

the general growth: still there is a daily improvement which it is believed will continue. There has been a slight advance in the price of sugar; present quotations are strong, and the demand much better than it has been for some time; a further rise is probable. A more active demand for syrups has been one of the features of the trade during the past few days, and the enquiry is increasing. The call for canned goods continues below expectations; new salmon is quoted at \$1.45, and new peas are moving. Currants are firm but have not yet advanced. Medium and cheap grades of tea continue very active. All other lines show no noticeable change.

HARDWARE.—The business situation in iron and hardware is locally quite unchanged. From London we are advised that metals are a little more steady in the markets there. In Toronto ingot tin is about maintained. There is not much business moving in the city at present, but in the country the movement is much more active, and the outlook for a good fall trade is improving. We are able to report a slight improvement in prices. Various alterations of a minor kind will be found in our prices current.

HAY AND STRAW.—Pressed hay is quiet and weak. New timothy is quoted at \$9.50 per ton on the track; receipts have been barely sufficient; prices closed easy yesterday at \$8.50 and \$9 for new hay. All the straw received has found a ready sale at strong prices; loose sold at \$7 and sheaf closed yesterday at \$11 to \$12.50.

HIDES, SKINS, &c.—There has been a fair movement. Green hides are steady and wanted; all offerings have sold at unchanged prices; cured are firmer with carlots selling at 5½c. per lb. An advance of 5c. has occurred in the best sheepskins, and prices are now 45 to 50c. each, and 25 to 30c. for dry; supplies are ample. Calfskins are unchanged.

LEATHER.—Business this week is much better, and the reports of travellers very cheering and satisfactory. The organization of the tanners of sole leather has had an immediate effect here and there is an advance of one cent on former quotations for these goods. The combination will at least endure for next 3 months, and as these are three of the busiest months of the year in the leather trade it is expected that the surplus stock will have been got rid of by Christmas. In black leather

little has been done, but Spanish sole leather has been much more active. Stocks are reported as considerably reduced. Prices in all the above lines are strong. Payments are improving and the outlook is very good.

LIVE STOCK.—A self-evident typographical error occurred in our report last week of the live stock market, but it may as well be corrected; as printed it appeared that ocean freight had dropped 20 cents, and that boats at Montreal were loading at 30 cents; this, of course, should have been shillings; freights from Montreal to Liverpool are now 30s. The trade in Toronto is very dull and a shade weaker than last week, though scarcely notably changed. Export cattle is fetching 4½c. per

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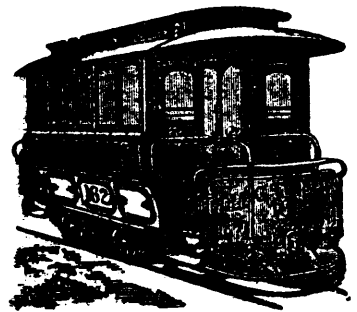
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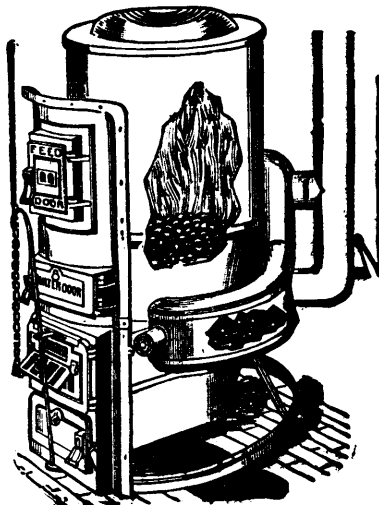
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