is a good enquiry both for export and from the local trade for feeding purposes. Rye and corn remain purely nominal.

THE	VISIBI E	SUPPLY.

	Mar. 4, '95. Bush.	Mar. 3, '94. Bush.	
Wheat	78,761,000	75,569,000	
Corn	13,667,000	19,106,000	
Oats	6,586,000	2,661,000	
Barley		1,058,000	
Rye	318,000	520,000	
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GROCERIES.—For the season a fairly steady trade is being done. In dried fruits California GROCERES.—For the season a fairly steady trade is being done. In dried fruits California descriptions are at present receiving most at-tention; apricots are quoted at 11 to 13c.; pears, 10½ to 11c.; peaches, 11½ to 12½c. There is nothing special to note of raisins; off stalk are quoted at 3 to 4c.; and f.o.s at 4½ to 4½c.; layers are worth 5¼ to 6c., according to quality. The feature of the week is probably the firm-ness at which molasses is held. Brokers have not at the time of writing advanced prices, but their advices indicate the proba-bility of an immediate advance of 2c. per gal., which may not unlikely be turned into 5c. before many days. At present New Orleans descriptions are alone affected, although it is more than probable that low grades of all kinds will in sympathy be quoted higher. The local jobbing trade have had a quiet week in sugars, and there is a general tendency to ease prices. Retail stocks throughout the country are heavy, and sales can be made only at a sacare heavy, and sales can be made only at a sac rifice in quotations. Teas continue active, and the strength of the price list has brought out a good demand. The Canadian Packers' Association are in session at time of writing.

HARDWARE AND METALS --Some little improvement is to be noticed in the week's trading. Orders for spades, shovels, churns, milk can trimmings, etc., booked some time ago, are now being delivered. Barbed wire and ordinary fence wires are in much better demand, though quantities are not as yet large. While a few orders are still being booked for window glass, the bulk of the business is over and handed to the manufacturers. Enquiries for prices on builders' supplies are also coming in more freely, and from present appearances prospects for spring are good Tinware is going out well. Plumbers' supplies are a little better. Orders for screen doors and wire are now freely booked for shipment in the latter part of this month. The metal trade is showing more life, espe-cially in galvanized iron, tinplate, ingot copper, ingot tin, black sheet iron and tinned iron. With the exception of a further advance in rope no change in prices has taken place. Manilla in quantities, is quoted at a basis of 83c., and sisal at 6<sub>1</sub>c.

-For paints there is fairly PAINTS AND OILS.good demand for delivery in April, otherwise trade is quiet and prices without change. Dry colors are moving rather freely. Turpentine varnishes are higher, in sympathy with the advance in turpentine. Turpentine has materially strengthened within the last few days, and stands now at 48c. per gal. As we have previously noted, it is very difficult to arrive at previously noted, it is very dimcuit to arrive at the causes of the strength of the primary mar-ket. It is probably a matter of speculation, with the "bulls" uppermost for the time being. Merchants here say that a farther ad-vance of 5 or 6 cents per gal. would surprise no one. White leads remain as last reported. For years English vermillion has been away down in price, but present appearances point towards this market attaining something like an old time basis. Carmine lake is stiffening in price, and stands quoted at \$4.50 per pound.

The basis. Cartino face 134.50 per pound. PROVISIONS. — Trade is but fairly active. Butter continues unchanged and depressed. Choice large rolls are quoted at 13 to 14c.; tubs find slow sale, with medium quoted at 8 to 10c. per lb. Cheese is easy with a jobbing trade doing at 10 to 104c. per lb. There is a rather firmer tone to the hog product market in con-sequence of an advance in the price of dressed hogs. Last week dressed hogs were quoted at \$5.35 to 5.40, while they now stand at \$5.75 per cwt. Deliveries are not liberal. There is, in the views of some merchants, every prospect of a smart advance in the price of hog products. New-laid eggs are quoted at 25c., while limed are worth 18c. per doz.; consumption at these prices is small, and a sharp decline in the mar-ket would surprise no one. Dried apples con-tinue unchanged at previous quotations. Sev-eral car loads of evaporated were received this week, and are quoted at 7 to 9c. per lb. week, and are quoted at 7 to 9c. per lb.

SEEDS .- The export trade for the season is

now pretty well over, and as the local consumption has hardly yet awakened, trade is at pres-ent in almost a standstill condition. However, a week's warm weather would do much towards the development of a good distributive move ment. Merchants are paying the following prices: Timothy, \$1.75 to 3.00; alsike clover, \$4 to 4.25; red clover, \$5.75 to 6.25. Selling prices are from 15 to 30c. per 100 pounds in advance of these quotations. 94. 00 00 00 00

WOOL.-At this season of the year there is seldom anything interesting to say of the wool market. We read a statement recently that there was still in Canada a considerable quantity of last year's clip, but after careful inquiries we have failed to ascertain any evidences of it. In the vicinity of Hamilton it is true some merchants are holding a quantity of fleece, but the greater part of this, we are informed, is sold and held merely awaiting orders for shipment. The same may be said to a certain extent of Toronto, but one of the best authorities assures us that there is not more than 5,000 lbs. of domestic fleece wool in this city. Quotations of pulled stand as follows: combing, 20c.; super, 20c.; extra, 22c. per lb. There is a good demand from the United States for our combing wool, and merchants find a ready market for all receipts. Several cars are going forward this week. For the For the present importations from the American markets appear to have ceased.

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