

have bought very sparingly, but as the change to steadier cold has come, business in this line will become brisker. The bulk of business done has been in small lots. There has been a weaker feeling in the Chicago provision market and pork declined, standing at \$14.95 for January, and \$15.62½ May. Lard also dropped to \$7.77½ for January, \$7.87½ February, and \$8.17½ May. There was no trade doing in meats. The Liverpool provision market was steady. Quotations are:—Pork, 66s. 3d.; lard, 40s. 6d.; bacon, 39s. to 40s. 9d., and tallow, 23s. 9d.

BUTTER.—There has been a steady, but not excited market in butter, with a good demand for autumn makes. Very choice prints command fancy prices. In dairy butter, jobbing lots of choice selected find a ready sale at good figures. Holders through the country are reported to be ready to part with their stocks than they were a few weeks ago, and it is thought probable that figures will rule easier shortly.

CHEESE.—The market this week has been a purely holiday one, and nothing can be expected in this line for a week or two. The following extract from a letter received from a Liverpool house, dated Dec. 3rd, will be of interest to the trade:—"The short English make is beginning to be felt after all sales having been made of finest home made cheddars at 1s. 1-2s. advance upon last week's prices. The market is steady for finest Canadian at 58s. to 59s. A better enquiry has set in for qualities a little below finest, and we think a better consumptive demand may be looked for after the holidays, as stocks in the hands of retailers are generally light."

APPLES.—A Liverpool report of the apple market for Canadian and American apples, for week ending December 10th, 1887, is as follows: With arrivals still heavier than last week, we are glad to say prices have not suffered so much as might have been expected. The demand for good fruit continues unabated, and we quite expect present prices will be maintained until Christmas. New York has sent us some very good fruit this week, and prices for Baldwins ran up to 18s. 9d. Boston fruit is also improving in quality, and as a consequence prices are very firm, Baldwins making up to 16s. per barrel for anything really good. Greenings we also sold at 13s. to 14s. up to 15s. 6d., and the confidence of buyers is gradually returning, and shippers will soon reap the benefit. Canadian fruit is getting into smaller compass, and prices remain about the same. The *Vancouver* was offered yesterday, and brought a number of Maine apples, which landed in only fair condition, and not the style of apple which had been expected. They made fair prices, however, in the absence of other arrivals: Baldwins, 13s. to 17s. 6d.; Greenings, 14s. 6d. to 16s., Spys, 17s. 3d.; Kings, 26s.

SUGAR.—The market continues firm in sympathy with the raw product. Yellows are firm, with an upward tendency. There has been considerable enquiry for raw sugars.

FISH.—In this staple article the market continues to be extremely dull and featureless. Absolutely nothing has been done, nor will there be for probably two or three weeks to come. Our outside advices are as follows:—**Montreal, December 26th.**—Green cod is steady, with sales at \$1.25 to \$1.50 for No 1 and large. Advice from Newfoundland state that the supply of fish is not more than a third of what it was last year, and that, owing to the high price of dry cod, a larger quantity than usual will be dried. Green cod, therefore, will, it is said, be below the average supply, and prices are expected to rule higher later on. Dry cod is quiet but steady, at \$4 per quintal. In salmon the market is slow at \$12 to \$13 per bbl. Labrador herring are quiet as usual at this season, and we quote \$1 to \$4.25. Gloucester, Mass., December 26th. "Mackerel are in light stock. We quote blotters at \$27 to \$28. 1's at \$18, 2's at \$15.50, and 3's at \$13.25 to \$13.50. Last sales of halibut 10c. and 5c. per lb. for white and gray, cargo lots; fresh codfish are selling at \$1.80 per cwt. Prime George's codfish are selling at \$5 per qtl. for large, and \$3.62 for small; Trawl Bank \$4 for large, and \$3.37 for small; Hand line Western Bank \$4.62 and \$3.75; Shores \$4.50; Large Dry Bank \$4.12 to \$4.25; medium \$3.25. Cusk \$3; pollock \$2, slack-salted do \$3; haddock \$2.50, and hake \$2.25. Boneless and prepared fish 3½c. to 5c. per lb. for hake, haddock and cusk, and 5c. to 6½c. for codfish, as to style and quality. Smoked halibut 6c. to 9c. per lb.; smoked salmon 15c. per lb.; haddock 6c. per lb. Medium herring 14c. per box; tucks 11c.; lengthwise 12c.; No 1's 12c. Blotters 6½c, smoked mackerel 11c. per lb. Canned do. fresh, \$1.50 per dozen; canned trout, \$1.50; fresh halibut, \$1.25; salmon \$1.75, lobsters \$1.75; clams \$1.75. Labrador herring \$5 to \$5.25 per bbl, medium split \$3.50 to \$3.75; medium gibbed \$3.37 to \$3.75; Shore \$3.25 to \$3.50; Eastport \$2.75; pickled codfish \$5; haddock \$4; halibut heads \$3.25, tongues \$6; sounds \$11.50, tongues and sounds \$8; alewives \$3.25; trout \$14.50; California salmon \$15; Halifax do. \$17. Clambait \$7 to \$7.50; slivers \$7." New York, December 24.—"There have been no codfish or No. 3 mackerel on this market the past three months, the few that use them here either get them through their Halifax agents, or from Woodruff. A few fat mackerel have been here mostly via Boston parties. Last sales, No. 1's \$16, and No. 2's \$15. Labrador split herring have sold at \$5, \$5.25 and \$5.50. Holders are now trying for better prices. Most of Woodruff's George's Bay herring were sent South—very few used here—but he seems prepared to sell them, or anything else, at less prices than shippers wish to do. No sales whatever of 1886 mackerel. There are some now on the pier here from Boston that arrived last October. The stock of mackerel is unusually light, and holders expect better prices later. As usual at this season there is nothing selling unless there is a special bargain for the buyers." Havana, December 27.—"Notwithstanding the heavy stock of codfish on hand, as we found the good demand of last week continued, we advanced our price on Monday to \$6.50, and at that price have sold nearly 1,000 drums. We expect the demand to continue through the next week, after which we fear the demand will fall off, as usually occurs at this season of the year. The demand for haddock and hake has also improved. We have refused to sell at less than \$5 to \$5.50."

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.

GROCERIES.

SUGAR.		
Cut Leaf	8½ to 8½	
Granulated	7½ to 7½	
Circle A	7	
White Extra C	6 to 6	
Extra Yellow C	6 to 6	
Yellow C	6 to 6	
COFFEE.		
Common	17 to 19	
Good	20 to 23	
Choice	23 to 25	
Extra Choice	25 to 26	
Choice—Choice	27 to 29	
MOCA.		
Barbados	31 to 32	
Demerara	30 to 31	
Diamond N	30	
Porto Rico	31 to 32	
Ceylon	28	
Trinidad	29 to 30	
Antigua	29 to 30	
Tobacco—Black	37 to 44	
Bright	42 to 43	
TEA.		
Pilot Brand	2.00 to 2.00	
Boston and Thin Family	5½ to 6	
Soda	5½ to 5½	
do in lb boxes, 50 to case	7½	
Fancy	8 to 15	

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

PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid	10.50 to 11.00
" Am. Plate	11.00 to 11.50
" Ex. Plate	12.00 to 12.50
Pork, Mess, American	17.50 to 18.00
American, clear	18.00 to 18.50
" P. E. 1 Mess	16.50 to 17.00
" P. E. 1 Thin Mess	15.00 to 15.50
" Prime Mess	14.00 to 14.50
Lard, Tubs and Pails	11 to 12
Cas	12.50 to 13.00
Hamp, P. E. 1	none
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef	\$2.20 per bbl.
Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are liable to change daily.	

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FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL—		
Extra	11.00 to 11.50	
No. 1	10.00 to 10.50	
2 large	9.50	
" 3 large	9.00	
" 4 large	8.50	
" 5 large	8.00	
HERRING		
No. 1 Shore, July	4.25 to 4.50	
No. 1, August	3.25 to 3.50	
" September	3.25 to 3.50	
Round Shore	3.50	
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl	3.75 to 4.00	
Bay of Islands, from store	none	
Alewives, per bbl.	1.75 to 2.00	
CODFISH		
Hard Shore	4.00 to 4.15	
New Bank	3.50	
Bay	3.50	
SALMON, No. 1	14.00	
HADDOCK, per qtl	2.00 to 2.25	
HAKE	2.25	
CUSK	1.75	
POLLOCK	30 to 35	
HAKE SOUNDS, per lb.	22 to 23	
COD OIL A		

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

LOBSTERS.

Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing)	4.75 to 5.25
Tall Cans	4.50 to 5.00
Flat	6.25 to 6.50
Per case 1 doz. 1 lb cans	

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer.

LUMBER.

1 in, clear, No. 1, per m.	25.00 to 28.00
" Merchantable, do do	4.00 to 10.00
" No 2 do	10.00 to 12.00
" Small, per m.	8.00 to 14.00
Spice, 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
" do do	2.00
Laths, per m	4.00 to 4.25
Hard wood, per cwt	2.25 to 2.50
Soft wood	

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

BREADSTUFFS.

PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE.

Quotations below are our to-day's wholesale prices for car lots net cash. Jobbers' and Retailers' prices about 5 to 10 cents per bbl. higher than car lots. Markets quiet and steady. Breadstuffs are sold fine. Cornmeal scarce, 10c. to 15c. dearer.

Flour,		
Graham	1.60 to 1.70	
Patent high grades	5.00 to 5.10	
" mediums	4.50 to 4.60	
Superior Extra	4.30 to 4.35	
Lower grades	3.25 to 3.35	
Oatmeal, Standard	5.00	
" Granulated	5.25	
Corn Meal—Halifax ground	3.35	
" Imported	3.25	
Bran per ton—Wheat	23.00	
" —Corn	19.00	
Shorts	23.00 to 25.00	
Middlings	25.00 to 26.00	
Cracked Corn	25.00 to 26.00	
" Oats	25.00 to 26.00	
" Barley	nominal	
Feed Flour	3.25	
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs	28 to 40	
Barley of 48	nominal	
Peas of 60	1.00 to 1.10	
White Beans, per bushel	2.30	
Potatoes, per barrel	4.80	
Corn of 55 lbs	75 to 85	
Hay per ton	14.00 to 15.50	
Straw	12.00	

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

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints	22 to 23
" In Small Tubs	22 to 24
" Good, in large tubs	18 to 20
" Store Packed & oversalted new	12 to 15
Canadian, Creamery, new	24 to 26
" Township	20 to 22
" Western	17 to 19
Cheese, Canadian	12

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

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

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

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

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

APPLES.		
Gravenstein, per bbl.	none	
No. 1 Varieties, new per bbl.	2.00 to 3.50	
Oranges, per bbl. Jamaica (new)	1.50	
Lemons, per box	3.00	
Bananas, per bunch	none	
Cocoanuts, per 100	5.00	
Onions, Canadian, per lb.	3½ to 3½	
Dates, boxes, new	7	
Raisins, Val.	6 to 7½	
Figs, Elmer, 5 lb boxes per lb.	11 to 11	
" small boxes	11 to 11	
Prunes, Stewing boxes	7½	
Grapes, Almeria kegs	4.50 to 5.50	

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

POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound	12 to 15
Geese, each	10 to 60
Ducks, per pair	60 to 75
Chickens	30 to 60

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot

Steers, best quality, per 100 lbs alive	4.00
Oxen	3.50
Fat Steers, Heifers light weights	2.50 to 3.00
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs	5.00 to 6.00
Lambs	2.00 to 2.75

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