

4½ to 5c. for French, Turkish 7c. No further developments in rice, but it may be considered as settled that last year's prices will not be repeated. Tobaccos as before. In spices cloves continue firm at 27 to 30c., nutmegs and mace dearer in England. A representative of the leading salmon canneries on the Pacific coast has been in town for orders for the coming season's pack, and prices are from 20 to 30c. a dozen higher than last year.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—Rather more enquiry is to be noted, but trade has not improved as was expected after the elections. Stocks of pig iron, &c., among consumers are generally very light, but still they are buying dribbles only as a rule, and car lots are the exception. Local supplies of pig iron too are well run down, but there are some moderate lots stormbound between here and the seaboard. There is not much of a novel character to be noted in the home market, warrants show some further decline, and are cabled at 43/8d, makers' prices are not subject to change, and local quotations are firmly held. Canada plates dull but steady; tin plates unchanged; tin 2/6d. higher at home, quotation being £101; copper a little weaker. We quote:—Summerlee and Langlois \$19.50 to \$20.00; Gartsherrie, \$19.00 to \$19.50; Colteess, \$20.00; Shotts, \$19.00; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$18.00; Calder, \$19.00 to \$19.00; Carnbroe, \$18.00; Hematite, \$20 to \$25; Siemens, No. 1, \$19.00 to \$19.50; Bar Iron, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Best Refined, \$1.85; Siemens Bar, \$2.10; Canada Plates, Blaine, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Penn and Pontypool, none here. Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Charcoal I. C., \$4.25 to \$4.75; do. I.X., \$5.50 to \$6.00; Coke I. C., \$3.75 to \$4.00; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5c. to 7c., according to brand; Tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c.; No. 26, 7c., the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.00; Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs., \$2.25; Staffordshire, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Common Sheet iron, \$2.00; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 to 11c. Lead, per 100 lbs.—Pig, \$3.75 to \$4.00; Sheet, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Shot, \$6.00 to \$6.50; best cast steel 11 to 13c., firm; Spring, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Tire, \$2.54 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoes, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Round Machinery Steel, 3 to 3½c. per lb.; Ingot tin 24½ to 25c.; Bar Tin, 27 to 28c.; Ingot Copper, 11 to 12½c.; Sheet Zinc, \$4.25 to \$5.00; Spelter, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.25 per 100 lbs.; Annealed do. \$2.30.

**OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.**—Linseed oil is rather easier; as noted last week round lots have been offered at shaded prices, and we quote 55 to 56c. for raw, 58 to 59c. for boiled; olive \$1.05 for pure; castor 8½ to 8¾c. per lb.; fish oils still find very slow sale, Nfld. cod is dull at 39 to 40c., Halifax 34 to 35c.; steam refined seal about 49c., pale ditto 43c., straw 38c.; cod liver firmer at 75 to 80c.; turpentine, colors and glass as before. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$6.00; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25. Dry white lead 5½c.; red do. 4½ to 4¾c.; London washed waiting, 55 to 60c. Paris white, \$1.13 to \$1.25; Cookson's Venetian Red, \$1.75; other brands Venetian Red, \$1.50 to \$1.60; Yellow ochre, \$1.50; Spruce ochre, \$2 to \$3. Glass \$1.50 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.60 for second break.

**SALT.**—There is no change to be noted in prices, which are as follows:—Coarse eleveens 55 to 57½c.; twelves 52 to 55c.; factory-filled \$1.20 to \$1.25; Eureka \$2.40; Rice's pure dairy \$2.00; Turks Island 30c. per bushel; rock salt \$10 per ton.

**WOOL.**—No weakening in values in either foreign or domestic, is noticeable and all the latter offering is immediately absorbed at firm prices. The fact that the importation of South American wools is prohibited at American ports on account of the cholera helps to strengthen the market.

#### TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, 3rd March, 1887.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—Dealers report the same dull and inanimate feeling usual in this market. Sales of flour booked are very light and are mostly on local account. Prices show no change. Oatmeal is moving fairly well; standard is worth about \$3.65 to \$3.70 here, granulated \$3.95 to \$4.00; and roller \$4.25 to \$4.35. Cornmeal sells for \$2.80. Bran brings about \$12.50 on track for carloads.

**FISH.**—With the exception of Labrador herrings, stocks of all kinds of salted fish are now exhausted, and it is said cannot be replenished this season. Americans have been active buyers taking all that could be had in bulk, thereby saving 50c. per 100 pounds in duty. Fresh fish are in good supply but the demand is unaccountably dull for this season of the year. We have no changes to note in prices.

**GRAIN.**—Values of wheat, under the influence of falling outside markets, are weak and few but local millers are not making any purchases. Prices are unchanged from last week. Barley is neglected and about 2c. lower all round, without buyers. A few carloads of oats have changed hands at 32 to 32½, but the feeling is not very firm. Peas are dull at 52c. with light receipts. Corn and rye nominal.

**GROCERIES.**—Since our last the course of this market has been steady and undisturbed by anything of an important nature. In sugars the feeling is particularly firm 6½c. being the very bottom for carloads of extra granulated, and refiners refuse to shade 6c. for 250 barrel lots. For 100 barrel lots ½c. more is asked. One Front street house has within the week booked an order from a Montreal firm for 50 hds. of fair Porto Rico sugar at 5c. in store here. Teas are moving fairly well; good drawing lines continue to have the preference. The feeling in coffees is still very firm and almost everything but Java is in light supply. Prunes are almost out of the market and we hear of nothing under 5½c. Good Valencia raisins are also scarce while poor fruit is plentiful. Currants, too, are in small compass. The scarcity of molasses still continues, 35c. is asked for common in Montreal. Syrups are also in light supply. Rice is very firm and by no means plentiful owing to freights.

**HARDWARE.**—No special features are apparent this week in the condition of either metals or general hardware in English, American, or home markets. Prices that have been agreed upon for certain lines of manufactured goods are well maintained and no concessions are being made by makers. In some descriptions of brass American manufacturers are considerably firmer, and as an index to the condition of trade in the line it might be mentioned that the Lamp-Burner Association has increased its price for kerosene burners fully 20 per cent. It is maintained that the previous prices have resulted in absolute loss. Trade in general is viewed as fairly satisfactory although there does not seem to be much disposition on the part of wholesalers to press goods on customers as payments have not been quite as satisfactory as could be desired. Indeed, complaints are pretty general that the country storekeeper finds it anything but an easy matter to obtain money from the farmer.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—A better feeling is to be observed in the market, but not sufficient to affect prices. Sales are reported at 7½c. and even less would be accepted for present take off. There are not many sheepskins offering; they are in about the usual supply at \$1.10 to 1.25 for best fresh skins. Calfskins are very weak and still lower prices may, it is said, be expected. Tallow is thought to be in limited supply but prices remain as before. Gambier has advanced sharply in New York and prices here are now 5½ to 6½c.

**LEATHER.**—During February the volume of business was considerably behind the average. It is not easy to say what has caused this falling off. No doubt the bad condition of country roads in the far north and north-east has contributed in no small degree to this result. It is, notwithstanding, satisfactory to note that there has been no marked accumulation of stock, if we except harness leather which for the first time during a year or two has begun to get bulky. While we have made but few changes in prices during last month there was, doubtless, some shading to good men who bought in large lots. Dealers speak hopefully of the future and no despondent feeling is anywhere apparent. The only uneasiness arises from these occasional failures in the east, but of these it is hoped the last has been heard of for the season. In the west a good, stable condition of affairs is said to rule. March opens encouragingly well and it is thought not a hazardous thing to predict at least a full volume of business. Payments continue rather slow.

**LUMBER.**—Building operations have been more than usually dull during this winter the heavy and frequent snow falls retarding the work. The spring trade will, on this account, be very brisk and dealers seem hopeful. Some

say that they have found no difficulty in making contracts at quite 50c. in advance of last year's figures. The demand just now is principally for 1½, 1¾, and 2 inch cutting up and better. There is no great scarcity of any descriptions. It is expected that by 1st of April business will be in full swing. We hear considerable dissatisfaction expressed at the action of the various railways in cancelling deal-

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#### Debentures for Sale.

The Town of Tilsonburg, Ont., will receive tenders up to 7th March, 1887, for \$5,000 of Twenty year debentures, bearing interest at six per cent., (with accrued interest from January 1st, 1887), payable yearly, on the 1st of January, at the office of the Town Treasurer. The debentures are issued as a bonus to E. D. Tilson, for the erection and continuous operation of an oatmeal mill, to manufacture 250 barrels a day. Town liabilities—for town purposes, \$29,600; school purposes, \$8,261; total \$37,861. The assets are:—Water works, \$35,000, Public and High School, \$16,000; market house, etc., \$2,000; total, \$53,000. Sealed tenders to be addressed,

G. W. HARE,

Mayor, Tilsonburg, Ont.

By order,  
E. C. JACKSON, Town Clerk.



#### Notice to Contractors EXTENSION OF TIME.

The time for Receiving Tenders for NEW EXAMINING WAREHOUSE, at Ottawa, is hereby extended to

**TUESDAY, the 15th Day of March, 1887.**

By order,  
A. GOBEIL, Secretary.

Department of Public Works,  
Ottawa, 2nd Feb., 1887.