

firmer. Dried fruits: Cable of yesterday advises advance in Sicily filberts of two shillings over present prices, through short crop. Cable from Trieste advises higher price for Turkish prunes, but the advance is not expected to be sustained, and lower prices are almost certain. Valencia raisins are unchanged in quotations. Sultanias are quoted at an advance of two to three shillings per cwt. Currants: The Patras market is firm for good sound fruit, which is very scarce. Wet, under-dried fruit, which cannot be kept, is offered at any price. Unfortunately a large proportion of the crop consists of this under-dried fruit. Coffees are firm, and prices without change, except in Rios, which have declined somewhat. Syrups are easier, and molasses weakened a little. Sugars are in fair demand; whites at unchanged prices, while yellows are quoted ½c. per pound lower. Teas have been quiet during the week, and the market is without feature.

HAY AND STRAW.—The supply in the hay market yesterday was good, to-day it is meagre. Best timothy hay is bringing \$14.50 per ton,

graded down to \$13 according to quality. Good sheaf straw is selling at \$9 to 10 per ton. On the St. Lawrence market pork is selling at \$5.50 to 5.75 per 100 lbs. Oats, per bushel, 31 to 31½c.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Green hides are in fair supply at unchanged prices; cured hides are weaker owing to the decline in Chicago, and to the falling off in the demand here. Sales are reported at 5½c. per lb., by the car load. Calfskins are rather quiet, and prices are unaltered. Sheepskins are in plentiful supply, and sell readily at the advanced quotation of 70c. The supply of tallow has increased and quotations are a little easier, dealers paying 5½c. per lb. and selling at 6½c. for rendered.

LEATHER.—In this line business continues very fair. No large purchases are being made, but there are many small ones, which, in the aggregate, constitute a good turn-over. The policy predominating in the leather trade just now, is that which holds good in most others, namely, buying just enough for present wants. Some shipments are being made in sole leather for London, England, at fairly favorable figures. Prices are steady and stocks are moderate.

LUMBER.—The lumber trade is fairly active, and prices are very firm and steady, but without change. At present there are a few

American buyers operating in the market. Any prolongation of the lumber labor troubles at Ottawa, with a sharp enquiry from the other side, would cause prices to advance materially. Under any conditions likely to arise, an increase in quotations is not expected before the spring of 1892.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Trade this week is fully up to the average in amount; at the same time there is dissatisfaction expressed as to the condition of the city trade, while the business outside shows some indication of improvement, particularly with regard to collections. Prices remain practically unaltered, although there is considerable firmness exhibited in the British market on all metals, notably iron and steel, and orders to-day cannot be placed at the old prices. Makers of tin plates have got all they can do, and in fact this applies to almost every line of heavy goods. We do not make any alterations this week in our prices current.

PROVISIONS.—There is a fair average business doing in the dairy trade; butter is coming in quite freely, and for choice fall makes in pails and tubs 16 to 17c. per lb. is being paid. There is no change in common or medium grade butter, quotations ranging from 12 to 13c. per lb.; low grade butters have no place on the market at present. Cheese is quiet and unchanged as to quotations; the export

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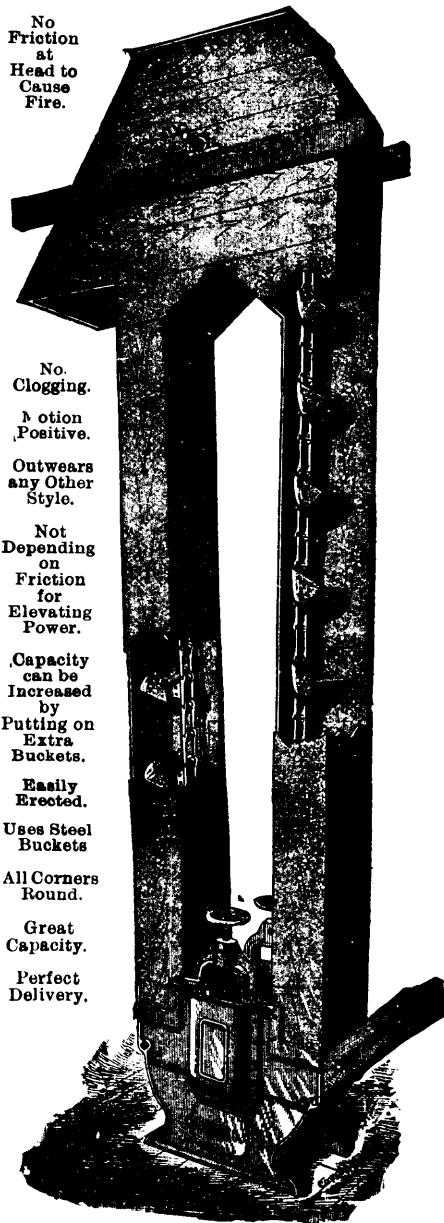
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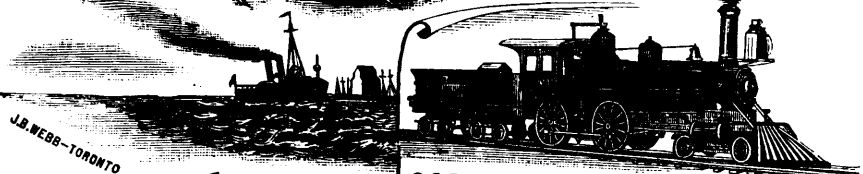
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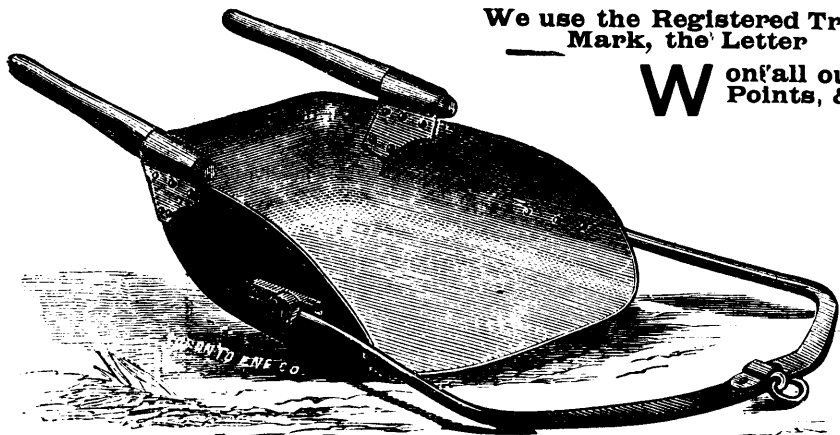
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