

A good demand exists for all descriptions of *Wines and Liquors* without any marked change in prices.

**GRAIN.**—The tone of Western markets, as well as of those in Britain, is weak in breadstuffs the English and French harvests are unfavorable, and the continental yield of cereals is not good. but the Western States are turning out large quantities of grain. The fall wheat does not yield well in Ontario, and the quality is unsatisfactory. The price is still maintained at a point above export value. This is owing to the activity of the local demand, and prices being fully sustained here during the past week, while the American markets, in sympathy with English, show a marked decline. This contradictory state of things can only continue for a short time. Sales of No. 2 *Spring Wheat* made from \$1.15½ to \$1.16, and No. 2 *Fall* is held for \$1.12 to \$1.13, but we hear of no transactions taking place at these figures. Receipts of new wheat may now be looked for. The quality generally is disappointing. There are no *Peas* offering and *Rye* is without animation. The following are the stocks in store.

	STOCKS IN STORE.		
	Sep. 3, 1883.	Aug. 27, 1883.	Sep. 4, 1882.
Flour, brls .....	1883.	1883.	1882.
Fall wheat, bush ..	2,850	2,880	773
Spring " " ..	71,469	73,462	27,139
Oats " " ..	43,976	42,732	24,627
Barley " " ..	700	700	400
Peas " " ..	30,517	26,155	5,585
Rye " " ..	1,099	772	4,528
	341	841	6,284
Grain Total..	148,102	144,162	68,558

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—The supply of hides is steady, with all offering readily taken. Not much doing in *Calfskins*. Large quantities of *Lambs and Pelts* are coming in which meet with a ready sale at quotations. *Tallow* in moderate supply, price firm without change. *Steers* 60 to 90 lbs, 8½c.; *Cows* 7½c.; cured and inspected 8½c.; *Calfskins* green 11 to 13c.; ditto cured 13 to 15c.; *Pelts* 60c.; *Lambskins* 60c.; *Tallow* rough 4c.; ditto rendered 8½ to 8½c.

**HARDWARE.**—A good sprinkling of buyers is to be seen in the warehouses making parcels, for the most part small. They have arrived, mainly, in response to the cheap fares arrangement with the railways. *Travelers' orders* and letter orders too, are being filled for skates, winter goods shelf hardware, but there is not a large amount of heavy goods moving. Payments while not all that they should be, are by no means bad.

**LEATHER.**—*Spanish Sole* is much stiffer, in fact has virtually advanced in price a cent. Other varieties are unchanged. We quote *Spanish Sole*, No. 1, 29 to 30c.; ditto No. 2, 26 to 27c.; *Slaughter*, heavy, 28 to 30c.; ditto light 27 to 28c.; *Buffalo* 21 to 23c.; *Harness* 28 to 33c. No 1 *Upper*, heavy, 34 to 38c.; *Light and Medium* 39 to 42c.

**OILS AND PAINTS.**—Indications point to a good fall trade in this line. Prices are firm and unchanged. We quote *White Lead* genuine, in oil per 25 lbs. \$1.80, do. No. 1, \$1.65; No. 2, \$1.50, No. 3, \$1.35. *White Lead* dry 6 to 7½c.; *Red Lead* ditto 5 to 6c. *Venetian Red* (English) 2 to 2½c.; *Yellow Ochre* (French) 1½ to 2½c.; *Vermilion* (English) 75 to 90c.; *Varnish* No. 1 (furniture) \$1 to \$1.15; *Bro Japan* \$1 to \$1.10; *Whiting* 75 to 80c.

**PROVISIONS.**—This has been a very quiet week in the provision trade. Another local failure compels a forced sale of a considerable quantity of stock which naturally weakens prices further. A small jobbing trade has been done in *Long Clear* at 9½ to 10c.; but no enquiry has been made for large lots. *Hams* are active at 14c. *Lard* dull and weak at unchanged figures. *Eggs* firm, at 17 to 18c. if in good condition. *Butter* still depressed with quotations of fancy, by single package, at 14 to 15c. Inferior quality is a drug in the market.

**WOOL.**—We remark a slightly better enquiry

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from the mills, and the prospects for a good fall trade are considered improving. In *Fleece* there is very little, if anything, doing. Prices all round are unchanged. We quote *Fleece Combing* 16 to 19c.; ditto *Southdown* 24 to 26c.; *Pulled Combing* 18 to 19c.; ditto *Super* 24 to 25c.; *Extra* 29 to 32c.

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The same 34 companies issued, during 1882, an average of 4,156 new Policies, insuring \$3,143,900.

The AETNA LIFE issued 5,204, insuring \$9,596,636.

The same 34 companies had each an average Premium Income, during 1882, of \$1,788,000.

The AETNA LIFE'S was \$2,522,631.

The Total Income of the same 34 companies averaged, for each, \$2,527,735.

The AETNA LIFE'S total income was \$4,037,902.

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