

weight and sound sold at 35 to 40c., and also slow because the demand was not adequate to the supply. Northern barley dull at 35 to 45c. for light to good weight, with choice heavy at 45 to 52c., and fancy at 52 to 55c. Not a large quantity of Northern barley offered, yet all there was demand for. In store market lifeless, with No. 2 nominally about 62 to 63c. One firm at about 30c. here, and 26 to 26½c. at outside points. There is only the local demand. Peas are moving on export account at 53c. outside. Corn and rye nominal.

GROCERIES.—Trade is fairly good, but payments in most instances are backward. One wholesaler avowed that he had never seen them more so, and with the low price of grain the prospect for improvement is not encouraging. Sugars are again quoted lower, and Canadian refined may now be had for 5½ to 7½c. per lb.; extra granulated, 8½ to 8½c.; Redpath's Paris lump, 8½ to 8½c. Another reduction of an ½c. on all whites is looked for to-morrow. Teas are in good demand, especially Japans, with a fair quantity of greens and blacks selling. The good quality and low prices of new fruits has stimulated the demand, and sales are satisfactory. Canned goods are moving off briskly. The quantity packed is very much less this year, and while the demand has not yet opened from retailers there is a good jobbing movement in anticipation of short stocks. The association price for new tomatoes is \$1.12½; corn, \$1.12½; peas, \$1.20. There is considerable old stock still on the market, which brings about 10 cents per dozen below the above figures. In canned fruits, peaches 3s. can be had for \$3.10 to 3.25; 2s., \$2.10 to 2.25; apples 3s., 90c. to 1.00; gallons, \$2.15 to 2.25; Bartlett pears, \$2.00; green gage plums, \$2.25; blue ditto, \$2.00.

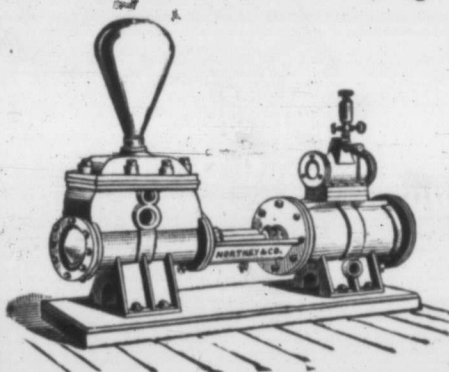
HARDWARE AND METALS.—In quoting pig iron last week in our prices current we made Summerlee and Nova Scotia pig \$24.00, while in our editorial remarks on page 435 we stated the price at \$26. The latter was the correct figure, and is so this week for the moment. There is much excitement and speculation in

the iron market, warrants are farther advanced. Middlesboro stocks are very low and Connells are getting reduced. Bar iron is advanced here to \$2 40, and the discount off iron pipe is altered. An advance in steel plate may take place at any moment.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There is no marked change in the situation since our last review. Dealers are selling hides at 5½c. per lb. Calfskins are still nominal. Sheepskins are in usual supply, and all present offerings are quickly disposed of. Quotations are unchanged. Tallow is weak, and prices continue as at last report for both rendered and rough.

LEATHER.—Dealers are able to report a little more improvement in trade, with remittances also more numerous. Correspondents write that the prospects for making collections are better. The demand for good jobbing sole leather is quite active. We hear of an accumulation of light common sole which can be bought at very low figures. The enquiry for prime extra heavy harness also keeps up, and blacks of other kinds meet with moderate sale. Prices are without change, though for No. 2 and light leathers quotations would undoubtedly be shaded.

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|-------|--|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 1868 | \$ 855,035 | \$ 434,570 | \$ 408,620 | \$1,698,225 | \$10,415,300 |
| 1869 | 953,063 | 621,723 | 862,232 | 2,437,018 | 13,237,438 |
| 1870 | 1,183,379 | 1,598,480 | 746,307 | 3,528,175 | 14,816,782 |
| 1871 | 1,186,714 | 1,906,180 | 704,128 | 3,797,031 | 16,193,384 |
| 1872 | 1,346,969 | 1,367,502 | 1,052,021 | 3,766,492 | 17,608,185 |
| 1873 | 1,572,936 | 1,727,751 | 621,326 | 3,922,013 | 18,946,579 |
| 1874 | 1,322,621 | 2,087,889 | 893,872 | 3,804,382 | 20,429,964 |
| 1875 | 1,538,479 | 1,315,545 | 599,570 | 3,453,594 | 21,822,202 |
| 1876 | 1,630,424 | 1,106,423 | 626,790 | 3,363,636 | 23,194,555 |
| 1877 | 1,739,558 | 1,118,438 | 560,895 | 3,418,891 | 24,030,578 |
| 1878 | 1,710,559 | 716,980 | 522,978 | 2,950,517 | 25,000,896 |
| 1879 | 2,155,713 | 306,152 | 513,068 | 3,034,933 | 26,403,441 |
| 1880 | 1,907,923 | 284,009 | 507,086 | 2,699,018 | 26,986,526 |
| 1881 | 1,955,745 | 223,199 | 500,535 | 2,679,479 | 28,018,029 |
| 1882 | 1,730,429 | 224,267 | 506,244 | 2,460,940 | 29,017,935 |
| 1883 | 1,954,422 | 305,177 | 522,229 | 2,781,828 | 29,682,936 |
| 1884 | 2,117,627 | 313,086 | 530,015 | 2,960,728 | 30,469,508 |
| 1885 | 2,272,375 | 299,808 | 547,289 | 3,119,472 | 31,463,958 |
| 1886 | 2,072,538 | 352,566 | 552,920 | 2,978,024 | 32,550,688 |
| 1887 | 2,141,132 | 309,433 | 575,094 | 3,025,659 | 33,743,010 |
| 1888 | 2,297,998 | 301,568 | 591,563 | 3,191,129 | |

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| 1882 | \$8,197,565 | \$2,928,960 | \$2,519,437 | \$13,093,994 | \$505,524 | \$154,864 |
| 1883 | 8,255,843 | 85,040,335 | 2,719,350 | 14,366,409 | 575,994 | 188,968 |
| 1884 | 6,635,761 | 84,663,591 | 2,698,320 | 14,838,319 | 578,760 | 206,003 |
| 1885 | 9,437,641 | 87,791,343 | 2,845,491 | 15,816,635 | 632,445 | 232,000 |
| 1886 | 11,163,504 | 92,262,969 | 3,030,012 | 17,004,560 | 658,819 | 266,728 |
| 1887 | 12,028,992 | 97,372,334 | 3,291,345 | 17,837,244 | 719,285 | 292,667 |
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