

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on June 6th were 1,635,912 bushels. During the week there were received 195,866 bushels, and shipped 238,464 bushels, leaving in store on June 13th, 1,592,873 bushels.

**GROCERIES.**—Business is very quiet in wholesale grocery circles. There is a moderate movement in sugars, but retailers who formerly at this season of the year placed orders in car lots are now ordering only small parcels. The heavy yields of small fruits reported throughout the province should mean a good consumption of sugar. Sugar values in outside markets are depressed; recent London cables announce a demoralized condition of affairs abroad. Trade in teas is all but at a standstill. California dried fruits meet with only moderate enquiry, as the season is now well advanced. Canned lobsters are out of the market, while the new pack will not be to hand for some weeks yet. There is no canned salmon offering at less than \$1.15.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—There is but little that is new in hides. The recent advance in green hides has not materially affected cured hides, sales having been made at 6c during the week. In Chicago there is little animation in hides, and no improvement is looked for until the demand for leather shows improvement. Calfskins are quiet and unchanged. Tallow is dull with prices unaltered.

**LEATHER.**—There is little inclination on behalf of buyers to purchase supplies at present. Prices remain uniformly low, and tanners find little profit in business. Sales of heavy medium

splits have been made in export at 16c., while similar leather is being held here at 16c. Merchants and manufacturers look for improvement in the Canadian trade after the present month and the elections are over.

**PROVISIONS.**—Trade is dull. There is but little change in the situation to report. In butter the movement in the local market is smaller than for some time past. There is a marked absence of export demand, while for some unexplained reason the ordinary channels of outlet in the home trade offer little opportunity for business. We quote: dairy, tubs, 11 to 12c; pound prints, 12 to 13c; creamery, tubs, 15 to 16c; pound prints, 16 to 17c. Exporters are paying better prices for cheese, but the local trade shows no improvement. The make of cheese has been very large during the month, and the June make promises to eclipse that of any former year. Large quantities of green cheese, it is said, are being put in cold storage. It is to be regretted that as yet no definite action has been taken by the authorities as to the compulsory branding of cheese. The quality of eggs received in this market during the week, the "loss off" being very heavy, with a decline in the consumptive demand prices have fallen away, and dealers quote eggs 9½c. per dozen. There is a fair demand, for all smoked meats. Enquiries for barreled pork are being received; we quote: heavy mess, \$12; short, \$12.50 to 13.00; clear shoulder mess, \$10 to 11.00. Long clear bacon is quoted 5½ to 6c.; smoked hams are in good request; we quote: large, 8½c.; medium, 9½c. per lb.

**WOOL.**—The local trade is without change. Merchants are paying the following prices: Best fleece, 18c.; tub washed, 17c.; rejects, 15c.; unwashed, 11c. per lb. Receipts are fairly liberal. In the United States the situation shows a slight improvement. Although it is a long time until the spring of 1897, merchants are looking to that season for a removal of the present cloud of depression. With the Republicans in power, for there is every indication of a Republican victory at the coming election, a quick return would be made to high protection. This policy would certainly prove a benefit to the American wool grower, but its effect upon the Canadian industry would probably be injurious, although there are many considerations to be taken into account before arriving at this conclusion. The prospects for sound currency in the United States appear brighter, and this has had the effect of improving the tone of the market.

## LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, June 18, 1897 p. m.

|                           | s. | d. |
|---------------------------|----|----|
| Wheat, Spring .....       | 5  | 3½ |
| Red, Winter .....         | 5  | 5  |
| No. 1 Cal .....           | 5  | 5  |
| Corn .....                | 3½ | 0  |
| Peas .....                | 4  | 7½ |
| Lard .....                | 22 | 6  |
| Pork .....                | 45 | 0  |
| Bacon, heavy .....        | 23 | 6  |
| Bacon, light .....        | 24 | 0  |
| Tallow .....              | 17 | 3  |
| Cheese, new white .....   | 36 | 0  |
| Cheese, new colored ..... | 36 | 0  |

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