 extra. But few oats are in market, and these No. 2; a number of sales have been readily made on track, white bringing 37c. and mixed 36c. Nothing doing in rye, which is nominal. Peas are moving in carlots at outside points, say 59 to 60c. Indian corn, nominal.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—We make no changes in price of iron, which is firm all over the list, the makers in Britain being full of orders and stiff in their views. Heavy goods are moving freely in this market, the machine shops being as a rule busy. Boiler tubes, 2-inch, should be quoted at 10 to 10½c., and 3-inch 13 to 13½c.; cut nails, though ostensibly sold at our quotations, are really in some cases cut to 10c. below them; there is equally foolish cutting in window glass, the supply of which is pretty well broken in upon. Rope is much higher, we quote both Manila and Sisal 16c. per pound. The lead market is steady. Copper is very firm, we refer elsewhere to the operations of the syndicate. Tin maintains its price.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The hide market is very dull; for green 5½c. is still paid, but dealers are not anxious for them, nor do tanners seem eager to buy cured and inspected, for they are slow of sale even at 6 to 6½c. Calfskins are nominal, the season being over. Sheepskins, fresh slaughtered, bring \$1 to 1.25, according to quality. Rough tallow we still quote 2½c., and rendered 5½ to 6½c., the latter showing weakness.

PROVISIONS.—A holiday quietness characterizes this market. In hog products quotations are nominally unchanged in the absence of demand. All that is moving really is breakfast bacon and hams in small parcels; dressed hogs are the turn easier, at \$6.75 to 7.00 for spot, according to quality; butter is steady, with moderate demand, stocks of it are light; cheese is firm and unchanged in price, cable, 58c.; eggs, pickled, we quote, 17 to 18c.; fresh, 21 to 22c.; dried apples are very dull at 3½ to 4c., we hear of no transactions; new hops of good quality are in demand at 23 to 25c., with moderate transactions; yearlings bring 13 to 15c. for choice and old are neglected.

WOOL.—Rather more enquiry is made and the feeling is somewhat firmer. No great rise is looked for, but continued activity is expected.