

nominal. On Monday evening two cars of No. 2 grade sold 98c, f.o.c., and at the Call Board meeting to-day two and a half of No. 1 sold at \$1.01½, but holders generally ask more money. *Oats*.—Stocks in store 19,509 bushels, against 10,509 bushels last week, and 22,225 bushels on like date last year. The market has continued very quiet since our last; to-day the first sales were reported one car at 31½c on track, and two cars to arrive at 32c. *Barley*.—Stocks in store 60,473 bushels, against 65,862 bushels on like date last year. There has been no sales reported since our last reference, but a speculative demand for the second grade exists; 50c; was bid for this grade to-day, but there was none offering. No. 1 is worth about 67c. *Peas*.—Stocks in store 11,785 bushels, against 16,384 bushels last week, and 39,228 bushels on like date last year. The market has ruled quiet and easy. At the Call-Board to-day No. 1 grade was offered at 68c; f.o.c. with 67½c; bid, but not accepted. Later in the afternoon a round lot of No. 2 changed hands at 67c. *Corn*.—Two cars of choice Canadian corn sold to-day at 46c. *Potatoes* are worth 65 to 70c; for good descriptions, two cars sold at 65c; on Saturday last.

GROCERIES.—Trade is on the whole steady. Some houses are doing a better business than they were the week previous, others report the demand not quite so good. *Coffees* show no change, a quiet demand exists at unchanged prices. *Fruit* is fairly firm; the position of the market is much the same as last week. Valencia raisins are getting scarce and prices are likely to remain firm, but the prospects of the coming crop are excellent. Stocks are low in England, and in New York prices have advanced, so that it would cost dealers as much now to import the goods from England, as they are being sold to the country trade. Round lots of Valencias have been selling steadily at 5½ to 6c. Sultana raisins remain very low, round lots being sold at 6c. In *Currants* a steady ordinary trade has been done; stocks are large and include all sorts and conditions; a great deal of the fruit is risky for keeping, and the real fine qualities are very scarce. Prices are well maintained. *Rice* continues in good demand, and prices are still firm and unchanged. *Syrups* and *Spices* remain quiet and steady, there being no large sales or special features to note; prices are unaltered. *Sugars* have remained pretty stationary; a good demand is still experienced and prices have not receded in the English Market, and therefore not here either. Round lots of English refined have been sold at 8c to 8½c, Bright brings 8½c to 8¾c, and dark to medium, 7½c to 7¾c. The demand has been confined chiefly to English and Scotch refined. *Teas*, a good demand prevails, principally however for medium firsts and good seconds in Young Hysons, and for good Moning Congous. Prices just now are considerably below the cost of importation, although we have no actual changes to note during the past week; round lots have been moving off at our quotations, and we understand that in some cases slight concessions were made. *Tobaccos*.—The market is easier; one grade of Solace is quoted a shade lower. Small lots continue to move off at our quotations.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The market for *Hides* remains very quiet and unchanged. Stocks are low and the demand is light, yet about sufficient for all offering. *Calfskins* are plentiful and prices are unchanged; light calfskins are not wanted at all. *Deacons* and *Sheepskins* are very dull and prices are low, there being no demand whatever. *Lambs* and *Pelts* continue unchanged the low price of wool preventing any advance being established.

HARDWARE.—Trade during the week has been very quiet. Harvest tools are in fact, the only articles in quotable demand, and the usual amount of business in this line even has not been done; buyers are holding off. The recent in-

vestigation at Montreal, of the glass seizure of Poulleur Freres, has awakened a lively interest among glassdealers, and the report of the Collector is anxiously looked for, as it is believed the result will affect considerably future importation orders. The local market remains quiet for all descriptions, and prices are still steady and unchanged. Recent reports indicate an early advance in prices for tin, present figures being below the cost of production.

LUMBER.—The active demand which was experienced by dealers earlier in the season seems to have fallen off, and at present they are endeavoring to obtain advanced figures, but find it difficult to succeed. There is no shipping demand whatever, and, in a word, the state of trade is generally admitted to be equally as bad as at this time last year. The expectations of an increased business resulting from the shortage reported this year both in Canada and in the Western States, have not been realized, as purchasers exhibit extreme caution in sending in orders. Small concessions have been made in some instances on the recently quoted advanced prices especially as regards "bill" stuff. Clear lumber and pickings are held at \$20 to \$23 per M. A cargo sold at latter price. Common stock boards are held at \$9.50 to \$10.00 per m. dressing boards, at \$12 per m. and dressing and better qualities at \$14 per m. Short bill stuff is selling at \$9.50 to \$10.00 per m.

PROVISIONS.—Trade has been moderately active, at a slightly increased range of prices for Pork products. *Butter*, not much offering, but apparently quite sufficient to meet the demand. Dealers are indifferent to purchase unless at low figures. No sales of importance reported. Our quotations unchanged. *Bacon*, continues in steady demand; holders appear firmer in their views, but there are no actual changes to note as yet in quotations. No large sales. *Cheese*, a quiet, jobbing trade has been done at advanced prices, but the market closes with a slightly easier feeling. We have not heard of any round lots selling. *Eggs* have been in good demand, and prices for fresh have advanced from 11c to 12c, with a lively enquiry at these quotations. *Hams*.—There have been reported sales during the week of lots of 500 canvassed at 9c. The feeling at the close seems to be much firmer, on account of the shortage in the west, and these purchases could not be repeated. There have been enquiries for round lots of pickled hams at 8c, which price, however, was refused. *Lard* has continued quiet and steady, at our quotations. *Mess Pork*.—This market has been very quiet, but now shows signs of sympathy with Chicago, which has advanced. Prices are reported as yet steady, at \$12 to \$13 respectively for large and small lots.

WOOL.—New fleece has been coming in a little more freely during the week, and prices have been reduced to 20c, which is now the highest figure paid by responsible dealers. A sale of 5,000 lbs. at 21c was reported the other day but it would not likely be repeated. The tricksters in the trade, to whom we referred last week, are buying very slowly the last few days, and the highest price paid by them so far as we could learn was 21c. The market is still dull and unsettled; this is attributed to the fact that judging from recent advices it is feared the American market will not want much Canada wool this year, and that it will have to be shipped to England.

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By order of the Board.

F. H. KERTLAND, Manager.

Toronto, 10th June, 1878.



To Iron-Founders & Metal Workers.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tenders for Lamp, &c." will be received at this office until MONDAY, the 24th day of JUNE, at NOON, for the Lamp Standards, &c. required for the Parliament Grounds, Public Buildings, Ottawa.

Drawings and Specifications can be seen, and form of Tender obtained at this office on and after the 7th day of June instant.

To the Tender must be attached the actual signatures of two responsible and solvent persons, theidents of the Dominion, willing to become sureties for the carrying out of these conditions, as well as the due performance of the works embraced in the contract.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By order,

F. BRAUN,

Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, June 6th, 1878.