will have to buy the bulk of their supplies for the year at advanced prices. Quotations of Manitoba wheat have advanced 3c. per bushel during the week, and stand as follows: No. 1, 76 to 78c.; No. 2, 74 to 75c.; No. 3, 70 to 71c. On Nov. 2 we quoted No. 1, 62 to 63c.; No. 2, 60 to 61c; No. 3, 55 to 56c. This gives an approximate advance of 14c. a bushel in two months. time. Ontario wheat remains unchanged, and deliveries are not free. A certain amount of constraint in delivery is to be expected in the holiday season, but all through the fall the farmers have been holding back their wheat. This they have been enabled to do by means of the money received from the cheese factories. the money received from the cheese factories. In barley only No. 1 grade is called for, other descriptions meeting with poor request. Peas are moving in but limited quantities. The demand, however, is keeping up fairly well. Oats

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on Dec. 22nd were 511,187 bushels. During the week there were received 65,373 bushels, and shipped nil bushels, leaving in store on Dec. 29th. 576.560.

GROCERIES .--The reaction after the holiday trade is, as usual, most severely felt by the grocery trade. Many of the travellers representing Toronto houses are remaining in the city; those who are soliciting orders from the trade meet with but indifferent success. Values, trade meet with but indifferent success. Values, in the absence of business, have undergone no fluctuations. Dried fruits are inactive, and of blue fruit supplies are on a very limited scale. Sugars are dull and depressed; word comes from Halifax of a cut in prices by the local refinery. There is a pure sugar syrup, very bright in color and free from glucose, offering on the market at 40c. per gal. in half bbls. Teas are quiet and steady. Coffees are firm, and Rio is cabled as advancing in the primary market. The Newfonndland fish market is reported unsteady, as a result of the financial market. The Newtonndiand nsn market is reported unsteady, as a result of the financial crisis in that colony. Canned goods are slow of movement, but will in all probability begin to go into consumption within a few weeks time. However, as most of the retail grocers have already purchased their supplies and have not drawn upon them to any extent, this will not immediately affect jobbers.

HARDWOOD LUMBER.—There is little or noth-HARDWOOD LUMBER.—There is little or nothing to report in the shape of trade. January is always a quiet month, this January is exceptionally so. For 1 in. and 1½ in. cuts of basswood there is fairly good demand, the requirements being for the local trade. In butternut 2 in. is scarce; there is plenty of 1 in. cuts on the market, and mill men would do well to decrease somewhat the one cut and increase the crease somewhat the one cut and increase the other. The demand for red birch from the United States is brisk; the request is principally for use in interior decoration. A good export trade to American markets is being done in 1 in. and 1½ in. black ash. But beyond the above mentioned descriptions trade is dull. Quietude is the only thing to report of maple, oak, hickory, chestnut, cherry and elm. Values are nominally unchanged, although transactions are taking place at 10 per cent. under quoted prices

HIDES AND SKINS .- It is an unusual thing for hides to advance on the first of the year, but on January 1st the local market took an upward turn, and we quote: Green cows, 4c.: steers, 4½c.; cured and inspected, 5c. Offerings are now beginning to show poor quality, and it is doubtful to predict how long this advance will last. We elsewhere refer to the situation in last. We elsewhere refer to the situation in hides. Sheepskins were advanced on the first of the month to 70c., although the movement is rather slow. Calfskins are quiet, and prices

Wool.—There has been during the last month a gradual improvement in the feeling in the market for fleece wool. Although merchants have not altered their quotations, in a quiet way they have been bidding for wool and paying, where necessary, prices in advance of the market quotations. These prices are now

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Jan. 3, 12.30 p.m.

	8.	d
Wheat, Spring	5	3
Red Winter	4	5
No. 1 Cal	5	3
Corn	4	1
0022	4	10
PeasLard	35	3
Lard		ň
Pork	32	ŏ
Bacon, heavy	32	
Racon light		0
Tallow	23	0
Cheese, new white	50	6
Cheese new colored	50	6

pretty well established, and we quote: Combing 18 to 19c.; clothing, 18 to 20c. per lb. Pulled wools are quiet and show no alteration in price; we quote: Combing, 16 to 18c. super, 17 to 19c.; extra, 21 to 22c. per lb.

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