

**FISH.**—Our fish market has been in a very depressive state for some time, but the past ten days has shown some activity in certain kinds of fish; but the quantity of any kind coming to market is very small indeed.

**Mackerel.**—There seems to be some appearance of mackerel on the Western Shore, but, so far, they are of a small size. As far as we can learn there does not seem to be any mackerel on the shore east of Halifax. Mackerel are coming to market in very small quantities, and from enquiry we have been making, there are very few held on the coast. Some localities have a few hundred barrels, but the quantity is insignificant, and these are held for higher prices. There has been quite an advance in Mackerel, but fishermen do not seem to be yet satisfied with the advance that has taken place. We hope they will not be disappointed in holding too long, though the catch in the United States coast, up to the present time, is very short of last season. There is yet time for the United States fishermen to take a large quantity, should the fish strike on their coast; but up to within a few days ago, Mackerel were reported very scarce on the United States coast, except some small fish. Mackerel are not over plenty in the Bay, yet all the vessels there are doing quite well. Fish are reported to be quite fat and large. Several Nova Scotia vessels have landed one trip at the Strait of Canso and returned to the Bay, and some of them are about ready to leave the Bay with their second trip. There have been considerable of 1885 inspected Mackerel in this market for sale, but we think about all have been sold. If there is any left for sale the quantity is small. We learn of a parcel of 1885 yet on the coast of about 400 barrels, consisting of No. 3 large and 3's and a few 2's.

We advise our fishermen to watch the markets and catch very closely, so that if there is an appearance of a large catch on the United States coast, they can dispose of what they hold. We think, as last year, that the demand will be for cheap fish. As old Mackerel, of the catches of 1884 and 1885, have been more enquired for, and selling more freely in the United States markets the past two months than new fish, the catches of 1884 and 1885 are now getting well cleared up.

**Codfish** are reported still quite plenty on the coast. But few Hard Shore Codfish are coming to market, still quite enough for the demand. Several cargoes of Bank Codfish have arrived from St. Pierre the past day or two, which are still in the market. There are large quantities of this description of fish on our coast, a portion of which must come to market very soon.

**Herring.**—As reported, fat Herring are almost a total failure on our coast. What few come in are meeting with ready sale in this market at full rates, but there is little or no enquiry abroad for this description of fish.

We are sorry that we cannot give more flattering accounts of the West India markets than we previously did. All of the West India markets, as far as we can learn, remain in about the same position as last reported. Late advices from the Jamaica market are about as follows:—Since the departure of the last mail, the steamer *Alene* had arrived from New York at Kingston, bringing 10 tierces, 85 boxes, 200 half do., Codfish; 10 bbls. Herring, 65 bbls. Mackerel; and on the 19th ult., the Island was visited by a severe hurricane, accompanied by heavy rains, the latter continuing for 12 days, which have again interrupted traffic, and thoroughly demoralized trade. The entire north and east side of the Island suffered mostly from the blow and weather still unsettled. No prospect of trade improving can be expected until a change for the better appears. Trade has been at a stand-still, and the market heavily overstocked. Buyers are not willing to purchase beyond requirements of the day. The damage by the storm is chiefly in the agricultural districts, which has its effect on the market. Codfish have sold as low as 10s. 6d. per hundred pounds. One Lockport vessel just arrived, and four others are expected, which will tend to further demoralize the market.

Advices from Gloucester, up to September 9th, are as follows:—Arrived from North Bay, schr. *Frank Foster*, with 16 bbls. Mackerel—has been absent six weeks. Not any sales of packed Mackerel. Price of Codfish remains about the same. Total quantity of Mackerel landed to date, sea-packed barrels, viz.:

From North Bay .....	26661
" Cape Shore .....	1905
" Shore .....	1603

29629 Bbls.

Arrived 10th inst., schr. *James and Ella*, with 100 bbls. Mackerel off Matineus. No arrivals of Codfish.

Advices from Boston to Sept. 10th are about as follows:—"There has been only a moderate fish trade during the past week, and dealers report they are receiving very light orders from the west and south. Mackerel remain about the same, perhaps a trifle easier. Late receipts from P. E. Island and Nova Scotia are not meeting with such ready sales as previous arrivals. Quotations are about as follows:—No. 1 Shore, \$20 to \$22; 2's, \$12 to \$12.50; Bay 1's, \$16; 2's, \$11 to \$12; 3's, \$9 to \$10; Nova Scotia No. 1's, \$16; 2's, \$10 to \$12; 3's, \$9 to \$10; P. E. Island 2's, \$11 to \$12; 3's, \$9 to \$10; and unculled \$10 to \$12, as to quality. No Shore 3's on the market, and but very few of any kind. Extra 1's will bring \$25 per bbl. Last cargo sale of Shore Mackerel at Portland \$20.50 and \$12.50 for packed No. 1's and 2's. Large lots of old Labrador Herring have sold during the week at \$3.75 per bbl. George's large Codfish, \$3; Medium, \$2.25; large, dry Bank, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Medium, \$2; large pickled Bank, \$2.25 to \$2.37; Medium, \$2; large Shore \$2.75 to \$2.87; Medium, \$2 to \$2.25. Some Mackerel are being taken off Minot and Scituate; they are large enough, if salted, to make No. 3, and about all selling, fresh, at \$1.75 to \$3. per hundred fish."

Below will be found a comparative statement of New England catch of Mackerel for past four years week ending Sept. 10th:—

1886.	1885.	1884.	1883.
45,041 bbls.	243,610 bbls.	263,769 bbls.	102,203 bbls.

## MARKET QUOTATIONS.

## WHOLESALE RATES.

Our Price Lists are corrected for us each week by reliable merchants, and can therefore be depended upon as accurate up to the time of going to press.

We intend devoting special attention to our Commercial and Financial Articles, and to our Market Quotations, and to this end have secured the co-operation of several persons thoroughly conversant with questions of finance and commerce.

## GROCERIES.

SUGAR.	
Cut Leaf .....	8 to 8 1/2
Granulated .....	6 1/2 to 6 3/4
Circle A .....	6 1/2 to 6 3/4
Extra C .....	5 1/2 to 6 1/2
Yellow C .....	5 1/2 to 5 3/4
TEA.	
Congou, Common .....	17 to 19
" Fair .....	20 to 23
" Good .....	25 to 29
" Choice .....	31 to 33
" Extra Choice .....	35 to 38
Oolong—Choice .....	37 to 39
MOLASSES.	
Barbadoes .....	30 to 32
Demerara .....	30 to 35
Diamond N. .....	42
Porto Rico .....	31
Tobacco—Black .....	37 to 48
" Bright .....	42 to 58
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread .....	2.60 to 2.90
Boston and Thin Family .....	5 1/2 to 6
Soda .....	5 1/2 to 5 3/4
do. in lb. boxes, 50 to case .....	7 1/2
Fancy .....	8 to 15

The above quotations are carefully prepared by a reliable Wholesale House, and can be depended upon as correct.

## BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints .....	20 to 25
" In Small Tubs .....	20 to 24
" Good, in large tubs .....	18 to 19
" Store Packed & overalted .....	10 to 12
Canadian Creamery .....	22 to 24
" On Creamery the tone is firm.	
" Township, finest .....	18 to 20
" " Finest Fancy pkgf. .....	19 to 22
" " fine .....	17 to 18
" Morrisburg and Brockville .....	16 to 17
" Western .....	13 to 16
Cheese .....	9 1/2 to 10

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer in Butter and Cheese.

## FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL.	
No. 3 large .....	Catch 1886
" 3 .....	1886
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July .....	1886
(reported almost a total failure on our shores.)	
ALASKA.	
Catch, 1886, per bbl .....	none
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore, 1886, per qt .....	2.50
Bank .....	1.60 to 1.90
Bay .....	none
SALMON, No. 1 .....	14.00
HADDOCK, 1886, per qt .....	1.90
HAKE .....	1.90
CUSK .....	none
POLLOCK .....	none
HAKE SOUNDS .....	45 to 50c per lb.
COD OIL A .....	29 to 30

The above are prepared by a reliable firm of West India Merchants.

## LOBSTERS.

Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing).	
Tall Cans .....	4.75 to 5.25
Flat .....	6.00 to 6.50
Per case 4 doz. 1lb cans,	

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer.

## LUMBER.

Pine, clear, No. 1, per m. ....	25.00 to 28.00
" Merchantable, do do. ....	14.00 to 17.00
" " No 2 do. ....	10.00 to 12.00
" Small, per m. ....	8.00 to 14.00
Spruce, dimension good, per m. ....	9.50 to 10.00
" Merchantable, do do. ....	8.00 to 9.00
" Small, do do. ....	6.50 to 7.00
Hemlock, merchantable .....	7.00
Shingles, No 1, sawed pine .....	3.00 to 3.50
" No 2, do do .....	1.00 to 1.25
" spruce, No 1 .....	1.10 to 1.30
Laths, per m. ....	2.60
Hard wood, per cord .....	4.00 to 4.25
Soft wood .....	2.25 to 2.50

The above quotations are prepared by a reliable firm in this line.

## BREADSTUFFS.

## PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE.

Our quotations below are our today's wholesale selling prices for car lots not cash. Jobbers' and Retailers' prices about 5 to 10 per cent advance on carload lots.

Flour.	
Graham .....	4.40 to 4.50
Patent high grades .....	4.40 to 4.60
" mediums .....	4.25 to 4.40
Superior Extra .....	4.00 to 4.15
Lower grades .....	3.00 to 3.85
Oatmeal, Standard .....	4.40 to 4.50
" Granulated .....	4.75
Corn Meal—Halifax ground .....	2.90 to 2.95
" Imported .....	2.95 to 3.05
Wheat per ton—Wheat .....	15.50 to 16.00
" —Corn .....	14.50 to 15.00
Shorts .....	17.50 to 18.00
Middlings .....	20.00 to 21.00
Cracked Corn .....	29.00 to 30.00
" Oats .....	25.00 to 30.00
" Barley .....	nominal
Feed Flour .....	3.25 to 3.50
" From Frozen Wheat, nominal .....	2.75
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs .....	40 to 42
Barley " of 48 " .....	75 to 80
Peas " of 60 " .....	1.10
White Beans, per bushel .....	1.50 to 1.65
Potatoes, per barrel .....	4.85 to 4.90
Corn " of 56 lbs. ....	80 to 85
Hay per ton .....	13.00 to 14.00
Straw .....	10.00 to 12.00

J. A. CHIPMAN & Co., Liverpool Wharf, Halifax, N. S.

## PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid .....	11.50 to 12.00
" Am. Plate, " .....	12.00 to 12.50
" Ex. Plate, " .....	13.00 to 13.50
Pork, Mess, American " .....	12.50 to 13.00
" " " .....	11.50 to 12.00
" American, clear .....	15.00 to 15.50
" P. E. I. Mess .....	12.50 to 13.00
" " " .....	11.50 to 12.00
" P. E. I. Thin Mess .....	10.50 to 11.00
" Prime Mess .....	9.50 to 10.00
Lard, Tubs and Pails .....	10 to 11
" Cases .....	12 to 12 1/2
Hams, P. E. I. ....	13 to 13c
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef \$2.20 per bbl.	

Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are liable to change daily.

These quotations are prepared by a reliable wholesaler's house.

## WOOL, WOOL SKINS &amp; HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound .....	15 to 20
" unwashed .....	12 to 15
Salted Hides, No 1 .....	7 1/2
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No 1 .....	7 1/2
" under 60 lbs., No 1 .....	7
" over 60 lbs., No 2 .....	5 1/2
" under 60 lbs., No 2 .....	6
Cow Hides, No 1 .....	6 1/2
No 3 Hides .....	5
Calf Skins .....	8 to 10
" Deacons, each .....	25 to 35
Woolskins .....	25 to 30
Lambskins .....	25 to 35

The above quotations are furnished by WM. F. FOSTER, dealer in Wool and Hides, Connors' Wharf.

## HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, Nova Scotia, per bbl .....	1.50 to 2.00
Oranges, per bbl, Jamaica (new) .....	3.00 to 3.50
Lemons, per case, best quality .....	11.00 to 12.00
Cocoanuts, per 100 .....	5.00 to 5.50
Onions, American, per lb. ....	2 1/2 to 2 3/4
" Mediterranean, per lb. ....	2 1/2
Foxberries, per bbl .....	3.30 to 3.50
Bananas .....	2.00 to 3.00
Tomatoes, per crate .....	1.50 to 2.00
Grapes, Almeria, kegs .....	7.00

The above quotations are furnished by C. H. Harvey, 10 & 12 Sackville St.

## POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound .....	none
Geese, each .....	none
Ducks, per pair .....	60 to 70
Chickens .....	40 to 60

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

## LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Steers, best quality, per 100lbs. alive .....	4.50
Oxen .....	4.00
Fat Steers, light weights .....	3.50
Wethers, best quality, per 100lbs. ....	3.00 to 4.00
Lambs .....	3.00 to 4.00

These quotations are prepared by a reliable victualer.