

outlook for the fall is not bright, however, the scarcity of money in the country is the cause of this. On the whole, there is not much to complain of. One satisfactory feature connected with this branch of business is the weeding out, during the last few months, of many weak and undesirable traders. Payments are being fairly well met, those of the 4th September especially so.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Trade is said to be improving and orders are coming in more freely and are a little larger in size from some districts, due perhaps to the near approach of the close of navigation. There is the usual number of customers asking for renewals, but payments as a rule are fair.

FLOUR.—There is very little animation in the flour market. The situation since our last is devoid of any features of note. The stocks in store on the 1st Oct. were 107 brls., against 1,497 brls. on like date of 1882. We quote *Superior Extra* \$5.30 to \$5.35; *Extra*, \$5.20 to \$5.30; *Strong Bakers*, \$5.20 to \$5.30; *Spring Wheat*, *Extra*, \$5 to \$5.10; *Superfine*, \$4.60 to \$4.70. *Oatmeal*, \$4.90 to \$5; *Cornmeal*, \$3.50 to \$3.75; *Brn*, \$11 to \$11.50 per ton.

GRAIN.—Wheat market, under larger deliveries, has eased off somewhat from extreme prices of last 30 days. The mills are, it is said, taxed to their utmost, and the tendency seems not to allow prices to go down to an equal with those of the United States. It is possible that the local demand may be sufficient to keep values above an export level for some time to come. The following are the stocks in store:

	Oct. 2, 1883.	Sep. 24, 1883.	Oct. 2, 1882.
Fall wheat, bush ..	18,757	46,139	21,923
Spring " " ..	16,774	27,215	2,835
Oats " " ..		450	200
Barley " " ..	40,303	31,704	46,943
Peas " " ..	1,147	1,099	4,028
Rye " " ..	806	341	5,203
Grain Total..	75,287	106,948	80,183

GROCERIES.—Business for the week has on the whole been very fair. Payments are not what they should be, some wholesalers tell us; the general complaint is the backwardness in the country, which is not usual at this season of the year. Merchants, however, are hopeful and look for better things shortly. Sugars remain firm without any change in price. The same may be said of Teas, the good feeling continues, and the market is stronger. There is nothing new in Tobaccos, they are still scarce and firm with the leading manufacturer's price still suspended. There is no material alteration to note in the fruit trade. New Valencia sell at 8½ to 9, and old bring 5½ to 6c. The stock of currants has almost disappeared, but the new are expected shortly. We quote syrups 3c higher all round, and the enquiry has improved during the last week. There is not much rice asked for at this season of the year. Spices are in demand.

HARDWARE.—There is the usual lull succeeding exhibition weeks, yet the volume of business transacted is fair, and merchants have no cause to complain. There is considerable activity in *Canada Plates* and the indications are that higher prices will rule, consequent upon a short supply. Prices of other lines remain steady and without change. The outlook is considered to be not much behind that of former years. Some houses report remittances as slow others again report them better than expected.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The advance in prices which, in our last, was expected to take place has been announced. We may now quote *Pelts* 70c. *Lambskins* 70c. The market is steady with the supply barely equal to the demand.

PROVISIONS.—This trade keeps, at present, in about the same rut. The demand for *Bacon* has not improved. We quote long clear in a jobbing way at 8½c. Car lots would bring a cent less. The recent cold weather has lessened the consumptive demand and it really looks as if some stock would be carried over. Other hog products are unchanged. There is a good enquiry for fine butter which sells at 16 to 17c. *Cheese* is rather firmer if anything. *Eggs* are scarce and wanted. *Salt* has advanced about 5c. a bag on Coarse Liverpool, owing to an increase in freights. Car loads on track might be quoted at 60c.; small jobbing lots, ex store, are worth about 75c.

WOOL.—There is little or no change in the wool market. Fleece continues in the same condition as when we last wrote. Pulled wools medium and extra. The advance noted last week is still maintained. Tallow is a shade weaker.

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Charlottetown, P.E.I.


PROSPECTUS.
Government of Canada Loan for \$4,000,000 4 per cent Currency Bonds.
The Minister of Finance for the Dominion of Canada is authorized to receive tenders for a loan of \$40,000,000 currency bonds, bearing interest from the 1st November 1883, at the rate of 4 per centum per annum, payable half-yearly, on the 1st May and 1st November of each year, at his office in the Finance Department, Ottawa.
This loan is issued under authority of an Act of the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, passed during their last session (48th Victoria, cap. 2, sec. 4).
The object of the loan is partly to provide for the payment of debts maturing or redeemable in the course of the current fiscal year, and partly for expenditure on public works.
The principal of the loan now offered is to be repaid at Ottawa in twenty years.
Subscribers will receive bonds to bearer, which may at any future time be converted into registered stock.
The subscription list will be opened on Wednesday, the 17th day of October next, and will be closed on Saturday, the 30th day of October next, at 4 o'clock, p.m., and tenders in the accompanying form marked on the outside, "Tenders on Debentures," will be received at the Finance Department, Ottawa, up to and including the latter date, at the hour mentioned.
Tenders must be made for not less than \$1,000, and in multiples of \$1,000.
The allotment of the loan will be made as soon as possible after the close of the subscription list, the amounts allotted will be payable on the 1st day of November next, and Bonds will be issued shortly after that date.
Copies of this prospectus and forms of tender can be obtained from the undersigned, from the several Assistant Receivers General at Montreal, Toronto, Halifax, Saint John, Winnipeg and Victoria, and from the Dominion Auditor at Charlottetown.
J. M. COURTNEY,
Deputy Minister of Finance.
Finance Department, Ottawa, }
September 21st, 1883.

FORM OF TENDER FOR BONDS.
TENDER.
Government of Canada Loan for \$4,000,000 4 per cent Currency Bonds.
Amount tendered for \$.....Rate.....per cent.
SIR,—
I hereby tender for the sum of \$ nominal capital in the above mentioned issue in bonds to bearer, at the price of per cent., and I engage to accept the said sum, or any portion which may be allotted to me, and to pay therefor at the said price and in conformity with the terms of your prospectus of the 31st September, 1883.
Name.....
Address.....
Date.....
To the Honourable,
The Minister of Finance,
Ottawa.

ROBINS BROS.,
Accountants, Assignees in Trust,
FINANCIAL AGENTS, &c.,
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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.
OLD MATERIAL FOR SALE.

TENDERS are invited for the following Old Material, which will be delivered at any point on the Grand Trunk Railway as may be agreed upon. If delivery is required in United States the purchaser to pay duty.	
AT MONTREAL.	Estimated quantity.
Wrought Iron Scrap, tons	300
Wrought Iron Turnings, tons	8
Thin Sheet Iron, tons	6
Engine Fire Boxes	4
Engine boiler	1
Steel Fish Plates, tons	8
Coil Spring Steel, tons	3
Steel Boiler Plate Cuttings and Punchings, tons	5
Leaf Spring Steel Clips, tons	2
Tool Steel, tons	1½
Leaf Spring Steel, tons	3
Steel Smoke-stack Netting and shovels, tons	3
Old Files, ton	4
White Metal bearings with Brass Backs, ton	4
Steel Tires, tons	10
AT STRATFORD:	
Cast Iron Boring, tons	3
Wrought Iron Turnings, ton	4
Cast Iron Scrap, tons	53
Cast Iron Burnt Grate Bars, tons	2
No. 1 Wrought Iron Scrap, tons	106
Thin Sheet Iron, tons	6
Steel Turnings, tons	3
Leaf Spring Steel tons	2
Spring steel Clippings, tons	2
Spiral Spring Steel, tons	2
Steel Tires, ton	
Brass Boiler Tubes, tons	
AT BRANTFORD:	
Wrought Iron Scrap, tons	30
Cast Iron Scrap, tons	60
AT HAMILTON:	
No. 1 Wrought Iron Scrap, tons	220
No. 2 Wrought Iron Scrap, tons	5
Steel Tires, tons	12
Steel Cuttings, tons	4
Leaf Steel, tons	4
Steel Turnings, tons	8
Old Files, ton	4
Brass Flues, tons	3
Brass Turnings, tons	4
Old Boilers, (loc motive)	3
Steel Fish Plates, tons	8
Steel Rails, tons	210
OLD MACHINERY:	
Small Planing Machine	
Lathe 17 in. centre	1
Lathe 13 in. centre	1
Lathe 11 in. centre	1
Lathe 9 in. centre	1
Shaping Machine	1
Wood Planing Machine	1
Wood Shaping Machine	1
Wood Tenoning Machine	1
AT LONDON:	
Old American made cast iron wheels	1,720
Old Canadian made cast iron wheels	2,112
No. 1 Wrought Iron Scrap, tons	40
No. 2 Wrought Iron Scrap, tons	10
Cast Iron Scrap, tons	60
Wrought Iron Axle Turnings, tons	8
Wrought Iron Boring, tons	5
Wrought Iron Screwings, tons	6
Leaf Steel, tons	12
Coil Steel, tons	5

Parties desirous of tendering should satisfy themselves of the quality of the scrap, as no classification will be allowed after tenders are accepted.
No deductions or allowances will be given for dirt, grease, etc., or for any other reason, the purchaser to pay for the full gross weight and to accept the Company's weight.
Parties tendering for the scrap to give price per ton of 2,240 lbs.
Tenders endorsed "Tender for Scrap," and addressed to the undersigned, will be received on or before WEDNESDAY, 10th OCTOBER.
JOSEPH HICKSON,
General Manager.
Montreal, 22nd Sept., 1883.