

demand is naturally weak. The standards on grain have been fixed since our last report, and more active movement is expected soon. Barley has not commenced to move yet; stocks here are reported light. Oats are moving freely, and in this are an exception to other cereals. Peas are coming in slowly, selling outside at 55 to 56c.

GROCERIES.—Trade has been quite brisk during the week, and from this time forward until Christmas we may expect activity. The fruit preserving season is now pretty well over and the consumptive demand decreasing; prices show no alteration. Some small shipments of Valencia raisins have been received at Montreal, but not in sufficient quantities to alter quotations. Teas are brisk and selling at good prices, with stocks of Hysons and Monings rather scarce.

HARDWOOD AND LUMBER.—Since the removal of duties upon entry into the United States many enquiries after stock have been received. Birch in 1st and 2d grades is in good demand, and some good shipments of these qualities have been made to Detroit. Some red birch has been sent to Boston and New York. Ash finds but fairly good movement. Merchants in Boston and New York have also been taking some basswood; inch appears to be in best demand; the consumptive demand probably comes from the manufacturers of moldings. Cherry remains dead. Soft elm is sluggish in the market, while stocks are large. There is a fair demand for plain red oak from Toronto manufacturers. Prices run from \$20 to \$22.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Last Saturday the prices paid to butchers for green hides were advanced ¼c. a lb., and quotations now stand as follows: Green cows ¾c., steers 4c.; cured and inspeted, 4½c. It is easier, however, to ask an advanced price than to get it, and we hear of car lots of cured selling this week at 4c. Elsewhere we refer at length to the situation in hides. Calfskins are unchanged. Lambskins and shearlings have advanced another 5c. and stand at 45c.; merchants, however, are handling them very carefully, as buyers are not anxious to take stock. Tallow appears to be scarce, although prices are unaltered.

METALS.—With the near advent of the fall season there is a decidedly better feeling in trade. Ingot tin has advanced ¼c. a lb. Ingot copper is higher at an advance of ¼c. a lb. While in other metals no higher quotations are offered, in many there is an improved feeling. Our quotations on galvanized iron are ¼c. less in the various grades. In general lines of hardware the movement is growing larger, and although a boom in trade is not expected the outlook for the fall is considered satisfactory.

PROVISIONS.—For choice butter there is good enquiry, but buyers are accepting fall dairy packed only; medium and common stock is accumulating, with no apparent outlet. In hog products the feeling is a firm one; long clear stands quoted at 8½ to 9c., new cured breakfast bacon at 12½c., new cured rolls at 9½c., hams 11½ to 12½c. Lard is steady and without change. Eggs are firmer, new stock bringing 14c. Beans are commencing to offer at \$1.45.

WOOL.—Some small lots of fleece have exchanged hands this week at 17 to 18c. for select combing, and 19 to 20c. for clothing. In pulled wools there is little or no movement. The mills are not taking stock from merchants, and no buyers have been on the street for the last several days. We hear of some shipments of pulled wools now on their way to Toronto from Cleveland, Ohio. During the week the warehouse of one large Toronto merchant has received large quantities of Manitoba fleece wool. The London sales, which opened on the 18th, have brought out no great strength in the market. Prices are from 2½ to 5 per cent. better; this is but little satisfaction, when we consider that the previous sales were held in the midst of very severe industrial depression.

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	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	4	8
Red, Winter	4	5
No. 1 Cal.	4	10
Corn	4	10
Peas	5	4
Lard	44	6
Pork	72	6
Bacon, heavy	42	0
Bacon, light	41	6
Tallow	23	28
Cheese, new white	61	0
Cheese, new colored	61	6

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