GROCERIES.

Canned vegetables continue very firm. We have learned that 80c was refused by an eastern packer for 1,000 cases of corn. Tomatoes are also held firm, packers asking 85 to 90c at the factories. Corn particularly is said to be very scarce and local stocks are light. Canned salmon continues upward. The local market has a very moderate supply as orders placed were not fully filled. Only one-third the amount of goods ordered was filled in some cases. Packers are asking $5.25 at the coast for red fish where obtainable at all, and cohoes have been offered at $1 to $4.25 f.o.b. coast. The pack of the latter is also turning out poor. Apricots, peaches and eastern Valencia raisins are the only new fruits offering on spot. The latter continue very firm. New prunes are not looked for for about a month. New currants are expected to arrive in about 10 days. Figs, dates, almonds and walnuts are costing high, and new stocks, which will arrive next month, will likely be higher, particularly for figs. Porto Rico molasses is scarce and high, owing to the invasion and recent blockade of the island by the United States. Stocks of oatmeal are low. Dealers have been holding off from importing meal from the States, in the hope that new crop local meal would soon be on the market in abundant supply. The wet weather, however has kept back the crop and the Manitoba mills have not been able to do anything yet There is considerable complaints about freights having been very slow lately, which has caused delay in filling orders, thus causing jobbers much trouble on account of the urgent demand for goods from their customers, which they have not been able to supply promptly. Retailers in the country do not understand the cause of delay always, and they sometimes feel themselves aggrieved at what they consider neglect to ship promptly, though jobbers are quite as much inconvenienced themselves on account of such delays. In the way of local price changes, cohoe salmon are quoted 50c per case higher, old Valencia raisins 1c to 1½c lower per box; pitted plums 1 ½c to 3c higher, canned corn, 10c higher for best brands, baked beans 5c higher.

HARDWARE, PAINTS, ETC.

The feature of the week is an advance of 10c on glass, per 50 feet. Glass has been steadily advancing at the factories for a long time, and Eastern Canada markets have been advancing in sympathy with the foreign market. The local market, however, refused to follow the advance, until prices here were away below a parity with other markets. The advance of 10c this week still leaves the local market much below a parity with other markets, and a further advance here is looked for in a week or ten days' time. The inside price on first break, per 50 feet, is now $1.90, for large lots, and it is quoted at $1.90 to $2. Turpentine is firm. Other lines steady and unchanged.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The wheat markets have steadily improved during the past week, advancing a little every day except Tuesday, the total advance on the week averaging about 1 1-2c per bushel. Receipts at primary points in the United States aggregate about eleven million bushels for the week, being the largest quantity on record for one week. The export demand is excellent and that along with the demand from the milling trade is absorbing the large receipts, and preventing the heavy accumulation which would otherwise take place. As it is the United States visible supply increased almost two million bushels last week and is expected to increase about as much for the current week. The aggregate of the world's visible reserve continues very small, only about three-fourths of what it was a year ago, and less than half compared to same date two years ago. The sowing of winter wheat in the United States is practically completed. It has been sown under most favorable conditions, and over a large area of growth has made a fine start. A considerable increase in the acreage is reported. The wheat crop in Australia is making splendid progress and a large surplus for export is confidently anticipated. The Argentine crop also promises well up to latest reports.

In the local market the trade has been quiet, the volume of business being unusually small for the time of year. The storm of Saturday and Sunday which covered the whole wheat growing area of the country west of Winnipeg, put a stop to threshing and delivering, and probably prevented the development of a more free marketing by farmers, which would have doubtless resulted in lower prices as the price still being paid for Manitoba wheat in this market leave no margin of profit on export values. In the beginning of the week sales on basis No. 1 hard afloat Fort William were made at 66c. to 66 1-2c for delivery all October. The latter part of the week sales on same basis were made at 67c to 67 1-2c. Straight 1 hard will fetch 1c. per bushel over sales on basis. 1 hard on spot, Fort William, has sold at 69c to 70c during the last two days. Earlier in the week 68c was all that could be got. Spot 1 northern is not wanted at over 65c afloat Fort William. Sales on basis No. 1 hard allow of 2 hard or 1 northern being delivered at a difference of 3 c per bushel. No. 3 hard, 2 northern and 1 spring are quoted at 60c afloat Fort William. No business is reported in scoured wheat, but it may be quoted as worth about 10c per bushel under 1 hard.

FLOUR—There is a good demand for old wheat flour at a premium over new wheat, and stocks of old wheat and flour are getting worked off. Not much grinding of new wheat has been done yet, though some new wheat flour is on the market. Country mills have been buying new wheat to start operations, as they were about all out of stock, but they have had to pay liberal prices for wheat, owing to the small quantity offering. Quotations are the same as last week. Prices here to retail dealers: $2 05 for patent, $1.85 for strong bakers, $1.45 for second bakers and $1.15 for XXXX per sack of 98 lbs.

MILLFEED—There is no accumulation yet. In fact so far there has been a scarcity. Prices hold at the decline noted last week. Bran is quoted at $9 and shorts at $11 per ton for small lots, with large lots at 50c to $1 per ton less, as to quantity.

GROUND FEED—Mixed oats and barley chop from new grain is now offering, and prices have taken a big drop from the high prices that ruled on the last crop. Mixed chop is quoted at $17 to $20 per ton as to quality.

OATS—The wet weather which prevailed at the close of last week and the beginning of the present week checked the deliveries of oats. Though we are now well into October, the supply of oats continues very limited. There are no old oats left, and so few of the new crop have been marketed that there was hardly enough to supply the demand this week. Railway contractors wanted a few cars which it took a good deal of skirmishing to supply. In view of the wet weather, the feeling was firmer this week. Shippers demanded 25c per bushel of 34 pounds for car lots at country points, equal to about 31c on track Winnipeg, freight paid, and even at this price they were not prepared to