

renewed to a greater extent than is satisfactory to the wholesale merchants.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Trade still continues fairly active for this period of the year, the demand being sufficient to prevent any accumulation of stock, and prices are steady and unchanged.

CATTLE.—*Beeves.*—The receipts during the past week by rail and on foot were light amounting only to about 160 head. The average quality was good, but the demand was less active and former prices were barely maintained. Quotations are, however, nominally unchanged at \$4.75 to 5.00 for first-class; \$4.00 to 4.50 for second-class and \$3.50 for third-class. The reported sales include a car load of mixed steers and oxen average 1300 lbs at \$4.75; two cars of prime three year old steers average 1240 lbs at \$5.00; two cars mixed grades of steers and cows average 1200 lbs at \$4.25, and a car of two-year old bulls average 1320 lbs at \$4.00. *Sheep.*—The receipts of clipped are now fair, but there is a steady demand and prices remain about as last quoted, ranging from \$2.50 to 6.00 according to circumstances. *Lambs.*—Receipts are about sufficient for local consumptive requirements, and there is ready sale for all offering at \$4.00 for first-class, \$2.50 to 3.00 for second-class and \$2.00 to 2.25 for third-class. *Calves.*—There has been some improvement in the quality of the receipts and butchers have now no difficulty in supplying themselves with prime veal. First-class calves are quoted at \$7.00 to 8.00; second-class at \$5.00 to 6.00, and third-class at \$3.00 to 4.

DRUGS.—Business has been steady, though not very active, with a fair demand for leading articles at generally unchanged quotations. The only alteration to make is in the price of Opium, which has advanced considerably in the leading markets in consequence of a reported deficiency in the crop, and it is now quoted here at \$8.25 to 8.50.

FREIGHTS.—With a moderate amount of tonnage offering, and no pressure on the part of shippers, freights remain unaltered at 2½c, gold, on grain to Kingston; \$1.75 on lumber to Oswego; \$2.25, gold, on coal from Cleveland, and 60c, gold, on coal from Oswego.

FLOUR & MEAL.—*Flour.*—Notwithstanding an advance of 1s per bbl. in Liverpool at the beginning of the week, this market has been weak and low, with scarcely any business to note. In extra there were no transactions, and in fancy only limited sales at \$5.90 to 6.00. In superfine the only reported sale was of 200 bbls. said to be No. 1, at \$5.30. At the close, however, there were no sellers under \$5.40. Buyers would probably pay \$5.35 for medium to good brands. The stock in store on the 9th inst. was 13,246 bbls. against 14,040 bbls. the previous week. *Oatmeal* has been enquired for, but high prices are checking business. It is now held for \$5.15 to 5.25, with a recent sale of 100 bbls. at \$5.10 on the track. *Bran.*—Nothing doing except in a retail way, and quotations nominally unchanged.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.* For white there has been no enquiry whatever, and accurate quotations are impossible to give. For No. 1 \$1.45 would probably be an outside price, while No. 2 would scarcely command anything over \$1.35. Treadwell may be quoted at \$1.30 to 1.35 according to quality. In spring wheat there has been more doing, prices remaining steady at previous rates. About 60,000 bush have changed hands since last report at \$1.25 f.o.b. here, while a couple of cargoes at a port east brought \$1.27½, the quality being superior. Stocks on the 19th inst. were 84,454 bush fall and 116,749 bush spring, against 84,193 bush fall and 158,014 bush spring the previous week. *Barley.*—Scarcely any held here, the whole stock consisting of only 3,717 bush, and not a single sale was reported. *Peas.*—The only transaction re-

ported was at 63c, but there have been no recent sales and in this absence quotations are now nominal. *Oats.*—Have been offering much more freely and prices are gradually giving way. No. 1 Canadian after selling at 44c on the track are now obtainable at 43c with no buyers; while western have been sold at 40 to 41c.

GROCERIES.—The demand continues to be chiefly from the country trade, and prices are for the most part unchanged. Raw sugars have advanced slightly, however, while refined have shown less firmness, and are lower. *Coffee.*—Inactive and unchanged, but prices firmly maintained. *Fruit.*—Layer raisins are steady, with a moderate enquiry, held at \$1.60 to 1.75, according to quantity. Valentias are weak and lower, holders being prepared to make concessions to effect sales, and for round lots as low as 4c has been accepted, 4½c to 5c being nominally the current quotation. Currants have about the usual demand at former prices. *Rice.*—Quoted at \$4.25 to 4.50 for Arracan and \$4.10 to 4.25 for Rangoon, with sales of about 400 bags of the former, at auction, at 4c to 4½. *Salt.*—There is no Liverpool coarse held in this market. Goderich is selling pretty freely at \$1.35 for car lots, and \$1.40 to 1.50 for smaller quantities. *Spices.*—Have had but little enquiry, but in view of the light stocks in first hands, prices are firmly maintained. *Sugar.*—Yellow refined has sold to a moderate extent at former prices, say 8½ to 9½c. White descriptions are easier, now quoted at 10½ to 10¾c, with sales at auction at 10c to 10½c for granulated and broken loaf. Raw sugars are very firm, and are now held at an advance of ½c on previous prices. Sales were made of low grade case sugar in the fore-part of the week at 8c, but the same goods are not now obtainable under 8½c, although no business is reported at the advance. Demeraras have sold at 9 to 9½c, but are quoted at 9½ to 9¾c, with only a small business passing. *Teas.*—At private sale there has been a very limited business done. In the beginning of the week, at auction, about 1700 packages were placed. Young Hysons sold at 26 to 35c for low grades, 42½ to 62c for medium, and 68 to 76c for fine; Gunpowder at 69 to 78c; Twankays, at 20 to 27c; Congous, at 37½ to 61c; Souchongs at 30 to 38c for common, and 52 to 55c for good; Oologs at 40½c; scented Orange Pekoe at 51 to 52c; Japans at 42½ to 57c. *Tobacco.*—Some small sales were made at within the range of quotations. *Liquors.*—At auction 250 cases Hennessy's brandy brought \$7.50. Whiskey in fair demand and firm at quotations.

HARDWARE.—There has been very little doing during the past week, and prices are altogether without change.

HIDES AND SKINS.—*Hides.*—With a limited demand, the market is the turn in favour of buyers, and holders of cured are not now asking over 9c for No. 1 inspected. Green are unchanged at quotations. *Calfskins.*—In good supply and demand at previous prices. *Lambskins.*—Coming in pretty freely, and selling at 20 to 25c. *Pelts.*—Are taken at 15c each.

LEATHER.—*Spanish Sole.*—The demand is not pressing, and sales have been only to a moderate amount at unaltered prices. *Slaughter Sole.*—Stocks are accumulating, and although quotations are nominally unchanged prices favour the buyer. *Upper.*—Choice stock is still unsaleable at full figures, but inferior is neglected. *Harnes.*—There is a fair enquiry, without resulting in much business, prices remaining without alteration. *Russets.*—Receipts are barely sufficient to meet the current demand, and all offering sells readily at outside quotations for choice light stock.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—The local demand has so far proved sufficient to absorb all receipts, and prices have not given way. Shipments, however, will probably soon be more liberal,

and rather lower prices may be looked for, except for choice lots, which will command outside figures from shippers. *Cheese.*—Sales at the factories have been made during the past week to a considerable extent at prices ranging from 10½ to 11½c, according to quality. Here the demand has been altogether of a retail character, with small sales at 12½ to 13c. *Dried Apples.*—In good supply at 6½ to 7½c. *Eggs.*—For packed, in shipping order, 12c would readily be paid, but no large sales are reported. *Lard.*—In small stock and firm at 10½c. *Bacon.*—Setting steadily at 8½ to 8¾c for Cumberland cut. *Hams.*—Smoked are held at 12½ to 13c for un-cured and 13½ to 14c for canvassed.

WOOL.—There is nothing new to note. The receipts of new fleece are still very unimportant, and prices are unaltered at 30 to 32c.

NEW YORK WOOL MARKET.—June 11.—The market is rather easier this week, and holders show the utmost willingness to sell at current figures. Fleece are quoted a little easier in consequence of the near approach of the new clip. A few small lots are already arriving from Georgia, Texas and other Southern sections, but there has been no shearing in the West as yet, and no wool from that locality will be forward for some time. No one is anxious to make contracts, and offers of 40c could not be obtained from any of our Eastern dealers, although it is probable that the clip will open at about that figure. There has been a little more inquiry for California wool at about previous figures. Advices from San Francisco report a fair trade on Eastern manufacturers' account, at prices which could not be realized here. The principal features of the market do not offer much encouragement for dealers to take hold of the new clip, and unless a revival in the goods trade induces manufacturers to operate more freely there is little reason to anticipate an early marketing of the new clip. *Bulletin.*

—At the annual general meeting of the Montreal and City of Ottawa Junction Railway at Alexandria, D. A. McDonald, E. McGillivray, James Fraser, Archy McNab, Peter Kennedy, R. S. McDonald and John Rankin were elected Directors. A meeting of the directors took place immediately after the annual meeting, when D. A. McDonald was elected President; E. McGillivray, Vice-President, and J. A. McDonald, Secretary and Treasurer. The contractors on the road are making fair progress with their operations. The line from the Province line to the Mahon River is located. It is expected that the greatest portion of this part of the line will be graded this fall.

LACHINE CANAL ENLARGEMENT.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Lachine Canal," will be received at this office until noon of Tuesday, the 8th day of July next, for the construction of two Locks, a Regulation Weir and a Basin, near the lower end of the Lachine Canal, at Montreal, the excavation, &c., &c., connected with them, the enlargement of what is known as Basin No. 2, and deepening of a channel through it, and the formation of a new Basin east of Wellington Street Bridge.

Plans and Specifications of the respective works can be seen at this Office, and at the Lachine Canal Office, Montreal, on and after Tuesday, the 17th day of June inst., where printed forms of Tender and other information can be obtained.

The signatures of two solvent and responsible persons, residents of the Dominion, willing to become sureties for the due fulfilment of the contract, must be attached to each Tender.

The Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order.

C. BRAUN,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 7th June, 1873.