

5c. doz. lower. The selling committee of the Packers' Association is in session, but no further change in prices is anticipated. The Lenten demand for canned fish is over, leaving some considerable stocks here. There are whispermings of contracts in canned salmon, but we have not heard of any contracts being made, and from our western advices we would gather that packers are not anxious to make contracts at present. As reported last week, the feeling in corned beef is exceedingly strong, and the bulls at the moment appear to be in full control.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—During the last several weeks trade has been exceedingly good. The general movement in fence wires, garden tools and other articles in request at this season of the year is satisfactory. Heavy goods are in fair request. Both cut and wire nails find free movement. Prices are steady and without change.

HARD WOODS.—Trade is improving, although there is not yet that general activity in the market that dealers would like. As usual at this time of the year, dry hardwood is scarce, and although the movement may be limited, prices are firm and no change in quotations have been made recently. Birch finds fair request, the demand for red being especially good in 2 to 4 in. cuts. Basswood is in good demand, stocks are scarce, and it is very difficult to obtain good dry stock; quotations are somewhat stiffer than they were at our last report. Only a nominal enquiry exists for butternut, chestnut and cherry. Soft elm is in good demand at previous quotations. Rock elm is quiet. There is a surfeit of elm, and in proportion to the supply the demand is poor. Red oak is in fair demand and quotations slightly advanced.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Since last reported the market has continued firm and without change. Tanners are complaining of values, but no decline in quotations have been made. Offerings are dirty and grubby, running largely 2's and 3's. Sheepskins are steady at 95c., and it is thought that at this figure the market is settled for the rest of the season.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts of butter continue large; large rolls are in moderate request at 12½ to 13c.; common descriptions are entirely neglected, while tubs also find scant request. Cheese is quiet and steady. Hog products are firmer. Stocks are generally admitted light, not only in Toronto, but throughout the Dominion. A further advance in price, while not a certainty, is yet one of the probabilities of the future. Eggs are easy at 11c. per doz. The Easter egg market was, as usual, a disappointment. Farmers held back stock for several days previously, and then the rush came, followed by its natural consequences. Poultry and eggs are not marketed with any degree of wisdom, and in attempting to get only the top price for their product farmers more often secure the very lowest. There is no change in dried and evaporated apples to report.

WOOL.—There has been absolutely no change in the wool market during the week. Dealers are paying 20c. per lb. for such fleece as is offered. But the quantity offering is small. If there were any quantity of fleece wool to be marketed it is quite probable that a further advance might be made, as American mill men are anxious to purchase Canadian fleece. But dealers have come to the conclusion that even in the remotest corners there is but little fleece left. If the present warm weather continues, and the spring of 1896 is an early one, the new clip will soon be on the market. It is expected that 20c. will be the opening quotation, or an advance of 3c. over the opening market last summer. Stocks of pulled combing wool are pretty well cleaned up, and when any stocks accumulate they are at once sent to the United States. We notice that some of our Montreal contemporaries report large sales of American pulled wools to Ontario knitting mills. As we reported a month ago, some of the mills imported several hundred thousand pounds of fine pulled wools to take the place of Canadian super wools. But the experiment was not the success factory men had expected, the wools being more greasy, and losing more in scouring than our wools, and this movement has been discontinued.

Messrs. Coates Brothers, Philadelphia, in circular of 15th inst., say: "Business in domestic wools has lately been more quiet in all markets, and this is somewhat accounted for by the purchases of foreign stock at the late London sales being sufficient to supply the immediate wants of the trade. The remainder of our old clip and the arrivals of new wool are hardly yet suf-

ficient to attract buyers, but as the season advances a better trade is expected on all grades. Worsteds spinners continue to be well supplied with orders, but many are using foreign wools, and they claim that, notwithstanding the late advance abroad, they are not ready to use much domestic until our more attractive new wools arrive in sufficient quantity for their wants. Woolen yarns continue very quiet. Manufacturers of some lines of woolen goods are busy, while others are doing but little. If the late advance in many staple commodities is an index of a permanent improvement in general trade, the coming wool clip should not only participate therein, but the situation is further favored by there being so little old stock to be carried into the new season."

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, April 18, 12.30 p.m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	5	3
Red, Winter	4	11
No. 1 Cal	4	11
Corn	4	2½
Peas	5	0
Lard	35	3
Pork	58	9
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