

per 50 feet for first break; \$1.35 for second break; third break, \$2.90.

**WOOL.**—Business has been a little better, and sales of about 200 bales are reported for the last ten days, principally Capes at from 14 to 15½c. Of Australian there is none here, and stocks of both Cape of Good Hope and Buenos Ayres are low on spot, so that the cargo of Cape now on the way will likely be wanted badly enough when it reaches here. American holders of Cape have been trying hard to do business in Canada for some time, but then considerable holdings are said to be of generally poor quality. We quote Cape 14 to 16c.; Natal, 16 to 17c.; B.A. scoured, 27 to 34c.; domestic fleece, 22 to 24c.; pulled ditto, 22 to 23c. per pound.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, April 9th, 1896.

**DRY GOODS.**—The reduced railway fares for the holidays had the effect of bringing a large number of merchants to the city. On Monday and Tuesday of the present week the warehouses were well filled and a number of good orders were received. The prospects for spring trade in the province are said to be excellent. The outlook for the autumn is towards higher values in nearly all staple lines.

**GRAIN.**—The wheat markets abroad are inactive and values sustained only by means of hard work on the part of those interested in sustaining prices. In England trade rules very dull, although a reported comparative shortage in Liverpool has had a stimulative effect upon prices. Late mail advices note a transaction in hard Manitobas at 24s. 6d. American bull operators have been industrious in the circulation of reports of damages to crops; but the season is yet so early and the chances of improvement so many, these reports have had only a limited influence on the minds of merchants. There is a scarcity of Ontario wheat, and quotations locally have gained strength during the week. The demand from local millers is fairly active. Deliveries are small, and if there is any considerable stock in the hands of farmers it should come out now, or must remain in first hands until June, for the seeding season is almost at hand. The season is opening very late in the Province of Manitoba. Barley is dull and market conditions nominal. Peas are steady. Rye continues unchanged. Oats are dull and stocks in Montreal reported large. Corn is, if anything, weaker, but the movement is very small. Corn remains dull.

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on March 28th were 3,428,584 bushels. During the week there were received 27,904 bushels, and shipped 35,914 bushels, leaving in store on April 4th, 3,420,474 bushels.

**GROCERIES.**—General trade conditions show improvement as compared with a week ago. In the local market coffee continues unchanged in price. Primary markets are quiet. The world's visible supply of coffee is 376,885 bags less than it was a month ago, while for the same period last year there was an increase of 75,759 bags. The American visible supply of coffee is 25,461 bags less than a year ago. Stocks of selected Valencia raisins are in small compass with 6½c. a fair quotation for good brand. Good off stock raisins are quoted 4½c. and fine off stock 5c. per lb. There is a report that Japan milled rice is to be advanced, but as yet we have failed to obtain definite information as to the foundation of the rumor. Sugars are firm, but the consumptive demand is rather weak and the local market has failed to advance in sympathy with New York. The American Sugar Refining Co. advanced prices 1-16c. on all grades Tuesday. The demand for teas has fallen off somewhat the past several weeks. Good values in flavory Ceylons, ranging from 23 to 30c., are offered in the market.

**HARDWARE AND METALS.**—A satisfactory improvement in trade is shown by the volume of movement in staple goods during the week. Large shipments of forward orders in poultry netting, green wire cloth, shovels and spades, and harvest tools are being made. In wire, both as regards ordinary fencing and barb wires, trade is on the quiet side, but prices are firm, and, if anything, show an upward tendency. An exceptionally good trade is doing in tinware. Manufacturers have reduced screws to their old price. We quote: Flat head, iron, 80 per cent.; round head, iron, 75 per cent.; flat head, brass, 77½ per cent.; round

head, brass, 72½ per cent. off list. The ruling discount in wire nails is now .70 and 7½ per cent., with terms of delivery as before. Horse nails have advanced, with 50 per cent. now the ruling discount. In tin plate, galvanized and black iron trade is good, but copper, antimony, zinc and lead are quiet. Late London cables report a dull market in pig tin. London cables £15 10s. for good merchant brands of spelter, and in pig lead £11 for soft Spanish.

**HAY AND STRAW.**—Receipts of hay on the St. Lawrence Market vary according to the weather and the conditions of the roads, deliveries ranging from 10 to 25 loads. Hay is quoted \$15 to 17, and straw, \$13 to 14. Only a limited quantity of straw is offered.

**PAINTS AND OILS.**—The spring trade has opened up with activity, and inspired by the bright spring weather, orders are coming in freely. Prices of general lines are firm, and in some commodities material advances are reported. Immediate stocks of red lead are light and jobbers are quoting 50c. per 100 lbs. dealer. White lead is being maintained, with now and then a slight shading in price, at \$4.75. Dry colors are unchanged in value, with an active movement reported. In primary markets turpentine has fluctuated, but is now reported steady at advanced prices; dealers quote 46c. here. Stocks of window glass are complete; prices continue unchanged, with a fair movement taking place. The continued advances that have taken place in Paris green since the beginning of the season have raised prices to so high a basis that buyers are holding off, but holders do not appear disposed to break market quotations.

**PROVISIONS.**—Trade shows some improvement. Collections in the city are fair, and in the country a number of firms report that the payments are better met than was expected earlier in the year. Receipts of butter have increased the past few days, and liberal offerings have worn the edge from the market. Stocks have accumulated, and dealers find some little difficulty in keeping the decks cleaned up. The bulk of the receipts is made up of large dairy rolls. Receipts of creamery have also increased, and prices are easier. This is due to the increased number of factories in operation throughout the Province. We quote:—Dairy, large rolls, 17 to 18c.; pound prints, 18 to 19c.; tubs, 16 to 17c. Creamery, tubs, 20 to 21c.; pound prints, 21 to 22c. per pound. Cheese is quiet; although the local de-

mand is fairly active, prices are low, and in many instances less than buying prices paid last autumn. Dealers quote:—Summer makes, 8 to 8½c.; fall makes, 8 to 9½c. per pound. There is some little enquiry from the export trade, but we do not hear of transactions. Deliveries of dressed hogs are small, and the feeling is slightly firmer in consequence. Selected weights command \$4.75 to 5, and heavy weights some 25 to 50c. less. Products continue in fair demand. Orders are small but numerous, and include all classes of products. Receipts of eggs have increased during the week, and prices, as compared with the Easter market, are 2 to 3c. lower, dealers quoting 12½ to 13c. per dozen.

**SEEDS.**—With more favorable conditions and bright spring weather, merchants report a more active trade. The seeding season will be late in Manitoba and the North-West this year, and the demand for clover and grass seeds from this quarter will probably be delayed. Canadian supplies of red clover seed have turned out larger than was expected earlier in the season, and holders have been compelled to make concessions in order to hold the trade. With the export trade practically over, the outlet for alsike is small; prices range from \$3 to 4.00, with a little more paid for exceptionally choice qualities. Timothy remains about steady, with prices unchanged. The export trade in flaxseed is nil at present values abroad, and the only movement is in a small way to local customers.

**WOOL.**—The wool trade is quiet, and the movement of a limited character. In the United States trade is quieter than it has been for years, and prices are easier, with a downward tendency; the unprecedented dullness is attributed to over-importations some months ago. English markets are, however, well sustained.

## LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, April 9, 12.30 p. m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring .....	5	7½
Red, Winter .....	5	8
No. 1 Cal .....	5	8½
Corn .....	3	1
Peas .....	4	7
Lard .....	26	3
Pork .....	50	0
Bacon, heavy .....	35	6
Bacon, light .....	26	0
Tallow .....	24	6
Cheese, new white .....	42	0
Cheese, new colored .....	42	0



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