

reported as much smaller than usual; but from the Simcoe and Muskoka territory it is announced that a number of new mills are either erected or in course of erection, and that the old concerns, encouraged by the favorable winter, have stocked from 25 to 50 per cent. heavier than is customary. The output will, therefore be considerably larger.

**PETROLEUM.**—Matters in this branch of trade keep very steady and no features of any moment have developed, either here or at producing points. Canadian, in 5 to 10 brl. lots can be had for 18c. per gal., while single barrels command a 3c. more. Carbon safety is unchanged from 19 to 20c., and American prime white and water ditto remain at 23 to 24c., and 26 to 27c. respectively. For Eocene the figure is still 30c. per gal.

**POTATOES.**—It is yet hard to say in what condition potatoes will be found when the pits are opened, for the reason that this operation has been commenced in only a few instances. Some dealers are of opinion that stocks are ample while others entertain the opposite view. At present about the only description met with here is the early rose, which is worth 75c. on track, they were, not long ago, as high as 80 to 85c., but it is thought that the tendency will be to lower prices when the pits are opened in the warmer weather.

**PROVISIONS.**—An easier feeling appears to pervade the butter department. Considerable quantities have been pressed on the market for sale and buyers seem indifferent. The only demand is from the city trade and that is easily filled. Choice moves slowly at 18 to 20c.; fresh rolls, when in good shape, 16 to 17c. Other descriptions quite neglected. There is a fair jobbing trade being done, mess pork sells at \$17.50 to 18.00; long clear 8½ to 9c.; hams 12 to 12½c.; lard 9½ to 10½c.; the feeling throughout is firm. Eggs command 15 to 16c. Cheese is firm; fall goods bring 14c. and August 13½c. There is only a limited sale for dried and evaporated apples, the high price of the latter has completely blocked the consumptive demand.

**SEEDS.**—Dealers report business in the warehouses as being very brisk. Farmers are again displaying their shortsightedness in holding back clover seed in anticipation of higher prices, and the trade is forced to pur-

chase from the United States to fill immediate orders. The local offerings of timothy have been exceptionally large this year, but it is of only fair to good quality, and the finer grades have to be imported from the West. Hungarian grass has not yet begun to move and will not before May.

**WOOL.**—Transactions are rather limited these days, due, it is said, to a lack of confidence in the future. Prices are 22 to 25c. for ordinary fleece combing, and 25 to 27c. for southdown. In pulled, values are fairly steady at 19 to 20c. for combing 24 to 25c. for super and 27 to 30c. for extra. Advices from England report the feeling there as rather firm.

#### BRITISH MARKETS.

Messrs. J. Lewenz and Hauser's Tea Letter of 11th inst. from London says:—There is not much change to note in the market. The auction sales are followed by the trade with much attention but privately very little business is done. Tuesday's sale was chiefly interesting on account of the fine Blackleaf Con-

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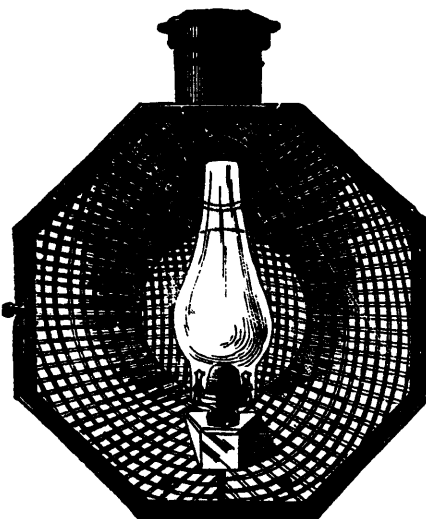
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