

demand, and prices are firm, but little changed from those of last week. For No. 1 85c f. o. c. has been steadily paid. No. 2 has found ready sale at 71c, and in No. 3 the market has ruled fairly active at 61c, all transactions being f. o. c. Peas continue firm and are moving steadily. On Saturday one lot of 4,000 bushels of No. 1 sold on p. t.; uninspected changed hands at 73c. f. o. b., and twenty cars brought 74c. Good qualities are in demand at 75c f. o. b. Rye is worth 60c from farmers, and there are no movements in lots.

GROCERIES.—*Coffee*—There is little demand and little offering. Rio in ordinary lots has changed hands at 23c, but there are qualities in the market ranging from 23 to 25c. Java is offering at 31 to 32c; Jamaica sold at 22½c; East Indian is worth 26 to 26½c. *Fish*—Movements are light; Labrador Herrings are worth \$5.00; Whitefish \$4.50 to 4.62, and trout \$4.25 to 4.40. *Fruit*—We have little to report and quotations are unchanged. Layers are worth \$2.50 for lots, and \$2.60 to 2.65 for small quantities; Valencias 8½c; Sultanias 14 to 16½c. Currants 7½ to 7¾c; prunes 6 to 6½c; loose muscatels \$2.75 to 2.80; Lodon layers \$3.76 to 3.80; Malaga figs in mats \$6.00 to 6.25; Eleme figs in cases 15 to 16c. Filberts 9½c; walnuts 8c; new Brazil nuts 8c, and almonds 14½c. *Rice*—We note no change. To country dealers prices range from \$4.25 to 4.40, and trade lots are obtainable at \$4.05 to 4.12½. *Liquors*—A good demand prevails for Canadian rye and malt, and small lots are selling fairly well at 95 to 96c. Other kinds are quite. *Sugar*—We advance our quotations this week about ¼c on all grades. Dry crushed are selling at 9½c. In granulated, sales have been made at 9c, but small lots bring 9½c, at which it is firm; crystalline brings 8½ to 9c; Montreal Refined is quoted at 8½ to 8¾c; Scotch is firm, with sales of lots at 8c for ordinary, and 8½c for bright. Cuba sells at 7½ to 7¾c, and Barbadoes and Porto Rico at 7½c. *Syrup*—Trade remains very quiet, and prices unchanged. *Tea*—Hardly any movement has taken place in lines, and the business doing in small lots to the country is also light.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The market for greens is steady at 6c for No. 1, and 5c for No. 2. Cured are easier, and sales of cows have been made at 6½c. *Sheepskins* are without change at \$1.30 for the best grain. *Calfskins* are nominal at 8 to 10c for green, and 16 to 18c for dry. *Tallow*—Rendered is worth 7c, and rough 4½c.

HARDWARE.—The state of the roads has interfered with the movements of goods. All kinds sell very slowly, and prices are without one single change.

Hops are worth 15c for good, and 10c for ordinary.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*—The enquiry is limited, and supplies are correspondingly small. Prices show little change. Choice is worth 18 to 19c, and is very scarce. Shipping qualities sell at 16 to 17c, and inferior brings 13 to 14½c, and box 16 to 17½c. *Cheese*—Nothing doing beyond a small trade at 10½ to 11½c. *Eggs*—Supplies are limited, and prices unchanged at 17 to 18c for lots. *Pork*—Mess is selling in small lots at \$21; car lots are worth \$20.50. *Bacon*—There is an improvement in the demand, and sales of Cumberland have been made at 10 to 10½c. Rolls bring 13c, and smoked 12c. *Hams*—The enquiry is fair for small lots of smoked at 13 to 13½c, and pickled at 11½c. *Lard*—Is in active demand at 13c for tinnets in lots of fifties and 14 to 14½c for small quantities. *Hogs*—Are in good demand through small receipts, car lots are sold at \$6.90 nearly all week, but latterly \$7 has been paid. *Dried Apples*—Loose are worth 7 to 7½, and barrelled 8½ to 8¾c.

SALT.—Continues quiet but firm at \$1.15 to 1.20 for Canadian, \$1.10 to 1.20 for Liverpool fine and \$1.00 to 1.10 for coarse.

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## LACHINE CANAL ENLARGEMENT.

Notice to Contractors.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, endorsed "Tender for Lachine Canal," will be received at this Office for the enlargement of this Canal, consisting of the widening and deepening from a short distance above Lock No. 3 or St. Gabriel Lock, upwards to the river St. Lawrence at Lachine; embracing the construction of a new lock at Cote St. Paul, taking down and rebuilding the upper portions of the present lock at that place, construction of regulating weirs, culverts, bridge piers, and a new entrance lock at Lachine, and the formation of a channel and basin on the south or river side of the existing entrance.

The works will be let in sections of the respective lengths indicated on a map of the line, which, together with plans and specifications of the various works, can be seen at this Office, and at the Lachine Canal Office, Montreal; at either of which places printed Forms of Tender can be obtained.

Tenders for Section No. 9, or what is called the 'Rock Cut,' and Section No. 10 at Lachine, will be received until the arrival of the eastern and western mails, on Wednesday, the 12th day of January next, plans and specifications for which can be seen at the places above mentioned on and after Wednesday the 5th day of January next.

For other parts of the works, tenders will be received until Tuesday, the 21st day of March next, and for which plans and specifications can be seen at the respective places above mentioned, on and after Tuesday, the 7th day of March.

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 signatures, the nature of the occupation and place of residence of each member of the same; and further, an accepted bank cheque, or other available security, for the sum of from one to three thousand dollars, according to the extent of work on the section, must accompany each Tender, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines or fails to enter into contract for the works when called upon to do so, at the rates stated in the offer submitted.

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

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

For the due fulfillment of the contract satisfactory security will be required on real estate or by deposit of money, public or municipal securities, or bank stock 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 works.

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 these conditions, as well as the due performance of 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, Dec. 23, 1875.