

any fair weeks during the last five years. This is to be attributed to (1) the fact that the millinery openings were held on the first week of the exhibition; (2) the general improvement in industrial conditions. There has naturally been a falling off in the number of house visitors this week. Cotton goods are unchanged, with the exception of an advance of 5 to 10 per cent. in linings, announced by the Montreal Cotton Co. Imported dress goods are still advancing. The demand in the markets of Great Britain and the continent exceeds the supply, and makers refuse to place orders for delivery before May 1st.

**GRAIN.**—A week's trading has developed little that is new. The farmers are not delivering grain; wheat, oats, barley, peas, in fact all cereals are moving slowly. But the season is early and the farmers' attention well occupied at present. Wheat quotations, as compared with last week's prices, show no change. The decline, checked last week, has not commenced again, and it is to be hoped that the next alteration in price is of an upward nature. Oats are a shade firmer. There is a stronger demand for supplies, and considerable request from Quebec and the East. Canada has a large crop of oats this year. Peas, too, are an immense yield; dealers could do an export trade if supplies were available.

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on Sept. 7th were 80,950 bushels. During the week there were received 154,260 bushels, and shipped 36,589 bushels, leaving in store on September 14th, 198,641 bushels.

**GROCERIES.**—Trade is only moderately good. The second shipment of new Valencia raisins has arrived and prices are easing off. The quality of this year's dried fruits is most excellent, with the exception of prunes; Sultana raisins show magnificent samples. Yellow sugars are firm at a recent decline of 3c. Granulated have been sold by jobbers at 4c. The second shipment of young Hysons is expected this week. Several arrivals of Ceylons are reported. Canned goods are quiet. Canned salmon, Horseshoe, is worth \$1.35 to 1.40; Cohoes have not yet arrived.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—The hide market, as elsewhere noted, is weaker in accord with the easier feeling in the United States and abroad. Transactions early in the week were made at 83c., but it is doubtful if this price could now be obtained. We are told of a sale of one car at 84c., and this transaction will probably bring the market down another point. Butchers are still paid 6, 7 and 8c. for their take-off. On Monday sheepskins were advanced 5c. and are now quoted 60c. Tallow is quiet and without alteration; receipts are not large.

**LEATHER.**—There has been some improvement in leather circles since our last report. Manufacturers are beginning to ask quotations, and this is always a hopeful sign. Stocks are small and tanners are indeed weaklings if they allow their price lists to be beaten down. Some sole was exported during the week.

**PROVISIONS.**—Quiet and easy is the general condition of the provision market. Butter is unchanged in price. In dairy, the only descriptions wanted are the choice grades. The supply of creamery is somewhat increased, and prices, in consequence, are easing off. Dealers quote, tubs, 18 to 19c., and pound prints, 21 to 22c. The cheese market both locally and by way of export remains quiet and unchanged. Little trade is being done here or in Montreal. Some factories, it is said, have contracted the balance of the season's make at 7½c. The August make is selling at the factories at 7½ to 7¾c. In hog products, the feeling on the street this week was distinctly easier. The next season's pack is drawing near and may begin almost any time. But it will be six weeks or two months before much of it reaches the market. Dressed hogs are quoted at \$6. Long clear bacon is easier at 7½ to 7¾c.; hams are quoted 11c.; rolls, 7¾c., and lard, 8½ to 8¾c. Eggs are steady without special feature at 12c. New evaporated apples are offering at 6½c.; but we have failed to see samples and cannot speak of their quality. For sun dried apples dealers are bidding 4c. But there are few transactions.

**WOOL.**—There is little to note of the wool market. Dealers are paying 25c. for all the fleece offering, but receipts are small. Pulled wool is quoted 21 to 22c., and excites no special interest. Reports from the mills indicate that it is difficult to get reasonable prices for goods, and yet there has been some improvement in this direction of late.

ANTWERP HIDE MARKET.

Messrs. L. & W. Van De Velde's circular, September 2nd, remarks that, after three months of great activity, the market has assumed a quieter appearance during August. It is fortunate that there has come a pause in the demand, as prices have been going up too fast; early in the month salted hides had still further advanced ½d. to ¾d. per lb. for ox, and ¾d. to 1d. per lb. for cow. The present lull seems to have checked the upward movement; however, holders remain very firm, the supply of hides being limited. The arrivals during this month have been important, but stocks have little increased, as large quantities had been sold while afloat and went direct to consumers. The supplies for the remainder of the year are likely to be smaller than usual, whereas the autumn months are generally the most active in our market. Tanners on the Continent are not largely stocked and many wants will have to be filled; on the other hand the present high prices will undoubtedly cause a reduction in the usual purchases. The stocks in the different markets are as follows:—

Antwerp.....	155,000	Same date 1894.
Havre.....	41,000	against 271,000
Liverpool.....	16,000	" 330,000
		" 26,000

212,000 hides, " 627,000

The whole outlet, sales and transit, since 1st January, 1895, amount to 938,713 hides, against a total of 928,455 last year, from which may be inferred that the generality of customers of our market are less supplied than usually, as a large portion of the hides sold this year were taken for the United States.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

		Liverpool, Sept. 19, 12.30 p.m.
		s. d.
Wheat, Spring .....	5	0
Red, Winter .....	5	0
No. 1 Cal. ....	5	0
Corn .....	3	6½
Peas .....	4	10
Lard .....	30	3
Pork .....	58	9
Bacon, heavy.....	33	6
Bacon, light.....	35	0
Tallow .....	00	9
Cheese, new white.....	37	6
Cheese, new colored.....	37	6

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