

exercising much discrimination in their selections. The tendency appears general to purchase in smaller lots, but for larger totals, thus giving a more varied stock for the purchasers at country stores to select from. Payments are much better than at the opening of last spring, shorter credits are in order, and the prospects are encouraging.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Little if any demand for flour, prices of which are as a rule unchanged. Nominal prices are \$4.10 to 4.20 for straight roller, and \$3.85 to \$4 for extra; patents not moving. Oatmeal quiet at \$4 for standard, and \$4.25 for rolled. Bran is quoted \$14 per

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ton on track, at which price a car sold some days ago.

GRAIN.—All the week there has been little doing, with supplies light and prices weak. There has been little enquiry and as a rule the views of intending dealers could not be brought to agreement, the result being only limited transactions. Wheat closed yesterday with 95 and 96c. bid for No. 1 fall; No. 2 fall wanted at 94 and 94½c.; No. 1 Manitoba hard wanted at \$1.02 and 1.02½, and offered at \$1.05 to arrive; No. 2 hard was offered, grinding in transit, at \$1.03 and wanted at 1; No. 3 hard, to arrive Sarnia, wanted at 92 and offered at 93½c. Barley has been quiet, No. 2 has sold outside at 48c.; extra No. 3 on track quoted yesterday at 48c., and No. 2 lying west sold at 48c.; feed barley wanted (North Bay) at 41c.; No. 1 offered yesterday at 51c. lying west. Oats are dull at 33c. on track; street prices 35 to 36c. Peas were easy at 60c. outside, on the street nominal at 60 and 61c. Rye dull and weak at 87 and 88c. outside. Buckwheat steady at 50 and 51c. Our latest telegraphed reports from Liverpool report wheat firm with a poor demand. Corn firm and in fair demand. The holders of flour offering moderately.

TORONTO STOCKS IN STORE.

The stocks of grain in store at Toronto on Monday were as reported by the secretary of the Board of Trade:—

	Feb. 29, 1892.	Feb. 22, 1892.	Mar. 2, 1891.
Fall wheat, bush...	56,333	48,155	
Spring " " ..	72,940	67,336	31,876
Goose " " ..	8,000	8,000	80,339
Red " " ..	5,500	4,500	
Barley, bush.....	138,210	109,229	109,982
Peas, "	3,594	3,544	100
Oats, "	7,192	5,435	25,668
Corn, "	800	800	
Rye, "			
Total.....	292,569	217,999	247,965

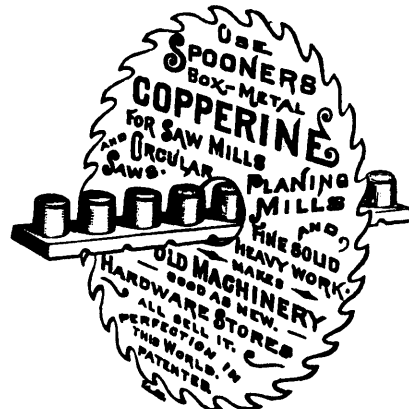
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GROCERIES.—Dullness has for some time past been about the only characteristic of the grocery business, and it still continues. The improvement noticeable last week has during this week been scarcely maintained. The sugar situation is unchanged, and the new combination has not been found possible yet. Sugar is still quoted on a basis of 4½c. per lb. for granulated, and 3½c. for yellows, and these are really bottom prices; but these figures are being cut under by several large firms both in Toronto and Montreal to customers who will place an order for any other goods with one for sugar, and in such circumstances a reduction of ½ on prices before quoted can be readily obtained. This unsatisfactory mode of trading is resulting at any rate in cheaper sugar to the public, and will evidently continue until some of the contestants tire of the game. Coffee has advanced in New York but is dull and unchanged here. Medium and common teas are in tolerably brisk demand, and this is about the only line of groceries showing anything that can be fairly called activity, except of course sugars, and those are not in request to the extent that present prices would lead us to expect. Prices are nominally unchanged, but are being very generally shaded.

HIDES.—Business has been quiet. There has been a better supply of green hides, but complaint is heard as to quality. Cured have been easy, and some deals have been made at 50. per lb. For No. 1 green we quote 4½c.; for No. 2, 3½c.; and No. 3, 2½c. Prices are practically unchanged.

LEATHER.—A satisfactory but by no means a large advance in trade can be reported since our last, and it is gratifying to hear that the volume of business is in excess of what it was at the corresponding period of last year. There is a considerable business doing in export leather to British markets, and our reports from the Old Country give encouraging reports of a rapid improvement in trade there. The leather trade in England has long been badly depressed, and it is a good sign that the demand in England for exports of Canadian leather is steadily increasing. Tanners and dealers here both complain that the margin of profit is small, but a margin of profit, however narrow, on a steadily growing trade, affords a cheerful outlook.

LIVE STOCK.—During the past week the receipts at the Western cattle yards have fortunately been only moderate, and owing to the light runs prices have been with difficulty maintained. Very good cattle have been selling at from \$2.25 to 3.50 per hundred pounds, with \$3.75 to \$4 for choice picked lots. Good cattle

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