

DRY GOODS.—The wholesale houses are very busy making preparations for spring shipments. Travellers are meeting with encouraging success in spring orders, but there is little doing in sorting lines. Flannelettes still continue to replace the lower grades of dress goods; gingham are in better demand this season than last. In dress goods, tweed mixtures are going well; art muslins were never so pretty in pattern before; they are of French design and are almost an imitation of silk, while they sell for about quarter the price. Poplinette dress goods are a new feature of the trade, and bid to become very popular. Cottons, white, grey and colored, are firm, with an upward tendency. The orders for light lines, ribbons, laces, embroideries, hosiery and gloves, have so far been very large. On the whole the outlook for the season's trade is very promising.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The market cannot be called strong, but is if anything a trifle firmer. Oatmeal continue steady at the advanced prices which we quoted last week; cornmeal have a normal sale; we give quotations as under: Gold Dust \$3.20, Standard \$3 per bbl.; wheatlets are selling well but in small quantities, at \$5 per bbl. Trade is for the most part of a local nature; there is nothing doing in lots for export and the shipments to the Maritime Provinces do not seem to be at this writing as large as in former years.

GRAIN.—The foreign markets still remain dull, and our's from sympathy is the same. We hear of No. 1 hard Manitoba offering at 87c. and 88c. at North Bay, but no sales; No. 2 ditto sold at 85c. February, North Bay. White wheat and spring wheat mostly nominal. Chicago wheat operators are feverish over the prospects of the Anti-option bill, and prices in that market are unsteady. Oats have shown some signs of life here, and advanced ½c.; they are now quoted 31c. to 31½c. Peas are quiet and steady. Barley not moving except in the lower grades.

TORONTO STOCKS IN STORE.

The quantities of grain in store here on 30th ult., and at the other dates indicated, were as follows:—

	Jan. 31, 1893.	Feb. 1, 1892.
Fall wheat, bush.	184,615	38,308
Red " " " " " " " " " "	nil.	5,000
Spring " " " " " " " " " "	49,439	50,156
Hard " " " " " " " " " "	92,255	15,650
Goose " " " " " " " " " "	6,980	5,500
Oats, " " " " " " " " " "	49,693	14,630
Barley, " " " " " " " " " "	41,400	101,352
Peas, " " " " " " " " " "	3,419	3,394
Rye, " " " " " " " " " "	nil.	nil.
Corn, " " " " " " " " " "	1,477	800
Total grain, bush.	429,278	234,790

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

A New York statement of the visible supply of grain in Canada and the United States for the week ended Jan. 28, and for previous date, is as under:—

	Jan. 28, 1893.	Jan. 21, 1893.
Wheat, bush.	81,488	82,252
Corn, " " " " " " " " " "	12,535	12,176
Oats, " " " " " " " " " "	5,708	5,617
Rye, " " " " " " " " " "	937	1,029
Barley, " " " " " " " " " "	2,114	2,054

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on 19th Jan'y were 2,348,902 bushels. During the week there were received 16,667 bushels, and shipped nil bushels, leaving in store on the 26th Jan., 2,365,569 bushels.

GROCERIES.—Business continues good and prices have altered but little since our last report. Coffees are firm, with an advance to be noted in Rio, which is now worth 19 to 23c. per lb. In currants, Patras and Vostizza are very scarce, and have advanced; the former is now worth 7½ to 8½c., the latter, 8½ to 10c. per lb. There is a good demand for rice, while the supply is barely normal, and so Patna has advanced; it is now being sold at from 5½ to 6c. per lb. Black pepper has risen a cent per lb. Sugars are very firm, and some grades have advanced; we quote: Very bright, 4½c.; medium yellow, 3½ to 4c.; yellow, 3½ to 3¾c. per lb. The demand for teas still continues strong, and our dealers having an advantage in the tariff, are shipping to Chicago. Congou and Souchong are selling at an advanced price list, say 16 to 55c., while Young Hyson may be quoted at a range of from 16 to 30c. per lb. There has been an advance of a cent a pound in all laundry soaps. Owing to the high price

of hog products, canned meats and fish are selling well; in sardines the following brands are at present popular: Trefavennes, at 10c.; Duval, ½s, at 9½c.; and Pecheur-reunis at 9½c.

HARDWOOD LUMBER.—The feeling amongst the trade is better than when last reported. There has been a run on dry elm, which is wanted for export to the Eastern States, and the supply has been pretty well picked up; basswood has been very firm lately, the demand for which is made by the local trade; the supply of whitewood is hardly equal to the demand. Butternut finds a fairly good sale, principally to piano manufacturers; mill-men would do well to saw it in 2, 2½ and 3 inches, as 1-inch is at present a drug on the market.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The feeling is somewhat better this week. Sheepskins are in the usual supply and \$1.25 has been paid for the best. Tallow is scarce, and since lard is selling well at high prices, it is likely that the best qualities have found a place in compound lards; rough tallow is now worth 2 to 2½c. per lb., while dealers are paying 5½ to 6c. for rendered and sell it readily at from 6 to 6½c. per lb.

PROVISIONS.—Trade is fairly good, but it cannot be said to be active. Butter finds a fair demand, and there is but a limited supply of the best quality; cheese is selling at 11½ to 12c., and continues firm. Hog products show no signs of a decline, but sales of them are mostly in small quantities. For eggs the demand is good; 25c. per doz. can be obtained for the best, but the supply seems to be very limited, while pickled eggs are in fairly good supply, and are selling at from 18 to 19c. per doz. Although there is an abundance of green apples, the supply of evaporated is very limited. It seems that farmers held their apples back from the factories in the fall, and contracted with American buyers; in many cases the export buyers, after the fall in price, failed to take the apples, the factories were closed and the crop remained on the hands of the farmers. Evaporated apples are now worth 4½ to 5½c. per lb here, and there have been shipments to Germany through New York firms.

WOOL.—There is a fair amount of business doing and it is especially active in Canadian combing fleeces. American dealers have been buying largely, and so we report an advance of

1½c. per lb.; 19c. would be readily paid for select fleeces. The demand from the mills is but moderate. The feeling in pulled wools is not quite so good, super showing a decline, and we quote them now worth from 21 to 22c. per lb.

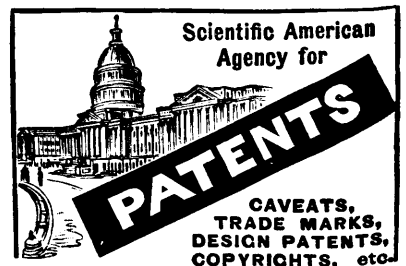
LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Feb. 2, 12.30 p. m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	6	4
Red, Winter	5	1
No. 1 Cal.	6	5
Corn	4	8
Peas	5	4
Lard	56	6
Pork	86	8
Bacon, heavy	52	6
Bacon, light	54	0
Tallow	32	2
Cheese, new white	56	0
Cheese, new colored	56	0

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