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Subscribed Capital, - 125,000

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figures down to 16c. At the boat on Monday some 500 packages of Quebec creamery sold at 17c., which figure shows a decline of  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per lb. for such stock since the week previous. The shipments of butter for the week ending July 2nd, were 15,479 packages, as against 13,428 for the same week last year. The total shipments for the season to date have been 67,587 packages as compared with 52,045 for the same period in 1903.

Hides.—Business has been quiet owing to the small receipts, and the tone of

the market continues to rule steady. Dealers are paying 9c. for No. 1 beef hides, and 30 to 35c. for lambskins and clips.

Metals and Hardware.—In general hardware the volume of business has been better. The demand for arms and ammunition has increased some, and cutlery has also been moving fairly well. The trade in mowers and lawn goods is much quieter now as buyers generally have filled their wants for the season. In heavy iron material and metals trade has been rather quiet, as is usually the case at this season, but the tone of the market for all lines is about steady. No. 3 Middlesboro iron to import is quoted at \$15.75 to \$16; Carnbroe, at \$18.50; No. 1 Summerlee, at \$19.25, and domestic brands at \$19. There is still an easy feeling in bar iron at \$1.65 to \$1.70. Canada plates are selling at \$2.20 to \$2.25; black sheets, \$2.15 to \$2.20, and Terne plates, \$6.25 to \$6.50. The feeling in Ingot tin continues easy at 28 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 29c., and copper at 13 to 13 $\frac{1}{8}$ c.

Oils, Paints and Glass.—There has been no important change in this market. The volume of business has been about up to the average for the season. Turpentine is steady at 81 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for single barrel lots. Linseed oil is unchanged at 43 to 45c. for raw, and at 46 to 48c. for boiled. Castor oil is quiet at 7 to 8c. for mechanical, and 8 to 10c. for pharmaceutical. Straw seal oil is offering in round lots at 42 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 44c. The market is now bare of pale steam refined seal oil, and the indications are that none of the new crop will come to this market, owing to the great demand for the same from Europe. Lead oil is in small supply on spot at 37 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 40c.; pure white lead is quoted at \$4.50, and paris green in packets at 15 to 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., and in drums at 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

—The collections at the Montreal Custom House during the fiscal year which ended on June 30th, show an increase of \$634,629, when compared with the previous year. Thus: 1903-4, \$12,437,927; 1902-3, \$11,803,298. At Toronto the total duty collected for June, 1904, was \$750,322, an increase of \$137,667 over June, 1903. The total for the fiscal year, 1903-4 is \$8,185,258, an increase of \$1,136,483, over 1902-3.

—Active preparations are going on for the Calgary fair. The new main building is two stories high, with a dome, and has room for additions. The grand stand is quite a feature of the grounds. It is large, and its alteration will make it more convenient. There will be dressing rooms for the athletes who take parts in the various events, and lavatories will also be placed under the stand. Lunch counters have not been forgotten. It is said that \$1,000 has been expended on the athletic grounds. There is a place for playing

polo, too. The people around Calgary are sports—at least many of them are.

—Good news comes from Winnipeg as to the increase in building; it is very remarkable. But the complaint is loud of the scarcity of labor, both skilled and unskilled. According to a recent telegram the number and cost of buildings erected in that city during the first half of 1904 was as follows. The statement is made by the Building Inspector to the city council:

July.	Permits.	Buildings.	Aggregate Cost.
1900	257	313	\$760,400
1901	356	469	1,112,350
1902	496	595	1,386,550
1903	600	781	2,782,300
1904	999	1,351	6,072,450

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