

the growing crop. The opinion appears to be almost general that in Ontario the weather has been uniformly favorable to the crop of 1896. It was thought that the ice crust which formed on the snow in many districts might have injured the crop, but the depth of the snow makes any considerable injury from this source unlikely, if not impossible. Prices are again lower, winter wheat being quoted at a range of 73 to 74c., and spring 65 to 73c. per bush. Manitoba has also lost one cent during the week, prices in the Toronto market ranging from 73 to 80c. per bush. This continued weakness destroys the position of those merchants and growers who have been basing their plans upon a repetition of last season's strength. Barley is dull. Oats are weak at a decline of 1c., dealers quoting 25 to 26c. per bush. No special movement can be looked for in peas until navigation opens at Montreal. Distillers are well supplied with rye, and prices are lower at 45 to 46c. Corn continues without change. Buckwheat is not in demand, and transactions are limited.

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on March 14th were 3,372,582 bushels. During the week there were received 194,733 bushels, and shipped 25,297 bushels, leaving in store on March 21st, 3,445,616 bushels.



## TENDERS.

### INDIAN SUPPLIES.

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Indian Supplies," will be received at this office up to noon of **TUESDAY, 21st April, 1896**, for the delivery of Indian Supplies, during the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1897, at various points in Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

Forms of tender, containing full particulars, may be had by applying to the undersigned, or to the Indian Commissioner at Regina, or to the Indian Office, Winnipeg. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

This advertisement is not to be inserted by any newspaper without the authority of the Queen's Printer, and no claim for payment by any newspaper not having had such authority will be admitted.

**HAYTER REED,**  
Deputy Superintendent-General  
of Indian Affairs.

Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa, March, 1896.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—The feeling in hide circles remains weak. Dealers continue to pay 5c. to butchers for green hides. Buyers are quoted 6c. for cured, Toronto inspected, but transactions were made during the week at 5½c., and could, we think, be repeated. The quality of offerings shows the usual seasonal deterioration, the majority of hides running grubby. American markets are not active and values remain weak. The calfskin season is just opening, and as yet there are no accumulations although offerings are quite free. Last year a great many calfskins were exported to American markets, but from the appearance of affairs in the United States this trade will not be as remunerative during the season of 1896. Sheepskins are quiet and unchanged. Tallow is dull, dealers paying 4½c. for choice cake tallow, and quoting 4½c. to buyers.

**GROCERIES.**—During the month of January the movement in staple groceries was good, but affairs have conspired to make February and March trade exceedingly dull. The average movement during the three months will fall below that of the first quarter in 1895. Last week the snow blockade caused a partial cessation of trade, and as a consequence, the wholesale houses have been busy during the week filling delayed orders. Medium and low grade

syrrups ranging from 32 to 36c. are scarce. New Orleans molasses at 28 to 3½c. is in good request. Sugars are quiet locally, but the statistical position of raws abroad is regarded as strong. The American Sugar Trust is reported as buying 96 test crystals into May, indicating confidence in the future. Beyond an improving demand for dark sugars, the local distributive movement is small. In canned vegetables, corn is selling at 65 to 85c.; peas, 95c. to \$1.10; and tomatoes gain strength almost daily, offerings ranging from 85 to 95c. Trade in canned fish has been good this week; there are no lobsters offering under \$2 per dozen, while salmon is quoted at a range of \$1.10 to 1.50 per dozen.

	Per lb.	
Apricots, sax .....	8 to 13½	cents.
Pears, " .....	6 to 7½	"
Nectarines, boxes .....	9 to 10½	"
Peaches, sax .....	6 to 9	"
Silver prunes .....	5½ to 7½	"
Pitted plums, sax .....	9 to 10½	"
" boxes ..	9½ to 10½	"
Egg plums, sax .....	4½ to 7½	"
Prunes, sax, 120's .....	5	"
" " 90's to 100's ..	6½	"
" " 80's to 90's ..	7½	"
" " 70's to 80's ..	7½-8	"
" " 60's to 70's ..	8½	"
" " 50's to 60's ..	8½	"

**HOPS.**—The market is lifeless and few transactions are reported. Recently sales were made at 4c. per lb., but the average run of quotations is slightly higher. British Columbia hops are quoted at 10 to 11c. per lb. Elsewhere we refer to the situation in detail.

**LUMBER.**—A meeting of lumber jobbers was held in Toronto this week to discuss certain changes in the regulations of the Provincial Legislature, and a committee of the jobbers waited upon the Government presenting their claims. Trade at present is of a limited character, and the outlook is not particularly bright. In hardwood there is some movement in half-inch basswood, oak and rock elm. Weather conditions have been favorable to operations in the woods, and from present appearances the streams will contain plenty of water for driving purposes this spring.

**PROVISIONS.**—Only a quiet trade is being done in provision circles. Dairy butter continues scarce, and offerings made here have been sold to good advantage; dealers are quoting 17 to 18c. for choice tubs and rolls. Cheese

## \$15,000

# SCHOOL DEBENTURES

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned, and marked "Tenders for Debentures," will be received by the Board of School Trustees of the Town of Campbellton, N.B., up till noon on **SATURDAY, the 4th Day of APRIL, 1896**, for the purchase of Fifteen Thousand Dollars of School Debentures of the Town of Campbellton, N.B., under Chap. 65, Sect. 97, Consolidated Statutes of N. B.

Debentures to be of the denomination of \$100.00 (or of such denomination as may be agreed upon to suit purchasers), payable in twenty years from date of issue, with interest payable half-yearly.

Tenders to state rate of interest asked and amount of debentures required.

**D. MURRAY, M. D.,**  
Chairman of School Board

Dated at Campbellton, N.B.,  
March 7th, 1896.

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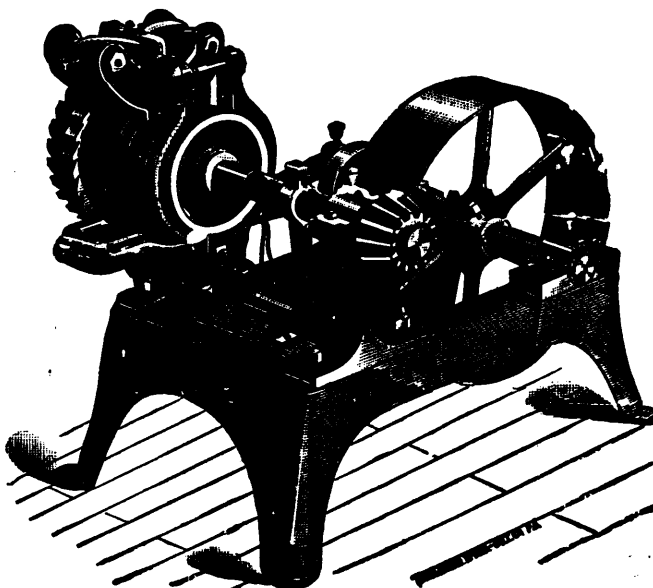
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### RESERVE (Actuaries 4%):

**\$2,933,283**

### INCOME:

**\$731,302**

### SURPLUS (Actuaries 4%):

**\$196,736**

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**\$315,000**

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**\$19,312,477**