

Collections have improved somewhat and are easier to make.

**DRY GOODS.**—Until the advent of a rather prolonged period of cold weather, the movement in summer goods was good. Dress materials such as prints, delaines, crepons, ducks, etc., have been in active demand. The recent advances in cotton goods, to which we elsewhere refer, have extended, as was natural to expect, to other lines of dry goods. Knitted goods are firmer, and prices 10 to 15 per cent. in advance of quotations made several months ago. English advices indicate advancing textile markets.

**GROCERIES.**—The dried fruit market is quiet, and the consumptive demand not large. Since last week there has been no change in the sugar situation. Refiners still ask 4½¢ for granulated, and 3½¢ for yellow. Teas, on the whole, are very firm, with medium and low grade Japans 1 to 1½¢ higher. Brokers are showing samples of May pickings. There is at the present moment quite a turn over in canned corn, peas and tomatoes. In canned fruits there is also a good demand for raspberries, plums and pears. Corned beef is strong, and packers are accepting orders subject to the privilege of cancellation. Present stocks of canned salmon are in small compass. There is no cutting in quotations, and prices are stiff.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—Hides were quoted last week at 7c. and this week at 8c. The situation is a remarkable one, and beyond explanation. So far as local tanners are concerned, it is impossible, with the present range of leather values, to put hides into the vats with a prospect of making a profit by manufacture. This is shown by the falling off in demand during the last several weeks, or since the last two advances. Sheepskins are scarce; the season is now about over; dealers are paying \$1 to 1.25 for choice skins. Calfskins are unchanged. Tallow is weak and dull. *Hides and Leather*, Chicago, May 18th, well summarizes the situation thus: "To put the case in a nutshell, heavy hides, roughly speaking, cost over 100 per cent. more to-day than at this time last year; light hides are over 260 per cent. and calfskins fully 85 per cent. higher than in May, 1894. Against this, heavy leather is about 50 per cent., and upper, such as grains and smooth finishes, about 100 per cent. higher than at this time last year. Shoes are now listed at an advance of from 10 to 25 per cent., the latter principally on low priced grades, and, it is predicted, will rise still further unless the unexpected should occur and leather decline."

**HARDWARE AND METALS.**—Business remains steady. There is not the rush there was three weeks ago, but this is to be expected, as the season is now well advanced. Harvest and garden tools are still in demand. Wire nails are moving well. Cut nails do not find equally good movement. Barb wire is in strong demand, but the movement is for the most part in small lots, although some carloads were sold this week. Orders are coming in for ice cream fertilizers and other summer supplies. There is a scarcity of screen windows at the moment. Several large lots of screen doors were received during the week. There is apparently an upward tendency in values. Ingot tin is firmly held at 17½¢ in ton lots, and 18c. in smaller quantities. Ingot copper has also fallen in line, and in ton lots is quoted at 10½¢, with small lots selling at 11c.; this means an advance of ¾¢ per lb. Pig lead is ruling higher at 3 to 3½¢, according to size of lot. Shipments of window glass are being received now, a much earlier date than the shipments of last year. A number of deliveries are being made throughout the country. Import orders are being freely booked for galvanized iron, Canada plate and tin plate. Shipments of metals from stock are fairly good. Trade in builders' supplies is rather active on country account, but the city trade shows little improvement.

**PROVISIONS.**—There is only a fair activity in the provision trade. Really choice butter is in better demand at 12 to 13c. per lb. Cheese is weak, with a local jobbing trade at 8 to 8½¢. and probabilities of lower quotations. The prices of hog products remain unaltered over those of last week, and there is only a moderate request for stock. Eggs at 10 to 10½¢. are in good demand. April and May stock are always in favor with picklers, and a considerable quantity of eggs are being absorbed in this way. Dried and evaporated apples are quiet. Beans continue steady at \$1.60 to 1.65.

**WHEAT.**—An advance of 8c. during the week and strength at the advance is certainly a pleasing thing to say of the wheat market. Winter wheat is now quoted 88 to 93c.; spring is quoted at 88 to 93c.; Manitoba advancing 5c., stands at 90 to 97c. The bulls are for the moment in almost complete possession; their principal arguments have been reported damage to the growing crop by frost in several of the wheat-growing States. So far as we can learn, little or no damage has been done to the Ontario crop by frost, although it is possible that the yield will be somewhat delayed. Barley remains nominal. Peas are firm and at 59 to 60c. in good demand. Oats are strong, quotations standing at 39 to 40c., or 2c. in advance of last quotations.

#### THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

|              | May 8, '95.<br>Bush. | May 9, '94<br>Bush. |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Wheat .....  | 56,484,000           | 62,044,000          |
| Corn .....   | 7,566,000            | 8,274,000           |
| Oats .....   | 6,333,000            | 2,494,000           |
| Barley ..... | 183,000              | 315,000             |
| Rye .....    | 149,000              | 130,000             |

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on May 11th were 440,164 bushels. During the week there were received 26,061 bushels, and shipped 95,476 bushels, leaving in store on May 18th, 370,749.

#### LIVERPOOL PRICES.

|                           | Liverpool, May 23, 12.30 p.m. |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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                          |
| Bacon, light .....        | 32 0                          |
| Tallow .....              | 24 6                          |
| Cheese, new white .....   | 43 0                          |
| Cheese, new colored ..... | 44 0                          |

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