

always a poor month in this particular. Heavy and continued rains in this province have seriously interfered with harvesting operations, and in some cases we hear that grain which is down is beginning to sprout.

ASHES.—Receipts still are meagre, but despite this fact the market does not develop any gain of strength, and first quality pots continue to be quoted at \$3.90 to 3.95; seconds, \$3.50 to 3.55, and scarce; pearls are very much neglected, and nominally \$6.25 to 6.50.

BOOTS AND SHOES AND LEATHER.—The factories continue fairly employed on the output of fall foot wear, but the demand for leather remains just about as a week ago, and cannot be called at all active, though rather better than earlier in the season. Sole leather still holds the firmness noted in reports of the last two weeks, and some large consignors have written instructions to hold their leather for higher prices, but dealers have not as yet been able to establish an advance, though no concessions from quotations are made, and in some cases discounts have been lessened. Ordinary black leathers remain easy, with supplies coming in as freely as ever, and parties recently returned from England report warehouses there full of this sort of stock. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A., No. 1, 21 to 23c.; ditto, No. 2, B. A., 18 to 20c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 21c.; No. 2, do., 17 to 18c.; No. 1, China, 18 to 19c.; No. 2, 17 to 18c.; hemlock slaughter, No. 1, 23 to 26c.; oak sole, 40 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; ditto, heavy, 27 to 31c.; grained, 32 to 36c.; Scotch grained, 33 to 37c.; splits, large, 16 to 23c.; do., small, 12 to 18c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 46 lbs.), 55 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 70 to 80c.; russet sheep skin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 10 to 30c.; buffed cow, 10 to 14c.; pebbled cow, 10 to 14c.; rough, 22 to 25c.; russet and bridle, 45 to 55c.;

CEMENTS, &c.—Are firm. Portland in large lots brings \$2.30 to 2.50, small lots \$2.50 to 2.75; firebricks, \$20 to 22.50 as to brand and lot; fireclay \$1.50 per bag.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Trade in these lines begins to show a rather better movement, though it will be a couple of weeks yet before any notable improvement can be looked for. Opium remains in a very unsettled shape, reports of a large crop have lacked confirmation, and an increased demand having set in a rise is not improbable; quinine dull and weak as before; quicksilver, which was weaker, is again advancing; glycerine has touched bottom and is strengthening; stocks of crude camphor are very low, with probabilities of fresh supplies being small, and more money will likely have to be paid for this article; tartaric acid easier now than hot; season is approaching a close.

FISH.—New Cape Breton herrings are now coming in in fair lots, and are readily taken up at \$5.50 to 6.00; reports would seem to indicate a poor catch; dry cod is firm at \$5.00 in ordinary lots green cod, \$5.00 to 5.25.

GROCERIES.—With the improved crop reports in Ontario trade shows up better; teas are selling more freely, and orders generally show an all-round improvement. Sugars remain steady at last advance; the St. Lawrence refinery will again be in the market in course of a few days, but this creates no weakening, and it is understood they will continue in the combine; we quote granulated 7½c. at factory, yellows 5½ to 6½c., some grocery raws are offering at 5½ to 6½c. The tea market in Japan is claimed stronger, also in New York, where first cargo of Suez Canal was reported a few days ago; stocks of finer goods are about all cleared out at producing point; nothing new in black, which hold their own; coffees show no new features. Dried fruits in light request at prices last noted; new Valencias are quoted 18/6d. f.o.b. Denia; Sultanias, 19/9d.; the crop of currants is reported 15 per cent. ahead of last year, and prices ought to rule easy, but there is always an uncertainty until goods are actually bought. Rice may be cabled firmer, as there seems an uncertainty whether the mills would renew contracts at the old figures. Some contracts for new pack of tomatoes have been made at \$1.00, and a large output is calculated upon; lobsters very firm at \$5.75 to 6.00 and scarce at that; other lines as before. Tobaccos and spices unchanged.

HIDES.—The demand from tanners is still of a slow character, and the market has developed no gain of strength locally. Green

hides are in fair supply, and dealers continue to buy on basis of 6c. for No. 1, tanners paying 7c. for No. 1, inspected; Toronto and Hamilton hides, 6½ to 7c.; calfskins, 5c.; lambskins, firmer at 45 to 50c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The one noteworthy feature of the week in these lines is the marked strengthening in the iron market. Makers' prices are cabled from Glasgow as being advanced from one to two shillings a ton, while Middlesboro also shows a material gain; \$19.50 is now about the lowest for Coltness, with other brands proportionately advanced. Makers of Siemens' are not selling just now, evidently believing that values will strengthen still further, and we question if our present quotation of Siemens' would buy just now. Warrants were up to 40s. 1d., but have receded a little. Tin has lost a part of the advance noted last week, but is fairly steady at 23 to 24c. locally; copper and lead as before; zinc is higher at \$5.00 firm; tin and Canada plates unchanged. We quote:—Coltness, \$19.50; Calder and Summerlee, \$19.50; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$17.50 to 18; Gartsherrie, \$18.50 to 19; Siemens, \$19 for No. 1; Carnbroe, \$18; Shotts, \$18.50; Glengarnock, \$18.25 to 18.50; Middlesboro, No. 1, \$17; cast scrap, railway chairs, &c., none; machinery scrap, \$16.50 to 17; common ditto, \$16; bariron, \$2; best refined, \$2.25; Siemens, \$2. Canada Plates—Blaina, \$2.40 to 2.50. Tern roofing plate, 20x28, \$7 solid. Tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.75; charcoal I.C., \$4.00 to 4.50; do. I.X., \$5.25; coke I.C., \$3.50 to 3.60; galvanized sheets, No. 28, 4½ to 7c., according to brand; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6c.; No.

26, 6½c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.20. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75; common sheet iron, \$2.50 to 2.75; steel boiler plate, \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 11c.; lead per 100 lbs., —; pig, \$3.75 to 4.00; sheet, \$4.25 to 4.50; shot, \$6.00 to 6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 11½c.; spring, \$2.50 to 2.80; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.40 to 2.50; round machinery steel, \$3.00; ingot tin, 23 to 24c.; bar tin, 25 to 26c.; ingot copper, 18 to 19c.; sheet zinc, \$5.00; spelter, \$4.50 to 5; antimony, 12 to 13c.; bright iron wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.15 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.20 to 2.25.

OILS, PAINTS, AND GLASS.—A slightly improved movement can be noted in these lines. Prices show little variation. Linseed oil has sold at 51 to 52c. for raw in large wholesale lots, in an ordinary jobbing way raw is 54c.; boiled, 57c.; turpentine, 54 to 55c.; Nfld. cod oil, about 32c.; Nova Scotia, 29 to 30c.; steam refined seal, 42 to 43c. Leads, colors, and glass are unchanged. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.75 to 6.00; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25; dry white lead, 5½c.; red do., 4½c.; London washed whiting, 50 to 55c.; Paris white, \$1.00; Cookson's Venetian red, \$1.75; other brands Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.60; yellow ochre, \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$2.00 to 3.00. Window glass, \$1.40 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.50 for second break.

WOOL.—There is but a moderate enquiry from mill men, and trade is quiet. We quote Cape, 14 to 16½c.; Australian, 16 to 19c. Domestic continue scarce at unchanged prices.

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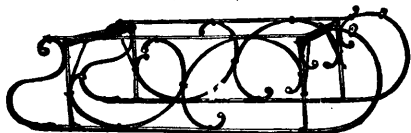
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SAULT Ste. MARIE CANAL.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tenders for the Sault Ste. Marie Canal," will be received at this office until the arrival of the eastern and western mails on Tuesday, the 23rd Day of October, next, for the formation and construction of a Canal on the Canadian side of the river, through the Island of St. Mary.

The works will be let in two sections, one of which will embrace the formation of the canal through the Island, the construction of locks, &c. The other, the deepening and widening of the channel way at both ends of the Canal; construction of piers, &c.

A map of the locality, together with plans and specifications of the works can be seen at this Office on and after Tuesday, the 9th day of October, next, where printed forms of tender can also be obtained. A like class of information relative to the works, can be seen at the office of the local officer in the Town of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Intending contractors are requested to bear in mind that tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms and be accompanied by a letter stating that the person or persons tendering have carefully examined the locality and the nature of the material found in the trial pits.

In the case of firms, there must be attached the actual signatures of the full name, the nature of the occupation, and residence of each member of the same; and further, a Bank Deposit Receipt for the sum of \$20.00 must accompany the tender for the canal and locks; and a Bank Deposit Receipt for the sum of \$7.50 must accompany the tender for the deepening and widening of the channel-way at both ends, piers, &c.

The respective Deposit Receipts—cheques will not be accepted—must be endorsed over to the Minister of Railways and Canals, and will be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the works, at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted.

The deposit receipts thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tenders.

By order,

A. P. BRADLEY,
Secretary.

Department of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, 8th August, 1888.