

charge of the public contract at Detroit fixed the price in accordance with the resolution of joint Western Committee; and this is true also with the public contracts at Toronto." The policy of stopping production at the Pennsylvania anthracite mines for two weeks in the month instead of six days per month, will probably be adopted, and the prospect of it is creating some stir.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—A fair enquiry exists for flour, prices being steady and unchanged from last week. Superior Extra would bring from \$5.20 to \$5.25; and extra \$4.90 to \$5.00. There is no strong Bakers or Superfines in the market. Spring wheat extra still quotes at \$4.40 to \$4.50. Oatmeal is worth \$4.50 to \$4.60; and Cornmeal remains at \$3.50. Bran is firmer at \$12.00 to \$12.50. The stock in store on the 26th was 2,060 brls.; 19th, 1,935 brls., and on the 28th May, last year 6,805 brls.

GROCERIES.—The present has been a very quiet week, and there are almost no special features to describe. We notice the arrivals, at Montreal, of a vessel loaded with rice, of which this market is almost bare. Consignments, however, are now expected to reach this city in a day or so. Sugar is steady in price, the movement of teas is not extensive. As to prices, there are no changes to be made.

GRAIN.—Very little business is being done in the wheat market, and quotations have undergone little if any change, since our last report. No. 2 fall is probably worth \$1.12 to \$1.14, and No. 3 not more than \$1.10 to \$1.11. No. 1 spring \$1.14 to \$1.16; No. 2 ditto, \$1.12 to \$1.14; No. 3, \$1.08 to \$1.09. Prices of barley are purely nominal, the season being about over. Oats would bring 42c; Peas 73 to 74c; Rye 60 to 61c. The following are the stocks in store:

STOCKS IN STORE.

	May 26,	May 19,	May 28,
	1884.	1884.	1883
Fall wheat, bush....	63,785	70,141	154,437
Spring " "	76,183	88,046	154,571
Oats " "	10,599	10,398	68,955
Barley " "	34,806	43,632	12,183
Peas " "
Rye " "	900
Corn " "

Total Grain "185,373 212,212 386,045

HARDWARE AND METALS.—This market is in about the same condition as last week; prices continue steady and without change. Travellers report stocks in country stores as being not particularly heavy, and a steady trade is looked for throughout the season. Notwithstanding that prices are low buyers do not seem disposed to anticipate their wants and are buying in lots as required. A better feeling exists as to the future of the trade, and money is easy with them.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There exists a very fair demand with light supply. Prices are steady, although a weakening in the American market would seem to indicate a decline here before long. Sheepskins are very slow of sale with exceedingly light receipts. There is the usual supply of calfskins at this season and the demand active. Tallow is a shade lower although we do not alter quotations in this nor in any other article in this department.

LEATHER.—Values in this line remain very steady and we hear of nothing in the market which calls for special reference. There is no accumulation of any kind of stock. In the opinion of some dealers the probabilities are in favor of a stiffening of prices.

PROVISIONS.—The butter market is still in a weak condition, large rolls selling at 14 to 15c.; cheese is also in a like position, the outside price being now 12½c. There is not much change to note in hog products, there being only a jobbing trade passing. The rapid advance in the price of mess pork in Chicago, where it is now quoted at \$19.50, has not affected values here, the American market being manipulated and cash pork offered dollars cheaper than option. Eggs are a shade easier though receipts have not been large. Dried apples are dull and nominal.

WOOL.—No new fleece has yet offered; prices are expected to open about 17 to 18c. for best selected. Sales of old wool are reported as made by dealers at 20c., and more is offered at this price. There is a moderate demand for pulled wools from the mills. Prices for supers and extras are somewhat lower. We quote fleece, combing, ordinary, 17 to 18c.; ditto Southdown, 22 to 24½c.; pulled combing, 17 to 18c.; ditto super, 21 to 23c.; extra, 27 to 29c.

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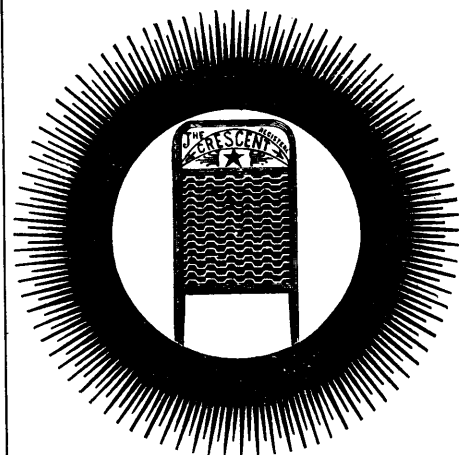
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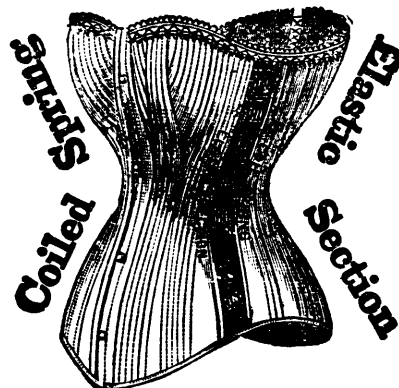
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