

**HARDWARE.**—There appears to be a little more activity in this trade than for some time past, although merchants are exercising caution in filling order, payments being not so good as is desired. Canada plates are firmer and indications point to higher prices before the close of the season. This is not surprising, as sales have been made in a number of cases by Province of Quebec houses at a margin of profit which does not pay to handle, without regarding the risk of damage in transit which cannot be well covered by insurance unless at a high rate. A damaged lot of 2,400 boxes per steamer *Warwick* from Bristol will be sold by auction in Montreal to-day. The manufacturers of horse nails have entered into a combination whereby the discount for this market is reduced and now ranges from 40 to 45 per cent. Shot is a little lower say 5 to 5½. Ingot tin is somewhat weak but no alteration in price. Tin plates are in very light demand at the moment and quotations if anything favour buyers. Sheet Zinc is moving freely at our price list. The sales during exhibition week came up to the expectation of the trade as far as numbers are concerned, but the volume was not large as the wants of the dealers had been anticipated early in the season.

**HOPS.**—Brewers are only buying from hand to mouth, and until the Scott Act question has been settled, they will not buy to any extent. Quotations are 21 to 25c.

**PETROLEUM.**—As freights have advanced a half cent, it is not improbable that refined oil will appreciate to the same extent. Business is described as good.

**LEATHER.**—Business in this line has undergone a noticeable improvement. A large number of buyers are on the market, but the purchases are in small lots for present wants. Prices are fairly well maintained, although a good house coming here to buy, would probably do better than our quotations. The outlook is considered to be hopeful. If farmers will only market their crops, the trade in harness leather &c., will no doubt be good. There appears to be no great surplus of stock of any kind, and under a fairly brisk enquiry, prices will, it is thought, hold up well. Stocks of all descriptions are tolerably assorted. Payments are only moderate as yet, still dealers say that their customers are quite hopeful, and that they will be able this fall, to pull up their leeway. Exhibition week brought a large number of the trade into the city, but although purchases were not extensive, still the reunion between customer and dealer was no doubt advantageous to both.

**LUMBER.**—Business is quiet; neither in local nor in export business is there any briskness, but some shipments of good pine have been made, and still more done in shipping culls to the States for box lumber. Dressing is easier and we lower quotations somewhat; in other descriptions prices can hardly be said to be changed although the feeling is weaker on coarse lumber. American demand is late and light, owing to the pending election and other causes. In the opinion of one informant "if the movement in the States is delayed for but a few weeks longer, the makers will be prevented going to the woods at all, and then prices will have some chance to continue firm."

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—We have very little that is interesting to note this week. There is no accumulation of stock, the demand is active and prices strong. Sheepskins are still unchanging and all offered are readily taken at our quotations. The season for calfskins is nearly over and the market is quiet. Rendered tallow is in good demand, and prices steady. Owing to some local disturbance rough is higher, but the advance is looked upon as only temporary.

**OILS.**—Quite a brisk trade is being done in lard oils with the mills, at lower rates than ruled some weeks ago. We quote Morse's No. 1 extra, 80 to 85c; ditto ordinary, 75 to 80c. Olive is selling at 97½ to \$1.00.

**PROVISIONS.**—The situation in this market is practically unchanged from that of last week. Butter is still in good demand; choice is firmer and sells at 17 to 18c. in a small way. A firmer feeling is also manifest in cheese, the latest cable quotes 53s. 5d., but factorymen have refused 12c. for September and October. The stock of bacon is very low. New beans are now offering, sales have been made at \$1.50.

**WOOL.**—Demand from the factories is principally for small quantities of pulled. There is nothing worth reporting in fleeces. All other kinds are as previously quoted.

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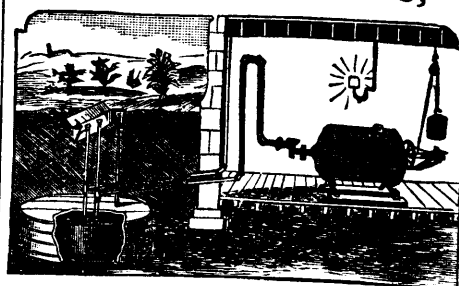
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