

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—Letter orders are coming in pretty well, and buyers in person have been numerous during fair week. Some factories are running full time and full of orders, others run 8 hours.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—Flour.—Stocks in store 500 brls. against 799 brls., last week, and 650 brls. on like date last year. After the quiet of last week, an excited condition succeeded, caused by a sharp advance in the English market on Tuesday. The stock here is light and holders are stiff at an advance of 10 to 20c according to grade, over last week. Superior has sold at \$4.80; Extra, \$4.70; and Spring extra at \$4.60; Superfine, which was relatively very low has gone up 30c. per barrel. Oatmeal is in small supply as yet, but offers at \$4.00 in wholesale and \$4.25 in retail lots. Cornmeal \$2.60 to \$2.80.

**GRAIN.**—Wheat.—Fall.—Stocks in store, 17,771 bush. against 16,581 bush. last week, and 12,262 bush. on like date last year. The grain market has advanced, on receipt of English advices of 17th, from 3 to 5c. on Fall and Spring. A sale of 2000 bush. No. 2 fall was made on Wednesday at \$1.05; and our quotations are firmly maintained. There is no No. 1 offering.

Wheat.—Spring.—Stocks in store 52,789 bush. against 53,263 bush. last week, and 10,561 bush. on like date last year. An active demand exists for milling purposes, and car lots are selling, No. 2 bringing \$1.00 on track, Saturday. No. 1 is now quoted \$1.03 to 1.05, and No. 3, say 96 to 98c. Barley.—Stocks in store 39,803 bush. against 39,784 bush. last week, and 88,415 on like date last year. There is nothing doing except on the street, where fit brings 60c for best. Estimates of nominal value vary, some would say 65, 55 and 45c for the three grades, but we prefer to leave our figures unaltered. Oats.—Stocks in store 700 bush. against 700 bush last week and 16,895 bush. on like date last year. The market is dull and easier, say 30 to 31c. Peas.—Stocks in store 600 bush. against 210 bush last week and 713 bush on like date last year. No transactions to record, prices nominally unchanged. Rye, none in market. Corn steady at 50 to 51c.

**GROCERIES.**—There is much activity in this grain, fair parcels are moving to the country trade. The noteworthy features in prices are an advance of 1c. per lb. on dark, and about 2c. per lb. on bright tobacco. We can report new Valencia raisins in market; they can be had in round lots to the trade at 7c. but for moderate or small parcels 7½ to 7¾c. Teas continue to be very firm.

**HAY AND SEED.**—A good deal of hay is offering and is readily taken at \$8. to \$10.00 per ton for best, and from \$6 to \$7.00 for ordinary quality. Timothy seed is firm at advanced prices, selling now at \$2.90 to \$3., per bushel of 48 lbs. There is no new clover offering yet; the old sells at \$4. to \$4.25.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—Business is moderately active, the supply of Hides is rather light while the demand is good, which tend to keep prices firm at last week's figures. Calfskins are unchanged. We note an advance on Monday of sheepskins to 70c.

**PROVISIONS.**—The feature of trade in this branch has been the rapid advance in the price of Cheese, cable quoting to 40/0, an advance of 8/0 on the week, which was badly needed, and has the effect of stiffening markets here. Fine goods are now quoted here at 8c.; poor, of July make, can still be had at 5 and 6c. Butter, the feeling is also better, fine dairy is saleable at 11 to 13c, being an advance of 1c. over last week; but small stocks are held. Hog products are also much firmer, partially from local scarcity, assisted by a marked advance in the west. We quote Cumberland bacon 7½ to 7¾c, long clear 7½ to 8c, with good demand. Mess Pork is firmer, having gone up 30c in Chicago on

Tuesday, but quotations cannot be altered here. Hams are in large supply, and the feeling easy. Other goods unchanged. Business is fair, and a better feeling seems to exist.

**WOOL.**—The market is quiet, and the only change we note is that 21c. has been paid for one lot of 10,000 lbs. fleeces, 20c is, however, the ruling price.

**HALIFAX STOCK MARKET.**

Not much is doing in stocks here, 22 shares Bank of Commerce changed hands on the 10th inst at 111. On the 13th there were buyers of Halifax Banking Co. at 97 and sellers at 100; buyers of Coml. Bank Windsor at 110; sellers of Union Bank Halifax of 108; Merchant's Bank Halifax at 120; Bank of Montreal at 132 buyers 131. Halifax Gaslight Co. is wanted at 130, and Halifax Fire Insurance at 97; Acadia Fire 108 offers for old and 102 for new. There are buyers of Provincial sterling debentures of 1885 at 105 but apparently no sellers; City 5. p. c. debentures at 103½; School debentures the same figure offered; P. E. Island 103½.

**GUELPH FARMERS FAIR.**—At the third annual sale of thoroughbred live stock and seed grain, held last week, at the Guelph Model Farm, attending which were over 1000 farmers from various parts of Ontario, the following were the average prices obtained:—Short-horn yearling bulls, \$73.34; Hereford bull calves, \$150; Ayrshire heifers, \$35; Cotswold shearing rams, \$20; Cotswold ram lambs, \$14.14; Cotswold aged ewes, \$10; Cotswold shearing ewes, 16.16; Cotswold ewe lambs, \$9.75; Leicester shearing rams, \$19.66; Leicester ram lambs, \$14.88; Leicester aged ewes, \$14; Leicester ewe lambs, \$10.75; Southdown shearing rams, \$13; Southdown ram lambs, \$7.66; Southdown shearing ewes, \$13; Southdown ewe lambs, \$9; Oxford Down shearing rams, \$25.50; Berkshire boars, \$7.86; Berkshire sows, \$8; P. A. Windsor boars, \$15.25; spring wheat (Russian No. 7), \$1.18.

**Parks' Cotton Yarns.**

Awarded the only Medal given at the CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION for Cotton Yarns of Canadian Manufacture. Nos. 5 to 10, White and Coloured.

**COTTON CARPET WARP.**

No. 10, 4 ply, White, Red, Brown, Slate, etc. Warped fast colours, and full length and weight in every package. BRAM WARPS for WOOLLEN MILLS. Single, Double and Twisted, White and Coloured; HOBBERY and KNITTING YARNS of every variety required in the Dominion.

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**SPECIAL EXCURSION,  
23rd September,  
To Montreal, Ottawa, and the Dominion Exhibition.**

**FARES:**  
Montreal and Return, Direct..... \$6.00  
" " via Ottawa..... 7.50  
Proportionate Fares East and West.  
JOSEPH HICKSON,  
General Manager.  
Montreal, Sept. 12th, 1879.

**BUILDERS HARDWARE**

**BEST LEATHER and  
RUBBER BELTING.  
FILES, SAWS &  
EDGE TOOLS.**

**Aikenhead & Crombie**  
North-east cor. King & Yonge Sts. TORONTO  
**QUEEN CITY**  
**FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

The Annual General Meeting of this Company will be held, pursuant to the Act of Incorporation, on

**MONDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER,  
Instant,**

at the hour of Three O'Clock in the Afternoon, at the Company's Offices, Nos. 22, 24, and 26 Church St., Toronto.

By order of the Board,

**HUGH SCOTT,**  
Toronto, 18th Sept., 1879. Managing Director.



**Welland Canal Enlargement.**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.**

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Welland Canal," will be received at this Office until the arrival of the Eastern and Western Mails on FRIDAY, the 3rd day of OCTOBER next, for the construction of a Regulating Weir, Roadbridge, &c., at Port Dalhousie.

Plans and Specifications of the works to be done can be seen at this Office and at the Welland Canal Office, St. Catharines, on and after SATURDAY, the 20th day of SEPTEMBER next.

Contractors are requested to bear in mind that tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms, and in case of firms except there are attached the actual signatures, the nature of the occupation and residence of each member of the same; and further, an accepted Bank cheque for the sum of \$300 must accompany the Tender, which sum shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the works, at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted.

The cheque thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

For the due fulfilment of the contract, satisfactory security will be required by the deposit of money to the amount of five per cent. on the bulk sum of the contract; of which the sum sent in with the Tender will be considered a part.

Ninety per cent only of the progress estimates will be paid until the completion of the work.

To each Tender must be attached the actual signatures of two responsible and solvent persons, residents of the Dominion, willing to become sureties for the carrying out of these conditions, as well as the due performance of the works embraced in the Contract.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,  
**F. BRAUN,**  
Secretary  
Department of Railways and Canals,  
Ottawa, 29th August, 1879.