

keeps prices down. *Teas* are held stiff and with no concession. A fresh lot of Congous arrived are moving off well. *Spices* are in request; cassia 20 to 25c; black pepper 12 to 13c. *Fish*, we quote Labrador herrings higher, say \$6.50 to 7.00; scaled 34 to 38c. *Fruit* is moving steadily at very firm prices, we hear of some old currants held at 6½c; raisins are good value at quotations; *Liquors* are not active; stocks of all case liquors are light and prices looking upward as per our list. Wines are in light supply, old stocks having moved off and few being imported. Brandy is higher in France, freshets and the phylloxera having lessened the vine crop. We quote Henessey's cases, \$10.75 to 11.00; Martells \$10.50 to 10.75; Otard Dupuy & Co. \$9.75 to 10.00; Robins \$8.50 to 8.75; Sazerac \$8.50 to 9.00; Pinet, Castillon & Co \$8.50 to 9.00. Gin red cases \$8.50 to 8.75; green cases \$4.40 to 4.75.

HARDWARE.—Trade continues active, the demand being steady for metals and staple goods, but it is like losing a tooth for buyers to consent to the advanced prices. Payments are distinctly better; some dealers report a slight improvement, others say they have rarely had so many cash purchases as of late. Metals continue firm in England and here; we quote block tin 28 to 30c; grain 30 to 32c. *Copper* steady as last week; *Zinc*, prices maintained, Galv'd iron very firm; *Lead* steady and unchanged. *Pig iron* remains as last quoted; although prices continue firm in Britain, they are not now quite so firm as before in Canada, there is more disposition to sell. *Cut Nails* are held higher, \$2.75 was refused for a car recently; manufacturers will book no more orders, and wholesale people care to fill only small ones; \$2.85 is now sought for 10 to 60 days. An advance of a further ten per cent., on wrought iron pipe, ½ to 3 inch, is cabled; the present price of American must prevent purchases there, and prices here must advance. *Window glass* is firm, but not changed from our quotations; Canada plates are firm, there is no Derrie in market and but little Thistle Pen. is held by some dealers at \$5.00 firm, Hatton can be got at \$4.75 to 5.00.

HAY AND FEED.—The supply of hay is abundant, and the price ranges from \$8 to 10.00 per ton. There is any quantity of pressed hay in the West of Ontario, but it cannot be brought to this market at present prices, an advance to \$12 per ton would soon bring it in; some pressed has sold at \$10. Not much straw offers, \$6 to 7.00 are the ruling prices. *Bran*, which was quoted at \$8.00 per car last week is lower, say \$7.50 to 8.00.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The unusually high price at which green hides have ruled for some weeks have at last come down to more reasonable figures, 9 and 8c. being to-day paid for Nos. 1 and 2. Cured are now selling at 9½c. *Sheepskins* are steady. For tallow \$6.00 is now paid.

PROVISIONS.—Trade for the past week has been quiet. New meats are asked for, and there has been a considerable jobbing demand for *Mess Pork*, which has sold in twenty-five barrel lots at \$14.25 to 14.50. The demand for *bacon* is very moderate, prices nominally unchanged. Other hog products are quiet and firm at quotations. *Lard* is quoted a little higher in Liverpool. *Cheese*.—The Liverpool quotation for choice was 59 to 60/-, 62 and 63/- on the 8th 10th 11th and 12th insts., respectively. A sale of 1000 boxes was made in this market during the week on p.t., price supposed to be 12½c; the jobbing trade is fair, finest goods selling at 13c. stocks light. *Butter*, choice for city trade is scarce and wanted, 20c is obtained in a retail way for a good article; shippers do not seem so anxious this week to purchase. *Dried Apples*, new fruit is beginning to appear; holders in the country ask 5c. but dealers here are not disposed to pay that price in quantity.

Hops.—Not many offering, and buyers will not pay over 25c; a sale was made this week here at 30c.

DECLINE IN THE ROBE SUPPLY.—The following table shows the quantity and value of the furs and robes exported from Forts McLeod and Walsh N. W. T. during the past two years. It is taken from the Saskatchewan Herald:

PORT WALSH.

	1878.	1879.
Buffalo Robes.....	16,897	7,277
Cow Skins.....	1,140	240
Calf Skins.....	198	100
Antelope.....	2,349	6,335
Muskrat.....	1,663	1,579
Kitt Fox.....	3,292	1,989
Bear.....	6	7
Badger.....	771	280
Red Fox.....	54	96
Skunk.....	2,047	3,345
Lynx.....	59	54
Beaver.....	56	144
Wolf.....	458	1,653
Small Wolf.....	...	996
Coyote.....	216	...
Mink.....	25	30
Wild Cat.....	1	...

Or an approximate value at these points of \$60,000 for 1878 and \$41,000 in 1879.

From Fort McLeod the exports of robes for the past three years were:

1877.....	30,000	average \$2....	\$60,000
1878.....	12,767	"	25,594
1879.....	5,764	"	11,528

From these figures it is inferred by the *Herald* that rapid extermination is overtaking the buffalo, and how terrible must be the suffering among the Indians who have to rely upon them for food.

WHY BOSTON IS THE GREAT WOOL MARKET.—The reason why Boston is the greatest wool market in the United States is apparent at a glance. Of a total of 8,431 sets of woolen machinery in the entire country, 1,418 sets are in the state of Massachusetts alone; 331 sets are in Maine; 505 sets in New Hampshire; 175 sets in Vermont; 469 sets in Rhode Island; and 669 sets in Connecticut. The total for New England, therefore, is 3,567 sets; or more than 43 per cent. of the woolen machinery of the entire country. For similar reasons Boston is the greatest primary market for the distribution of woolen goods; that is, the headquarters of the most prominent selling agents are here. Philadelphia ranks next to Boston as a wool market the State of Pennsylvania containing 1,361 sets of woolen machinery.

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60 FEET SPAN BRIDGE.

Tenders addressed to the undersigned will be received on or before MONDAY, the 17th instant, for furnishing and erecting a Single Sixty (60) Feet Span Iron Bridge over Rat River on the Pombina Branch. Specifications and other particulars will be immediately supplied on a telegram being sent to the office of the Engineer-in-Chief at Ottawa.

By order,

F. BRAUN,
Secretary.

Department of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, November 4th, 1879.

CREDIT VALLEY
RAILWAY
ROLLING STOCK.

Tenders wanted for manufacturing for the Credit Valley Railway Company

10 Passenger Coaches,
4 Baggage and Express,
4 Mail and Smoking Cars,
200 Box Cars.
150 Flat Cars.

All tenders to be marked "Tenders for Rolling Stock," addressed to the undersigned. Tenders will be received up to the

24th NOVEMBER, 1879.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily to be accepted. Preference will be given to parties agreeing to manufacture the stock in Toronto.

TERMS CASH.

G. LAIDLAW, President.

Intercolonial Railway.

RIVIERE DU LOUP BRANCH.

SEALED TENDERS

Addressed to the undersigned, endorsed "Tenders for Cars," will be received at this office up to noon of

TUESDAY, the 25th INST.

for the supply of—

Four Snow Ploughs,
Three Flangers,
Three Wing Ploughs,
Two First Class Cars,
Two Second Class Cars,
Two Smoking and Postal Cars,
Two Baggage Cars.

Plans, specifications and forms of tender can be had at the Mechanical Superintendent's office at Moncton.

The Department not bound to accept the lowest or any of the tenders.

By order,

F. BRAUN,
Secretary.

Dept. Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, 7th Nov., 1879.