

18½d.; further sellers at the decline. Stock, 2,069,888 ounces, against 2,896,368 ounces last year." A London report of recent date says: "2,500 cases of China and Japan, October-December shipment, sold at 175s. On spot, 205s. asked for Japan and 200s. for China. London stock, 16,375 packages, against 3,906 last year."

**DRY GOODS.**—The weather conditions have not been all that the dry goods trade could desire this last week. And as the fortunes of dry goods merchants vary at all seasons with the weather, there have been many complaints from the city and province. Values are steady and exceedingly well maintained. In cotton goods the movement in prices is still strong, in despite of the fact that the bears have a decided advantage in raw cotton markets. Latest mail advices from Manchester indicated that cotton affairs were not in their brightest condition, and cables fail to show an improvement in the situation. Prints were advanced ¼ to ½ farthing per yard by English makers this week, and it is said that domestic makers will advance white cottons at the beginning of December. This last news is only rumor, and it is by no means certain that a change in prices will actually take place. Woolen goods are firm. The wool market both at home and abroad continues strong, and furnishes a better argument for advanced values in woolen goods than there is for advances in cottons.

**GRAIN.**—The wheat market has been rather dull during the week, and there is an easier feeling, although, as compared with last week, quotations are unaltered. Offerings have been free this week, and the cold weather must tend to increase deliveries. The Ontario wheat offered is being held by buyers for the most part, millers having restricted their purchases. Manitoba is offering very freely at market centres; the export trade is good, while there is a healthy demand from Canadian millers for wheat. Barley is steady and unchanged in price. There is a fair demand for local maltsters' requirements. A sale of 60,000 bushels of barley was made in Toronto during the week to a Western Ontario maltster; this is worthy of note as contrary to the usual movement of

barley from west to east. Oats are about steady. Shipments continue to be made from Manitoba to Montreal, and Toronto merchants claim that railway tariffs discriminate against this city. Peas are easier in feeling, and quotations are off 1c. per bushel; this decline is partially the result of higher trans-Atlantic freight rates. Rye is firm and in good demand. There is little doing in buckwheat. Some corn is moving, but the demand is less than usual, because of the plentitude of low grade barley, which is taking the place of corn for feeding purposes.

**GROCERIES.**—Trade in general is good, and the distributive movement throughout the province is up to a normal size. The city retail trade in staples is not so satisfactory, and grocers feel the keen competition of the departmental stores. A wholesale merchant wired an enquiry for Valencia raisins to primary markets, and received in reply the answer that the market in Denia is bare of anything but cheap layers, and the price asked for these is very high. Trade in sugars is quiet; so far as we can learn refiners are refusing to shade quotations. Trade in teas is very good; low and medium grade Ceylons are very firm. Canned goods are moving more freely.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—At a meeting of hide merchants on Monday it was decided to decrease the price of green hides to butchers 50 cents per hundred. The range of prices is now 3½c., 4½c. and 5½c. Tanners are not inclined to buy at all freely, and restrict purchases to supplies sufficient to cover the minimum of want. Merchants claim that there are no stocks of hides in Toronto, and one large house is well sold ahead. Cured are quoted at 7c., although we are told of sales recently at 6½c. It is more than probable that this latter quotation will rule after the recent drop in the price of green hides. It is impossible to predict as to the future of the market. Several merchants believe that green hides will sell at 5c. before the month has closed. Sheepskins are quoted at 75c. Tallow is dull and uninteresting.

**LEATHER.**—Tanners view the situation with more satisfactory feelings this week. It is true that hides are weak and falling off in value,

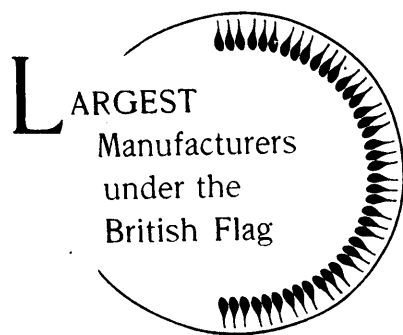
but on the contrary manufacturers are beginning to enquire for stock. Enquiries as yet have amounted to little, because buyers are expecting too many concessions on the part of tanners. An offer of 18c. was made for splits this week, but was, of course, refused. Manufacturers have completed their spring samples, travellers are on the road, and as soon as orders for footwear begin to come in, tanners may expect a call for the stock now piled in the warehouse. The export business in black leathers is quiet. A number of English buyers now in the United States are expected here soon.

**PROVISIONS.**—Trade is more active in consequence of the colder weather. The export demand for butter is flat, and there is only a small export movement from Canada at present; merchants are inclined to look for lower prices soon. There is a limited supply of choice dairy coming into the market, for which 16 to 17c. is quoted. The trade is being supplied for the most part with large rolls at 15 to 16c.; low grade butter is hard to move at any prices; transactions are being made at from 6 to 12c. Creamery is easier in feeling, with tubs quoted 20 to 21c. and pound prints 21 to 22c. per lb. Cheese continues firm, but without change in price, local jobbers quoting 9 to 9½c. Hog products are easier in feeling, in sympathy with lower prices of dressed hogs, which are quoted \$4.75 and 4.65 for future delivery. Receipts of fresh eggs are becoming smaller and offerings command good prices; held fresh and limed are unchanged in quotation. Dried and evaporated apples attract no special attention.

#### LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Nov. 14, 12.30 p.m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring .....	5	1
Red, Winter .....	5	3½
No. 1 Cal .....	5	4½
Corn .....	3	5½
Peas .....	5	0
Lard .....	29	0
Pork .....	55	0
Bacon, heavy .....	28	6
Bacon, light .....	32	0
Tallow .....	00	0
Cheese, new white .....	44	6
Cheese, new colored .....	46	0

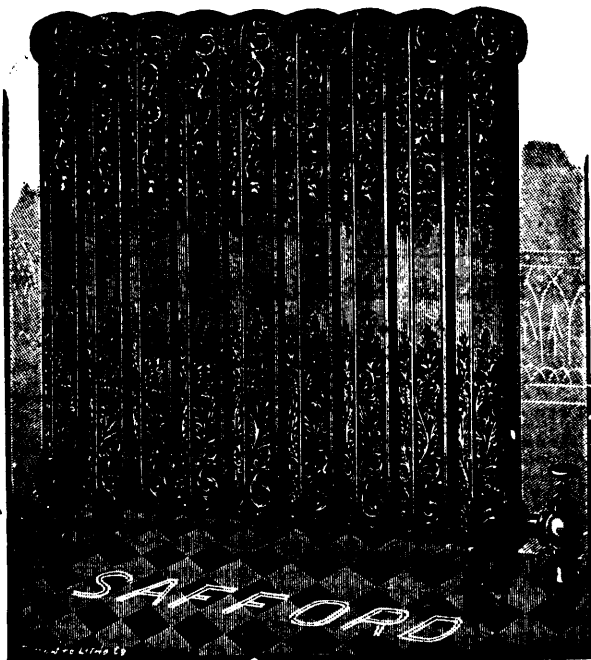


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