

of the Saddlery trade. The Carriage and Team Harness of the latter has taken prizes at all the County and Provincial Fairs for several years past. He turns out about \$5,000 worth of work during the year, and the other firms do a business to about the same amount. Mr. Inkson makes a speciality of Fire matters, and being possessed of a thorough practical knowledge of all things pertaining thereto, he monopolizes the greater part of the trade in Western Canada. Trunk making is also another important branch of his business, and his trunk makers are a superior class of workmen. Mr. Inkson has been established in business about nine years; capital invested, \$3,500. Mr. Kraft and Mr. Jolley have about the same amount invested. Messrs. Field & Davidson, James St., opposite Market St., do a much larger business, employing from fifteen to twenty hands, and a capital of \$6,000; their receipts for last year were upwards of \$14,000.

### THE GRAIN AND FLOUR TRADE.

Situated as Hamilton is, at the head of navigation and in the centre of a fine agricultural country, this branch of business is a most important one.

We regret that want of statistics renders us unable to enter so fully into a notice of the grain trade as we should wish, but hope another year to be enabled to go more into detail.

It is notorious that for past years the great market for all kinds of coarse grain has been found in the United States, and the fact that Hamilton is the most convenient shipping point from Upper Canada to the States, has of course given very great advantages to all parties buying or selling at this point.

The trade in Barley during the past year has been very uneven. On the 17th September the price was as high as 91½ cents, while in October it had fallen on our street markets to 55 cents; between that price and 65 cents it remained until the close of the season. The quantity of Barley sold in Hamilton was much reduced during the past year in consequence of the unsafe condition of the Caledonia Road. The amount sold however would probably reach 450,000 bushels, not more than two-thirds of what was sold the year before.

### CANADA FELT HAT WORKS.

This very extensive establishment is situated on Wellington Street, and is the great Hat Manufactory of all British America. It has been established since 1860, and employs from fifty to a hundred hands throughout the year. The Hats manufactured here are made entirely of imported Cape and German wool. Five hundred hats are turned out per diem. The receipts of this firm are not less than \$125,000 per annum, and the wages paid out about \$500 per week. Such a manufactory, we need scarcely say, is a great support to our city.

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