

calculated on by the Government. Farmers not having yet disposed of their grain makes money less plentiful in the country than it might have been, and dealers consequently less prompt. No branch of trade is showing the activity usual so near the close of navigation. Flour is declining, and rather more has been doing, but very little grain is reported as changing hands. A better demand exists for butter and cheese. Groceries are quiet, but not much yet reported as being done in fruits.

ASHES.—*Pots*—The market is less dull, but even now receipts are moderate, and a good many changed hands at prices ranging from \$5.52½ to \$5.60, closing quiet at \$5.40 to \$5.50. *Pearls* are much as last quoted, the nominal price being \$8.00. Receipts for the past week were 157 brls *Pots*, and no *Pearls*; deliveries for the same time, *Pots* 152 brls.; *Pearls* 32 brls.; stock now in store, *Pots* 307 brls.; *Pearls* 24 brls.

CATTLE.—Good cattle were scarce yesterday and Monday, while lean animals were in over supply. The best stock found ready buyers at 4½ to 5c. per lb.; the next quality brought from 4¼ to 4½c. per lb.; lean stock bringing 2½ to 3½c. per lb. *Sheep* were plentiful, but of poor quality. *Lambs* sold from \$2.50 to \$3.75 each, according to quality. *Fat Hogs* are in good supply. Prices are in buyer's favor. Sales yesterday were pretty numerous, ranging from 7½ to 7½c. per lb.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—As noted last week this market has been firm and is likely to continue so till the close of navigation, as yet however, we can hardly note any addition to the advance which we then made. Business has been pretty active both for drugs and chemicals and orders are coming to hand freely. We quote *Bi Carb. Soda* \$2.90 to \$3.00; *Soda Ash*, \$2.00 to \$2.12½ for high test. *Bi-Chromate of Potash*, per 100 lbs., \$12.50 to \$13.00; *Borax*, refined, 13 to 14c; *Cream Tartar Crystals*, 30 to 31c; do., ground, 31½ to 33c; *Caustic Soda*, white, \$2.35 to \$2.50; *Sugar of Lead*, 12½ to 13c; *Bleaching Powder*, \$1.50 to 1.60; *Alum*, \$1.87½ to \$2.00; *Copperas*, per 100 lbs., \$1.00 to 1.25; *Flowers Sulphur*, \$2.90 to \$3.10; *Roll Sulphur*, \$2.12½ to \$2.25; *Epsom Salts*, \$1.35 to \$1.40; *Sal Soda*, \$1.20 to \$1.25; *Saltpetre*, \$10 to \$11; *Sulphate of Copper*, \$5.50 to \$6.00; *Quinine*, \$2.60 to \$2.70; *Opium*, \$5.00 to \$5.50; *Morphine*, \$2.75 to \$3.00; *Shellac*, 32 to 35c; *Castor Oil*, 10½ to 11c.

DRY GOODS.—It cannot be said there is much if any improvement in this line of trade. The fact that money in the country is by no means

plentiful, owing to the farmers not having sold their grain, and the continuance of very mild weather render dealers indisposed to buy heavy winter goods. Travellers report retail stocks of goods in the country as being very little broken in upon, and orders which they have taken are as a rule small, merchants however are hopeful of doing a good business yet, for the harvest has been very abundant. Some sharp, cold weather would have a favorable influence both on the wholesale and retail trade. Everything considered, remittances have been fair for this time of the year.

FURS.—Prime beaver, otter and black bear are in demand for local use, and are worth about the following figures: *Beaver*, \$3; \$10 for *Otter*; \$7 to \$9 for *Bear*, and \$3 to \$5 for *Bear Cubs*, it must be borne in mind that these prices are for strictly fine skins, unprime skins being of little or no use, and they are always plentiful in the market. The prospects for *Red Fox* are very poor, \$1.25 being the best quotation for prime skins, the prospect is also very slim for *Marten*, which is quoted at 75c. to \$1.00; *Mink* will only be used at very low figures, say \$1 for No. 1 prime. Good prime dark *Skunk* are wanted for local use at from 75c. to \$1.00.

FISH.—*Labrador Herrings* are selling freely in large lots at \$6.25 to \$6.37½, but stocks are very light. No. 1 *C. B. Herrings* are worth \$6 to \$6.25; No. 1 *Green Cod* sells at \$5.75 to \$6.00; *Salmon* steady at \$20, \$19 and \$18 for No. 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

FREIGHTS.—The market is firm and advancing and there are now engagements made for grain by steamship to Liverpool and Glasgow at 3/6 to 4/3, and to London and Bristol at 5/- to 5/3; and small steamers for orders to United Kingdom are getting 5/- to 5/6. Rates for produce and provisions are unchanged.

FLOUR.—The stock in store on the 28th inst. was 42,902 brls., against 36,810 brls. on the 21st inst. and 71,255 brls. on 1st Nov. 1881. Receipts for the week 23,692 brls. Total receipts from 1st January 677,345 brls., a decrease of 17 353 brls. on the receipts for the same period of 1881. Shipments for the week 30,912 brls.; total shipments from 1st January 614,261, an increase of 94,882 brls. on the shipments for the like period of 1881. Buyers seem at last to have awakened to the fact that the present price of flour is low, and a large amount has changed hands during the week both publicly and on p.t., a large proportion of which is for shipment to the lower ports. Yesterday the market was rather more active, but prices were somewhat easier, and to-day there was little animation. Receipts are moderate, but ample for all requirements of trade, prices continuing to favor buyers. We quote *Superior Extra*, \$5.00 to \$5.05; *Extra Superfine*, \$4.90 to \$5.00; *Fancy*, 5.60 \$5.65 nominal; *Spring*

Extra, \$4.80 to 4.85; *Strong Bakers' Flour*, *American*, \$6.75 to 7.25; do. *Canadian*, \$5.75 to 6.25; *Superfine*, \$4.55 to 4.65; *Fine*, \$3.80 to 4.00; *Middlings*, \$3.60 to 3.90; *Pollards*, \$3.40 to 3.60; *Ontario Bags*, new medium, \$2.50 to 2.55; do. do., *Spring extra*, \$2.35 to 2.45; do. do., *Superfine*, \$2.20 to \$2.25; *City Bags*, delivered, \$3.35 to 0.00; *Oatmeal*, \$6.10 to 6.10 for Ontario; *Cornmeal*, \$4.25.

GROCERIES.—*Teas*—The state of the Tea market here has not shown any signs of improvement, but it is certainly no worse. A good deal has changed hands this week at steady prices. New season's *Japans* are arriving while the market is overstocked with old *Teas*, which tends to make prices flat. *Coffee*—There has been a good deal moving during the past week; stocks are firm and sales reported are of Java at 15 to

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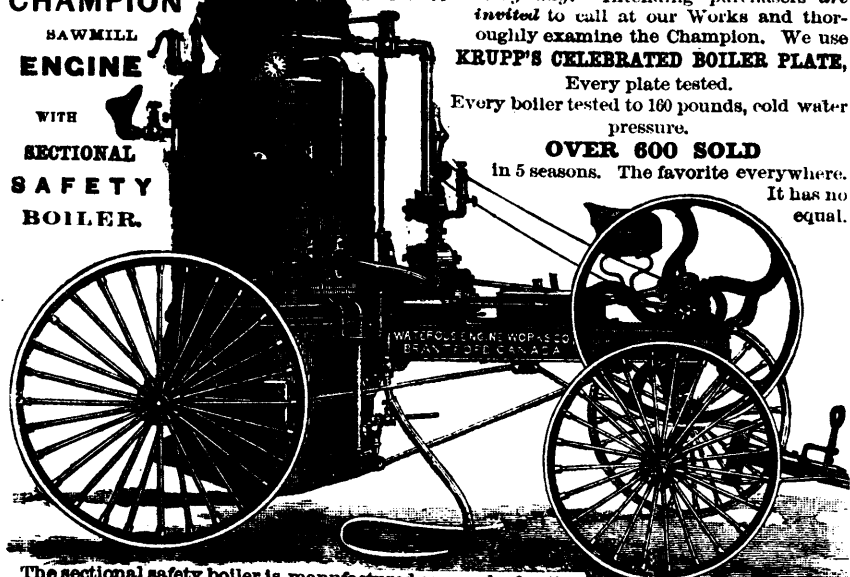
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