

During the week there was received 51,216 bushels, and shipped 95,231 bushels, leaving in store on the 12th May, 2,058,135 bushels. On May 18th last year the quantity in store was 635,504 bushels.

GROCERIES.—There is still an unusual dullness in the grocery trade; the demand in all lines is only such as is rendered necessary by the most immediate requirements, and of course in several directions prices are weak. No change in the prices of sugar are apparently probable yet, in fact there have been lately indications of continued weakness in this direction. We hear occasionally that there is an improvement in the grocery trade; now we have naturally daily fluctuations, but of real live speculative movement there is none, nor will there be now until the commencement of the fall; the season has so far gone that it is useless to expect any substantial recovery yet. The demand for sugar is only such as arises from immediate requirements. In cheap Japan teas there is a little more enquiry, but in other directions there is absolutely no change. The condition of business considered, payments are fair.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Hides are unchanged, with an abundant supply of green. Cured are quoted at 5c. per pound; No. 1 green quoted at 4½c.; No. 2 at 3½c., and No. 3 at 2½c. Sheepskins are firmer at \$1.20 to 1.35 each; lambskins quoted at 20c., and calfskins at 5 to 7c. per pound.

LEATHER.—Not much change can be reported during the week, but what change has occurred is for the better, and more activity has existed all round. Leather is being shipped to England in large quantities, but prices keep low, in fact so low as to leave the margin of profit very small. Some shoe factories are already making a start on the fall trade. Stocks are plentiful, and orders, though increasing in quantity, are only, as a rule, for small lots. Prices are unchanged.

LIVE STOCK.—At the Western cattle yards here there has been lately much more activity in business, though prices keep, and in all probability will for some time, continue low. Supplies have been large, and this week quite one hundred loads have been received. The export cattle trade has opened with considerable briskness, but prices in London and Liverpool are very low; Canadian cattle have sold in England this week as low down as 4½d. per pound, with only a small quantity fetching as much as 6d. per pound; the range appears to have been from 5d. to 5½d., the latter as a ruling top price. Prime export cattle sell here at from 4½ to 5c., with a few extra picked lots at 5½c. per pound; nothing has sold higher; the demand is good at these figures. For butchers' cattle we have a good local enquiry at prices a shade lower than those of last week; the best cattle sell from 3½ to 4c., with 4½c. per pound for very choice. Sheep and yearlings are not wanted. For spring lambs we have a light enquiry at from \$4.25 to 5 each. Good calves are in demand, also milkers and stockers. Hogs are steady at \$5 per cwt. for prime, and \$5.15 weighed off cars; stores wanted at from \$4.25 to 4.75. Fat, heavy hogs will not sell at any price.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Business in the country is tolerably good as a rule, but it is dull at retail in the city. Prices are firm, especially for tin, antimony and lead. The manufacturers report that they are mostly kept well going. Antimony is strong at the advance caused by the recent raise of £1 per ton in London. Payments are fair and prices unchanged.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.—The favorable change in the weather has stimulated business somewhat, and we have a fair spring trade going on. Country orders are more satisfactory both in size and number. Turpentine is steady at the recent decline, being now quoted at 52c. Linseed oil is firm. All other lines are unchanged.

PROVISIONS.—Butter has been in ample supply and is weaker in price. Pound rolls have sold on the street at 16c. The best tub butter is steady at 18 to 19c., and medium at 14 to 16c. Large rolls are quoted at 13 to 16c., and pound rolls at 22 to 23c. Eggs are steady at 10 to 11c., and retail at 11½ to 12½c. Cheese is quoted very quiet at 10½c. for new and 11½c. for prime fall make.

SEEDS.—Business is virtually over, and prices, although quotably unchanged, are nominal.

WOOL.—But little doing and prices unchanged. New combing is quoted at 16 and 17c.; fleece is nominal at 18 to 18½c.; extra super offered at 27c., but no sales; pulled super, 22½; and extras quoted at 26 and 26½c.

BRITISH MARKETS.

The weekly report of James Watson & Co., Glasgow, on the iron trade, says, under date 6th May:

"We have again to report a firm tone in the pig iron market during the past week. A settlement of the Durham strike appears to be as far off as ever, and heavy withdrawals continue to be made from stores."

PRICES OF MAKERS' IRON.

	No. 1.	No. 3.
G. M. B. fas Glasgow	42/	42/
Coltness	53/	49/
Langloan	51/	48/
Summerlee	51/	48/
Calder	50/	48/
Gartsherrie	50/	48/
Shotts	52/6	50/
Clyde	48/	47/
Carnbroe	45/	44/
M. & C. do.	—	—
Glengarnock, fas Ardrossan	50/	48/
Eglington	47/	46/
Dalmellington .. do.	47/6	46/6
Carron, fas Grangemouth	56/	49/

TENDERS.

Municipality of North Vancouver

Tenders for the purchase of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) Debentures of the District of North Vancouver bearing seven per cent. (7 per cent.) interest, payable half yearly, and repayable in 30 years, will be received by me up to

WEDNESDAY, THE 15th OF JUNE NEXT

The said debentures are issued for the purpose of completing the construction of the Keith, Lynn, Seymour and Capilano Roads.

The whole indebtedness of this municipality is forty thousand dollars (\$40,000).

The ratable property of this municipality, according to the last revised Assessment Roll, amounts to one million six hundred and fifty thousand five hundred and eighty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$1,650,585.50).

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. For further particulars apply to

M. H. HIRSCHBERG, C. M. C.

Vancouver, B. C., 4th May, 1892.

Debentures for Sale.

The town of Alliston, under authority 54th Vict., Chap. 61, offers first issue consolidated Debentures for sale. They are four and a half per cent., interest payable yearly, are repayable at the end of twenty (20) years, and represent, par value, \$2,750. Total debt, \$19,500; assessment, 1891, \$248,000; 1892, \$303,000. Sealed tenders will be received up till the 25th instant, inclusive, and may be addressed to either of the undersigned.

G. M. ARMSTRONG,
Mayor.

J. C. HART,
Treasurer.

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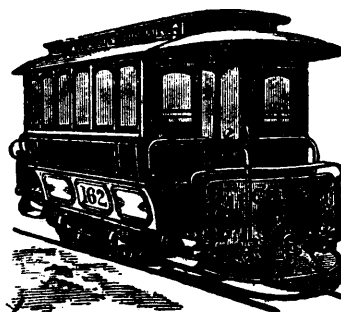
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