

latter part of August. At outside points, 60 cents per bushel has been paid, but dealers say that even this price is above an export basis. Receipts of new wheat in Toronto are limited, but deliveries outside are too large for local milling purposes, and it would seem that prices must decline to export values in order to admit of an outlet. Oats are down again, sales of new at 29c. per bush, having been made on the market; receipts are light, and so soon as they become more free, dealers look for lower prices. The first load of barley was sold this week on the market at 41½c. Samples shown here are better than at first expected; they are heavier than last year, but also darker in color.

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on Aug. 17th were 138,412 bushels. During the week there were received 19,713 bushels, and shipped 27,457 bushels, leaving in store on August 24th, 130,668.

GROCERIES.—Trade in general is a little quiet. There is no movement in dried fruits worthy of note. Shipments of Valencia raisins are in transit. New California evaporated apricots have arrived and are being delivered; quotations are from 3 to 4 cents higher than last year. It is thought that the price of other California dried fruits will be much the same as last year. Sugars are quiet and the movement only fairly good. Although the New York market has been shaded somewhat, quotations here remain without change. The stock of raw in four ports of United Kingdom is 126,000 tons, against 75,000 tons same time last year. Domestic refiners are holding firm, believing that both in Canada and the United States there has been a good fruit crop. Teas are quiet. Large shipments of tea are expected here in a few days ex "Empress of India." Some extra nice gunpowder have just been received and are meeting with good enquiry. London market reports say that Ceylon teas of the commoner grades have declined ¼d. per lb. There is no demand for canned goods for present consumption and but little selling ahead. New salmon, Horseshoe brand, is in the market, quoted \$1.40 to 1.45.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—There is a steady improvement in the hardware and metal goods trade. The reports of a bountiful harvest are taking effect in the creation of more confidence among retailers as to business prospects. A number of merchants from the Northwest are in the city, and are liberal purchasers. There is not a very active movement in cut and wire nails. Before the recent advances occurred dealers had secured large stocks, in anticipation of a rising market. There is little demand for barbed wire, or oiled and annealed wires; in the former another advance is reported, the figure now being 3½c. per lb. This covers twist wire and staples. Terms of delivery are as before. The special discount allowed on lead pipe to eastern points has been done away with. In small quantities or ton lots 30 per cent. is allowed. Trade in metals is quite active, with the exception of ingot, copper and antimony. Prices in the metal market have not changed to any extent. In Canada plate an advance of 10c. per box is announced. Copper sheets are 10 per cent. higher.

HAY AND STRAW.—Receipts of hay on the market are very small, averaging only about 10 loads a day. Other deliveries are, of course, made in the city. Farmers are busy with harvest operations, and even when this work is over it is not thought that there will be sufficient supplies to bring about anything like a free offering. New hay ranges from \$14 to 16.75; old is quoted at \$18 to \$19. Straw brings \$9.50 to 10.50.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The situation still remains unchanged. Hides continue to hold their present values. So far as Canada is concerned the prospect is for lower values. It is not thought that farmers in many districts have sufficient fodder to comfortably winter their cattle, and this will in all probability lead to an increased slaughter. Our market is, however, simply an echo of affairs in the United States, and to the American markets we must look for a guide to the future. Tanners here are not overly confident that values will be maintained, and regard a decline in the price of light hides as quite within the range of possibilities. Skins remain unaltered at last week's quotations. Trade is fairly active.

PROVISIONS.—The demand for choice fresh dairy butter is active, but medium and ordinary grades are neglected, although offered at 8 to 10c. per lb. It would seem that a repetition of last year's slaughter prices will be necessary

to obtain a clearance of this class of stock. Creamery is in good demand. All stock coming forward is in good demand; tubs are quoted 18 to 19c., pound prints 20 to 21c. per lb. Cheese is quiet and steady at 7½ to 8½c. per lb. Stocks of hog products continue light; smoked meats are in good demand; prices are unaltered and products can be made at the present value of hogs. Eggs are steady at 11 to 11½c. per dozen. Some new evaporated apples were offered on the street this week, but we did not learn the price asked.

SEEDS.—There has been a fairly active movement in alsike clover this past week. Prices remain as reported last week, although foreign advices indicate the probability of lower values. Prime choice seed is quoted at \$4.10 to 4.70 per bush., and inferior grades comparatively less. As yet, the demand for Fall sowing is being supplied from imported stocks. It looks as if the Canadian seed would not be on the market before seeding is over, and, naturally, lower prices are then looked for. For the average quality of Canadian seed offered \$2 to 2.25 per bush. is being paid. There is no movement in red clover seed, and prices are nominal.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Aug. 28, 12.30 p.m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	5	4
Red, Winter	5	2
No. 1 Cal	5	2½
Corn	5	2
Peas	3	7½
Lard	31	6
Pork	58	9
Bacon, heavy	35	6
Bacon, light	37	6
Tallow	24	6
Cheese, new white	38	6
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