

a turn lower. This decline in values has been occasioned by the arrival at Owen Sound of 100,000 bushels of oats within the last ten days. Barley is quiet. Peas are weaker, and quotations 1 to 2c. per bush. lower. Rye is dull. Corn remains nominal.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

	June 8, '95. Bush.	June 9, '94. Bush.
Wheat	49,739,000	58,211,000
Corn	11,582,000	7,514,000
Oats	8,749,000	2,764,000
Barley	102,000	87,000
Rye	203,000	206,000

GROCERIES.—There is seldom anything of marked interest to be noted in the grocery trade at this time of the year. The general distributive movement of goods throughout the country is only fairly large, while prices hold steady and unchanged. Nothing has occurred in the tea markets beyond the news noted last week, or elsewhere recorded in this issue. Sugar continues steady. Retailers are not disposed to buy stock until present supplies are exhausted. New milled rice is in the market, and quoted at 3½ to 3¾. The breaking up of the selling agreement of the Packers' association coming as it does so near to the season's close, has not seriously affected prices. Corn and peas are 2½c. lower, and in other goods the feeling is, of course, a shade weaker. We have reason to believe that canners are not carrying any excessive stocks. British Columbia salmon packers are quoting at \$4.50 on the coast.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—While the distributive movement is satisfactory, there has been a falling off as compared with the trade of last week. Prices of hardware are unsteady and tending upwards. The association has arranged prices on wire nails, and jobbers are quoting a discount of 75 and 10, and 1 lb. papers 75 and 5. Barn door hinges are up ¼c. per lb. An advance equivalent to 12½ per cent. has been made in the price of wire by reducing the discount from 22½ to 25c; terms and delivery have not been altered. Shot is now at a 17½c. discount instead of 20c. All quotations on iron pipe and barb wire, as noted last week, are for the time withdrawn. Horse nails command a discount of only 55 per cent. instead of 60 per cent. as formerly. Prices on tacks, clouts, and shoe finders' supplies are advancing. Black and tinned rivets are now sold at a discount of 55 instead of 55 and 10. The movement partakes of much the same character as last week. Wire nails, ordinary fence wire and barb wire are in demand. Galvanized iron, ingot tin and tin plate are moving freely, without material change of price. Ingot tin is slightly easier and is quoted in ton lots at 17c. and 17½c. in small lots.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There is, so far as we can see, absolutely no change in the hide situation. Hides are well maintained; values do not stiffen, but, on the other hand, we can see no signs of weakness. The gossips of the street are now busy making out the fortunes hide merchants have made by the recent advances. Green hides are quoted at 8c., and cured 9c. The cattle receipts at the four great American centres to May 31st were 1,929,909, as compared with 2,302,443 in the same period, 1894, and 2,364,286 in 1893, 2,169,724 in 1892, and 1,869,216 in 1891. This has every appearance of strength. *Hides and Leather*, Chicago, 8th inst., says: "At one time it was thought that the early June kill would drag somewhat on account of no grubbing privileges, but probably 25,000 Texas and 5,000 butt-branded and Colorado steers, of June slaughtering, were contracted. These transactions imparted additional strength to the market, and some packers are talking of the possibilities of hides selling for still higher figures. The last of the May salting is now supposed to have been disposed of." Trade in pelts is active at 15c., while lambskins bring 25c. Calfskins are in good demand. The tallow market is disappointing, and has, in the face of receipts from Australia, failed to move upwards as was expected.

PRODUCE.—The trade in provisions and farm produce is not active. Receipts of butter are ample, quotations remaining unchanged; 11 to 12½c. is being paid for selections, and 13 to 14c. for pound rolls. The drouth which is reported to exist in some parts of the province has not as yet had any effect on curtailing supplies. In sympathy with outside markets the local trade in cheese is a turn firmer. The trade in hog products is quiet, prices remaining unaltered over those of last week. Chicago receipts of hogs last week were 162,640; shipments, 26,092, the

proportion of latter to former being unusually small, owing to light demand for hogs and products east. Eggs are quiet and steady. Dried apples are dull at 5 to 5½c.; evaporated excite but little attention. Beans are scarce, and firmly held at \$1.70.

WOOL.—The situation is a very interesting one. Local dealers at the beginning of the season began an active canvass for wool; this developed into excessive competitive bidding, and extending into the country, has filled the merchants and growers of Western Ontario with extravagant ideas as to the value of the new clip. Nominal quotations are: Merchantable fleece, 20c.; rejects, 16c. unwashed, 12c.; but actual transactions have been made at prices ½ to 1½c. in advance of these prices. A local firm that has been paying some of the highest prices, received a very large shipment of foreign wools this week, and it is a question in the minds of some whether the market has not been "bullied" for the purpose of selling this stock to good advantage. An American buyer was in the city this week, but could not buy on this market. He states that several weeks ago he was offered 50,000 lbs. of fleece, at 19½c., but, arriving here, found it had been purchased at 20 to 21c. per lb.; he refused to take wool on this basis plus a buyer's profit. We elsewhere refer at length to the wool market.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, May 23, 12.30 p.m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	5	10½
Red, Winter	5	7
No. 1 Cal	5	6½
Corn	4	10½
Peas	5	3½
Lard	34	3
Pork	61	3
Bacon, heavy	32	0
Bacon, light	32	0
Tallow	24	6
Cheese, new white	43	0
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