

on the present occasion. Prices gave way all round, and even at the reduced figures purchasers proceeded very cautiously, and speculations of any magnitude seemed out of question. The variations in value compared with March, 1889, are as follows:—Otters declined 20%; the bulk bought for Germany; small portions for the English trade. Fisher, 27%; silver fox, 10%; cross fox, firsts and seconds, 10%; thirds and fourths, 25%; red fox, dark, 27%; pale low, seconds and thirds, 10%; fourths, 20%; white fox, 35%; lynx, 30%. The largest portion was secured for Germany. A good many were bought for American account and some for England. Marten, 35%; heaviest fall on the dark skins. The bulk was secured for the home trade. Mink, 27%; black, brown, and grey bear, 35%; purchased almost exclusively for England. Musk ox, firsts, 33%; the small seconds and thirds, 50%; skunk, 15%; wolf, 13%; wolverine, 15%; beaver advanced 7½%; musquash and fur seal declined 20%. Comparative tabulated statement shows the number of skins offered for sale in March, 1889 and 1890:

	1890.	1889.
Otter skins .....	9,280	8,748
Fisher .....	6,529	5,387
Cross fox .....	2,862	2,899
Red fox .....	11,918	14,238

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White fox .....	2,305	7,353
Marten .....	72,697	64,179
Mink .....	35,292	43,641
Lynx .....	18,712	33,706
Wolf .....	2,474	3,325
Wolverine .....	2,243	2,008
Skunk .....	10,680	11,297
Bear, black .....	9,488	7,836
" grey .....	228	185
" brown .....	1,512	1,068
Musk ox .....	1,405	505

Later advices per cable, dated March 31st, state that seals middlings advanced 5%, middlings and smalls 2½%, large pups 10%, middling pups 20%, small pups 22½%, extra small 17½%. Smaller skins advanced more in proportion than large ones.

GRAIN.—All kinds of wheat are in better demand for milling purposes and prices are well sustained, but no alteration in figures to note. Barley firm, and sellers asking from one to two cents per bushel more than present quotations. Peas dull and weaker. Oats in mod-

erate demand. Corn weaker and has receded one to two cents, prices now ruling from 40 to 41c. per bushel. Rye not called for. The English grain markets are quiet and steadier in wheat and corn.

GROCERIES.—There is no feature in this line calling for special comment. Trade is a little dull but steady. Collections and payments fairly satisfactory. Canned goods of all descriptions are firm with tendency to higher values. Coffee are firm and advancing, especially Javas; rice firm. In sugars the Canadian refiners are managing to sustain present quotations. In face of a limited home demand and declining values in other centres, the alteration made in the tariff on case liquors is causing active complaint, and it is understood that a strong deputation representing Montreal houses will go to Ottawa to see if matters cannot be arranged. The point at issue is that a case of brandy contains actually two gallons while the Customs have scheduled it at three gallons, hence the consumer is paying for what he does not get, and duty must be paid on what does not exist. Teas are in fair demand, without any changes calling for remark. Dried fruits firm with good trade doing at present prices, which are comparatively high.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—Prices in a number of lines are somewhat unsettled in consequence of sundry alterations in tariff and a little uncertainty as to the interpretation of the new imposts. This applies most notably to the article of iron pipe. Trade generally shows considerable activity, owing to the spring rates of freight being now in force, and orders booked for forward delivery are now being shipped with all possible despatch. Tin plates are moving freely at a slight reduction from winter figures, but as makers are not giving prompt deliveries, stocks are running very low in staple sizes, which will have the effect of keeping both the Montreal and western markets firm. Metals are generally firm with no indication of any marked changes in the immediate future.

HAY AND STRAW.—Prices continue much about the same; good supply with an equal consumptive demand. Loose timothy hay,

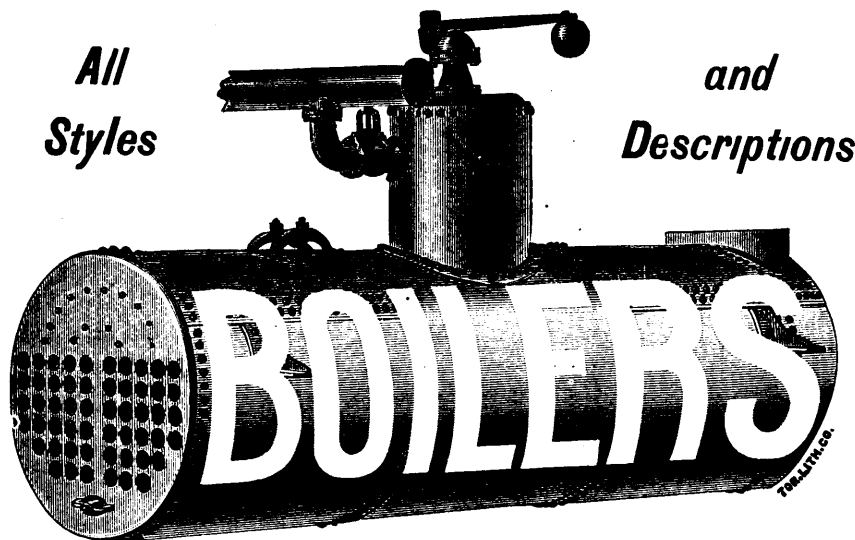
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\$1,000.00 for High School Building, for 20 years Interest 6 per cent., payable half-yearly.  
\$2,250.00 for Local Improvements, for 20 years from 2nd September, 1890. Interest 5 per cent., payable half-yearly.

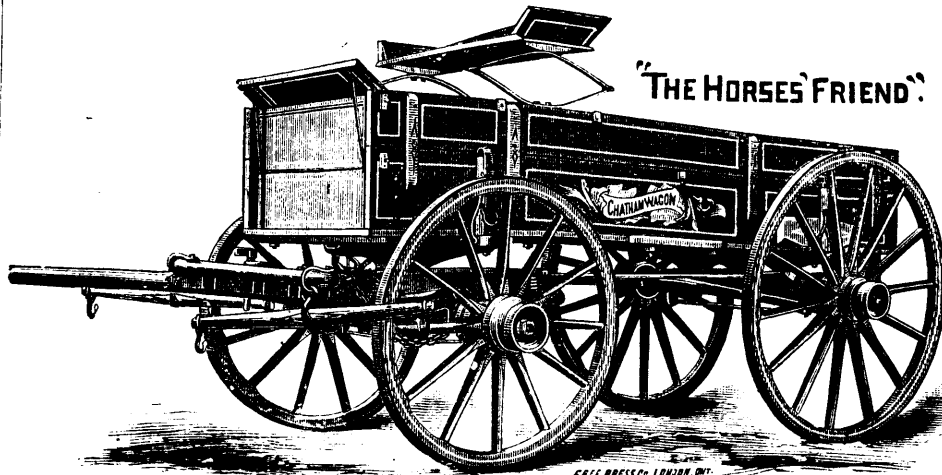
Tenders to be addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and marked "Tender for Debentures."

W. H. LANGWORTHY,  
Town Clerk.

Corporation Offices, Port Arthur,  
March 13th, 1890.

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