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METALS AND HARDWARE.—Scotch warrants remain about stationary, being last cabled at 43s. 10d. Makers' prices are again a trifle higher, owing doubtless to the colliers' strike. Local quotations for iron are entirely without change, and we do not even hear of a car lot moving since last report. In plates, bars, and heavy metals generally there is also great dulness. We quote:—Coltness pig iron, \$20; Calder, No. 1, \$19.00; Calder, No. 3, \$18.00; Summerlee, \$19.00 to 19.50; Eglington, \$18.00; Gartsherrie, \$19.00; Langloan, \$20; Carnbroe, \$17.50 to 18; Shotts, none here; Middlesboro, No. 3, none here; Siemens' pig No. 1, \$17.00 to \$17.50; Ferrona, No. 1, \$16.75 to \$17.50; machinery scrap, \$14 to 15; common do., \$8 to \$11; bar iron, \$1.95 for Canadian; car lots, \$1.90; British, \$2.25; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.25; Canada Plates—Blaina, or Garth, \$2.45 to \$2.50; all polished Canadas, \$3; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7 to 7.25. Black sheet iron No. 28, \$2.60; No. 26, \$2.50; No. 24, \$2.40; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.25 to 5.50; charcoal I. C., \$3.50 to 3.75; P.D. Crown, \$4; do. I.X., \$4.75 to 5; ooke I. C., \$3.10 to 3.25; ooke wasters, \$3.00; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 4½ to 5c.; Morewood, 6 to 6½c.; tinned sheets, ooke, No. 24, 6 to 6½c.; No. 26, 6½ to 6¾c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.30 to 2.35. Common sheet iron, \$2.25 to 2.40 according to gauge; steel boiler plate, 1-quarter inch and upwards, \$2.00; ditto, 3-sixteenths inch, \$2.60; common tank iron, \$1.65 to \$1.85; heads, \$3.00 to 3.25; Russian sheet iron, 10½ to 11c.; lead per 100 lbs., pig, \$2.80 to 3.00; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 10½ to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.40 round machinery steel, \$3; ingot tin, 20 to 22c.; bar tin, 25c.; ingot copper, 11½ to 12c.;

sheet zinc, \$5.00 to \$5.25; spelter, \$4.60 to \$4.75; American do., \$4.60 to \$4.75. Antimony 10½ to 12c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.65 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$3.35; the trade discount on wire is 15 per cent. Coil chain, ½ inch, 50c.; ¾ in., 4½c.; 7-16 in., 4½c.; 1 in., 3½ to 4c.; 1½ in., 4c.; 2 in., 3½c.; 2½ in., and upwards, 8c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—A holiday quietness prevails in these lines, and there is an entire absence of activity in wholesale circles. The firmness in seal oil, lately noted, is well maintained. All other lines remain dull at late prevailing prices. We quote:—Turpentine, 48c. per gallon for single barrels; two to four barrels, 47c.; Linseed oil, raw, 60c. per gallon; boiled 63c.; 5 brl. lots 1c. less; olive oil, none here; castor, 7 to 7½c. in cases; smaller lots, 7½ to 8c.; Nfld. cod, 41 to 42c. per gal.; Caspe oil, 38 to 39c.; steam refined seal, 50 to 52c. in small lots. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.00 to 5.25; No. 1, \$4.75; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25; dry white lead, 50c.; genuine red do., 4½c.; No. 1 red lead, 4½c.; London washed whitening, 50c.; Paris white 90c. to \$1; Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50. Window glass, \$1.25 per 50 feet for first break, \$1.35 for second break; third break, \$2.90.

WOOL.—There has been some little doing in small lots, but business on the whole has been quiet. We hear of some sales of Cape at 15c. and some extra good quality at 17c., but the general range is from 14 to 16½c. per lb.; Australian scoured about 33c.; B. A. scoured, 30c.; British Columbia, 12c.; domestic fleece, 18 to 20c.; pulled unassorted, 20 to 22c. per pound.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, December 21st, 1898.

DRUGS.—Most wholesale houses find trade quiet. Values for the most part show but little change. Quinine, however, is higher, having advanced in manufacturers' hands, and now stands quoted at 30 to 37c. Canada balsam, glycerine, ipecac, morphine and opium have been well maintained. In New York hyposulphite is higher. Oxalic acid is held rather better. Copperas is easy. Cutch appears very strong.

DRY GOODS.—In so far as the actual outward movement of goods is concerned trade is at a standstill. Many of the merchants express their disappointment with the season's trade, and say that it has not been profitable. However, everything points to an improvement in the spring trade. Travelers report that retail merchants will do less direct importing from Europe this year, preferring to wait and buy their goods from Canadian houses later in the season. Values are hardly so firm, owing to a lack of demand in staple textiles; kid gloves having made a sudden advance in price, are now lower.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—A very quiet trade is doing, and no improvement in the situation can be noticed. Straight rollers show the best movement and may be had at lower figures. We quote: Manitoba patent, \$3.75; strong bakers', \$3.50; straight rollers, \$2.75 to 2.80; extra, \$2.70 to 2.80. Oatmeal finds good movement. Bran is in active request and stands at \$13 to 13.50 per ton.

GRAIN.—Quotations remain unaltered. The movement of wheat is light; receipts are by no means large, but with the present good sleighing are expected to increase; there are few or no enquiries from abroad, but this is expected at this time of the year. Barley is quiet; the principal movement is to local maltsters who expect to make good profit in the event of the Wilson bill passing; however it is said the bill will almost certainly undergo modifications in this regard. Oats are in the most

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