

Tomatoes, cases .....	75
Horse-shoe nails, boxes.....	388
Bark, casks.....	240
Stoves .....	40
Canned fruit, cases .....	770
Beef, salted, boxes.....	941
Curling stones, cases.....	23
Starch, boxes .....	225
Butter tubs, empty .....	24,031
Asbestos, bags.....	6,814
Oil cake do .....	775
Earth paint, barrels .....	160
Bungs do .....	169
Cider, kegs .....	60
Handles, bundles .....	170
Iron ore, bags.....	700

Many other articles too numerous to mention were also sent over, but not in sufficient quantity to make it worth while specifying them. There is a greater variety of articles than in former years, and in almost all cases larger quantities sent, especially in grains, canned meats, oil, timber and phosphate. There is, however, a great diminution in the quantity of apples. This is easily to be accounted for from the bad crops in several districts in Canada, formerly referred to. The prices in consequence have gone up very much, and the quality of the fruit is, I understand, very good.

Cheese has come over in large quantities, and is in great demand in this country, from the excellent quality of the article produced in our various Provinces. Butter has not, however, increased in quantity, and it is rather disappointing that there is not a larger amount of this article, of a good description, made for exportation. Hams and bacon are considerably in excess of last year, and they would appear to be highly appreciated by the people of this country.

Wheat from Manitoba continues to keep up its high character. I have been furnished with two samples by Messrs. Peter Rintoul & Co., of this city, of consignments which have been sent to them. In the one case the sample was from the Bell Farm, and the weight per bushel 65 lbs. and in the other it was from some part of Manitoba, of which they were not certain, *via* Port Arthur, the weight per bushel in this instance being over 64 lbs. They are both splendid specimens of wheat; the great difficulty, as they inform me, they learn through their agents, being to get any large quantity of it sent over, from being in such great demand in the older Provinces of the Dominion, and no wheat brings a higher price in the markets of this country than that produced in Manitoba and the North-West.

The specimens of barley sent by the Minister of Agriculture, which reached me from your office, I took a great deal of care and pains in having tested in every way, for brewing, malting and distilling purposes, and procured the opinions of many of the most highly skilled people in Scotland on these subjects, which were forwarded to you. The general consensus of opinion seemed to be that the quality of the samples I received was much superior to the barley usually sent from Canada, and if large quantities of a similar description were shipped to this country they would meet with a ready sale at remunerative prices, and to that end it would be of great importance to induce the growing of a plumper description of the grain throughout districts adapted to it, so as to have a regular uniform description of the best quality of the grain sent from year to year.

Agricultural implements continue to come over in increased quantities, and the inference to be drawn is that such articles produced by our manufacturers of a lighter description than those of this country find greater acceptance among the farmers and labourers here.