

13 to 16c.; Pebbled Cow, 12 to 15½c.; Rough, 13 to 28c.; Russet and Bridle, 54 to 55c.

**SALT.**—Only small lots are moving, and business is quiet with nothing to change in prices as below: Factory filled, per bag, \$1.15 to \$1.20; elevens, 52½ to 55c.; twelves, 50 to 52½c.; Higgins' Eureka, per sack, \$2.40; half sacks, \$1.20; quarters, 60c.; Ashton's sacks, \$2.40; half sacks, \$1.20; quarters, 50c.; Turk's Island, 30c. per bushel. Rock salt 50c. per cwt., special rates for ton lots.

**Wool.**—There is still a very fair enquiry for domestic grades, which are very scarce, fine foreign wools are also wanted. Prices are still held steady at quotations below: Cape, 14 to 16½c.; Natal, 17 to 20c.; Australian, 22 to 30. Domestic, A super, 27 to 38c.; B super, 22 to 24c.; unsorted, 21 to 22c.; fleece, 19 to 21c.; black 21 to 22c.

#### TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, April 8th, 1886.

The buyers of bank shares are still more numerous than the sellers and the general tendency shows further improvement in values. Ontario is the strongest and has risen 1½, while Merchants' and Hamilton are up 1. All other bank shares, except Dominion and Toronto are fractionally above last week's quotations. Insurance shares are coming more into favor, British America rising ¾ and Western 1½, on light transactions. 187 is bid for Consumers' Gas against 184 last week. Dominion Telegraph was unusually active and firm at 92. Canada North West Land closes slightly lower at 73/9. The demand for shares in the loan societies has been slack and rates correspondingly easier.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—Trade is by no means brisk. Travellers are awaiting a more favorable time than the present to go out on the road with sorting-up samples. Money is in most quarters hard to collect.

**PETROLEUM.**—There has been no change in prices of either Canadian or American refined oils since our last review. The market is fairly active and steady.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—We hear of few or no transactions in flour on which to base quotations; our previous figures stand, but may be called nominal. The past week has been one of pronounced dullness and some dealers describe it as being the flattest known for a long time. Oatmeal and cornmeal are also quiet at former quotations. Bran is lower, \$11.00 being bid to-day.

**GRAIN, WHEAT.**—Our unchanged price list still represents current values in all descriptions of grain. Wheat is tending lower and there is little trading being done. The opening of navigation might brighten matters up somewhat. The barley season is about over and quietness will follow as a matter of course. Oats are in demand but peas have been inactive for some time. Corn and rye continue nominal.

**GROCERIES.**—Business in this department is generally reported up to the mark. Teas are selling fairly well, while sugars are moving with much more briskness since the change in the tariff. Extra granulated is held at 6½ to 7c., and Canadian refined 5½ to 6½c. We alter our figure for Booth's old Tom gin to \$7.25 to \$7.20. There is nothing further of a special feature to note. Money comes in fairly well.

**HARDWARE.**—Manufacturers of lead pipe, owing to the advance in the price of pig lead, have reduced their discounts 25%. Ingot tin is firmer and, if anything, higher. There is more activity in tin plates and sales are freely made at our figures. Sheet zinc is in better demand at an advance price. A better feeling is apparent in almost all lines of raw material and manufactured goods due, doubtless, to the labour troubles. Orders for the latter cannot be placed in any of the markets within 15% of last month's prices. Window glass is also firmer as it is by no means certain that spring orders will be promptly executed by the Belgian makers, in consequences of labour difficulties there. Payments are said to be improving.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—Owing to some slight local disturbances in the hide market, one dealer has put up the price of hides, steers now quoting at 8½c.; cows, green, 8¼c.; cured and inspected 9c. These figures are not expected

to last. There is an active inquiry for calfskins the supply is adequate and prices firm. Nothing is being done in sheepskins. Tallow continues dull.

**Provisions.**—A scarcity of choice butter is still complained of. It would bring from 22 to 23c. Supplies of inferior are also light there is, however, little or no enquiry for this description. We note a firmer feeling in cheese and prices have advanced to 10 to 10½c. A limited trade is reported in hog products and prices remain unchanged. Long clear sales at 7½ to 7¾c.; hams 11 to 11½c.; lard 9 to 9½c. Eggs are weak at 12 to 12½c. The supply of dressed hogs is merely sufficient to meet the demand from local butchers.

**Wool.**—The continued lack of supplies of fleece wool makes trading in that article out of the question. Pulled wool is in moderate request particularly supers. Extras are weaker owing to the low price of foreign wools.

#### January Gave a Fair Average Business.

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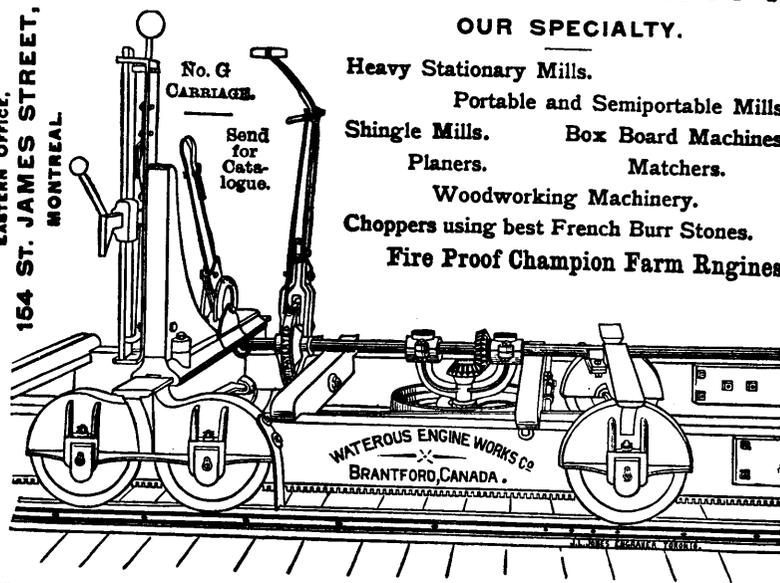
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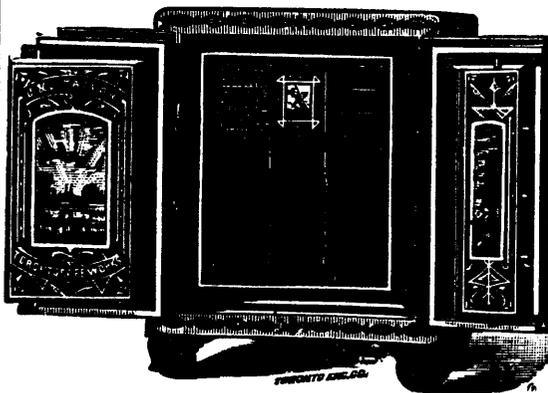
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