

vancing in price in England, the demand for them being active. Copper shows, perhaps, the upward tendency the most; tin is also very firm; lead continues steady.

HIDES AND SKINS—The market for hides is quiet and steady with no accumulation of stock, prices as before. Cured steers, which are scarce bring 10c. Sheepskins we advance to \$1.00 to \$1.10, and although these prices are high all are taken which offer. Tallow continues scarce and high.

PROVISIONS—Since our last report, prices in Chicago have declined heavily. *Cash Mess Pork* being now \$22 and *November Pork* \$18.80. Stocks here are reduced to a low point, and there is considerable difficulty in filling the few orders that come in. Long clear *Bacon* is nominally worth 15c. There has been an active demand for *Lard* and sales have been made at 16 to 16½c. for tubs and pails; as soon as any stock comes to hand these prices will decline. There is still a good demand for choice. *Butter*, but very little being received, no export demand exists for our medium qualities, of which there are large stocks in the country. *Eggs* are scarce and wanted at 20 to 22c. Dressed *Hogs* are being taken on the farmers' market at 8½ to 8¾c., weights are still to light to be attractive to packers. *Hops* are still held at an unprecedentedly high price, about 60c. per lb., and country holders will not sell; the market looks easier, however, and there is a feeling that prices have been forced too high. Late reports from England still agree that the hop crop in that country is one of the worst for years, and that the supply of old stock on hand is short. Continental plantations, except those of Alost, in Belgium, promise more abundant returns. To make good the deficiency, which is perhaps not so great as has been stated, dealers look to "America and California," as the London correspondent of a Manchester paper says.

WOOL—Advices from Boston state that for some weeks the market has been unsettled by reason of one or two failures of mills early in October, and by rumors of further failures. A Rhode Island mill failed about the 5th and the Dedham mills of R. O. Storrs & Co., which was one of those spoken of, went into insolvency on the 23rd with \$420,000 liabilities, five-sixths of them in New England. In consequence of these circumstances, a dull trade, and more readiness to make concessions to safe buyers were features of the Boston market at the beginning of this week. Although prices were nominally unchanged, and some descriptions of wool were firm. The circular of Hallowell & Coburn deprecates the exaggeration of the failures, and says that woollen manufacturers are fairly prosperous and that the market must soon recover its tone. In this market, sales are being steadily made to the factories of medium and extra wools at prices within our range. A sale of 50,000 lbs. Canada fleece is reported on p.t. but presumed to be at 21 or at most 21½c. which would be equal to about 34c. in Boston. This transaction serves to show hopeless the case is for higher prices for our long wools, and any who may be, in city or country, "holding on" for a rise, may as well swallow the loss—if their hearts and pockets will stand it—and clear out their long standing accumulations.

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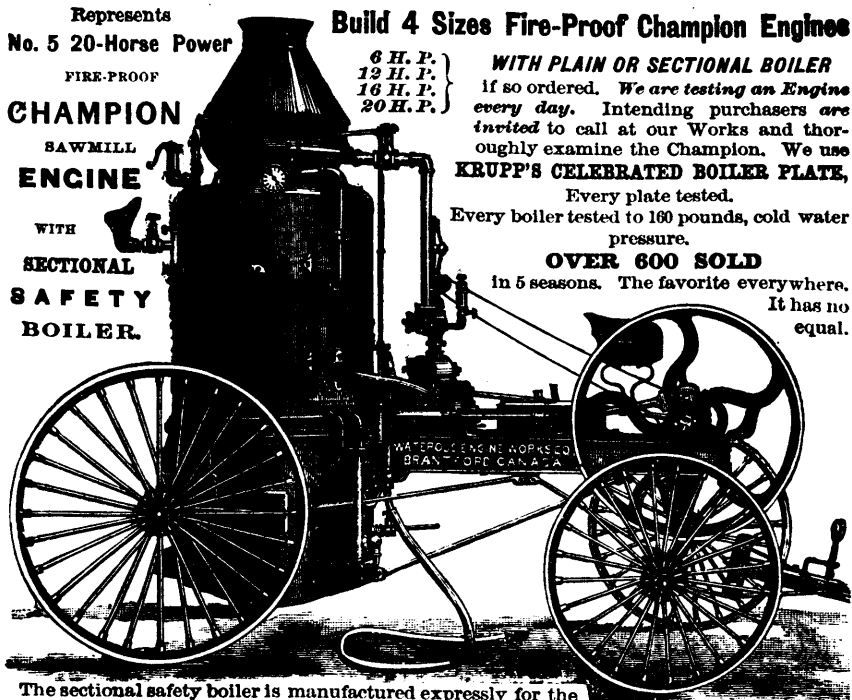
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