

WOOL.—Millmen are making more frequent inquiries, and some moderate orders for Cape and B.A.'s have been placed. Dealers are inclined to be rather firmer in their views, but have not been able to advance prices materially. Some sales of Canadian combings to the United States are reported at 23c. No new British Columbia or Nor-West wools have been received here yet. We quote Cape 13½ to 15c.; B.A., scoured, 26 to 32c., with some transactions at the latter figure; domestic fleece, 20 to 23c.; pulled supers., 20 to 21½c.; extra, 23 to 26c. per pound.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, July 25th, 1895.

DRUGS.—This last week trade has been very quiet, in fact quieter than it should be even in the weeks of summer holidaying. Opium remains unchanged in price, but latest cables point to weakness in Smyrna. Quinine is steady, London bark sales not having affected the market. Cream tartar is firm. The following drugs are listed by the *Reporter* as advanced; Cocoa butter, oil anise, oil bergamot, oil peppermint, oil spearmint, ginseng, hempseed, mandrake root, millet seed, while aloin, American saffron, sarsaparilla, Italian aniseed, canary seed, coriander seed; Calcutta ginger, Cochin ginger, African ginger, mace, black pepper, Zanzibars pepper, and boracic acid, have declined.

GRAIN.—Local millers during the week have made more active demands for wheat. Stocks are now within small compass, and Toronto stores of fall wheat are 10,307 bushels, as compared with 58,853 bushels on July 21st, 1894. Fall wheat is now being harvested, and in some districts of Western Ontario threshing is finished, at least so far as the fall wheat is concerned. The visible supply of wheat in Canada and the United States decreased 754,000 bushels during the week, and is now some 13,500,000 bushels less than it was at a similar date 1894. Prices remain nominally without change. Present indications point to a lighter crop of barley than that of last year. Oats are steady at an advance of 1c. over prices of last week. The movement is almost exclusively to local dealers, although sales were made at the close of last week to Montreal parties. Peas promise a big crop.

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on July 6th were 215,661 bushels. During the week there were received 7,124 bushels, and shipped 63,009 bushels, leaving in store on July 8th, 159,696 bushels.

VISIBLE SUPPLY OF GRAIN

	July 20, '95. Bush.	July 21, '94 Bush.
Wheat	40,483,000	54,072,500
Corn	5,941,000	3,049,000
Oats	5,137,000	1,372,000
Barley	58,000	92,000
Rye	148,000	208,000

GROCERIES.—Trade in groceries should have reached a greater volume during July than it did. One of the causes contributing to the small movement has been the unsatisfactory demand for sugars, due to the failure of the small fruit season. However, this may possibly be regulated in the latter part of August and September, when it is reasonable to suppose more than the usual quantity of large fruit will be preserved. As to the course of values, although raw markets are stiffening, it is scarcely probable that a change will be made in quotations before the fall campaign in October begins. In dried fruits, the special feature of the local market is the scarcity of prunes. Choice raisins are rather scarce. Several hundred boxes of fine 3-crown and 4-crown Muscatel California raisins are offering at 5½ to 6c. Some very good values in low-priced Ceylon teas are being offered. Supplies of new medium grade Japan teas are expected to arrive within ten days. The 1895 lobster pack has not yet arrived, and dealers are vexed at the long delay. In salmon values are very firm, and packers refuse to make contracts for large quantities. Strawberries are offering at \$2.35 to 2.40, and are readily taken at these prices.

HAY AND STRAW.—Dealers are excited as to the present and future of the hay market. For new hay \$13 to 15 is being paid, while old hay brings \$17.50. Straw is worth \$8 to 10. It is the general impression on the street that we may expect Montreal hay in this market soon. While offerings in Montreal are freer than here, the quality is not so good, and it is said that Montreal No. 1 will make bad Toronto No. 2.

HIDES AND SKINS.—It is difficult to say anything new or interesting of an absolutely unchanged situation. The receipts of hides at Toronto are very small, while tanners buy only in order to supply absolute necessities. Trade is thus confined to a very meagre volume. The quality of hides offering is excellent. In Chicago buyers and sellers appear to be both playing a waiting game, and eyes are anxiously turned to the large leather companies to see which way the wind is blowing. Dealers advanced skins on the local market 5c. on the 15th inst., and at these prices they remain unchanged. Pelts bring 25c. and lambskins 35c. It is likely that another advance will be made on August 1st.

PROVISIONS.—While trade is not dull, it shows no special activity. Dairy butter is jobbing at 15c.; creamery is worth 17 to 18c. in tubs, and 18½ to 19c. in pound prints. The general tendency of the butter market is upward, and advanced quotations would not surprise anyone familiar with the conditions of Ontario pasture lands. Dried and evaporated apples continue quiet and without change. Cheese is jobbing in a local way at 8½ to 9c. The hog product market is a shade firmer. Hams have advanced, and packers who are accustomed to work for the export market, but of late turning their attention to the Canadian trade, have again devoted their energies to foreign business.

WOOL.—The Ontario wool clip of 1895 is now pretty well marketed. Some large lots are being received at Toronto warehouses, but for the most part they are the purchases of several weeks ago. The feeling is, if anything, a little weaker than it was at our last report, and several merchants who came here ostensibly to buy wool returned without having purchased. Sales have been made, however, at 23 to 24c. The bulk of the Manitoba and North-West clip has been marketed. Although there was greater competition than usual among buyers, the firm that last year purchased almost the entire clip this year secured a very large proportion of it. Manitoba fleece is quoted at 9 to 10½c. in Winnipeg.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

	Liverpool, July 24, 12.30 p.m.
	s. d.
Wheat, Spring	5 8½
Red, Winter	5 4
No. 1 Cal.	5 3½
Corn	4 3½
Peas	5 1½
Lard	32 0
Pork	57 6
Bacon, heavy	34 6
Bacon, light	33 0
Tallow	34 6
Cheese, new white	38 6
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