

Scotia, 29 to 30c. Leads, Colors, and Glass show no change. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.75 to 6.00; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25; dry white lead, 5½c.; red do., 4½c.; London washed whiting, 50 to 55c.; Paris white, \$1.00; Cookson's Venetian red, \$1.75; other brands Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.60; yellow ochre, \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$2.00 to 3.00. Window glass, \$1.40 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.50 for second break.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, 16th Aug., 1888.

Our civic holiday has slightly interrupted the course of trade during the week, but generally speaking its course has been much as before and the degree of activity prevalent equal to that usual at this period. Until the new crop has begun to come forward the country will have but little with which to buy and the town but little on which to operate. In Toronto this is very conspicuously the case, as stocks of flour and grain are unusually low, standing little over one-half those held at the corresponding date last year. We have now only 99,575 bushels of all sorts of grain and nil flour in store, against 2,096 barrels of flour and 185,547 bushels of grain last year. Nor do farmers seem likely to push grain into the market very quickly in face of the unsettled markets which are likely to prevail in nearly all quarters until supplies and demands are better understood than at present, to say nothing of the fact that harvests are nearly everywhere turning out late. For these reasons we do not expect any very early improvement in trade; but, as we said last week, all we can learn seems to favor the conclusion that Ontario crops will prove much better than was expected some weeks since, while there is no doubt about Manitoban proving first-class provided only that they escape frost for about another fortnight. The general feeling here seems to be that of confidence, with prices firm nearly all over. The feeling in outside grain markets seems to have been rather unsettled, but the actual change on the week is small.

APPLES.—Imported have been offered as before, but scarcely anything doing in them, as local have been abundant at cheaper prices, closing at \$1.25 to 1.50 per barrel.

COAL AND WOOD.—For this season trade is very good, and no advance has taken place as yet in the price of either coal or wood. Considerable movement exists in household orders, showing that many persons are taking advantage of present prices to secure a portion of their winter supply.

DRUGS.—The only trade doing is such as immediate necessity requires; there is, perhaps, a slightly better movement in some lines, for the simple reason that stocks have been allowed to run unusually low, and at last something must be bought. Quinine is quiet but firm. London cables have given it a rather firmer tone. Opium is moving perceptibly and is steadier, still the demand is comparatively light. The expected large crop checks prices. The only change in price is balsam copaiba, which has gone up a good five cents a pound.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—There has been some little demand for flour during the week, but very little available to meet it and that little held very firmly. At the close of last week there seems to have been some very small movement on p.t., but apparently at about \$4.20 for straight roller, and \$3.90 to 3.95 for extra; at the close on Wednesday, however, these prices would readily have been repeated, with any little on hand held higher. Bran has continued very scarce and in good demand; at the close it might have been had in one instance at \$16 with \$15 noted and refused. Oatmeal—Cars nominal and cannot fail to remain so until the close of the combination; small lots sold very slowly as before, at \$6.05 to 6.15 for standard and \$6.80 to 6.40 for granulated.

GRAIN.—Very little of any sort of grain has been available; and that most abundant, barley, has been precisely the sort least wanted at present. Wheat has been in fairly good demand but offered very slowly. Sales were made in the latter part of last week at equal to 98 and 98½c. for No. 1 hard, with buyers of No. 2 fall and No. 2 red winter at 97½ and 98c., and of No. 2 spring at 89 to 90c., but these latter grades were not offered. Since then No. 1 northern sold at 97 and 96c.; No. 1 hard was held at \$1 with 98c. bid at the close, when No. 2 spring was wanted at 90c. with none offered, and other local grades would have been taken as before. The first new fall wheat sold on the street on Tuesday, at \$1. In oats the only sort offered has been Manitoban, and it has been selling at a decline. Cars lying outside sold last Thursday at equal to 46½ and 47c. here, and cars on track at 46, 45½, and 45c., with further sales at the latter figure on Friday, Saturday, and Tuesday, and at the close one sale was made at 44½c. New has sold on the street at 46c. and old at 51 to 52c. Barley has not moved all week, nor did there seem to be any offered or wanted until the close when 55c. was bid for No. 2 for October delivery, with none offered. Peas were nominal until the close, when a sale of five cars for October delivery at a point on the Pacific railway was made at 65c., but the exact point not being stated this cannot be regarded as very significant. Rye was offered at the close for delivery on the Pacific railway in October at 65c., with 63c. bid. Nothing doing in corn; prices nominal.

GROCERIES.—Business is good. Tea is active at firmer prices. Sugar is steady and unchanged, though an advance in rates has been expected in many quarters. Molasses and syrups are quiet at the quotations of last week. In tobacco the movement is good and prices firm. Rice and tapioca are more active than for some time past. There is a seasonable briskness in dried fruits; currants and Valencia keeping firm and active with a short supply. In canned goods we have an average trade at

unchanged prices. In coffee the demand is very light with no variations.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—Excepting that we have a rather active demand for English sheet iron, coke, tin, and Canada plates there is no change of any consequence to mention. Business is steady, and payments are fairly good. Quotations are unchanged.

HAY.—Pressed has continued scarce and in good demand at firm prices, with sales of timothy on track at \$14 to 16. Market supplies small and prices steady, closing at \$17 to 22.50 for new.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Green hides seem to have been taken more confidently at steady but unchanged prices; cured in better demand with sales of car-lots at 5½c. and of picked weights at 6c. Calfskins—Green unchanged; cured inactive but seem to have been held more firmly. Sheepskins—Green have sold as before at 40 to 45c., with offerings small; prices steady but no talk of any advance heard.

LEATHER.—While not so brisk as last week, business still continues good. The markets in New York and down east are active and advancing, and have acted beneficially here. There is a good demand for No. 1 jobbing leather, but as the supply is short the movement does not amount to much. All other grades are in good supply. There is an accumulation of light No. 1 and 2. The trade outlook is considered very favorable.

LIVE STOCK.—The local trade has been fair but weak, owing to an over supply of poor quality, which has caused prices for medium and inferior stuff to give way. All first-class stock is bringing its full value. The export trade is very active; cattle are selling readily on a basis of 4½ to 5c. a pound, while sheep for export are going at \$6 and \$7 each, and even \$8 for prime kinds is paid. The English demand just now is much in excess of the supply, and all extra quality sheep are much



SAULT Ste. MARIE CANAL.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tenders for the Sault Ste. Marie Canal," will be received at this office until the arrival of the eastern and western mails on Tuesday, the 23rd Day of October, next, for the formation and construction of a Canal on the Canadian side of the river, through the Island of St. Mary.

The works will be let in two sections, one of which will embrace the formation of the canal through the Island, the construction of locks, &c. The other, the deepening and widening of the channel-way at both ends of the Canal; construction of piers, &c.

A map of the locality, together with plans and specifications of the works can be seen at this Office on and after Tuesday, the 9th day of October, next, where printed forms of tender can also be obtained. A like class of information, relative to the works, can be seen at the office of the local officer in the Town of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Intending contractors are requested to bear in mind that tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms and be accompanied by a letter stating that the person or persons tendering have carefully examined the locality and the nature of the material found in the trial pits.

In the case of firms, there must be attached the actual signatures of the full name, the nature of the occupation, and residence of each member of the same; and further, a Bank Deposit Receipt for the sum of \$50,000 must accompany the tender for the canal and locks; and a Bank Deposit Receipt for the sum of \$7,500 must accompany the tender for the deepening and widening of the channel-way at both ends, piers, &c.

The respective Deposit Receipts—cheques will not be accepted—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 works, at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted.

The deposit receipts 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 tenders.

By order,

A. P. BRADLEY,

Secretary.

Department of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, 8th August, 1888.

ST. LAWRENCE CANALS

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for the St. Lawrence Canal," will be received at this office until the arrival of the eastern and western mails on Tuesday, the 25th day of September next, for the construction of two locks, and the deepening and enlargement of the upper entrance of the Galops Canal, and for the deepening and enlargement of the summit level of the Cornwall Canal. The construction of a new lock at each of the three interior lock stations on the Cornwall canal, between the Town of Cornwall and Maple Grove; the deepening and widening the channel way of the canal; construction of bridges, &c.

A map of each of the localities together with plans and specifications of the respective works, can be seen on and after Tuesday, the 11th day of September, next, at this office for all the works, and for the respective works at the following mentioned places:—

For the works at Galops, at the Lock-keeper's house, Galops. For deepening the summit level of the Cornwall Canal, at Dickenson's Landing; and for the new locks, &c., at lock-stations Nos. 18, 19 and 20, at the Town of Cornwall. Printed forms of tender can be obtained for the respective works at the places mentioned.

In the case of firms there must be attached the actual signatures of the full name, the nature of the occupation and residence of each member of the same, and further, a Bank Deposit Receipt for the sum of \$5,000 must accompany the tender for the Galops Canal Works, and a Bank Deposit Receipt for the sum of \$2,000 for each section of the works on the summit level of the Cornwall Canal; and for each of the lock sections on the Cornwall Canal, a Bank Deposit Receipt for the sum of \$4,000.

The respective Deposit Receipts—cheques will not be accepted—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 works at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted. The deposit receipts thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

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