

mer quotations. On the whole business has continued quiet and not up to the average for this season of the year. We quote spot prices at \$1.95 to 2.05 for English brands, and \$1.85 to 1.95 for Belgian; and to arrive, English brands \$1.95, and Belgian \$1.80 to 1.90. The arrivals of firebricks for the past week were 130,000. The demand continues fair and prices are unchanged at \$15.50 to 19.59 per 1,000 as to brand.

In turpentine the feeling is firm, and prices have an upward tendency, but no change as yet has taken place, notwithstanding the fact that prices in the south have advanced 2½ per gallon during the past few days. We quote: Turpentine, 47 to 49c; rosins, \$2.50 to \$5, as to brand; coal tar, \$3.25 to \$3.75; cotton waste, 5 to 7c for colored and 7 to 10c for white; oakum, 5½ to 7½c, and cotton oakum, 10 to 12c. Cordage, steel, at 7 to 7½c for 7 lb and upwards, and 14c for deep sea line. Pure manilla, 9½c for 7 lb and upwards, and 9½c for smaller sizes.—Gazette, June 15.

Montreal Boots and Shoes and Leather.

Manufacturers report business exceedingly slow, and some of the large houses are only working on half time. A few houses, however, report a good many fall orders coming in, but they are not cutting up yet. Only a moderate business is passing in sorting orders, and one house have recalled their travellers. On the whole trade is unsatisfactory.

In the Montreal leather trade business continues to be very much restricted, both as regards black and sole leather, some of our city dealers reporting their sales as small as they ever remember them. Regarding the export trade, a few splits and some sole are going forward to England, but buff is a drug on the other side. Prices here are easy for all kinds, and we quote: No. 1 manufacturers' sole, 17½ to 19c; No. 2, do, 16 to 17½c; inferior, 15 to 16c; jobbers' sole, 19 to 21c. Slaughter sole, 17 to 18½c; waxed upper, 20 to 25c; grain, 10 to 12c; buff 8 to 11c; splits, 13 to 17c for Ontario, and 10 to 12c for Quebec.—Trade Bulletin, June 15.

The Crop Situation.

The following items about the crops are clipped from exchanges or obtained from correspondents and other sources:—

Portage la Prairie, June 16.—A heavy thunder and lightning storm passed over the town on Tuesday night, accompanied by an equally heavy gale of wind. The rain, which, however, did not last long enough, soaked the ground, and being followed by a cool, cloudy morning, did incalculable good to the crops in this section. The general weather has turned a little cooler, accompanied by some cloudiness.

Westbourne, June 13.—We had a moderate rain last Saturday, but ground is yet very dry, and crops will be suffering if rain don't come soon.

Yorkton, June 14.—After the storm it rained steadily for about two hours. Just received word of another building in the country being unroofed and some windows broken in the stores.

Newdale, June 15.—The last week's rain has greatly improved the looks of all kinds of crops.

Stratholair, June 15.—Crops are picking up nicely again after the rain.

Birtle, June 15.—The rain and wind storm here Tuesday night was the heaviest ever known in this district, numbers of chimneys blown down and houses unroofed. The rain was badly needed, and good crops in this vicinity are now assured.

Saltcoats, June 15.—The much needed heavy rain which we had on Tuesday night has improved the condition of crops a hundred fold.

Hartney, June 14.—The recent showers have

proved a great boon to the crops. While some fields were looking tolerably well, sections were looking bad and were going back, but now the general appearances bids fair for a good crop.

Roston, June 15.—The last two showers of rain the past week have brightened up the faces of the expectant farmers, and one or two more rain storms will ensure a good crop.

Mcrosmin, June 16.—The Spectator says:—After the copious showers of this and last week and the hot weather since, all kinds of crops in this district are flourishing gloriously. The heavy rain on Saturday sent up the hopes of the farmers from zero to ninety in the shade, and caused a broad smile to spread over the face of the country.

Stonewall, June 16.—Crops in this vicinity may now be reported as looking splendid. The recent rains have saved them.

Qu'Appelle Station, June 13.—After several thunder storms without any rain to speak of, the crops and gardens were at length refreshed by a much needed steady fall of rain for upwards of an hour. The wheat is in splendid condition now, and we can do without any more rain for a week or more.

Maple Creek, June 12.—The weather has been beautiful this last week or two, and this week there is an abundance of rain, which is very much needed now. Crops are looking beautiful, and are coming ahead splendidly.

McGregor, June 15.—Crops are looking well, having got the rain in time, as everything was greatly in need of it. On Wednesday morning, about one o'clock, we had a heavy rain, accompanied with a very high wind.

Brandon, June 15.—The crops here are improving since the recent shower. It was the first one that had been in this vicinity for some weeks, and growth was being kept back owing to dryness.

Olive, June 18.—Although the rain of last week was a welcome thing, yet not nearly enough has fallen to be of any direct advantage, and with the present dry weather the crops are not advancing at all. Complaints are heard that if rain does not come soon the early expectations of a good crop will not be realized.

Treherne, June 13.—The fine rains of Saturday last and Monday morning have started vegetation on rapidly, and grain looks really fine now.

Ravens Glen, June 15.—The rains of Tuesday and Wednesday nights have caused the farmers once more to look forward to a bountiful harvest.

Alexander, June 14.—We have had no rain yet worth speaking of, and the crops are suffering badly in this locality for the want of it.

Dundee, June 15.—The sudden cool dip is rather refreshing after the hot spell. Grain is looking better since the rain, but another shower would be very beneficial. Our hay crop this year by all appearances will be very short.

Souris, June 17.—The recent showers have been a great help to the crops in this district.

Morden, June 18.—Rain is badly needed in this district. Grain sown on spring plowing is suffering.

Saltcoats, June 17.—Rain fell almost every day last week and crops are looking very well all through the district. On Wednesday evening a heavy thunder storm came up with very high wind.

Speaking of the crops, Superintendent Whyte, of the Canadian Pacific railway, who returned from the west on Tuesday, said that the growing grain had a good appearance, except in the Brandon and Carberry districts, where the want of rain was very apparent. Through the Territories the crops looked splendid.

Neepawa, June 16.—The recent rains have done great good throughout the whole district and many farmers who prior to the rain were

long faces now do not hesitate to say that the prospects for crops are now better than they have been for several years.

Bagot, June 16.—Crops in this part are looking fine, and the heavy rains last week have pushed them ahead very rapidly.

Millwood, June 16.—On Tuesday this district was visited by a violent thunder storm, accompanied by rain which was needed, and hail which was not. The rain did an immense amount of good, and the lightning did damage.

Battleford, June 16.—A refreshing and much needed rain fell on Sunday night, brightening up the crops and causing the farmer's faces to beam with satisfaction. Potatoes everywhere give promise of being a more than usually excellent crop. Wednesday evening a steady rain set in.

Penrith, June 18.—The long spell of dry weather was at last broken on Tuesday evening by one of the heaviest rains in this locality for some years, and the farmers are wearing their usual benignant smile.

Nirga, June 18.—The early grain is doing well in this vicinity, but the oats, barley and late sown wheat is suffering badly for lack of moisture.

Binscarth, June 16.—On Tuesday last a much needed rain arrived and soaked the ground.

Burnside, June 18.—It still keeps dry, but the crops are doing nicely.

St. Francis Xavier, June 19.—We had a heavy rain in the western part of the parish last week.

Olive, June 19.—Although everybody is thankful for the amount of rain that has fallen of late, yet they cannot help complaining that more rain, and very soon, is needed, or the crops will be in a bad condition. Reports say that grubs have begun in good numbers in different parts.

Seeburn, June 18.—Crops are looking well after the heavy shower of Saturday last.

Foxwarren, June 17.—Grain is looking splendid, and with continued showers such as we are now having, will bring a bountiful harvest.

Carievale, June 16.—The anxiously looked for rain came on the ninth, and has improved the looks of the grain wonderfully. It soon would have been suffering.

Birtle, June 19.—Rain, rain, rain, and the crops are stretching up in good shape.

Niverville, June 19.—The weather still continues very dry and hot, only one very small shower of rain having fallen here since May 7, and which only lasted a few minutes, on Saturday, June 9, and was of no benefit whatever to the crops. Early sown wheat is looking well considering the long spell of dry weather we have had, but oats and barley will be a total failure unless we have an unusual season, as this grain was so late sown that it is not yet out of the ground, and the season is now too far advanced to expect a fair return from these crops. Hay will also be a light crop.

Arden, June 20.—Crops are looking well now since the much needed rain. Oats are somewhat backward, but a good shower fell this morning, and will, doubtless, put a different appearance on same.

Shell River, June 19.—Harvest prospects are again assured, frequent and copious downpours of rain brightening up plant life wonderfully.

Oxbow, June 18.—We have had abundance of rain here. The ground is completely saturated, and the warm weather is bringing the grain along at a rapid rate, some of the wheat being nearly headed out. Never were prospects brighter for an abundant harvest. There is also abundant pasture.

Manitou, June 19.—The ground is getting pretty dry, although the crops are looking very fair yet.

Edmonton, June 20.—Crops are reported good in this district, with plenty of rain.

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