

bbl. Oatmeals have gradually fallen off in value since new oats came in to the market, and at \$4.10 to \$4.20 are quoted 10c per bbl. lower. The demand for oatmeals shows improvement as the result of colder weather, and volume of movement is growing larger.

GRAIN.—In the absence of any exciting reports, values have remained almost stationary during the week. English harvests have been interfered with by wet weather, but late cable reports are more favorable. In Chicago the feed question is coming more prominently forward as a bull argument, and it is very apparent that with values on their present low basis it is becoming profitable to feed wheat mixtures to cattle. This must of course decrease stocks. On the local market the demand is confined to that from local millers. Barley has not yet commenced to move, and little activity can be expected until the first week in September. American dealers are beginning to evince an interest in this market, but enquiries are confined to the probable amount and quality of the growing crop. Oats are lower and dull at the decline, with old quoted at 34 to 35c. and new at 31 to 32c. per bushel. The Canadian Bankers' Association, of Winnipeg, has received an interesting report as to the growing crops in various parts of Manitoba and the Territories. Wheat promises best in the vicinity of Oak Bank, Minnedosa, Holland, Carberry and Shoal Lake; reports from Qu'Appelle, Regina, Napinka, Deloraine and Griswold are unfavorable. The yield varies all the way from seven to twenty-five bushels to the acre, according to locality. Barley varies from ten to forty-five bushels per acre, the best crops being in the vicinity of Carberry and Chater. Oates are a good crop near Bradwardine, Minnedosa and Shoal Lake; the range throughout the whole territory is placed between ten and fifty-five bushels to the acre.

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on Aug. 11th were 1,070,400 bushels. During the week there were received 43,445 bushels, and shipped 200,225 bushels, leaving in store on Aug. 18th, 913,620.

GROCERIES.—With an advancing season the volume of trade shows an increase. Brazilian advices reveal a full supply of coffee, with private information speaking of improved quality and a more general inclination to realize; the local market is unchanged. The first steamers with new raisins sailed from Denia this week, considerably later in the season than last year. A London report by last mail says:—"There is only a small business doing in currants, and the recent advance has scarcely been maintained in the few transactions which have taken place, as provincial fruit of fair quality is again on offer at 10s. to 10s. 6d. The slight decline has been caused by the anxiety of some holders to realize their stock, but the latest advices from the currant-growing districts of Greece all agree that the crop will prove to be smaller than the recent estimates, and 130,000 tons is now named as the probable outturn. Shipments will commence about the 28th inst." A shipment of fresh Bosnia prunes is expected in Toronto about September 1st. Advices from abroad are firm for nutmegs, but indicate a weaker market in pepper. Letters from New Orleans report the rice crop as being retarded by wet weather. Sugar values have remained unchanged; local merchants are expecting a good trade in September, in consequence of reports of a large crop of peaches in the Niagara district. Reports have reached merchants of an advance in Japan teas in New York, but so far they have not been confirmed.

HARDWARE.—The last two weeks have brought with them improved conditions in the hardware and kindred trades. As yet we are not fairly into the fall trade, although a good many orders have been booked for fall shipment. Beginning with the first week of September autumn goods should move actively. Prospects for the trade of the coming autumn are thought to be fully as encouraging as those of this time a year ago, and the quantity of harvest tools sold during the season now closing was probably as great as that of last year.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Hides have continued to gain strength, and prices on the local market have advanced. We hear of sales at an advance of ½c., and are told of selections selling at ¾c., or ¾c. advance. These higher prices apply only to heavy hides weighing from 40 to 60 lbs. Tanners claim that the leather market does not warrant higher prices, and some mer-

chants believe that the advance will only be a temporary one. The *Review* says of the Chicago market on the 18th inst.: "Values in the packer hide market are still doing the balloon act with marked success. Sales are numerous but mostly of small size. Old stocks are pretty well cleaned up, and only a few thousand March natives are in sight. The late kill is sold up to July in natives and into the August take-off in Texas hides. Offerings of butt branded hides and Colorados are very light. Branded cows are sold up to kill. A prominent buyer remarked recently that in many years the market has not been so nearly depleted of stock. Tanners will be interested to learn that the \$2 terminal or trackage charge recently imposed by the stock yards' company has been withdrawn." Fresh stock of lambskins and shearlings are readily taken by local tanners in Toronto at 35c., and there is no accumulation of stocks. Tallow sells well in the better grades, but there is a good deal of poor stock offering.

LEATHER.—Since our last report the general conditions of trade have improved but little.

The movement of stock to local manufacturers is very limited, while that to eastern factories has increased but little, and is confined more particularly to sole leather. Hide merchants are talking of an advance of ½ to ¾c. in hides, but tanners are of the opinion that market conditions will not warrant this being made. Stocks are not excessive. Advices from England indicate lower prices on sole, with waxed splits reported as about the only good selling article in the market.

LUMBER.—The United States tariff bill remains an uncertain factor, and trade in consequence is in an unsettled condition. Canadian merchants are anxiously awaiting the termination of the matter, which has so long disturbed the lumber trade. Next week we will doubtless be able to report an improvement in the situation in consequence of the passage of the bill. Operations upon next season's cut are just beginning and men are daily leaving for the lumber camps. The size of the cut depends much upon the developments of the next few days.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Aug. 23rd, 12.30 p.m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	4	10
Red, Winter	4	5½
No. 1 Cal	4	11
Corn	5	1
Peas	5	4
Lard	38	6
Pork	70	0
Bacon, heavy	38	0
Bacon, light	38	6
Tallow	23	23
Cheese, new white	46	6
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