HAY AND STRAW.—Hay has not been so plentiful on the market this week, owing partly to the dull and ultimately to the wet weather. Still there is sufficient for demands, with prices if anything weaker, ruling from $9 to 11 per ton for the best timothy, the latter figure seldom reached. Mixed hay is selling at $7 to 9 according to quality, and straw is cheaper, ruling from $8 to 9 per ton for best.

LEATHER.—The volume of business is not so large as it recently was; the lull is claimed to be caused by cutters not being in the market, as they are now busy getting spring samples ready, and this sort of slackness between seasons will hold good for the next fortnight. Stocks of all heavy grades of leather are in small compass, and we hear of no accumulations in the higher grades. Prices are being well maintained, and no alterations have to be made in our quotations.

PROVISIONS.—The trade in dairy produce is quiet; butter is coming in pretty freely from the country and selling as before at 14 to 15c. per lb. for good to choice in tubs; rolls, 14c.; medium butter inactive, and common totally neglected. Cheese steady at unchanged prices. In hog products prices are unaltered; we quote as follows: long clear bacon 8¼ to 8½ per lb.; rolls 10c., backs 10c., breakfast bacon 11c., hams 13c., and still continue scarce; lard unchanged, selling at 9 to 9½c.; eggs are scarce and command 19 to 20c. per dozen. Some large shipments of eggs have been made this week by the Allan line at Montreal for the London markets. Evaporated apples are dearer and now quoted at 13½ to 15c. per lb.; dried apples, 7½ to 8c., and very few on the market.

WOOL.—There is little or next to nothing doing in fleece wools, prices are unchanged; in pulled wools the enquiries from the mills are very light, but there is no disposition to lower prices.

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The half-yearly interest due on the First of December next on the 5 per cent. debenture stock of this Company will be paid at the office of Messrs. Morton, Rose & Co., Bartholomew House, London, Eng.; on and after that date to holders on the Register on the 30th instant.

Interest for the same period on the common stock of the Company at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum will be paid on and after the same date at the Bank of Montreal, Montreal, or at the office of Messrs. Morton, Rose & Co., London Eng., at the option of the holder, to shareholders on the Register on the 30th instant.

Warrants for these payments will be remitted to the registered holders.

The Debenture Stock Transfer Books will close in London and Montreal on the 30th instant, and the Common Stock Transfer Book will close in Montreal on the same day.

The books at both places will be re-opened on 2nd December.

By Order of the Board,

CHARLES DRINKWATER, Secretary.

Montreal, October 16th, 1890.