

can be made at shaded figures. In oatmeals, however, there is a good movement with values well maintained. "Gold dust" stands quoted at \$3 to 3.50, and corn meal at \$2.75 per bbl. But little mill feed is offering, and the market is steady.

**GROCERIES.**—A fairly active trade has been done during the week. Valencia raisins, and especially off stalk and selected, are scarce, and there appears to be some difficulty in transportation facilities. The currant market is quiet. Sugars are firmer, and prices up ½c. per lb. for both yellow and granulated, the rise taking place at the first of the week. The feeling in syrups is firmer, but local quotations show no change. A general demand for teas exists, but the market is a little on the quiet side.

**GRAIN.**—Prices of wheat are lower at a decline of from 1c. to 2c. per bush., and only a nominal movement to millers is taking place. Quotations of barley are unchanged, with the feeling, if anything, a little weaker. Oats are quiet and steady, with a good local trade but no export movement. The only export trade is that doing in peas, and L. Norman & Co., London, Eng., in their last report give Canadian peas as steady but quiet. Rye remains steady, but the movement is limited. Corn is nominal, while buckwheat is described as having no life.

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur, on 2nd February, were 1,801,989 bushels. During the week there were received 87,698 bushels, and shipped nil, leaving in store on the 10th February, 1,889,687.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—When prices of buff reached 4c. dealers said that this was the lowest quotation on record, and were certain that no lower figures would be reached. But the market, instead of improving, has shown an opposite tendency, and sales in car lots of cured have been made within the week of No. 1 cured hides at 3½c. Green hides are, as a result, weaker; 3½c. now stands as a quotation for No. 1, and there have been negotiations among merchants to make 3c. a buying price. The hides are now beginning to be more grubby, and 2's and 3's are more plentiful. Within the week sales of No. 2 hides have been made at 3½c.; No. 3 sold at 3c., and we hear of some inferior stock selling at 2½c. Calfekins have undergone no change. Sheepskins are steady at unaltered quotations. The country appears to be full of skins, while dealers report that there is but a limited demand. The tallow market is somewhat easier, dealers paying 5½c. for stock, and selling at 6 to 6½c.

**LEATHER.**—The actual trade movement is very limited. The labor difficulties still continue in Toronto, but we are told that negotiations are in progress which may lead to a settlement. In the event of this occurring leather merchants look for increased demands. The movement of sole and slaughter leathers to eastern houses is not so large as that taking place at this time last year. For colored stock there is, however, a fairly good demand.

**PROVISIONS.**—The butter market is unchanged, with receipts equal to the demand. Cheese is quiet and steady, with a fair trade doing. The situation in hog products is described as a weak one, and the operations of

packers are very limited; dressed hogs continue to be received, and \$5.75 is being paid for heavy, and \$6 for light weights. Eggs are again weaker, and some produce dealers say that prices were never lower; new laid are quoted at 15c.; pickled, 8 to 9c. per doz., and held fresh neglected. We have heard of no export movement in either dried or evaporated apples during the week.

**SEEDS.**—The quotations given in our Prices Current, it will be remembered, are the prices paid by merchants at outside points for seed as offered by farmers. There is no brisk trade doing in red clover seed for local consumption, and business done thus far has been upon the basis of export prices. Outside markets are without strength, and this has had a weakening effect on the market here. A moderate movement of alsike is reported; prices are steady, although the market is quiet. Timothy is beginning to be offered more freely, prices are unchanged, and the seed offered shows a very wide range in quality.

**WOOL.**—No special feature has marked the transactions of the local market. A moderate business continues to be done, but trade is without snap. The tendency of prices is downward, and quotations given by dealers are as follows: Pulled, 17 to 18c.; super, 19 to 21c.; extra, 23 to 25c. per lb.

#### LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Feb. 15, 12.30 p. m.

|                           | s. | d.  |
|---------------------------|----|-----|
| Wheat, Spring .....       | 5  | 2   |
| Red, Winter .....         | 5  | 0   |
| No. 1 Cal. ....           | 5  | 2   |
| Corn .....                | 3  | 9   |
| Peas .....                | 4  | 11½ |
| Lard .....                | 39 | 3   |
| Pork .....                | 75 | 0   |
| Bacon, heavy .....        | 34 | 6   |
| Bacon, light .....        | 36 | 0   |
| Tallow .....              | 26 | 0   |
| Cheese, new white .....   | 57 | 0   |
| Cheese, new colored ..... | 57 | 0   |

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