generally firm tone, with few changes in value to report. Opium is a trifle easier. Sal ammoniac is higher. Quinine is firm. Balsam Peru is held with increased strength. Wood alcohol has declined."

DRY GOODS.—The millinery openings have as usual brought many visitors to the wholesale houses. Their purchases have, however, been made in a cautious way, indeed it is complained that parcels are small. The parcels taken do not consist of staples, but rather of fancy goods. Millinery requisites in the shape of ribbons, laces and hat ornaments, in various effects, have found good demand, while other light lines such as veilings, parasols, etc., have been largely purchased. The general dry goods trade continues unchanged and just a little on the quiet side.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—The week has passed, giving little or no change in the market. Values remain as previously quoted, and the general trade movement in breadstuffs is far from active. For oatmeal the demand continues, and a fair movement is taking place.

GRAIN.—The wheat market is dull, and prices show but little change; the movement is confined to local millers. Barley is quiet and steady, with sales at quotations unchanged from last week; the demand from local maltsters is well maintained. Oats are strong in feeling; deliveries have fallen off notwithstanding good roads, and the most natural conclusion is that stocks are now pretty well out of the hands of farmers. Stocks of peas are light; the export demand, however, is good and the market firm. Rye, corn and buckwheat are dull and slow of movement.

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on 16th February were 1,947,287 bushels. During the week there were received 12,080 bushels, and shipped nil, leaving in store on the 23rd February, 1,959,367.

GROCERIES.—The week's trade has been a novel one, its main features having been very similar to those of the previous week. In dried fruits stocks of fine off-stalk Valencia raisins are very limited and prices are firm. For raisins, currants and prunes there is good demand in consequence of the high prices and scarcity of dried apples. In the local market sugars have remained steady and show but little change. The New York *Journal and Bulletin of Commerce* says in issue of February 28th: "Refined sugars are again talked of from a speculative standpoint by some operators who feel confident that in the final decision on tariff a measure of protection will be given, calculated to afford basis for a considerable rise from present line of value. The action of refiners also leads to the impression that they desire to keep the country bare of stock and absorb all the advantages of whatever gain may come." In canned goods the market is in an unsettled state, awaiting the action of the Canners' Association with reference to the selling of goods.

HIDES AND SKINS.—After much deliberation green hides have been reduced by ½c. per lb.; this gives the following quotations: No. 1, 3c.; No. 2, 2c.; No. 3, 1c. per lb. Prices of cured are in consequence lower. No. 1 stands at 3½ to 3¾c., and No. 2 at 2¾ to 3c. per lb. Sheepskins are unchanged at 80c. The demand is limited and stocks are heavy. Prices of calfskins are nominal; the season is early and but few skins are offering. Tallow is quiet. Prices are unchanged. The demand is limited, but stocks are not considered excessive.

LEATHER.—An increased trade in sole leather is being done with western houses; the eastern trade is fair, and the movement to Montreal is said to be better than that to Quebec; the export trade is at present quiet, but it is expected that some shipments will be made during the coming week. The movement of slaughter is reported to be generally better than that of Spanish sole. Trade in fancy leathers is only fairly good. Harness is reported as slow of movement.

PROVISIONS.—A quiet trade has been done. Receipts of butter are about equal to the demand, and prices remain unchanged, rolls standing at 18 to 19c., and choice tubs at 19 to 20c. per lb. The local cheese market is quiet, and inclined to be dull. Hog products are quiet, and lower values are offered, long clear bacon standing at 8 to 8½c., and hams at 10½ to 11c. per lb. Receipts of dressed hogs during the week have been fair, and quotations stand at 5.50 to $6 per cwt. In eggs the market, with the exception of strictly new laid stock, is in a demoralized condition, sales having been made at some very low prices. New laid eggs stand at 15c. per doz.

WOOL.—Toronto houses report a more active trade this week. Some few large transactions are reported, but the sales made have for the most part been small; however, the increased number of the sales have brought the amount of business done up to a fair aggregate. Domestic pulled and foreign fine grade wools have found best demand. Values show no change.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, March 1, 12.30 p. m

	s.	d
Wheat, Spring	5	2
Red, Winter	5	0
No. 1 Cal.	5	2
Corn	3	8
Peas	4	10¾
Lard	39	3
Pork	75	0
Bacon, heavy	35	0
Bacon, light	36	6
Tallow	26	0
Cheese, new white	57	0
Cheese, new colored	57	0