

per bus. has been made during the week. Oats are now quoted at 43 to 44c., and on June 1st, 1894, were quoted at 37 to 37½c. per bus. Peas are in good demand, but small offerings prevent active trading. Rye is steady and unchanged. Corn remains nominal.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

	June 1, '95. Bush.	June 2, '94. Bush.
Wheat	52,229,000	69,394,000
Corn	10,763,000	7,495,000
Oats	8,626,000	2,606,000
Barley	100,000	100,000
Rye	1,236,000	250,000

During the past week wheat decreased 2,015,000 bushels; corn increased 1,785,000 bushels; oats increased 1,236,000 bushels.

GROCERIES.—Trade has been a shade quieter this week, and the market is devoid of any striking features. Values are about steady, with upward tendencies in several lines. Tapioca has advanced ¼c. per lb. White and black peppers have been moving upwards, and are from ½ to ¾c. per lb. higher. There is only a moderate movement in sugars at present. The large retailers are carrying for the most part good supplies, and will not enter the market this month. Others who were caught unprepared by the advance are buying in a moderate way. Several houses have received shipments of May pickings of Japan teas, and the local market opens at 36 to 37c., or somewhat higher than last year. Contracts are being made in canned salmon. Packers are talking high prices, and with prospects of higher freights, the outlook savors of strength. There has been a good demand for canned fruits from the Northwest. Wholesale stocks of strawberries and cherries are exhausted, and the street was canvassed in vain for enough to fill a small order this week.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—The outlook is encouraging, while present business is quite satisfactory. Values have upward tendencies. Prices of tacks, clout nails and shoe finders' supplies are advancing. Quotations on bar iron have been withdrawn by manufacturers, and meanwhile jobbers have advanced prices 10c. per 100 lbs.; revised discounts will soon be distributed. In iron pipe the situation is similar and quotations are withdrawn. Ingot copper, sheet zinc, zinc spelter are firm. Wire and cut nails meet with good demand. Harvest and garden tools are still being sold.

HIDES AND LEATHER.—Nothing has occurred to change the situation in hides. Prices are still maintained at former quotations and tanners continue to complain of excessive values. *Hides and Leather*, Chicago, June 1st, says: "Trading was very light the past week, but mainly from the fact that there are very few hides to be had. Packers say that never before in the history of the trade have hides been so closely sold up as at present. It is estimated that there are probably not to exceed six cars of May salting remaining unsold. Quite a number of buying orders for the various selections are here, with the possible exception of Texas steers, but tanners hesitate to take the early June kill, which are about the only hides offering." Few sheepskins are offering. Pelts are still quoted at 15c. Lambskins are worth 25c. The tallow market remains rather dull and trading slow. Dealers are paying 5 to 5½c. and offering at 6c.

LEATHER.—There is a better feeling in the tanning industry this week. The season is advancing and manufacturers will soon be compelled to enter the market. It will, however, be probably two or three weeks before cutters begin general operations on the fall trade. Buyers have pursued a waiting policy, but with only moderate success. Colored leathers, uppers and sole have probably reached a high water mark, but several lines must still advance in order that prices may accord with the hide market.

PROVISIONS.—The advance in wheat, the rise in hides and the improvement in wool do not appear to have influenced the provision market for the better. Dairy products are slow and hog products easy; the whole trade lacks vim and vigor. In butter the receipts of rolls are pretty well over; tubs are selling at 11 to 12½c. Cheese remains at 8c.; the feeling in the jobbing trade is, if anything, a little firmer. For hog products there is fair demand, quotations remain steady. The *N.Y. Journal and Bulletin of Commerce*, June 5th, says: "The detailed Chicago stock statement showed double the mess pork held a year ago, nearly three times

as much 'other kinds,' over four times as much contract lard as a year ago, and over two and one-half times as much 'other kinds'; over 41 million lbs. s.p. hams, against the same a month ago and 22 million a year ago, or nearly double; 33½ million ribs, against 29½ a month ago and 6½ million a year ago; over 13½ million 'other' cuts of meats, against 10½ a month ago and 7½ a year ago; 5 000 more lard than a month ago, and the contract pork in spite of no production thereof." Receipts of eggs are fairly large, but the demand is slow, with quotations at 10½ to 10¾c. Beans are scarce at \$1.70. Dried and evaporated apples remain dull.

WOOL.—The week's offerings were very liberal, and thus far the 1895 clip is coming into the market much more freely than the clip of 1894. This is occasioned by the higher prices. Toronto quotations for Canadian fleece are: fine selections, including Southdown, 21c.; fleece combing, 20c.; rejects, 14 to 16c.; unwashed, 11½ to 12½c. Competition has caused merchants to exceed these prices, and as we elsewhere note, fanciful figures have been paid by buyers. No shipments of this year's fleece have as yet been made to the United States, and although receiving frequent enquiries for stock, Toronto merchants prefer to hold until the wool has been pretty well collected.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, May 23, 12.30 p.m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	5	10½
Red, Winter	5	7
No. 1 Cal	5	6½
Corn	4	10½
Peas	5	3
Lard	34	3
Pork	61	3
Bacon, heavy	32	0
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