

Ottawa region, and the Eastern Townships, but trade is not active, and the gist of many travellers' letters is that there has not yet been many spring goods sold in a retail way. The McLachlan-Gilmour stocks have been moving off in some pretty large blocks, one Toronto buyer making a purchase of something over \$20,000. The houses that last week reported some little improvement in remittances, now find that collections are back to the old sluggish level. Letters from buyers in Europe report general firmness in values on the Continent, and it is said there will be some difficulty in getting early deliveries of cashmeres, etc.

FURS.—We have still to note an absence of any supplies of raw furs coming in, and business continues very quiet; values, however, hold at the figures below as lately revised. Seals and Persian lambs continue at high prices. We quote:—Beaver \$4.50 to 5.00; bear, \$12 to 18; ditto cub, \$6 to 10; fisher, \$3.50 to 6.00; red fox, \$1.15 to 1.40; cross fox, \$2.50 to 5.00; lynx, \$1.50 to 2.50; marten, 60 to 80c.; mink, \$1 to 1.75; winter rat, 15c.; spring ditto, 20c.; otter, \$8 to 10; racoon, 25 to 60c.; skunk, 25c. to \$1, according to stripe and quality.

GROCERIES.—With frequent complaints of bad weather and bad roads from the country, it can hardly be expected that business can show much improvement. The principal interest centres in teas, for which there is more bidding, but it seems to be hard work for the country retailer to bring himself to buy at the stiff prices at which Japans are being held, but still higher prices seem to be the general expectation. Some little weakening in blacks and greens is cabled from London. Sugars are stationary at the slight decline noted last week, granulated being 6½c. per lb. at the refinery, yellows 5 to 5½c. Owing to the position of sugars in the U.S., and the necessity, as it is claimed by many, of some revision of our Customs regulations, the trade in this article has been much restricted for the last several months, sales by both refiner and wholesaler being in dribbles only. Molasses quiet, the season being past, but holders asking 85c. firm per gallon, it being claimed that new crop will cost this figure to lay down. Of rice there is a great dearth; the mill has none, and the trade are begging and borrowing among themselves to fill country orders. Canned tomatoes and corn keep on "firming up," as stocks are steadily being reduced.

HIDES are quiet and dull; dealers continue paying 6½c. per lb. for No. 1 green hides, but find difficulty in getting more than 7c. from tanners; calfskins are dearer, at 8 to 10c. per lb.

LEATHER.—The movement is not any more active, shoe men only buying to fill present pressing wants, and values hold at last quotations. Some fair lots of sole and splits have been shipped to England since last writing. Last circular advices thence report a quiet but steady trade, with moderate stocks in hands of both tanners and dealers, and values steadily held. We quote:—Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 21 to 23c.; do., No. 2, B.A., 17 to 18c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No. 2, ditto, 16 to 17c.; No. 1, China, none to be had; No. 1 slaughter, 22 to 25c.; No. 2 do., 21 to 22c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, 38 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; ditto, heavy, 28 to 33c.; grained, 32 to 34c.; Scotch grained, 32 to 37c.; splits, large, 16 to 24c.; do., small, 12 to 15c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 80c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 23 to 29c.; buffed cow, 12 to 14c.; pebbled cow, 12 to 15c.; rough, 20 to 25c.; russet and bridle, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—There is a little more doing, but in small lots only, consumers ordering just to cover probable wants for the next few weeks until navigation opens. No business of any account is being booked for future delivery, as the prospects favor rather a lower than a higher market, and the disposition is to hold off. Of pig iron, Carnbroe is about the only brand being dealt in, and is easier at \$19.25 to 19.50 to import in quantity. The furnaces of the Londonderry Company are blown out since the Springhill colliery disaster, owing to the inability to get suitable fuel, and the stock of Siemens iron is only moderate. Bar iron is stationary at lately reduced quotations. For hoops and bands the figure is now \$2.50. Canada plates steady;

there is no Swansea here, and only one lot of Penn., which is stiffly held at \$3.35. Tin plates in very narrow compass indeed; of coles there are only a few wasters, no I. C.; charcoal I. C. firm at \$5 to 5.25. There is great weakness in copper, a five-ton lot having sold the other day at 12½c., and we make quotations 13 to 14c. in a jobbing way. Coil chain is easier by a quarter cent on all sizes. We quote:—Coltness, no stock, to import, \$22.50; Calder, No. 1, \$23.00; Calder, No. 3, \$21.50; Summerlee, \$22.50 to 23.50; Eglinton, \$21.00; Gartsherrie, \$22.50 to 23; Carnbroe, \$21 to 21.50; Shotts, \$22.50; Middlesboro, none here; cast scrap railway chairs, &c., \$20.00; machinery scrap, \$19.00; common ditto, \$13; bar iron, \$2.10 for Canadian, British \$2.30 to 2.40; best refined, \$2.35 to 2.50. The products of the Londonderry Iron Company we quote as follows: Siemens' pig No. 1, \$22.50 to 23.00; Maple bar, \$2.05 to 2.10; Siemens' bar, \$2.15 to 2.25; these figures for round lots. Canada Plates—Blaina, \$3.10; Swansea, none; Penn., \$3.35. Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$8.00 to 8.50. Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.75 to 2.80. Tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$6.50 to 7; charcoal I. C., \$5.00 to 5.25; do. I.X., \$5.75 to 6.00; coke I.C., \$5.00 to 4.60; coke wasters, \$4.40; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 5½ to 5½c.; Morewood, 7c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c.; No. 26, 7c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.50. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75 to 3.00; common sheet iron \$2.75 to 2.90 according to gauge steel boiler plate, \$3.00; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 10½ to 11c.; lead per 100 lbs., pig, \$3.75 to 4; sheet, \$4.75; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.50 to 3.00; round machinery steel, \$3.25; ingot tin 22½ to 23½c.; bar tin, 26c.; ingot copper, 13 to 14c.; sheet zinc, \$6.50 to 7.00; spelter, \$6.25; antimony, 00 to 20c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.75. Coil chain, ½ inch, 5c.; ¾ in., 4½c.; 7-16 in., 4½c.; 1 in., 4c.; 1½ in., 3½c.; 2 in., 3½c.; and upwards, 3c.

OILS AND PAINTS.—Business is opening up well in these lines. Leads show a little weakening; dry white lead can now be bought at from 5 to 5½c.; in mixed leads we make the quotation for chemically pure \$5.75 to 6, and No. 1, \$5 to 5.25. Linseed oil remains about as before at 63 to 64c. per gal. for raw, boiled 66 to 67c.; turpentine, 60 to 61c.; fish and castor oils as last quoted, and colors generally without change.



TENDERS.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Indian Supplies," will be received at this office up to noon of Saturday, 9th May, 1891, for the delivery of Indian Supplies, during the fiscal year ending the 30th June, 1892, consisting of Flour, Beef, Bacon, Groceries, Ammunition, Twine, Agricultural Implements, Tools, &c., duty paid, at various points in Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

Forms of tender, containing full particulars, relative to the Supplies required, dates of delivery, &c., may be had by applying to the undersigned, or to the Indian Commissioner at Regina, or to the Indian office, Winnipeg.

Parties may tender for each description of goods (or for any portion of each description of goods) separately, or for all the goods called for in the Schedules, and the Department reserves to itself the right to reject the whole or any part of a tender.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque in favor of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, on a Canadian Bank, for at least five per cent. of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter into a contract based on such tender when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for. If the tender is not accepted the cheque will be returned, and if a contract be entered into for a part only of the supplies tendered for an accepted cheque for five per cent. of the amount of the contract may be substituted for that which accompanied the tender; the contract security cheque will be retained by the Department until the end of the fiscal year.

Each tender must, in addition to the signature of the tenderer, be signed by two sureties acceptable to the Department for the proper performance of the contract based on his tender.

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L. VANKOUGHNET,

Deputy of the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs.

Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, March, 1891.

We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$5.75 to 6; No. 1, \$5 to 5.25; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$4 to 4.50; dry white lead, 5 to 5½c.; red do., 4½ to 4¾c.; London washed whiting, 50c.; Paris white, 90c. to \$1; Cookson's Venetian red, \$1.60 to 1.75; other brands of Venetian red, \$1.40 to 1.60; yellow ochre \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50. Window glass, \$1.45 per 50 feet for first break, \$1.55 for second break; third break, \$3.40.

WOOL.—A dealer just returned from a trip West reports millmen as fairly disposed to buy, and reports some moderate business in Cape at firmer prices, ranging from 15½ to 16½c. per lb.; B.A. scoured is now held at 36½c. as lowest figure.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, April 16th, 1891.

DRUGS.—Business fair; payments somewhat slow. Quotations all round not materially altered. Brimstone and sulphur flowers are very much firmer, having advanced abroad; carbolic acid is on the easy side; quinine weak; opium and morphia are also indifferent in values, but an improvement is expected; essential oils of peppermint and lemon are very firm.

DRY GOODS.—The cold rainy weather is telling against trade. Customers have been few this week, and what trade is doing, is purely of a sorting nature. Country roads in some

THE

Ontario and Quebec RAILWAY COMPANY.

THE half-yearly interest due on the first of June 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 2nd proximo.

Interest for the same period on the common stock of the Company, at the rate of six 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 2nd proximo.

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

The Debenture Stock Transfer Books will close in London and Montreal on the 2nd May next, 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 June.

By order of the Board,

CHARLES DRINKWATER,

Secretary.

Montreal, April 17th, 1891.

Canadian Pacific Railway Co.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TENTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of this Company for the election of Directors, and the transaction of business generally, will be held on

Wednesday, the 18th Day of May Next,

At the principal office of the Company at Montreal at 12 o'clock noon.

The meeting will be made special for the purpose of considering and taking such steps as may be deemed expedient in order to give effect to any legislation by the Parliament of Canada, authorizing the issue of Consolidated Debenture Stock in respect of the Company's Souris Branch Railway, the Columbia and Kootenay Railway, the Lake Temiscamingue Colonization Railway, the Calgary and Edmonton Railway, and a Railway from Saskatoon to the waters of the North Saskatchewan River, and of outstanding obligations in connection with the Manitoba South Western Colonization Railway Company, or any of the said matters.

The Transfer Books of the Company will close in Montreal and New York on Tuesday, May 5th, and in London on Tuesday, April 21st, and will be re-opened on Thursday, May 14th next.

By order of the Board.

CHARLES DRINKWATER,

Secretary.

Montreal, 7th April, 1891.