

should commence to arrive within a few days; but the present very low prices will probably cause great delay in marketing. It is expected that the season will not open with more than 15c. per bush. paid to first hands. Rye is dull at 40c. delivered here. Corn shows no special feature. Buckwheat is dull. Reports on the European grain crops are generally favorable. The wheat crop promises to be up to the average. Forage crops will be short in Great Britain if drouth continues.

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on Aug. 1st were 1,998,191 bushels. During the week there were received 351,984 bushels, and shipped 427,533 bushels, leaving in store on August 8th, 1,922,642 bushels.

GROCERIES.—Trade has been quiet, with few features of special interest. Coffees are quiet. Teas show no special movement. There is a fair demand for sugars from country points, but outside markets are depressed. The abundance of green fruit in the market has had the effect of decreasing the demand for canned vegetables and the demand is slow. Reports from British Columbia indicate a fair pack of salmon this season, contrary to expectations, as 1896 was looked upon as an "off" year.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The price of green hides has fallen $\frac{1}{2}$ c. since our last report. Dealers are now paying 4, 5 and 6c. for green cows' hides. The drop in prices has been due to general trade dullness and depression in American markets. In the centres of the United States nothing new has been developed this week. Although prices of green hides are easier in Toronto they are yet too high in com-

parison with cured. Dealers quote cured No. 1 cows' hides at $6\frac{1}{2}$ c., but would probably sell at 6c. if buyers could be found. This lack of proportionate prices is caused by competition to secure the trade of certain large butchers. Trade in calfskins is dull. Tallow continues very depressed and stocks have suffered deterioration in consequence of unfavorable weather.

HOPS.—Trade continues in a very depressed condition. Yearlings, it is said, can be bought for about 4c. per lb. But little information can as yet be obtained of the new crop in Canada. The usual contradictory reports as to acreage are in circulation. We learn of several yards that have been ploughed up, but doubt that there has been any general movement in this direction. London report, date of July 29th, says:—Very little business is passing in English hops of the commoner descriptions, although lower rates would be accepted. In the better selections prices, however, continue steady at previous quotations, which range up to 60s. Continentals maintain a steady tone, but the demand is only small and for immediate consumption. Altmars, 20s. to 25; Burgundies, 35s. to 45; Hollidans, 50s. to 63; Wurtembergs, 45s. to 55, and Austrians, 35s. to 40. Trade in Californians is in a very listless state, but prices remain firm at 30s. to 45. Reports from the Continent still speak of fair prospects generally, although here and there as elsewhere the condition is not good.

PROVISIONS.—There has been an improvement in the dairy butter trade this week, the demand having brightened up. Fresh made

dairy is quoted 11 to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per lb. Creamery continues unchanged. Cheese is firmer, with local jobbers quoting 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8c. In provisions a very satisfactory business has been done; long clear is quoted 5c.; hams remain firm at 10 to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; lard is easier, with prices lower, dealers quoting 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. per lb. The egg market is very weak; receipts are large, and stocks arriving in poor shape, the loss off has been very heavy; dealers quote best grades, 9c.; seconds, 5c. per doz.

WOOL.—There is very little business doing in Canadian wool markets at the present time. Buyers are not willing to meet the views of sellers, and something like a deadlock has resulted. Toronto buyers are paying 19c. for good merchantable fleece used here, and 15c. for rejects. The American demand is almost entirely absent, and little demand can be looked for from the United States until monetary affairs reach a more staple basis.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Aug. 13, 12.30 p. m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	5	11
Red, Winter	5	3
No. 1 Cal.	5	5
Corn	2	9
Peas	4	6
Lard	18	0
Pork	45	0
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