

WOOL.—A wool salesman recently returned from visiting the mills in Almonte and vicinity, reports them all fairly busy, and a fair general demand for wool is reported for small to moderate lots. We quote Cape 14 to 15½c.; Natal, 15 to 17c.; Australian, 15 to 17c. for what little is here; B.A. scoured 26 to 32c. per lb. Of domestic there is little or none available here, nor has there been any Northwest offered.

TORONTO MARKET.

TORONTO, Sept. 12th, 1895.

DRUGS.—More than the usual number of visitors have been in the drug houses this week. The general report from country districts is one of hopefulness. Cream tartar is firm, owing to cost of crude argols, as is tartaric acid. Quinine is very strong. Opium remains without change. Norway cod liver oil is not weakening. Canary seed is weak abroad, and mail advices report sales in Liverpool at 38s. Collections are moderately prompt.

DRY GOODS.—From west, north and east retail merchants have come, until each large dry goods warehouse resembles a fair. Many are the pleasantries exchanged between buyer and seller, but more serious work than dinners and drives have engaged the attention of dry goods merchants. Some fairly good sorting up parcels have been bought. Houses carrying millinery lines report a continuation of last week's activity, although of course the bulk of the purchases were made on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. Cotton goods, as elsewhere noted, are very firm. Last Friday fine grey cottons were advanced 5 per cent. by D. Morrice & Co., while this week the same firm have advised the trade of an advance of 7½ per cent in yarns and warps. It is impossible to predict as to a continuation of these advances, but an advance of cottonades, and still higher prices in denims, may be looked for.

GRAIN.—The steady decline in the wheat market that has ruled since the first whisperings of new wheat began has been checked. It is hoped that prices will go no lower, since the present basis of value cannot admit of much profit to growers. Deliveries here are small. Odd cars have been sold to millers at outside points, but trading is very limited. The average farmer is now visiting the fall fairs, and until this important duty is over deliveries will be small. Oats are coming in slowly with sales on the St. Lawrence market at 28c. Nothing is doing in barley, and little activity is looked for the next ten days. Peas are being marketed slowly; a few export orders were taken early in the week, but this movement has now fallen off; sales of peas have been made at 51c. outside.

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on August 31st were 128,356 bushels. During the week there were received 46,014 bushels, and shipped 93,420 bushels, leaving in store on September 7th, 80,950 bushels.

GROCERIES.—The wholesale houses have been crowded with visitors. The house trade is, in consequence, exceedingly good. New Valencia raisins are being distributed, and the small supplies received are being rapidly exhausted. Sugars are dull, and quotations are willingly shaded to buyers. The distributive movement in teas is good. Samples of second shipment new season's Young Hysons are to hand. Canned goods are slow of sale. The cohoe salmon season opens in British Columbia on the 15th instant, and several canneries will be operated.

HAY AND STRAW.—Receipts of hay on the St. Lawrence market are small, averaging no more than twelve loads a day. All offerings, it is needless to say, are wanted. Hay is being purchased at from \$15 to 17 per ton, and straw, \$10; baled hay is worth \$12 on the track. Increased deliveries may be looked for so soon as the fairs are over.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The hide market remains in a perplexing position. Hides, notwithstanding a decline from the top notch, are not worth market quotations to tanners. But prices are slow in reaching a lower basis of values. Transactions are few and only for small quantities. Dealers are quoting 9c., and we are told that no purchases have been made below this figure, although several carloads of mixed quantities are offering at 8½c. It seems almost certain that light hides will rule lower very soon. Merchants continue to pay 8c. to butchers. Skins remain unaltered, but will probably be advanced 5c. on the middle of the month.

PROVISIONS.—Trade is quiet notwithstanding the extra demand created for provisions by a large visitation of strangers to the city. Only choice grades of butter are in demand, and of these the supply is not excessive; medium and inferior qualities are left alone. Cheese is quiet and dull, jobbing at 7½ to 8c. The demand for hog products is seasonable. Stocks were apparently very small a few weeks ago, but have come more into evidence this last few days, and prices are in consequence off a shade. Long-clear is quoted 7½c., hams 11c., rolls 7½ to 7¾c., and lard 8½ to 9c. Eggs are steady at 12c. Dried apples are beginning to offer, but market values are not yet determined. New evaporated are offering at 7c., with few buyers.

SEEDS.—Receipts of alsike are smaller this week, and quotations sustained at \$3.50 to 4.50. The demand for timothy seed is falling off, and the request for fall seeding purposes will from now on, it is expected, decline.

—The curator, W. S. Maclaren, has declared a first and final dividend in the estate of Andrew Somerville. The liabilities, including the paper discounted at the banks for Boyd & Co. and Geo. W. Cornwall & Co., amounted to the enormous sum of \$193,000. Of that amount, the claims of the banks cover \$111,000, leaving about \$80,000 to be distributed among some 108 creditors. The assets have proved to be of trifling value. The real estate sold for \$28,000, but out of that nearly \$23,000 had to be paid to persons holding mortgages. Altogether the estate has yielded only \$10,500, of which, after paying expenses and privileged claims, \$8,700 is available for dividing among the creditors, giving them the pittance of four and a-half cents on the dollar.—*Huntingdon Gleaner.*

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Sept. 12, 12.30 p.m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	5	11½
Red, Winter	4	11½
No. 1 Cal	4	11½
Corn	3	4½
Peas	4	10½
Lard	30	0
Pork	58	9
Bacon, heavy	33	6
Bacon, light	35	6
Tallow	24	6
Cheese, new white	37	6
Cheese, new colored	37	6

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