

actively enquired for and prices have advanced 1c. per lb. Cables from Shanghai report an advance of 6 per cent. in black teas.

HARDWARE.—While orders are numerous, they are for the most part confined to small lots, and the volume of movement does not appear to be so large as that of the last few weeks. Shelf hardware and tinware for the fall trade constitute the bulk of the orders received. It is the first week of Toronto's exhibition, and already merchants from the country are beginning to make their appearance in the wholesale warehouses. Trade in wire for some time past has been very quiet, but as the season for baling hay is near at hand, it is but reasonable to expect an improvement shortly. Rope shows increased activity. Chain of all kinds is rather inactive. Orders for cow chains, halter chains and rope halters up to the present time have not been satisfactory, and, in fact, nearly all fall supplies, including axes and saws, are not up to the usual standard. Wire nails are in good demand and shipments are for the most part in 10-keg lots. The movement of cut nails has fallen off and is not brisk. Horseshoes are more active, as are horseshoe nails. Business in galvanized iron, tin plate, block sheet iron, Canada plate, is fairly good; other metals are quiet. Trade in lamp goods and gas fixtures is considered very satisfactory. There have been few changes in values. The discount on carriage bolts has been increased slightly. Glass in round lots is being sold at lower figures than the quotations made in our Prices Current, a reduction of 5c. per box being made. Metals on the whole are firm in price and no immediate change is looked for. Fall shooting has now commenced and ammunition is in good request. The city retail trade remains dull and devoid of interest; preparations for the exhibition caused some little improvement last week, but this movement is now falling off.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There is more activity in the hide market, and cured are selling at an advance of ½c. No change has been made in the price of green hides, and some merchants are inclined to believe the advance in cured to be but of a temporary character. However, the situation in the United States appears to display considerable strength. That great sole leather corporation, the United States Leather Company, has appeared in the market to buy, and their transactions during the last week, according to the Chicago Review, call for the delivery of 100,000 hides and disbursing in the neighborhood of \$400,000. Calfskins are quiet, and prices remain on a nominal basis. At the commencement of the month shearlings and lambskins made the usual bi-monthly advance of 5c., and now stand at 40c; offerings find ready sale. Tallow is unchanged, selling at 6 to 6½c., with no accumulation of stocks.

LEATHER.—We are inclined to think that, although prices have not advanced, there is a better and firmer feeling in the market. Western factories are beginning to send their buyers into the market for larger parcels, and some fairly large transactions have been made in consequence. The country jobbing trade appears to be quite active, and the general movement in this line shows a steady increase. There is some activity in trade with the east, and we hear of a large Montreal house buying some 11,000 sides of slaughter, the product of a western tanner. Although the price obtained on this transaction has not transpired, it is probably less than market quotations. Some sales of harness have been made this week, but trade is quiet, and the electric car and speedy bicycle appear to have discounted horses, seriously affecting the harness-leather market.

PROVISIONS.—There exists a good demand for choice fresh butter; receipts of this quality, however, are not plentiful; 18c. is the market quotation for such descriptions. Medium and common grades of butter remain neglected. Good stock of eggs is firmer at 10½ to 11c. per doz.; there is a quantity of held stock selling on the market. Cheese is firmer at 10½ to 11c. Hog products are steady, and the market is unchanged. Stocks at Chicago are reported, 41,000 pork, 22,000 lard, 18,000,000 ribs, which was less than expected all round. Receipts of hogs at Chicago last week, 105,473; shipments, 48,767. New stock evaporated apples are in the market offering at 10c.

SEEDS.—The offerings of timothy have been more liberal, and the feeling in consequence is somewhat easier, dealers anticipating lower prices. It is expected that the coming week

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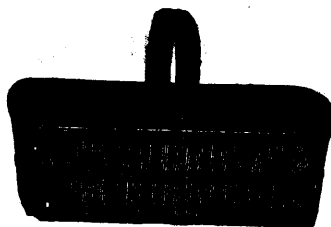
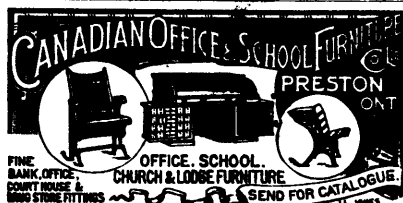
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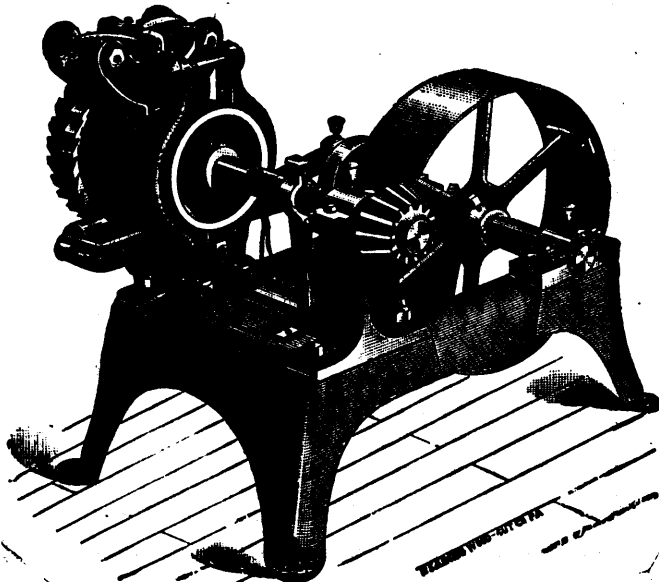
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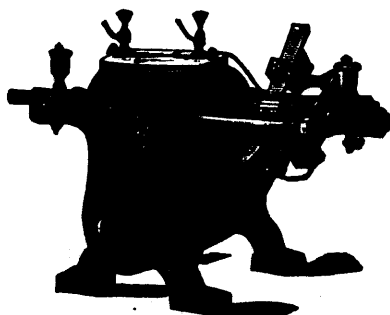
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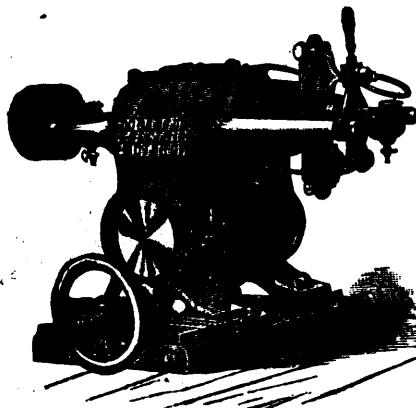
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