

wholesale orders are reported as booked for new pack of tomatoes, peas and corn, at the figures noted as fixed by the Cannery's Association last week, but some packers are reported to have advised their local agents not to push for contracts on corn, because it is reported that a speculator has placed orders for 80,000 cases of corn, which, if true, will likely make some factories short for general business. Orders for round lots of new strawberries have been booked at \$1.35. Some business has been done in new pack of Rivers Inlet, B.C., salmon at \$4 on coast, but no orders have yet been reported for Fraser River pack. Dried apples are reported very scarce and wanted, with 6½c. now being asked by some holders; evaporated are worth 9c. in a jobbing way.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—Business in hides during the week has been rather slow, but with regard to prices there has been no change, dealers paying 9c. for No. 1 green beef hides, 10 and 8c. per lb. for calfskins, No. 1 and 2, and 20c. each for lambskins and clips. Tallow holds its recently-acquired gain, rendered selling at 4¾ to 5c. per lb., and butchers realizing 2c. on the average for rough.

LEATHER.—Local boot and shoe men are still light buyers. A Bristol (England), leather man has been in the market since last writing, apparently an anxious buyer, and is reported to have picked up some fair lots of sole. A London buyer was also here, but did not apparently do much business. Last week's steamers took out some good lots of Western splits and glove leather. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 24c. to 24½; No. 2, 23c. to 23½; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 23 to 24c.; No. 2, 21 to 22c.; No. 1 slaughter, 26 to 28c.; No. 2, do., 24 to 26c.; common, 20 to 21c.; Waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; do., heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits, 21 to 24c.; Quebec do., 16 to 18c.; juniors, 16 to 17c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calfskins, (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 24c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskins linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 13 to 15c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 11½ to 13c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12 to 13c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Business is reported fairly active for the season, and values in most lines are very firmly held, indeed further stiffening is reported in some lines. For Hamilton No. 1 pig iron \$20 cash is asked for round lots, and \$20.50 for smaller parcels. Manufacturers of American iron pipe advanced prices last Friday, and the local mills followed suit on Monday. Tin plates are steady at the advance noted last week, and some dealers claim will go higher. Lead is a shade easier at \$3.90 to \$4. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$20.50 to \$21; Carnbroe, \$19.30; Hamilton No. 1, \$19.50 to \$20; No. 2, do., \$18 to \$18.50; Ferrona, No. 1, \$18.50 to \$19; machinery scrap, \$00 to 00.00; common ditto, \$00 to 00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.80 to \$1.85; Canada plates—Pontypool or equal, \$2.25; 52 sheets to box: 60 sheets, \$2.30 to 2.35; 75 sheets, \$2.40; Galvanized Canada plates, \$4 to \$4.25 per box of 52 sheets; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$6 to \$6.25; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.30; No. 26, \$2.25; No. 24, \$2.20; No. 16, and heavier, \$2.45; tin plates—Charcoal, I. C. Alloway, \$3.60 to \$3.65; do., I.X., \$4.25; P.D. Crown, I.C., \$4 to 4.25; ditto, I.X., \$4.50; coke, I.C., \$3.30 to \$3.35; ditto, standard, \$3 for 100 lbs.; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, \$4.50; No. 26, \$4 to \$4.25; No. 24, \$4 in case lots; Morewood, \$5 to 5.10;

tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6c.; No. 26, etc., the usual extra for large sizes. Steel boiler plate, ¼-inch, and upwards, \$2.75 to 2.90 for Dalzell and equal; ditto, three-sixteenths inch, \$2.75 to \$3; tank iron, ¼-inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths, ditto, \$2; tank steel, \$1.75; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.40 to 2.45; Russian sheet iron, 9c.; lead, per 100 lbs., \$4; sheet, \$4.50 to 4.60; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast-steel, 8 to 10c.; toe calk, \$2.75; spring, \$2.75; sleigh shoe, 00.00; tire, 0.00; round machinery steel, \$2.75 to \$3, as to finish; ingot tin, 28½ to 29c. for L. & F. Straits, 28¼ to 28¾c. bar tin, 30c.; ingot copper, 19 to 19½c.; sheet-zinc, \$7.50 to \$8; Silesian spelter, \$7 to \$7.25; Veille Montagne spelter, \$7.25 to \$7.50; American spelter, \$7 to \$7.25; antimony, 10½c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Linseed oil has developed another marked advance of 2c. per gallon, and some houses complain of much difficulty in getting even small lots of raw. Turpentine has at last declined a couple of cents per gallon, but the market South is reported to have again firmed up since the change was made locally. Other lines are unaltered. We quote: Single barrels, raw and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 55 and 58c. per gal.; for one to four barrel lots; 5 to 9 barrels, 54 and 57c.; net 30 days, or 3 per cent., for 4 months' terms. Turpentine one to four barrels, 62c.; five to nine barrels, 61c.; net 30 days. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Cod oil, 34 to 36c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 37½ to 40c. per gallon. Castor oil, 8 to 8¼c. in quantity; tins, 9 to 9¼c.; machinery castor oil, 7½ to 8c.; Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$6; No. 1, \$5.62½; No. 2, \$5.30; No. 3, \$4.87½; No. 4, \$4.50; dry white lead, 5½ to 6c. for pure; No. 1, ditto, 5c.; genuine red ditto, 5c.; No. 1, red lead, 4½ to 4¾c.; Putty, in bulk, bbls., \$1.65; kegs, \$1.80; bladder putty, in bbls., \$1.80; smaller quantities, \$1.95; 25-lb. tins, \$2.05; 12½-lb. tins, \$2.30. London washed whiting, 37 to 40c.; Paris white, 75 to 80c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to 1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2. Window glass, \$1.80 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.90 for second break. Paris green, 14c. in 50 and 100-lb packages; 15c. in 25-lb. packages; pound packages, in boxes, 15½ to 16c.

WOOL.—Very little buying of raw wool is reported during the past fortnight, as manufacturers say they cannot pay the present high prices of imported stock, and some of them are reported to be turning more of their attention to domestic fleece. For Capes 17½ to 21c. is asked, greasy Australian, 25 to 27c., and for B.A.'s, 40 to 45c. is wanted. A local importing firm has about 400 bales of Cape afloat, which they say they will not be able to sell below 20c.

THE COTTON MARKET.

The feature of the week was the monthly report by the United States Government's Agricultural Bureau, which made a decrease in the acreage from last year of 8 per cent., and placed the average condition on June 1st, at 85.7, against 89 on the same date last year. From New Orleans, June 9th, comes the following: "Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton shows a decrease for the week just closed of 76,797 bales, against a decrease of 77,062 last year, and a decrease of 71,563 in 1895. The total visible is 3,444,613 bales, against 3,521,410 last week, and 2,792,049 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,138,613 bales, against 3,245,410 last week, and 2,501,049 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 306,000 bales, against 276,000 last week, and 291,000 last year.

THE BRITISH CANADIAN LOAN AND INVESTMENT CO., Limited

DIVIDEND NO. 43

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of Five per cent. per annum on the paid-up capital of the company for the half-year ending 30th June, 1899, has this day been declared, and that the same will be payable on the 3rd day of July next.

The transfer books will be closed from the 22nd to the 30th proximo, both days inclusive.

By order of the Directors.

R. H. TOMLINSON, Manager.

Toronto, May 30th, 1899.



TENDERS FOR PLACER MINING CLAIMS ON DOMINION CREEK, IN THE YUKON TERRITORY.

SEALED Tenders addressed to the undersigned and marked on the envelope "Tender for a placer mining claim" will be received at this Department until noon on Friday the first day of September, 1899, for placer claims and fractions of claims on Dominion Creek reserved for the Crown.

The following is a list of the numbers of the claims and fractions and the approximate frontage thereof as surveyed by Messrs. James Gibbons and R. W. Cautley Dominion Land Surveyors:—

BELOW UPPER DISCOVERY.			
No.	Length in ft.	No.	Length in ft.
1 A	5.	10 A	33'3
2 A	19.	15 A	42'25
3 A	30'5	31 A	43
8 A	87'4		
ABOVE LOWER DISCOVERY.			
No.	Length in ft.	No.	Length
1 A	12.	6 A	35'00
2 A	59'1	10 A	143'25
4 A	1'25		
BELOW LOWER DISCOVERY.			
No.	Length in ft.	No.	Length in ft.
1 A	56'3	75 A	24'7
2 A	7'2	76	500'
3 A	90'3	77	440'8
8 A	34'00	16 C	33'8
9 A	3'25	17 A	164'7
1 A	58'4	78 A	3'6
13 A	6'5	80	481'3
16 A	40'25	81 A	15'3
20	202'1	83	500'
21 A	71'9	84	500'
22	500'	85	500'
22 A	60'7	86	500'
23	446'3	87	500'
25	500'	87 A	500'
26	120'6	87 B	857'9
31	350'5	89 A	351'
33	500'	91	500'
34	500'	92	500'
36	500'	93	500'
37	500'	94	500'
38	352'	95	500'
68 A	91'7	96	500'
69 A	40'5	97	500'
70 A	72'6	98	500'
71	414'4	99	500'
73 A	12'3	100	478'7
74 A	21'3	101	119'

Each tender shall specify the numbers of the claims and fractions tendered for and also the amount of bonus offered for each claim and fraction. The tender may be for the whole lot or any one or more of the claims and fractions and must be accompanied by an accepted cheque in favour of the Minister of the Interior for ten per cent. of the amount offered one-half for the remainder to be paid into the Department of the Interior at Ottawa or to the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory at Dawson within thirty days from notice of acceptance of tender, and the balance within six months thereafter with interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum.

Entries for the claims and fractions will be granted in accordance with the Placer Mining Regulations on acceptance of tender.

The entries will be subject to the usual royalty and the provisions of the said Regulations from time to time in force, except as to representation provided for by Clause 39, which will not be required.

The claims and fractional claims for which entries may be granted shall not include any portion of the bench or hill claims for which entry may have been previously granted.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JOHN R. HALL,

Secretary

Department of the Interior,
Ottawa, 27th May, 1899.