

Further advances have taken place in linseed oil, which is now forty or fifty per cent. dearer than a few months ago. This is due to the increased cost of flax seed. Some of the large factories in the United States have closed down.

Mr. John Earls, manager of the Canadian Freight Association, has retired after forty years of active service and will be succeeded by Mr. Thos. Marshall, former divisional freight agent of the Pere Marquette at London.

The promoters of the direct new steamship line between Quebec and Liverpool have been unable to arrive at an agreement with the Harbor Commissioners and it looks as if the project will fall to the ground.

The shipments of ore from Rossland last week were: Le Roi, 1,975 tons; Le Roi milled 310; Centre Star, 2,310; War Eagle, 1,500; Le Roi No. 2, 60; Jumbo, 200; Spitzee, 60. Total for the week, 6,415, and for the year to date, 195,193 tons.

It is announced that commencing on August 7th, the C. P. R. and G. T. R. will make an advance of between two and three cents per hundred pounds, on all packing house products shipped from Collingwood, Toronto and Peterboro' to seaboard points.

A report from Ottawa says that the saw mills on the Ottawa River are being kept extremely busy this season. The Upper Ottawa Improvement Company expects to bring 3,000,000 logs down the river this summer. This is a much greater amount than has been brought down for some years. Two years ago more logs were turned out in the shanties than could be handled, and despite the efforts of the Upper Ottawa Improvement Company, all the logs could not be brought down to the mills.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, August 3rd, 1905.

Dry Goods.—Strength is the predominating feature of practically all staples in the dry goods market. Cottons, woolens, and linens are all at high-water mark. Recent wool sales instead of showing an easier tendency in crossbreds as anticipated by some English manufacturers went higher, and the latter are already quoting higher prices for their Canadian trade. Fancy worsteds have advanced 5 to 15 per cent., and they are in good demand as also are serges. General trade is going on in good volume, little complaint being heard on this score, considering the season. Payments are being made with a fair degree of promptitude.

Flour and Grain.—But little change has occurred in the position of the flour market and ninety per cent. patents continue to sell around \$4.20 in buyers' bags, Western freights. Ontario wheat has dropped considerably during the last

few weeks, on account of the near approaching harvest. Other grains remain much as before. Canadian corn has not made much change. Oatmeal is easy.

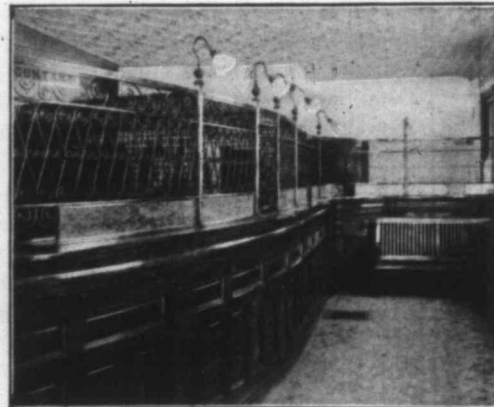
Groceries.—Sugars have made an advance of 10c. in New York, but so far this has not been followed in local markets. The market for tea in London is considerably strengthened this week, but business locally is dull. The California fruits, such as prunes, apricots and peaches are strengthening their position daily. Canned goods are firm. Tomatoes still retail the high price of \$1.25.

Hides and Leather.—Very firm is the position of the hide market at the present time. All those that have come forward have been eagerly snapped up, and there is now great scarcity. The leather market is feeling the effects of this quite strongly, and at last an advance of 15 per cent. has been effected. The demand is good.

Live Stock.—Receipts of cattle at the market this week were not heavy, but there was a somewhat easy tone prevailing for both exporters' and butchers' cattle. Few stockers or feeders were in evidence, but the demand was poor. Milch cows are meeting but a quiet movement. Sheep and lambs were plentiful, but were nevertheless distinctly firm. In some cases they were higher-priced.

Provisions.—Butter is steady, under a fairly heavy demand. The enquiry for Canadian in the Old Country is better, and prices there have advanced. Cheese continues in good demand, in sympathy with improved conditions in England. Eggs are in good demand, in spite of large receipts.

Wool.—About all the new clip has come in. Prices are firm, but probably the dealers have paid too high for their holdings, though the position of wool is strong in all the markets of the world.



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