

basis has been reduced from \$2.30 to 1.90 f.o.b. Toronto; car lots may be purchased at 5c. per keg less, i.e., at \$1.85. In horse nails a discount of 60 to 61 and 2½ per cent. is allowed off revised list. Prices of some ropes are lower. Import orders are being booked daily for galvanized iron and tin plate.

HIDES AND SKINS.—For hides there is fair demand, and transactions are taking place in No. 1 cured hides at 3½c.; the quality of offerings, however, is by no means good. The *Shoe and Leather Review* says of the Chicago packer hide market, on April 7th: "To say that reports are conflicting would be a very mild expression of the prevailing condition. The packers are rampant bulls, and one would suppose from surface indications that quotations are to be foisted up, at the very least, a ½ cent around. Of course, no one seriously believes that March hides will bring more than was accepted for the January and February kill, but that the packers are making a bolder stand for prices is very much in evidence." In the local market sheepskins remain unchanged at 75 to 80c., and there is throughout the country a large accumulation of stocks. Offerings of calfskins are now beginning to be more abundant, but merchants see prospects for nothing but a slow dull market, with values low. Tallow continues quiet, and stocks are accumulating.

LEATHER.—Merchants are not satisfied with the week's trade. The local manufacturers have made comparatively light demands upon stocks, while eastern enquiries are not up to the usual standard. Some small lots have been taken by manufacturers for their fall samples, which are now in course of preparation. However, leather merchants are expecting a good movement from the sorting up trade before the demand for material for fall goods sets in. The export movement of Spanish sole is at present quiet, but some parcels are being made up and will be sent forward it is expected next week. Some little improvement has taken place in harness this last week. For colored leathers there continues to be fairly good demand. The tanners complain of the proposed tariff changes, to which we refer elsewhere.

PROVISIONS.—Comparatively few changes have developed in the provision trade during the week. The butter receipts are tolerably free; a fairly good demand, however, prevents values from weakening; there is a dearth of choice tubs, and receipts for the most part consist of rolls. Dried apples are steady, with dealers paying 5½c. and selling at 6c. per lb. For evaporated apples there is better enquiry, and some sales of round lots have been made on private terms, which were supposed to be

9½ to 9¼c. per lb. In hog products things remain much the same as reported last week; dressed hogs stand at \$5.50 to 5.75 per cwt. Eggs are rather firmer, in consequence of decreased receipts, and merchants are quoting 11c.; buyers, however, appear to think this price too high, and it cannot be considered firmly established.

SEEDS.—Recent cold weather has checked the consumptive demand. The local market, however, continues firm, and reports from the west indicate that values there are being maintained. Toronto jobbing prices show no alteration, and are as follows: timothy, \$2 to 2.75 for 48 lbs.; alsike clover, \$5.50 to \$8; red clover, \$6 to 6.50 per 60 lbs.; Hungarian grass, 90c. to \$1; millet, 70 to 80c. per 48 lbs.

WOOL.—Trade is very quiet, and until the tariff bill is finally ratified no marked improvement in prices may be expected. Values in the United States remain very low, and Canadian buyers continue to make purchases in American markets. Local market quotations are: Fleeced, combing, 17 to 18c.; clothing, 20c.; pulled, combing, 17 to 18c.; super, 18 to 20c.; extra, 22 to 24c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, April 12, 12.30 p. m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	5	2
Red, Winter	5	3
No. 1 Cal.	5	14
Corn	3	11½
Peas	4	11½
Lard	37	6
Pork	67	6
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