

to 37½, the lowest point yet touched, on heavy sales, but was better at the close, with 38 bid. An unsuccessful attempt was made to break Western Assurance, without materially altering the price. To-day 104 was bid, without sellers.

DRY GOODS.—The low values which many descriptions of dry goods have reached, produce a most unsettling effect on business. Orders are booked by commercial travellers for merchandise, only to be in many cases countermanded when a later sample at a still lower price is shown. Country dealers say that when they have made up their minds to buy wares which appear to be undoubted value, they are staggered by the offer of "a cut" which, if obtained by a neighbor, would leave their goods high and dry upon the shelves. It may readily be guessed that when such is the condition of matters, importers' profits upon staple lines are extremely small. Nor is there as yet, a reasonable profit in handling Canadian domestics, although in these a slightly improved condition is observable. That is, no such offers of heavy lines as stunned the market some months ago are now heard of and owing to the restricted production the excessive stocks are being slowly worked off. For knitted goods nothing very satisfactory can be said. Tweeds and flannels are abundant, and cheap. In imported prints and dress goods, silks and fancy wares, a profit has been possible, but even in these the movement has been limited, for retailers have been very cautious.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business in drugs is quiet, few buyers being in town, and travellers being off for their vacation. There are some changes in price, which we note in price list. Carbolic acid and other disinfectants show firmness in view of the reports of cholera in Europe, and its possible transfer hither. Some effect of a like kind will doubtless be felt by drugs which come from the Mediterranean. Opium is already higher: We quote, \$4 75 to \$5; morphine, \$2 20 to \$2 45; oil peppermint, \$4 50 to \$5 per lb.; iodide potass, \$1 70 to \$1 90; Borax, 12c. to 14c.; Sal Rochelle, 36c. to 38c.; Tartaric Acid, 57c. to 64c.; Bicarb Soda, steady, at \$2 80 to \$3 00; Hellebore, steady, at 20c. to 22c. Oil cake is out of market, none is at present being crushed at Baden.

HARDWARE.—Harvest tools having been for the most part moved in previous weeks, there is nothing now to create activity except some kinds of builders' materials, which are in request. Fair orders are coming in for galvanized sheets, also for Canada plates. The market for tin plates continues sluggish, excepting for cooke, which at last English advices had run up in quality, approaching the price of charcoals. Perhaps it might be more correct to say that cheaper processes have reduced the cost of producing charcoal plates, the plate being sometimes even made of steel. But it is a question whether the quality and quantity of tin does not suffer.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Flour is very dull and prices nominal. The stock held here in store at 21st inst. was 2,500 bbls. as compared with 2,325 bbls. same time last year and 230 bbls. last week. There is no superior extra in market. Extra has sold at \$4.75. Spring extra has sold in bags at equal to less than \$4.20, but in this as well as in superfine the patent roller process is rapidly doing away with lowgrade flour. Oatmeal—Very little in market; it is shipped from outside points at about equal to our quotations. Tilsonburg or other special grades bringing over our outside figure. Bran is firmer—has moved freely at \$11.50, and \$12 is now asked. Cornmeal in smalls brings \$3.50; a car lot could be had at \$3, or \$3.25.

GRAIN.—The prospects of a bountiful harvest, especially in wheat, has not helped prices which are generally lower. As partial relief to the monotony of dullness, some round lots of No. 2 fall wheat sold late last week at \$1.10, the market closing easier. It was offered yesterday at \$1.08. There is no No. 1 fall to be had. No spring wheat moving; market dull and nominal, odd cars No. 2 offer at \$1.08. Barley, being out of season is not wanted, nominal prices are 70c. for No. 1; 65c. for No. 2, and 60c. for No. 3 extra; according to accounts from the Bay of Quinte district the yield will be light, but about Durham and Northumberland the crop promises very well. Oats, as well as hay from lack of moisture are likely to prove a lighter crop than was at one time expected; prices of oats are weaker. Peas are if anything easier, the crop promises to be a splendid one. Corn and rye nominal.

STOCKS IN STORE.

	July 21, 1884.	July 14, 1884.	July 23, 1883.
Fall wheat, bush....	52,784	63,717	84,041
Spring " "....	75,533	79,296	80,317
Oats " "....	9,051	7,461	1,000
Barley " "....	2,547	2,548	29,917
Peas " "....	1,213	1,213	674
Rye " "....	442	549	341
Corn " "....	1,000	1,000

Total Grain "142,570 155,864 196,200

GROCERIES.—Trade is moderately active and payments continue to be very fairly satisfactory. After our last market review was written sugars took a decided turn upward, refiners advanced prices and the market became suddenly active. Probably the largest sales ever known were made during the last few days. The remarkably low prices, and the abundance of small fruits, brought it about that retail dealers sold double the normal quantity of sugar. At such prices as have prevailed for several weeks the growers, upon the Islands, are getting next to nothing. Prices have been advanced ½ cent at the refinery and are firmer all round. Teas are more active, at steady prices; low-priced Young Hysons are wanted but are everywhere scarce. Coffees are unchanged. Tobaccos are steady, Macdonald put up the price of blacks last week. Molasses and syrups, sympathizing with sugars, have been weak, there is at present no demand for them.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The demand for cured hides was last week quite active. A fair number changed hands, we hear of a sale of three cars by one house, prices have been advanced a quarter cent 9c. to 9½ for steers and 8½c. for cows. The supply of green is about as usual. Calfskins are in their ordinary supply and are all wanted. Lambskins and Pelts, owing to local contentions among dealers, have gone up to 30c. for pelts and 45c. for lambskins, prices which may be only temporary. Tallow has dropped, there are considerable stocks of rendered on hand.

LEATHER.—We hear of considerable purchases having been made on Montreal account since our last, consisting of round lots of sole and upper, at prices somewhat below our range. The market for retail lots is covered by our quotations.

LUMBER.—The movement is limited, export demand being flat; but there is a very considerable local consumption by reason of activity in building in the city, the Ontario & Quebec stations and other matters. An important contract has been taken during the week by a Toronto firm in the trade, being the contract for timber to be used in the Oswego Harbor. The amount is 910,000 feet, B. M. and it consists mostly of pine 12x12 inches.

OILS, PAINTS, &c.—No change to note in white leads, prices of which are being maintained as at first of year. Turpentine is dull and easier, say 55c. to 85c. Linseed oil is also quiet, we quote raw 55c. to 58c. and boiled 58c. to 61c.

PROVISIONS.—Trade still continues in a languid state. Butter dull and prices nominal, except for retail quantities. Until the British market advances, or our farmers materially reduce their ideas as to price, there is no prospect of export trade. Cheese firmer, cable yesterday 49c.; jobbing at 10½c. to 10¾c. The demand for hog products does not improve. The country trade is being supplied with long clear bacon, at 10½c. to 10¾c. Any large orders could be filled at a considerable out. Eggs steady, with sufficient receipts. No business doing in dried fruits, prices nominally unchanged. Hops—the finer qualities took a little jump last week. Sales were made of choice at 30c., and 35c. is now asked. Yearlings can be had at 22c. to 25c. Rumors of the fly in Britain probably had to do with the advance.

SALT.—Liverpool coarse is offered, in lots of 1,000 bags or over, at 60 cents f.o.c. here; quantities would have to pay 60 to 70c.

WOOL.—The active demand for fleeces noticed last week has fallen off. City wholesale dealers still take all they can get at 18c., but none at a higher figure. There are dealers at such points as Lindsay, St. Mary's, &c., we are told, who pay, or have paid higher figures, and are holding any where from 20,000 to 50,000 lbs. each, in the belief that higher prices must come, and that 19c. or even 20c. can be afforded. Very little demand exists for pulled wools, the mills are buying only for immediate wants, and but little at that. In extra there is nothing doing.

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NOTICE.

The Anchor Insurance Company

Hereby give notice that they have ceased to transact business in Canada, and that in pursuance of Section 18 of "The Consolidated Insurance Act of 1877," it will on the 21st day of October next apply to the Government for the release of its assets and securities, and all Canadian policyholders opposing such release are hereby required to file their opposition with the Minister of Finance at his office at Ottawa, on or before the said 21st day of October. Date 1st at Toronto, this 15th day of July, 1884.

HUGH S. OTT, Secretary.

W. P. HOWLAND, President.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Of JAMES EDWARD SPENCE, of the Village of Zephyr, County of Ontario, general store keeper.

Notice is hereby given that the said James Edward Spence has made an assignment of his estate and effects to Edward B. C. Clarkson, of the City of Toronto, Accountant, in trust for the benefit of all his creditors, and that persons having claims against him are required to send in their names, residences, and particulars of their claims, and the nature of security (if any) held by them, by letter, prepaid, addressed to the undersigned, on or before the First day of September, 1884.

And notice is hereby given, that after that date, the said Trustee will proceed to distribute the assets of the said debtor among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall have been given, and that he will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose debt or claim he shall not then have had notice.

16th July, 1884.

E. B. C. CLARKSON,
Trustee, 26 Wellington St. East, Toronto.