

winter wheat, other grades remaining at former quotations. The local milling trade constitute the main source of enquiry for stock. Manitoba wheat remains at former quotations, the movement from Montreal to interior points still continuing. Oats are dull. Quotations have eased off a little, the market being weak at 37 to 38c. The demand from the Maritime Provinces has fallen off, while with the advancing season there is less call for stock from northern Ontario. Barley is dull and unchanged, with a movement for feed purposes only. Peas are firm, but the demand is also confined to feeding purposes. There is little doing in rye; the last sale we heard of brought 50c., delivered. Corn remains nominal.

## THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

	April 6, '95. Bush.	April 7, '94. Bush.
Wheat .....	75,702,000	70,762,000
Corn .....	12,890,000	17,497,000
Oats .....	5,858,000	3,034,000
Rye .....	245,000	397,000
Barley .....	685,000	582,000

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on March 30th were 689,053 bushels. During the week there were received 9,899 bushels, and shipped 665 bushels, leaving in store on April 6th, 698,287.

GROCERIES.—The grocery market has developed little that is new this week. Bright syrups are not in excessive supply here and are rather difficult to obtain; they are quoted 33 to 36c. at the refineries. Some large lots of New Orleans molasses have recently been brought here, and the market is in consequence rather depressed. There is little doing locally in sugars compared with the movement a month ago. No change has been made in the value of refined. Sales have been made in New York of 5,500 bags centrifugal to arrive and go to Canada at 2 7/32c. for 95 test, cost and freight. Teas are holding steady, but merchants are expecting interesting developments in the Orient soon. Latest advices from this quarter indicate delay in gathering the new crop, the coolies having refused to proceed to the fields in Formosa. Corn beef has advanced 10c. per dozen on 1's and 2's, and 50c. doz. on 6's and 14's. Merchants think it not unlikely that further advances will be made, and regard the market as very strong.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Elsewhere we refer at considerable length to the situation in hides. On Monday dealers resolved, after much deliberation, to advance light cows' 50c. Some merchants were, we are told, opposed to the advance. But, however that may be, it is a reality and one of the features of the present situation. Offerings continue to show poor quality and run 2's and 3's. An advance has also taken place in sheepskins, much to the surprise of some merchants who considered the price as settled for the season. Dealers are paying 95c. for fresh butchers' skins. Tallow is in a little better demand, with sales made at 6c.

LEATHER.—Tanners believe that a new regime is almost at hand; that an era of leather values in harmony with the hide market will soon be established. As reported last week, sole leather tanners are holding slaughter for an advance, while Spanish is parted with on more favorable terms to holders. It is a matter of sincere regret that the English market is closed by labor troubles, but unless English buyers had changed in their views, our export trade must have soon ceased. A Toronto tanner, who sold several car loads of splits on English account a month ago at 15c., estimates his loss at nearly \$1,000 a car.

PROVISIONS.—There are no important events to chronicle in the provision trade. An easy feeling continues to exist in butter in the face of excessive receipts; large rolls are selling at 11 to 13c.; dairy tub is moving slowly at 11 to 12c.; low grade descriptions excite no interest, and fail to find buyers although offered as low as 6c. Cheese is locally quiet and rather easy. In hog products there is firm feeling with long-clear at 7 1/2 to 8c.; hams, 10 to 10 1/2c.; rolls, 8 1/2 to 8 3/4c., and lard 8 1/2 to 9c. Although the season is now about over, some dressed hogs are offering and transactions were made at \$6 to 6.10 per cwt. Eggs are firm and at the moment receipts rather limited, with sales at 12 1/2 to 13c. Beans are firmer and find sale at \$1.60 per bush. Dried and evaporated apples remain without change.

WOOL.—The situation is practically unchanged. Receipts of fleece have been smaller

this week, the first influence of the recent advance to 20c. having spent itself. American markets are open to our fleece wool, a broker writing that he can dispose of stock at 23 1/2c. A Philadelphia firm, whose circular we have received, quotes; Canada washed, choice selected, 23 to 24c.; quarter blood, 22 to 23c.; coarse, 20 to 21c. Sales of pulled combing have been made this week at 20c.; dealers are paying 19c. for offerings, although some better qualities bring 19 1/2c. Parties have written desiring to know the probable course of the market upon the advent of the new clip. It is impossible to answer these questions. Everything points to high prices, possibly 20c., but everything depends upon the possibility of an industrial revival both in Canada and the United States.

## LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, April 10, 12.30 p.m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring .....	5	3
Red, Winter .....	4	11
No. 1 Cal .....	5	0
Corn .....	4	2 1/2
Peas .....	5	0
Lard .....	35	0
Pork .....	58	9
Bacon, heavy .....	32	6
Bacon, light .....	32	6
Tallow .....	24	6
Cheese, new white .....	49	6
Cheese, new colored .....	51	0

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