

when in operation. This portion of the work, it is promised, will be completed within a week, and as soon as the rails which are being made in St. John are received, they will be laid. It is quite probable that the cars will be running over the completed road "before the first snow flies." As is natural, widely differing opinions prevail as to the effect that this road will have upon business, and especially upon the value of real estate along its route. Some hold that it will be beneficial, and others, detrimental, while a large number declare that the effect will be nil. However the result may be, one thing is certain: the building, equipment, and running of the road, will put considerable amounts of money in circulation that would otherwise not have been utilized in this city, and, therefore, Halifax cannot but benefit by it. It is to be hoped that it will receive the cordial popular support and patronage that similar affairs do in other cities, so that it may become a permanent institution, giving satisfactory returns on the capital invested.

DRY GOODS.—Most travellers in this line are now at home preparing for the fall campaign, on which they will start out very soon. They report the summer tour to have been very good, and anticipate generous orders for the winter goods that they will show on their next trip. In cotton lines prices show a tendency to advance, but purchasers are unwilling to recognize the fact. This, with an active competition, promises to deprive wholesale men who bought early, in anticipation of the rise that they predicted, of the fruits of their foresight.

IRON AND STEEL.—This trade is in a curious state just now. At a recent meeting of pig-iron manufacturers in the north of Britain, it was agreed, in view of the vast accumulation of goods on hand for which no market appeared, to reduce production for the present by 20 per cent. Though this agreement has been carried out, no furnaces have been blown out, for the makers have resorted to the production of bessemer steel, which has resulted in a decline of 10s. for bars. On this side of the water, prices have been steady, and the demand fairly active.

BREADSTUFFS.—The grain markets on both sides of the Atlantic have fluctuated frequently this week within a very narrow limit, which has not been at all satisfactory to speculators. In this market prices for flours and meals are nominally unchanged, though the demand is slow, and little has been done.

HOG PRODUCTS.—The western markets have shown an upward tendency, and those of Liverpool have made an advance in lard and bacon. This encourages holders to be very stiff in their quotations, though buyers are not at all anxious to invest. The tendency is undeniably towards an advance very shortly.

BUTTER.—July butter is now nearly all sold to second hands, who seem disposed to hold it to a later period in the season. August butter seems to be in good demand by shippers, and large quantities are making their way to Europe. Supplies of best qualities are hardly equal to demand, and this fact strengthens the position of lower grades.

CHEESE.—The English markets have advanced sharply since our last writing. The British product is even smaller than the early unfavorable expectations, and dealers show by their movements that they believe that difficulty will be found in promptly meeting the current demands of the trade.

SUGAR.—A firmer feeling has prevailed for refined sugars, and a fair amount of business has been done. The Halifax Refinery at Woodside having discharged its clerks and other hands, has been disposing of its stock of unrefined at figures that cannot be remunerative. This indicates that the managers do not anticipate an early resumption of business. It seems a pity that outside capital should be attracted here only to be sacrificed.

MOLASSES.—The market is slow and little opportunity has been afforded for doing anything in this line.

TEA. is a little brighter than at our last report. Retailers are taking advantage of the discouraged state of the market during the past six or eight weeks, and are sending in their orders for their fall and winter supplies more freely. Under this pressure wholesale men are more cheerful, but we can see no reason to congratulate them. They probably get better prices for old stocks than they could have realized a month ago, but new supplies will be largely proffered by consumers.

COFFEE. is firm and dealers report an apparently increased demand for it as compared with other beverages. As medical men have always agreed that coffee is healthier and more sustaining than tea, and as one pound of the former "goes as far" as one of the latter, while the price of each is not very different, it is a matter of surprise that tea should have maintained its supremacy among sensible, economical people, as long as it has.

FRUIT.—Native plums, pears and peaches, have come to market in large quantities, and prices have been quite reasonable. Some shipments have been made to Newfoundland and Great Britain of apples with which the local market has been well supplied.

LIVE STOCK.—Lambs have been in full supply and of very good quality as regards size and weight. Some excellent calves have come to market, and have been advantageously slaughtered. A number of very fine heavy cattle have come forward during the past week, a marked improvement on receipts for some time past.

WOOL.—The demand continues greater than the visible supply, and manufacturers continue to buy all that offers.

LUMBER.—A considerably active business has transpired in this line, and prices have been firm.

REAL ESTATE.—A little continues to be done, but sellers and buyers appear to have drifted apart somewhat, so a difficulty is experienced in arranging terms between them.

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 10 8 1/2
Granulated	.....	6 1/2 to 7
Circle A	.....	6 1/2 to 7
Extra C	.....	6 1/2 to 7
Yellow C	.....	6 1/2 to 7
TEA		
Congou Common	.....	11 to 15
" Fair	.....	20 to 23
" Good	.....	23 to 25
" Choice	.....	31 to 33
" Extra Choice	.....	33 to 34
Oolong—Choice	.....	37 to 39
MOLASSES		
Barbadoes	.....	30 to 32
Demerara	.....	30 to 32
Diamond No.	.....	42
Porto Rico	.....	31
Tobacco—Black	.....	37 to 40
" Bright	.....	42 to 50
DISCOUNTS		
Pilot Brand	.....	2.60 to 2.90
Boston and Thin Family	.....	5 1/2 to 6
Soda	.....	5 1/2 to 6
do in 11b 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.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints	.....	20 to 23
" In Small Tubs	.....	20 to 21
" Good, in large tubs	.....	18 to 19
" Store Packed & oversalted	.....	10 to 12
Canadian Creamery	.....	22 to 24
On Creamery the tone is firm		
" Township, finest	.....	18 to 20
" Finest Fancy pks.	.....	19 to 22
" Fine	.....	17 to 18
" Morrisburg and Brockville	.....	14 to 17
" Western	.....	13 to 16

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer in butter.

FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL		
No. 3 large	.....	1.75
" 3	.....	2.50 to 2.75
Small	.....	1.00
HERRING		
No 1 Shore, July	.....	4.50
(reported almost a total failure on our shores.)		
ALBUQUERQUE	.....	2.75
COUSH		
Hard Shore toqual, catch, 1885, per qtl.		
Price as to quality		
1886 per qtl.	.....	2.25 to 2.50
Bank	.....	1.60 to 1.90
Bay	.....	none
SALMON, No. 1	.....	13.00 to 14.00
Haddock, 1886, per qtl.	.....	1.75 to 1.92
HANK	.....	1.50 to 1.75
COD	.....	none
POLOCK	.....	none
HARK SOUND	.....	45 to 50c per lb.
CON OIL A	.....	29 to 30

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

LOBSTERS.

Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing)		
Tail Cans	.....	4.75 to 5.25
Flat	.....	6.00 to 6.50
Per case 4 doz. 11b 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 05
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 00
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	.....	4.50 to 4.60
" mediums	.....	4.25 to 4.40
Superior Extra	.....	4.40 to 4.45
Lower grades	.....	3.00 to 3.35
Oatmeal, Standard	.....	4.40 to 4.50
" Granulated	.....	4.75
Corn Meal—Halifax ground	.....	2.95 to 3.00
" Imported	.....	2.95 to 3.00
Bran 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	.....	20.00 to 20.50
" Oats	.....	25.00 to 30.00
" Barley	.....	30 00
Feed Flour	.....	3.25 to 3.50
" From Frozen Wheat, nominal	.....	2 75
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs	.....	42 to 45
Barley " of 48 " nominal	.....	75 to 80
" of 60 " nominal	.....	1 10
White Beans, per bushel	.....	1 50 to 1 65
Potatoes, per barrel	.....	4.50 to 4.75
Corn " of 56 lbs	.....	34 to 35
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
" old	.....	11 50 to 12 00
" American, clear	.....	15 00 to 15 50
" P. E. I. Mess	.....	12 00 to 12 50
" old	.....	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 Fails	.....	10 to 11
" Cases	.....	12 to 12 1/2
Hams, P. E. I.	.....	12 to 13c
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef \$2.50 per bbl.		

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

These quotations are prepared by a reliable wholesale house.

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & 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	.....	6 1/2
" under 60 lbs, No 2	.....	6
Cow Hides, No 1	.....	6 1/2
No 2 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 50
Oranges, per bbl, Jamaica (new)	.....	2 50 to 3 00
Lemons, per case, best quality	.....	10 00 to 11 00
Cocoanuts, per 100	.....	5 00 to 5 50
Onions, American, per lb	.....	2 1/2 to 3
" Mediterranean, per lb	.....	2 1/2
Foxberries, per bbl	.....	3 50 to 4 50
Figs, 11b bxs (fresh)	.....	15 to 18c
Dates, layer (new)	.....	7 to 8c
Bananas	.....	2 50 to 3 00
Tomatoes, per crate	.....	1 00 to 2 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 80
Chickens	.....	40 to 60

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Steers, best quality, per 100 lbs. alive	.....	4 50
Oxen	.....	4 00
Fat Steers, Heifers light weights	.....	3 50
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs.	.....	3 00 to 4 00
Lambs	.....	3 00 to 4 00

These quotations are prepared by a reliable victualer.