

is the earnest wish of all that no alteration in values should take place this season. Hides continue to command high prices, which in view of the absence of any active demand for leather, is, to say the least, peculiar. American agents are buying up a few lots, which may have the effect of causing some vigorous competition for the supplies. In the United States all interest seems to be centered in the battle between gold and silver.

**PAINTS AND OILS.**—As usual at this season of the year, prepared paints are in good demand. Linseed oil is easier in England, and local quotations have declined with raw quoted at 51c. and boiled 54c. per gal. Turpentine has touched a record bottom price in primary markets, and prices here are low. Grinders talk of higher prices in white lead, and claim that trade on the present basis is without profit. Paris green is moving in moderate quantities, with 14c. the standard quotation; stocks are abundant. Stocks of glass are well assorted, prices are well maintained and orders fair.

**PROVISIONS.**—The stagnation in the dairy butter trade is still very marked both locally and by way of export movement. The British markets offer but scant encouragement to exporters of Canadian dairy butter, and consumers abroad apparently do not want it at any price, since shading in quotations fails to bring out orders. We quote:—Choice dairy, 10 to 12c.; inferior grades, 6 to 8c. per lb. Creamery butter, by reason of its more uniform quality, is in better favor. Advices from Manitoba indicate a large increase in production this year, estimated variously at 25 to 50 per cent. We quote:—Creamery butter, tubs, 15 to 16c.;

pound prints, 16 to 17c. per lb. Shipments of Manitoba creamery were made again this week to Eastern centres. The cheese trade is quiet and unchanged, with the local movement strictly limited. At this season of the year, with picklers through for the year, and cold storage eggs not in the best repute, trade is apt to be very uncertain. Prices in British markets are too low to admit of export, and dealers are non-plussed to find an outlet. As a result, holders are selling their stocks on Canadian markets at a loss rather than put them in cold storage, or run the chances of greater losses abroad; several local dealers are carrying excessive stocks. Eggs are quoted 9 to 9½c. per doz.; shading prices does not usually draw out the consumptive demand, but if large orders could be secured buyers could probably obtain supplies at 8½ to 8¾c. per dozen. All lines of smoked meats are in active request. Stocks in Toronto are not so large as last year; several dealers estimate the deficiency at 25 to 33½ per cent., as compared with July, 1895. Several large lots of sweet-pickled cured meats recently changed hands at satisfactory prices. Several carloads of cured meats were sent during the past fortnight to British Columbia. These transactions go to show that the hog crop of Manitoba and the North-West this year was very small. In 1894-5 more than 10,000 hogs were shipped from the Province of Manitoba, but this year only nominal shipments were made.

**WOOL.**—The season is now well advanced, and the bulk of the clip is in the hands of the middlemen. Growers showed no general inclination to speculate on the future of the mar-

ket, but country merchants are more confident of an improved order of things, and are in a number of instances holding for higher prices. In the meantime quotations continue unaltered. In the United States trade statistics show that any deficiency in the receipts of new wool will be much more than offset by the big surplus of old wool carried over, and by the curtailed demand resulting from the depression in the manufacturing trade which has caused a number of the most important mills to run only on half time; but the surplus of old wool is not for sale at present market prices, and as it cannot at present be undersold by foreign wool, the holders have locked it up for higher prices. As an element in the present supply the stocks of old wool are not a factor. The present condition of the market may, therefore, be epitomized as dull but very firm. The London auctions continue well attended, and competition keen among European buyers, with prices showing little fluctuation.

## LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, July 9, 12.30 p. m.

|                           | s. | d.  |
|---------------------------|----|-----|
| Wheat, Spring .....       | 5  | 0   |
| Red, Winter .....         | 5  | 3½  |
| No. 1 Cal .....           | 5  | 3½  |
| Corn .....                | 2  | 11½ |
| Peas .....                | 4  | 9   |
| Lard .....                | 20 | 9   |
| Pork .....                | 45 | 0   |
| Bacon, heavy .....        | 23 | 6   |
| Bacon, light .....        | 24 | 0   |
| Tallow .....              | 17 | 0   |
| Cheese, new white .....   | 34 | 6   |
| Cheese, new colored ..... | 34 | 6   |

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