previous year. The prices of butter range lower than last year.

#### BRITISH MARKETS.

Gillespie & Co.'s price current, dated Liverpool, April 29th, 1887, says: Sugar—Raw in moderate demand; refined quietly steady. Rice—Rough firmly held; cleaned steady. Chemicals, &c., continue very lifeless; cream tartar easier, and 123s. per cwt. might be accepted on spot; nitrate of soda scarce at higher prices; cutch—good slab offers at 28s. ditto rices; cutch—good slab offers at 28s. ditto block at 28s. 6d. per cwt. Oils—Linseed firm at our advanced quotations; olive only in moderate demand at unchanged prices; palm in small compass, and rather dearer. Castor neglected, and a shade easier.

### TENDERS.

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The undersigned will receive tenders for the purchase of terminable annuities, running for a period of forty years, issued by the Province of Ontario under autorority of an Act of the Provincial Parliament (47 Vic., cap. 31).

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Tenders will be required to state the capital sum which will be paid for either the whole annuities offered or such portion as may be tendered for.

Tenders will be received up to the 15th day of June next. Notification of allotments will be given to tenderers on or before 20th June, and payments from accepted tenderers will be required to be made within ten days thereafter.

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A. M. ROSS,

Provincial Treasurer's Office,

Toronto, April 18th, 1887.

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Note.—Illustration of calculation on interest basis—At the rate of 4 per cent. per annum (or in strictness 2 per cent. half-yearly), a present payment of \$1,987.25 would represent an annuity of \$100 for 40 years, payable half-yearly, while the actual yearly payment for the 40 years would be a fraction above 5 per cent. on the principal sum.

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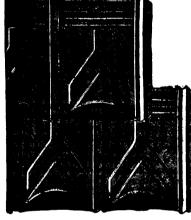
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