

as it has happily been among the retail trade, which is a healthy sign, and as such to be welcomed. Coarse goods, such as manufactures of jute, carpets, linen bags, and heavy linens, are affected by the war, and are on the rise in Britain. Ordinary dress goods on the other hand, are lower than ever, and sales drag. In Huddersfield blankets, &c., the tendency is higher. There is not much if any improvement in remittances, and until harvest money cannot be expected to come in freely.

FLOUR.—Stocks in store 9,251 bbls., against 9,001 bbls. last week, and 14,763 bbls. at like date last year. There have been no sales for some days, and holders are not willing to make concessions. Our quotations are therefore nominal in the meanwhile.

FUEL.—The market is well supplied both with coal and wood. The stock of the former wintered over was unusually large, and dealers are importing heavily on account of the low prices in the States. Wood is dull at \$5.50 per cord for hard in small quantities; \$5.00 in larger lots. It is coming in pretty freely per Narrow Gauge roads. Very little trade is doing in coal; prices are stove \$5.50; egg \$5.00; chestnut \$5.25; soft coal \$5.50; steam \$4.50 to 5.00.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—Stocks in store. Fall 73,346 bush. against 73,901 bush. last week, and 175,047 same week last year. Spring 170,471 bush. against 149,786 bush. last week, and 266,807 same week last year. Here are shown a slight decrease in the supply of fall and an increase in that of spring. Prices in Chicago are weaker, but holders here will make no concessions: while no one will buy on speculation at present figures, taking only what is immediately wanted. Our quotations are therefore in the main nominal. *Oats* are in increased supply, viz: 21,848 bush. against 17,364 bush. last week, and 12,218 bush. last year. The stock of barley is low, being reduced to 16,586 bush. against 19,285 last week. Stock of peas is 55,969 bush., which is just about half of that on hand this time last year.

GROCERIES.—Trade is quiet on all hands, and the demand is simply for small parcels for necessary wants. Stocks are not heavy as a rule, but well assorted. *Sugars* are a feature attracting notice this week, they are again firmer abroad, though our present quotations represent what they can be bought for, *Coffees* very little doing. *Fish* very dull, season over. *Fruit* also is slow of sale and a pretty fair quantity is still held here. *Molasses* and syrups are in small supply, but probably adequate for the light demand prevailing at this season, prices are very firm. *Rice*—Is firm, and the lowest figure for lots is \$46½. In *Spices* there is a steady but small movement. In *Teas* the trade has been comparatively dull the past week; in fine Black several lines have been turned over, one at 50c; low grade Japans also have been moving at 25 and 27c. In Hyson the demand has been quiet. *Tobaccos* are unchanged. *Case Liquors* have been in better demand from city buyers this week, since the granting of licenses. Hennessy's brandy cannot be had under \$3.25c per gall., cases are quoted, Red case gin, say \$8.00 to 8.50c; Dekuypers Red \$8.50 to 8.75c. Rum has advanced a little, \$2.35 to 2.50 will represent the market. Demerara, say \$1.90 to 2.10c.

HIDES & SKINS.—*Hides* show some firmness. The price of green advanced on Wednesday to 7½ and 6½ for Nos 1 & 2 respectively, while cured and inspected sell at 7½ to 8½c No 2 6½ to 7c. *Sheepskins* very dull, no change in prices of *Calfskins*.

LEATHER.—Stocks continue full, in all lines, and the demand is not equal to the supply. There is no change to note in prices which are steady. Messrs. Thorne, Parsons & Co., have, we are told orders from England, for all the oak

Rough Leather and oak harness leather their tannery at Niagara can produce, this is a cheering fact and may perhaps be significant of something better in the near future for the trade generally.

PROVISIONS.—There is no animation in the market; parcels sold are small in nearly all lines. *Butter* is dull and in considerable supply. Pound rolls bring 19 to 20c, ordinary 14 to 16c. *Cheese*—The demand is moderate, considerable parcels have changed hands at 13 to 14c. A good deal of new has been received, and we hear of a shipment to Britain from a Western point of a lot but two days old, which is unprecedented we believe. *Mess Pork* is dull. Of *Bacon* only small quantities move, at prices within our range. *Hams*—We hear of a lot of 200 being sold on Tuesday on private terms.

—Chicago pork-packers have determined to ship their products hereafter to the seaboard by lake and canal, and have chartered a line of steamers for the purpose. They contend that the cost by water is just half that by rail, and that the difference in time is not sufficient to make up for the extra railway freight. It will be of interest to watch the success or otherwise of the change.

WOOL.—The market for combing is dull; low-priced supers are asked for but there is little in market. *Fleece*—The first of the new clip was bought last week at 27c. This week a lot was bought from Mr. W. F. Crawford, of Albion, at 28c. This is certainly an outside price, for there is nothing in the prospects of the market at present to show where a profit can be had over this figure.

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May 25, 1877.



Welland Canal Enlargement.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed Tenders, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for the Welland Canal," will be received at this office until the arrival of the Eastern and Western mails on THURSDAY, the 5th day of JULY next, for the formation of a new line of canal from Marlatt's Pond, at Thorold to Allanburg, including the construction of a lift lock, guard lock, several culverts and piers and abutments for swing bridges, &c.

Also, the enlargement of about two miles of the canal, from the Junction downward, together with the construction of an Aqueduct over the Chippawa River, a lock between the canal and the river at Welland, piers and abutments for bridges, &c.

And, the enlargement of the canal from Ramey's Bend to Port Colborne, including the construction of a guard lock, weir, and supply race, &c.

The works will be let in sections of a length suited to circumstances and the locality.

Maps of the different localities, together with plans and specifications of the works can be seen at this office on and after Monday, the 25th day of June next, where the printed forms of tender can be obtained. A like class of information relative to the works north of Allanburg, can be seen at the resident Engineer's Office, Thorold; and for works south of Port Robinson, plans, &c., may be seen at the resident Engineer's office, Welland.

Contractors are requested to bear in mind that Tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms, and in the case of firms—except there are attached the actual signature, the nature of the occupation and place of residence of each member of the same; and further, an accepted bank check or other available security for the sum of from one to five thousand dollars, according to the extent of work on the section, must accompany each Tender, which sum shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the works at the rates stated in the offer submitted.

The amount required in each case will be stated on the form of Tender.

The check or money thus sent in will be returned to the respective contractors whose Tenders are not accepted.

For the fulfilment of the contract, satisfactory security will be required, by the deposit of money to the amount of five per cent on the bulk sum of the Contract, of which the sum sent in with the Tender will be considered a part.

Ninety per cent only of the progress estimates will be paid until the completion of the work.

To each Tender must be attached the actual signatures of two responsible and solvent persons, residents of the Dominion, willing to become sureties for the carrying out of these conditions as well as the due performance of the works embraced in the contract.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By order. F. BRAUN, Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 14th May, 1877.