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**HARDWARE.**—General trade is not improved, but it is moderate in extent. There is a steady quiet demand for ordinary building hardware and materials, and prices are firm without change. Implements for the hay harvest have been in good demand. There is no prospect of immediate improvement in trade, but a good fall trade is anticipated, under favorable circumstances.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—The market is quiet, with only small offerings. It was expected that prices would weaken following a slight decline reported in the United States, but there has been no change in quotations. Green hides are buying from butchers at 7c for cows and 8c for steers, inspected No. 1; No. 2 at 1c lower. Cured hides are selling in small lots at 8½c to 8¾c, and demand not active. *Sheepskins* are in small supply, and are quoted about \$1.30 to \$1.40 according to quality. *Lambskins* about 35c to 40c. *Cat skins* in larger supply and unchanged.

**LEATHER.**—Demand from shoe factories has fallen off somewhat, and generally the market is quiet. Orders from small dealers are also rather higher. Prices are unchanged, as a resumption of work is expected within a few weeks, and stocks of leather are not large.

**PROVISIONS, ETC.**—There is very little to report in the provision trade. The local trade is rather difficult on account of demand being behind the supply in nearly all branches. Dealers in meats find a moderate regular demand from country dealers. This is said to be all that is needed this season to clear out the small stock of bacon manufactured last winter. *Bacon* is still selling in small lots at 10½c to 11c for long clear, and 10c for C.C. No large sales reported. *Hams* are firm, at 13½c to 14c for small lots of smoked, and 12½c for pickled. *Lard* unchanged with moderate demand, pulls selling at 11½c to 12½c according to quantity.

*Pork* quiet, at 20c to 21c. *Beef* quiet at 15c for prime, and 16c for mess. *Butter* quoted in another column. *Cheese*, lower, quoted at 12c to 12½c, with supply large. *Eggs* are in liberal supply, and the demand is not so active; prices are weak, at 14½c to 15c for case lots. *Apples* sell in small lots or single barrels at \$3.50 to \$4. *Potatoes* are rather easier, with a reduced consumption, selling at about 65c per bag of 90 lbs in car lots. *Hops* unchanged. *Salt* is in moderate demand and unchanged.

**WOOL.**—It was stated in last week's report that an association of wool dealers was probable, for the purpose of determining prices for the opening of the season at least. This has taken place. The likelihood is that a further purpose of the Association will be to supply mutual information as to the status of owners of factories. The existing position of manufacturers is very difficult. Many of them went to great expense in setting up new and extensive machinery. This would have been the right policy if there had not been so many to adopt it. But the manufacture of goods has exceeded all demand, and the bottom has dropped out of the market. Large wool-dealers are now exceedingly guarded in trading with the factory men, for a dull market is aggravated by low prices of goods. The price of fleece is fixed at 18c for selections, and 15c to 16c for ordinary and medium Cotswold fleece. Clothing wools are very quiet, and prices nominally unchanged, supers quoted at 21c to 22c, and extra supers at 27c and 28c.

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The annuities will be in the form of certificates signed by the Provincial Treasurer, guaranteeing half-yearly payments at the office of the Provincial Treasurer, in Toronto, of sums of \$50, \$100, or larger sums, on the 30th day of June and 31st day of December in each year, for forty years from 30th day of June next, the first half-yearly certificate being payable on 31st December next.

The total amount of annuities to be issued in 1884, and for which tenders are asked, is \$13,400 annually, but tenders will be received for any part of the same not less than \$100 annually.

Tenders will be required to state the capital sum which will be paid for either the whole annuities offered or such portion as may be tendered for.

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Provincial Treasurer's Office,  
Toronto, May 1st, 1883.

W. R. HARRIS,  
Assistant Treasurer

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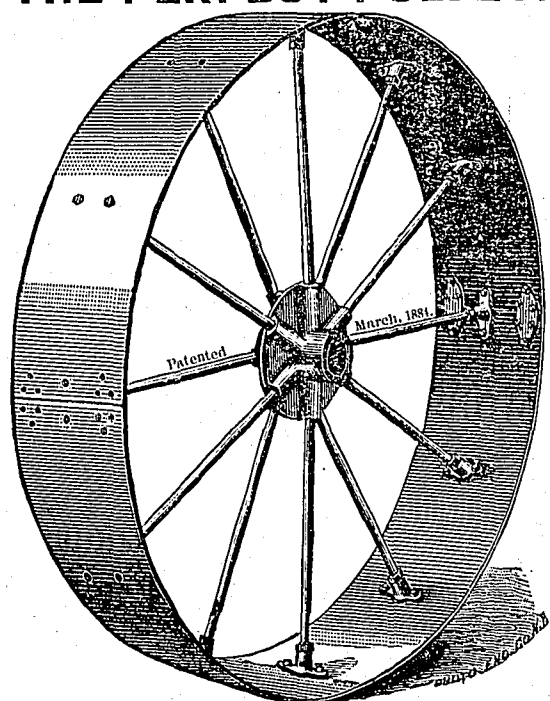
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