ers will not this week accept bids that they might very likely have done last week. The choicest rice, milled in Japan, is quoted ¼c. higher.

Hides and Skins.—The price for green cow hides is still 3c. per lb. and no great plenty offering; too many are No. 2; cured are selling in car lots at 3¾c.; calfskins are very quiet; sheepskins, which were selling last year this date at $1.50 each, are now worth no more than 85c. to $1. Tallow has been in rather better request, and the market is fairly well cleaned up of its accumulations. Prices maintained.

Oils.—Thus far there is no alteration in prices of petroleum, nor is there much activity in it. No instructions have yet reached the outports as to the duty, whose result will likely be to affect the price of crude, but can hardly bring down the price of Canadian refined, which they say is as low as it can be got. American, however, may be reduced in price. Lubricating oil is moving freely, at about usual prices, which range all the way from say 25c. to $2 per gal. We quote Canadian paraffine 20c., and American paraffine 35c per gal.; there is not much coal oil in stock, and none less than 45c. per gal.; linseed oil is lowered in price to 54½c. per gal. for raw, and 57½c. for boiled; there is a sort of understanding that it is now to be sold at 30 days, and some dealers try honestly to maintain these terms as desirable for all concerned; turpentine is easier in the south, and the quotation here to-day is 43c. per gal.

Paints and Glass.—The fine weather of the past fortnight has occasioned a good demand for paints as well as glass, and prices of leads are generally maintained; linseed oil and turpentine, however, as we elsewhere note, have gone lower; we quote pure white lead in oil $4.75; glass is moving freely at our quotations, stocks are low and the sizes very irregular.

Provisions.—Respecting dairy produce an unusual contrast is to be noted at the moment between cheese and butter. While the butter market is easier and has come down several cents of late, sales having been made of rolls on Tuesday and Wednesday at 15c., cheese is steady and maintains its price; the English market is bare of cheese, and exporters here are said to have contracted already for half the May make. In hog product there is no change of price, but there is not much profit in paying 6½c. for dressed hogs and selling long-clear bacon at 7½c.; eggs are easier at 10½c. and very plentiful. An extra duty of 1c. per pound has been placed upon hops, which will tend to lessen the already small consumption of American; brewers seem to buy only "from hand-to-mouth"; odd bales of domestic sell this week at 13 to 15c., according to quality.

Seeds.—The season for timothy and clover is practically over; only a few straggling orders from outlying districts are being filled at our quotations; there is, however, active request for ensilage corn, Hungarian grass seed and millet. "We are in the condition just now," said a prominent seedsman, "of the Canadian farmer who said, 'the boys is got their work pretty much done, and now we are all a-settin' on the fence, smokin.'"

Wool.—The market is in a curious state; foreign wools are now as a rule as low in price as they ever were in the history of the trade, the exception, perhaps, being some faultless B. A.'s, but the dulness is marked. Some small lots of new clip domestic fleece have reached this market; 16c. was paid for it washed and 9 to 10c. for unwashed. This is a good deal earlier than usual. In view of the unsettled American tariff, and other circumstances which may more or less affect Canada, at least two prominent wool buyers, viz., Long & Bisby, of Hamilton, and John Hallam, of Toronto, have issued circulars to their customers warning them that wools should be bought at 1 to 3c. per pound less than last year.

BRITISH MARKETS.

The Manchester circular of S. W. Royse & Co., dated April 28th, 1894, says: There has latterly been some increase in inquiry on account of the opening of the shipping season for certain places, but this has not had much effect upon the general dulness. Business in chemicals is certainly very quiet just now, and naturally so with the depressed state of trade generally. During the first quarter of this year, as compared with the first quarter of last, there is in the export of bleaching materials a decrease in weight of 18,104 tons, and in value of £170,372, and in the exports of alkali a decrease in weight of 4,641 tons, and in value of £43,172. At present there is a fair demand for bleaching powder, but caustic soda has only a moderate enquiry, prices of both, however, being steady. Ammonia alkali is very plentiful, and prices on the easy side. Soda crystals are difficult to move, and bicarbonate of soda is quiet. Chlorates of potash and soda have an easing tendency. The tar products branch is quiet; benzoles are perhaps slightly firmer; pitch is now steady, and creosote and solvent naphtha are nominally unchanged in value, but in all these articles there is little fresh business doing. Carbolic acids are moving quietly, but ammonia has fallen, and is weak. Muriate of ammonia is more plentiful, and somewhat easier in price. In borax a sudden and surprising reduction has been made in the convention figures, orders, however, only now being booked for early delivery at present quotations. Acetates of lime are lower, and some fair sales have latterly been made. Acetate of soda is still depressed, but does not recede further in value. Acetates of lead are unchanged. Oxalic acid is firmer as re-sale parcels are getting cleared away. Carbonate and caustic potash are moving fairly well."

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, May 10, 12.30 p. m

	s.	d
Wheat, Spring	5	2
Red, Winter	4	11
No. 1 Cal.	5	1
Corn	3	8¾
Peas	5	0
Lard	38	6
Pork	73	9
Bacon, heavy	33	0
Bacon, light	34	0
Tallow	35	6
Cheese, new white	59	6
Cheese, new colored	59	6