wholesale dry goods houses. Beyond these preparations, however, things are quiet. Values are generally steady, but we are told that higher prices are demanded for repeat orders on some lines of German lace fabrics.

Flour and Meal.—Merchants who deal in flour are not inclined to look upon the situation as a pleasing one. For some time the transactions taking place have only been made at shaded figures. Now merchants offer lower market quotations. We quote: Manitoba patent, $3.70; Manitoba strong bakers, $3.45 to 3.50; straight roller, $2.65 to 2.70; extra, $2.50 per brl. For oatmeals there is good demand. Gold dust is quoted at $3 per brl.

Grain.—The market has been quiet during the week, and has shown few or no fluctuations. In wheat the movement has consisted only of odd cars to millers. Some sales of low grade barley have been made for feeding purposes; it would appear that the brewers are pretty well stocked up, and they are now taking but a limited amount of grain. Toronto grain merchants are inclined to think that stocks are pretty well out of the farmers' hands. Oats are quiet, the usual local demand existing with some enquiries from Montreal. Peas are steady and unchanged, with some movement for export. A quiet market exists in rye, corn, and buckwheat.

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on 10th February were 1,899,687 bushels. During the week there were received 59,566 bushels, and shipped 1,966, leaving in store on the 16th February, 1,947,287.

Groceries.—During the past week a steady trade has been done, but with no important features, and few or no changes in value are reported. Fine off stalk raisins are in scarce supply, and the same may be said of other American markets. Sugars are strong and the movement good for this season of the year. For teas the demand has been fairly good, and is spread over general lines. Nothing new has been developed in canned goods. There are some rumors that the canners intend to sell through a committee, but nothing definite is stated.

Hardware and Metals.—The general business done is fair for this season of the year. In tin there is not much doing and within the last few weeks the tendency has been for prices to ease off; bars are now quoted at 21 to 22c., ingot 20 to 21c. Pig lead is in steady demand, but the orders being received are for small lots. Zinc sheets are quiet, as is usual at this season of the year and few cash lots are being sold. There is little movement in antimony and no large transactions are reported. For solder there is steady demand in both qualities. Brass sheets are going freely in the lighter gauges. Orders for bar iron continue to be received but they for the most part are confined to small quantities. Both genuine and imitation Russia sheets are quiet; however a few small lots have changed hands; prices are steady. Galvanized iron has been freely sold, principally in the heavier gauges; however, few case lots have been taken. There is little to say about wire; orders are being booked for fall delivery; shipments of fence and barb wire are being made, stocks are generally light, but bright iron for tinners' use is an exception to this. Sales of iron pipe have dropped off somewhat. Horse nails are in better demand. Horse shoes are quiet, but in small lots a large number of sales are being made. Stocks of window glass are low, and wholesale jobbers find some little difficulty in completing orders. A general activity is reported in rope, both for present shipment and for future delivery.

Hides and Skins.—The market stands in almost an unchanged position when compared with that of last week. At 3¾c. there is just a fair demand for hides; green continue to stand at 3¼c., with continued talk of lower prices; the hides offered are not all of good quality, and many are grubby. Trade in calfskins continues to be very limited. For the best sheepskins 80c. is paid, and the market is not active. Tallow is easier in feeling, with dealers paying 5½c. and selling at 6c. per lb.

Leather.—Although no great improvement has taken place in the trade, there has undoubtedly been a larger movement of both sole and slaughter during the past week. The demands from Quebec factories have increased, while the local shoe factories have apparently been cutting more stock. More business has been done with the country jobbing trade, but things here are not in very good shape. For colored goods a fair demand exists, but jobbers find some little difficulty in getting stock. Trade in harness leather is generally reported quiet, with prices low.

Provisions.—There is but little life in trade. Receipts of butter continue to be about equal to the demand, while prices show no change; large rolls are quoted at 18 to 19c., and choice dairy tubs at 19 to 20c. per lb. The local cheese market is quiet. Dressed hogs are worth from $5.75 to 6 per cwt.; the demand for hog products continues to be very moderate, with prices unchanged. The egg market has not shown any signs of recovering from its continued weak position; for pickled and held stock there are, we might almost say, no quotations and, holders are simply taking what they are able to get. Not an inconsiderable amount of money will have been lost before the season closes, as many eggs bought at 12c. have been sold at 8c. per doz. Some transactions in dried apples have taken place, but only for local consumption. We hear of no export movement.

Wool.—The movement is not large, but shows some increase over that of the previous week. Values remain unaltered. Quotations offered stand as follows: Fleece: combing, 17 to 18c.; clothing, 20c.: pulled: combing, 17 to 18c.; super, 19 to 21c.; extra, 23 to 25c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Feb. 22, 12.30 p. m

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Wheat, Spring	5	2
Red, Winter	5	0
No. 1 Cal.	5	2
Corn	3	9½
Peas	4	10¾
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