

to order freely. The London summer sales are fixed for the 23rd inst. We repeat quotations of raw furs this week: *Beaver*, \$3.00 per lb.; *Otter* \$9.00 to \$12.00; *Bear*, large, \$9 to \$12; small, \$4.00 to \$7.00; *Cub* do. \$3.00 to \$5.00; *Fisher*, \$4.00 to \$6.00; *Lynx*, \$3 to \$3.50 *Red Fox*, \$1.20 to 1.35; *Cross* do., \$3.00 to \$7.00; *Mink*, 50c. to \$1.00; *Marten*, \$1.00 to \$1.20; *Muskrat*, (winter) 12½c.; (spring) do. 17c.; *Skunk*, 40 to 60c.; *Raccoon*, 50 to 80c.

GROCERIES.—There is quite a degree of dullness prevailing at the moment. The French houses say that the St. Jean Baptiste excitement is affecting trade at the moment, but expect to make it up later, as doubtless many country dealers are delaying purchases till they come to town to combine business and pleasure. Travelers in the West also report trade quiet, and storekeepers awaiting crop developments. *Sugars* still rule low, though refiners claim an eighth advance in Granulated in New York. Refinery price here for *Extra* is 7½c., which might be shaded for large lots; *Yellows* 5½ to 7c. as to quality; there are some raw grocery sugars in the market at about 5½c. *Molasses* seems a trifle stronger, quotations being 32½c. for old, and 36c. for new crop. For *Teas* there is a certain amount of enquiry. From Yokohama it is reported that lower grades are down \$1 a picul, with better grades advancing. *Greens* in London keep very quiet, as the new crop of *blacks* is coming forward, certain grades of old are getting easier. *Rice* is still very scarce, and is likely to be for a month or more. Fresh cargoes will not be to hand before August or September probably. *Currants* and *Raisins* are very dull and flat as the fruit season approaches. *Spices* as usual, and other lines unchanged.

LEATHER.—Very little buying is being done by shoe men, and business is very quiet of late. Still stocks are light and prices stiff. It is reported some Montreal men have been making heavy purchases in the west, with a possible view of "bulling" the market. We still quote: *Hemlock Spanish Sole B. A.* 25 to 28c.; ditto, No. 2 B. A. 22 to 25c.; No. 1, *Ordinary Spanish*, 24c. to 25½c.; No. 2 ditto 22c. to 23c.; No. 1 *China* 23c. No. 2 21c. ditto *Buffalo Sole* No. 1, 21 to 22c. ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c. *Hemlock Slaughter*, No. 1, 26 to 27½c.; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 33 to 38c.; ditto ditto heavy, 33 to 36c.; *Grained*, 34 to 38c. *Splits*, large, 22 to 29c.; ditto small, 14 to 22c. *Calf-splits* 30 to 32c. *Calf-skins* (35 to 46 lbs.) 70 to 80c.; ditto (25 to 34 lbs.) 60 to 70c.; *Russet Sheepskin Linings*, 30 to 50c.; *Harness*, 24 to 33c.; *Buffed Cow*, per ft., 14 to 16c. *Enamelled Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Patent Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Pebbled Cow*, 11 to 15½c. *Rough*, 23 to 28c. *Imitation French Calfskins*, 80 to 85c.; *Russet & Bridle*, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—All travellers in the west, representing metal houses, report business as very poor, and local sales continue of a very limited character. Importations of iron still rule light. At home, prices of makers' brands continue steady, with an evident feeling that bottom has been touched, as offers cabled at 2/- a ton lower have been refused; warrants are some better and are quoted at 41/3d. Bar iron shows no change, and tin plates are steady and firm; coke wasters have sold lately at \$4. Canada plates are about the only article selling liberally for fall delivery, at quotations. Copper seems rather easier, and has sold at 16c. in ton lots; other metals unchanged. General hardware remains dull, with nothing in the way of change to report. We quote: *Gartsherrie* and *Summerlee* \$18 to \$19.00; *Calder*, very little in market, \$19.00; *Langloan*, \$19.50 to \$20.00; *Coltness*, \$20.00 to \$20.50; *Dalmellington*, \$17; *Eglinton*, \$17; *Hematite*, \$20.00 to \$22.50, depending on brand; *Siemens*, \$19.00 to \$20.00; *Bar Iron* still \$1.75 to \$1.85; *Canada Plates* \$2.85 to \$3.00 as to brand; *Tin Plates* Bradley Charcoal, \$6.00 to 6.35; Charcoal I C \$4.75 to \$5.00 as to brand; do. I X. \$6.25 to 6.50; *Coke* I C., \$4.25 to \$4.40. *Galvanized Sheets*, No. 28, 6 to 7c. according to brand; *Tinned Sheets*, coke, Nos. 24 to 26, 6½ to 7½c.; *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs., \$2.25 to \$2.80; *Sheets, Boiler*, Plate per 100 lbs. Staffordshire, \$2.45 to \$2.55; *Steel Boiler Plate* \$3.25 to \$0.00; heads \$4.50; *Russian Sheet Iron*, 10½ to 11c. *Lead* per 100 lbs.—*Pig*, \$3.75 to \$4.00; *Sheet*, \$4.00; *Shot*, \$6 to \$6.50; best cast *Steel*, 11½ to 12½c., firm; *Spring*, \$3.50, firm; *Tyre*, \$3.25 to \$3.50, firm *Sleigh Shoe*, \$2.25 to \$2.50. *Round Machinery Steel*, 3½ to 4c. per lb. *Ingot Tin*, 22 to 24c. *Bar Tin*, 25; *Ingot Copper*, 16½ to 16¾c.

Sheet Zinc, \$4.75 to \$5.50; *Spelter*, \$4.75 to \$5; *Bright Iron Wire*, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

PAINTS AND OILS.—The only features of note in the *Paints* and *Color* trade, is the reported embarrassment of one of the oldest houses in the line. Business continues only fair, though the large demand for *Paris Green*, for bug killing purposes, has caused a rise of 2 to 3c. per pound, and we quote about 18c. per lb. for round lots, and 19 to 20c. in a jobbing way. We quote: *White Lead* (genuine and first-class brands only) \$6.25 to \$6.75; No. 1, \$5.50 to \$6.00; No. 2, \$5.00 to 5.50; No. 3, \$4.50 to 4.75. *Dry White Lead* 6 to 6½c.; *Red* do. 5 to 5½c. These prices for round lots. *London Washed Whiting* 55 to 60c.; *Paris White* \$1.25 to 1.50; *Cookson's Venetian Red* \$2.00 to 2.50; *Yellow Ochre*, \$1.50 to 1.75. In *Oils* there is not much news, and the market is dull. The advance of *Linseed* at home has not affected prices here, which remain at about 54 for raw and 57 for boiled. *Steam Refined Seal*, still 67½ to 70c; *Nfld. Cod*, 63 to 65c.; *Turpentine*, 50 to 52½c.

PROVISIONS.—Pork rules quiet, with prices as follows: *Canada Short Cut*, \$21 to 21.50; *Western Mess*, \$20.00 to 20.50; *Hams* 14 to 14½c.; *Bacon*, 13 to 13½c.; *Western Lard*, 11 to 11½c.; *Canadian*, 11c.; *Butter* is dull; We quote *Creamery*, 30c.; *Townships*, 17 to 18c.; *Morrisburg* 16½ to 18c.; *Western*, 14 to 16c. In *Cheese* there is a fair export going on; quotations are 9 to 9½c., as to quality. *Eggs* are somewhat scarcer and bring 15½ to 16c.

SALT.—There has been reported a cargo sale at Quebec, at 37½c. for *Elevens*, but these figures could not be got again. Local price for *elevens*, ex wharf, is about 40c.; no *Tens* or *Twelves* coming; *Factory Filled*, \$1.10 to \$1.20.

WOOL.—Business in this line remains unsatisfactorily dull and depressed, and parties in the trade say that mill-men seem less disposed than ever to buy, and are working along in a very moderate way, some of them talking of shutting down altogether. We still quote *Domestic A. Supers* at 26 to 28c.; *B. ditto*, 22 to 24c.; *Cape*, 17 to 19c.; *Australian*, 22 to 30c. for finest.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, 19th JUNE, 1884.

Attention is being directed to the coming celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the erection of Town of York into the City of Toronto, popularly known as our "semi-centennial." Letters come from country merchants all over Ontario deferring purchases until they visit the city to see the sights of the fete. Commercial travellers, who cannot make their expected May or June sales, are promised orders when their customers come down on Dominion Day. Many intending visitors from other Provinces or from the States, are making their plans with reference to the week which begins on Monday the 30th. And it is proper to say that the energetic managers of the affair have planned to make the semi-centenary of Toronto a holiday worthy of the occasion.

Much anxious enquiry is heard as to the prospects of the coming crop. There are but slight exceptions to the general fair promise shown by the growing fall wheat and hay, which appears to have successfully passed the stage at which damage from frost need be feared. The coarse spring grains and especially roots, however, are badly in want of rain, along the lake townships. Fruit prospects, in the Niagara District, are materially injured by the frost.

FLOUR.—Transactions still of the most limited nature, at prices much about the same as last week. Superior extra might bring \$5 to \$5.10, with extra still ruling at \$4.85 to \$4.95. Only small lots of oatmeal are selling at from \$4.25 to \$4.50, according to quality. Bran is lower, sales have been made within the week at \$9.

FURS.—Referring to a paragraph among the mercantile summary in last week's issue, Mr. Wm. Lech of Peterboro', a practical furrier, writes us as follows:—"Dear sir, 'how many Muskrat, Mink, Fox, Raccoon, Otter and Skunk skins would it require for a shipment to New York, as reported in your last week's issue, to be valued at \$9,000? 1,100 would be nearer the mark according to the fur market price." Mr.

Lech is right; we got a cypher too many into the value, the figure should have been \$900.

GROCERIES.—A very fair trade for this season of the year is being done; values are, for the most part, unchanged and the tone firm. Coffees are steady and moving to a moderate extent, government Java, still rules at 22 to 27c.; Rio, 12½ to 14c.; Jamaica, 15 to 22c.; Mocha, 30 to 32c.; Native Ceylon, 15 to 20c.; and plantation do. 22 to 27c. There is the usual enquiry for fruits, at previous quotations. Syrups are doing fairly, common is worth 50 to 53c.; amber 55 to 63c.; Pale ditto, 70 to 72c. Spices are unchanged. There is nothing new to note in the sugar market, values however are still low. Teas command a ready sale for all good grades and Tobaccos maintain their customary steadiness. Remittances are reported fair.

GRAIN.—Wheat—Another week of extreme dullness, sellers and buyers seeming to treat matters with indifference. No sales to record. Prices have undergone little or no change. Some sales of oats are reported at 40c. and 41c. Peas are slow of sale at 73 to 74c. The stocks in store are as follows:

	STOCKS IN STORE.		
	June 16, 1884.	June 9, 1884.	June, 1883.
Flour brls	2,350	2,100	3,095
Fall wheat, bush....	66,793	67,870	144,169
Spring " "	74,716	84,055	142,029
Oats " "	7,242	4,970	1,000
Barley " "	3,066	3,066	65,610
Peas " "	35,584	37,395	6,603
Rye " "	334	333	225
Corn " "	3,200	400

Total Grain "190,935 197,489 380,036

HARDWARE AND METALS.—Travellers find very little disposition, on the part of country storekeepers, to buy just now, they prefer to wait until they can visit the city during semi-centennial week. Stocks, however, are reported light, and were a more than ordinary demand to manifest itself, prices would probably stiffen, as imports have been below the average. Canada Plates are commencing to arrive; values, we understand, are anything but remunerative, and the trade generally is not making great endeavors to place orders as better prices are anticipated in the near future. The demand for Tin Plates has, to some extent, fallen off, but there is still a moderate amount selling. Rates at the manufacturing are so low that it is next to impossible to produce a good article for the money. Unfortunately, the majority of tinmiths aim at cheapness; if they would be satisfied to pay from 50 to 75c. more, it would be some inducement to import a brand which would, at least, be worth the difference. The low price of materials has given some impetus to building, and supplies for this purpose are in fair request, particularly those metals used for roofing. In this connection it might be mentioned, that a metallic shingle, or tile, has made its appearance in this market, and has already attracted the favorable notice of builders and architects. The tile is diamond in shape, and is made of tin, or galvanized iron and is easily laid. It is said to be well adapted for pitched, or steep roofs, and sidings, and stress is laid upon its durability and cheapness. The patent is controlled by a Simcoe (Ont.) firm.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The market is featureless, and very little business is being transacted. Prices continue as before reported.

LEATHER.—There are absolutely no new features to note in this trade, and prices have undergone no change for some weeks. A fair amount of stock, of all descriptions, is being disposed of.

PETROLEUM.—Canadian oils are firmly held at 14c. for 5 to 10 barrel lots, while single barrels bring a half cent. more. American prime white still quotes at 23½c.; water white is a shade stronger, say 27c.

PROVISIONS.—Trade in this line has been very quiet during the past week, only small parcels of goods selling. In hog products prices are unchanged, hams are becoming scarce and command outside figure. Butter still keeps in large supply and sells at 14 to 15c., the latter price for single packages. There is a somewhat firmer feeling in cheese, the latest cable quotes 54/6; jobbing lots are offering 10½ to 11c. Eggs are rather stiffer at 15½c.

WOOL.—Matters remain in about the same condition as when we last wrote. The week has been an extremely quiet one, the farmers are very slow in marketing their wool. We repeat previous quotations.