

FURS.—Some moderate lots of raw furs are still coming in, with reports that there are still some fair supplies to be forwarded from interior points. Advices just to hand, regarding the Leipzig fair, state that though prices opened fairly strong, there were some indications of weakening towards the close, and it is hardly expected that the prices of January and March will be fully maintained at the London June sales, which open on the 12th prox. We quote: Mink, large dark, \$1.50; small, do., \$1 to \$1.25; marten, \$1.75 to \$2.25; fisher, \$4.50 to \$7; lynx, \$1 to \$2; otter, \$1 to \$12 for dark; pale, \$5 to \$7; red fox, large, \$1.30 to \$1.50; small, \$1; cross fox, \$3 to \$6; bear, cubs, \$3 to \$7; medium, \$7 to \$10; large, \$12 to \$15; skunk, 15 to 70c., as to color and stripe; coon, 20 to 75c.; rats, fall, 7 to 10c.; kits, 2 to 5c. Beaver, not quoted, killing being forbidden by law.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	May 9.	May 16.
Wheat.....	206,484	154,460
Corn.....	121,873	194,605
Oats.....	1,057,347	1,087,787
Rye.....	71,661	57,737
Peas.....	195,832	207,361
Barley.....	44,925	40,134

Total grain ..	1,698,122	1,742,084
Oatmeal.....	80	81
Flour.....	16,847	19,555
Buckwheat.....	108,102	113,932

GROCERIES.—Jobbers report a steady country distribution, with payments from dealers of a generally satisfactory character. Rice has scored another advance of 25 to 30c. a cental, and jobbers' prices for standard B. are \$3.75 for single bags, \$3.70 five to 10 bags, and \$3.65 for 10 bags and upwards. Tapioca is also firmer, and 3½c. is now asked between houses. There is a strong demand at present for Japan teas of medium grade, ranging from 15 to 16½c., which are scarcer than ever, and holders demand and get a full half cent advance on these lines. The sugar market remains at the level of last week, refinery quotations being for standard granulated, 4½c.; Austrian granulated, 4 3-16c.; and Dutch ditto, 4½c.; yellows, 3 11-16 to 4½c. A moderate lot of regular Dutch refined is unloading from the "Nordkyn" now in the harbor, and cable quotations are reported for this grade at 13s. per cwt., which equals cost in bond here of about \$2.85 per hundred lbs., or a shade under \$4 duty paid. No recent cable advices are to hand regarding molasses, for which article prices are fully as firm as last noted. There is not much doing in canned goods, but canned vegetables continue pretty steady in price. There seems to be a disposition to ease up a little on gallon apples, and they could probably be bought in fair lots at about \$2.30. Quotations for new pack of lobsters have not been received here yet, but prices are expected to rule high. Dried fruits are not in much demand, but are firm in price; a couple of carloads of California raisins are to hand, said to be desirable goods, for which the agents quote on the basis of 6½c. for 3 crown to jobbers. Tarragona and shelled almonds are dearer, also Sicily filberts.

HIDES.—Prices remain exactly as quoted last week, with receipts of beef hides a little larger, and tanners buying pretty freely all that are offering. Dealers are buying hides at 8, 7, and 6c. per lb. for Nos. 1, 2, and 3 respectively; calfskins 10 and 8c. per lb.; lambskins 15c. and sheepskins \$1 to \$1.10 each.

LEATHER.—Some further moderate sales of pebble and glove grain leathers are reported to a few of the larger shoe manufacturing houses, but buying of fall stock is not very general as yet. The manifesto of out-going steamers show very considerable exports of splits and glove in black leathers, as well as large lots of sole, and Western tanners are inclined to be firmer in their views, and they are comparatively indifferent to offers coming from this market.

We quote: Spanish sole. B.A., No. 1, 24 to 25c.; do. No. 2, 22½ to 23½c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 23 to 24c.; No. 2, 20 to 21c.; No. 1 slaughter, 26 to 28c.; No. 2, do., 24 to 25c.; common, 20 to 21c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; do. heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; western splits, 22 to 25c.; Quebec do., 18 to 20c.; juniors, 18 to 20c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 24c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 13 to 15c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 13 to 13½c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12 to 13c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

TENDERS FOR

ST. JOHN CITY DEBENTURES.

Sealed Tenders, marked "Tenders for Debentures," will be received at the office of the Chamberlain of the City of Saint John, up to 13th June, 1898, for the purchase of Saint John City Debentures for the whole or any part of the sum of

One Hundred and Forty-Seven Thousand (147,000) Dollars

to be issued in sums of \$1,000 each, under the provisions of Act of Assembly, 52 Vic., Cap. 27, Sec. 29, payable in 40 years, with interest at the rate of Four per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly.

The said debentures are issued by orders from Common Council of the City of Saint John under authority of Act of Assembly, which provides for creating necessary Sinking Fund for redemption at maturity.

The proceeds of said Debentures are to meet expenditures for Public Services such as the extension of water and sewerage service in several places and districts as adopted by Common Council under date of 2nd September, 1897, in the sum of \$12,000. Also the extension of water supply service on western side of the harbor and the laying of a new main from Spruce Lake to that part of the city, on the said western side of the harbor, in the sum of \$135,000.

First Interest Coupons payable 1st November, 1898.

If desirable these Debentures may be issued in sums of \$500 each.

Not bound to accept the highest or any tender.

FRED SANDALL, Chamberlain,
City of St. John, N.B.

Chamberlain's Office, 13th May, 1898.



Trent Canal

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Hydraulic Lift Lock at Peterborough

Sealed Tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tenders for Hydraulic Lift Lock," at Peterborough, will be received at this office up to noon on Tuesday, May 31st, 1898, for the construction of this Hydraulic Lift Lock.

Plans and specifications of the work can be seen at the office of the Chief Engineer of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, on and after 5th May, 1898, where forms of tender can be obtained by the parties tendering.

In the case of firms there must be attached the actual signature of the full name, the nature of the occupation and place of residence of each member of the same, and further, an accepted bank cheque for the sum of \$18,000 must accompany the tender; this accepted cheque must be endorsed over to the Minister of Railways and Canals, and will be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the work at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted.

The accepted cheque thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

This department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

L. K. JONES, Secretary.

Department of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, 2nd May, 1898.

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Tenders for Coal

1898

The undersigned will receive tenders, to be addressed to them at their office, in the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, and marked "Tenders for Coal," up to noon on

WEDNESDAY, 25TH MAY, 1898

for the delivery of coal in the sheds of the institutions named below, on or before the 15th day of July next, except as regards the coal for the London and Hamilton Asylums and Central Prison, as noted:—

Asylum for Insane, Toronto

Hard coal, 1,050 tons large egg size, 200 tons stove size, 80 tons nut size; soft coal, 450 tons lump, 103 tons hard screenings, 150 tons soft screenings.

Asylum for Insane, London

Hard coal, 2,300 tons small egg size, 300 tons egg size (Scranton coal), 265 tons stove size, 70 tons chestnut size; soft coal, 40 tons for grates. Of the 2,300 tons, 1,700 may not be required till January, 1899; also 50 tons Scranton egg.

Asylum for Insane, Kingston

Hard coal, 1,300 tons large egg size, 225 tons small egg size, 90 tons chestnut size, 350 tons hard screenings, 350 tons soft screenings, 25 tons stove size (hard).

Asylum for Insane, Hamilton

Hard coal, 1,950 tons small egg size, 173 tons stove size, 113 tons chestnut size; Straitsville, for grates, 30 tons; for pump-house, 150 tons soft screenings, 75 tons hard screenings. Of the above quantity 1,563 tons may not be required until January, 1899.

Asylum for Insane, Mimico

Hard coal, 1,850 tons large egg size, 175 tons stove size, 10 tons channel coal, 75 tons soft screenings; 50 cords hardwood.

Asylum for Idiots, Orillia

Reynoldsville screenings, 1,000 tons, 75 tons stove size, 10 tons Briar Hill coal.

Asylum for Insane, Brockville

Hard coal, 1,700 tons large egg size, 125 tons stove size, 25 tons small egg.

Central Prison, Toronto

Hard coal, 25 tons nut size, 60 tons small egg size; soft coal, 1,800 tons Reynoldsville screenings. The soft coal to be delivered in lots of 160 tons monthly.

Institution for Deaf and Dumb, Belleville

Hard coal, 650 tons large egg size, 90 tons small egg size, 15 tons stove size, 22 tons No. 4 size; soft coal for grates, 4 tons.

Institution for Blind, Brantford

Hard coal, 400 tons egg size, 175 tons stove size, 20 tons chestnut size.

Mercer Reformatory, Toronto

Reynoldsville screenings, 600 tons; stove coal, 75 tons.

Tenderers are to name the mine or mines from which they propose to supply the coal, and to designate the quality of same, and if required will have to furnish satisfactory evidence that the coal delivered is true to name.

Delivery is to be effected satisfactory to the authorities of the respective institutions.

Tenders will be received for the whole quantity above specified or for the quantities required in each institution.

An accepted cheque for \$500, payable to the order of the Hon. the Provincial Treasurer, must be furnished by each tenderer as a guarantee of his bona fides, and two sufficient sureties will be required for the due fulfilment of each contract.

Specifications and forms and conditions of tenders are to be obtained from the Bursars of the respective institutions. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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R. CHRISTIE,
T. F. CHAMBERLAIN,
JAMES NOXON,

Inspectors of Asylums, Prisons, and Public Charities, Parliament Buildings.

Toronto, May 9th, 1898.