

**APPLES** are now being rapidly picked throughout this Province and the average quality is better than usual. We are glad to note that our farmers are exercising each year more care in picking, culling, packing and branding their fruit. Purchasers are not slow—especially in outside markets—to notice these facts, and Canadian apples have already attained an enviable reputation in these respects, which is worth money to their owners. Several good-sized lots—principally Gravensteins and Alexanders—have been brought to this market during the past week and sold at auction, the former readily bringing \$2.50 to \$2.75 for No. 1's. No returns have yet been received from the apples shipped to London a couple of weeks ago, but there can be no doubt that they will prove quite satisfactory. Several more thousand barrels will shortly follow them. Indeed it is apparent that our shipments this season will far exceed both in quantity and quality those of any previous year. As both the Canadian and American crops are relatively small and poor, ours will stand well in the English market.

**DRIED FRUIT.**—The stock of Valencia raisins in store is sufficient to meet the demand so far as volume and quality of fruit are concerned, but it is not new fruit and that is what buyers are now asking for. They forbear from stocking freely in old fruit until they have sounded the possibilities of the market for new-crop fruit. Some new currants and raisins have arrived at Montreal, and buyers are waiting to learn what spot prices are to be. There was a sharp advance last week at Trieste in the price of prunes, which promises to rule rather high this season.

**SUGAR.**—The sugar trade is well kept up. Fruit canning is going on all over the country and consumption is in full tide. The still price does not check business. There is no immediate prospect of any relaxation of the firmness ruling on this side of the Atlantic. In New York and Philadelphia the refiners have withdrawn certain brands from the market, and refuse contracts for any class of sugars except at prices to be fixed the following morning. The situation is exceptionally strong at all points, the supply being restricted to the product of raw cane and the demand being at its height everywhere. It is unlikely that beet sugar from the continent will be admissible until the fruit season is over, as precautions on this side of the water have been increased for the prevention of cholera since the deaths in New York revealed the presence of the plague in that city. The *Montreal Trade Bulletin* remarks on the position. "The sugar market has been a very interesting study during the last few months, and still attracts a good deal of attention. The consummation of the sugar Trust in the States placed sugar in the place of a perfect monopoly in that country. And so powerful did the Trust believe itself to be that it not only believed that it could control the price of the refined article (which of course was an easy matter under the circumstances), but it felt fully able to depress the price of raw sugar as it pleased and thus both buy and sell at its own will. But there are many factors in every market, and prices cannot always be controlled even by a monopoly. The cholera scare and the enforcement of quarantine on New York, is effectually stopping any import of beet sugar from Germany, and this the Trust is powerless to alter. As the American refiners require a good proportion of beet sugar in order to turn out the large proportion of refined required by the consumers there, they are placed in a very awkward position. But even now the unfortunate consumers have to pay, as the Trust has put up prices very promptly. Our Canadian market is not in the same happy position as the American Trust, as there is over production and consequently competition rules here. And although the price here has advanced, it is still below quotations in the States, although statistically, the price here ought to be higher, and generally has been so. The advance has depressed the demand, as is generally the case, but present appearances indicate that the advance has come to stay." Willett & Gray, New York, in their Statistical say: Total stock in all the principal countries at latest uneven dates, 687,553 tons against 716,150 tons at same time last year. Stock in Havana and Matanzas, by cable, 54,000 tons, against 62,000 tons last week. Havana quotations are 3½c. for 96 degree centrifugals.

**TEA.**—There has been a better demand for both kinds of tea this week, and Japans, especially, have been selling freely. The market is very firm and prices show an upward tendency. Advices from London state that low grade Congous have advanced ½d. per lb., and that low grade Ceylons and Indians have increased by the same figure. Some sales have been reported of low grade Congous at about 5½d. f.o.b., and quite a few high grade Ceylons have been sold at from 10d. to 1s.

**COFFEES.**—The coffee market is cabled firmer in Rio Janeiro. Within the last week prices have advanced ½c. and within the last three weeks fully 1c. Fine colony coffee is exceedingly scarce at Rio, and nearly any price is obtainable by holders. On spot here stocks of all grades are low, but particularly are they low in high grades.

**FISH.**—Fair quantities of good quality of deep sea fish continue to be in receipt, but prices are still very low, owing to the absence of any market abroad to which they can be profitably shipped. Herring continue to be extremely scarce all along the eastern coasts from Labrador and Newfoundland to Cape Cod, and none this side of there. The catch this season will be far less than half of a poor average. Mackerel have also been very rare all the season. We note that a few have been recently taken in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and as they are now migrating southward, it is possible that some of them may strike our shores, but it is getting too near the stormy season to expect much if they do, for it would not be safe to keep the nets out much longer, and mackerel are not a fish who linger about any place in the fall. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, Sept. 28.—"Labrador herring are likely to be scarce this year, and prices will no doubt be sustained. French shore and Newfoundland herring are firm at \$4 to \$4.50, and Cape Breton \$5.50 to \$5.75. Two car loads of Cape Breton to arrive are offered at \$5.50. Dry cod is quiet at \$4.25 to \$4.50, and green cod at \$4.75 to \$5.25. A fair volume of business is in progress, and prices are about steady all round, sales of finnan haddies being reported at 7½c. to 8c.

Kippard herring at \$2.50 per case of 100. Dried codfish 5c. to 5½c. per lb. Smoked salmon has arrived and is selling at 20c. per lb. No bloaters have arrived." Another report from the same market says:—"The trade in pickled and fresh fish is getting better every day. The following is about the figure as regards price. We quote haddock 4½c., No. 1 primo dry cod \$5.50, green cod \$5 to \$5.50 per 200 lbs., C. B. herring \$5.75, and half bbls \$3 mackerel \$12 to \$14." Gloucester, Mass., Sept. 28.—"The receipts in all departments the past week have been fair for the season. The mackerel season is fast drawing to a close, with no news of importance of late from the fleet. F. I. mackerel have made their appearance at Block Island and Cape Cod, but there are none of consequence in our waters. Trade is good and prices firm. We quote latest fair prices as follows:—Mackerel in fishermen's order at \$16 per bbl. Georges cod from vessel \$4.12 to \$4.37 for large, \$2.62 and \$2.75 for small. Bank \$4 and \$2. Outside sales of Bank cod \$4.50 and \$2.30. We quote new Georges codfish at \$7.25 per qtl for large, and small at \$5; Bank \$5.50 to \$6.50 for large and \$3.50 for small; Shore \$6.50 and \$1.50 for large and small; Rips \$6.25 and \$4.25. Dry Bank \$6; medium \$3.50. We quote cured cusk at \$6 per qtl; hake \$2.50; haddock \$3; Newfoundland herring \$4 per bbl; pickled codfish \$4; haddock \$3.75; alewives \$3.50, Halifax salmon \$23; Newfoundland do. \$16."

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#### MARKET QUOTATIONS.—WHOLESALE SELLING RATES.

Our Price Lists are corrected for us each week by reliable merchants.

GROCERIES.		BREADSTUFFS	
<b>SUGARS.</b>		Market stationary at the late decline. The American markets are looking a little better there is no doubt about the oat crop being short and light in weight, and that the crop will be short, and as the wheat crop is one hundred and thirty million bushels less than last year, we may safely look for a gradual improvement in the tone of the market from this forward. We, in the Maritime Provinces, have scarcely felt the last final touch of the decline, inasmuch as the cheapest flours are just coming out from the mills now, but they will not be cheaper in reality, as the new wheat flours will not be as satisfactory as the old wheat flours. Oatmeal and cornmeal are steady at outside rates.	
Cut Leaf.....	53	Manitoba Highest Grade Patents.....	5 15 to 5 25
Crystallized.....	4½ to 4 11	High Grade Patents.....	4 35 to 4 45
Circle A.....	4	Good 90 per cent. Patents.....	4 10 to 4 20
White Extra C.....	37	Straight Grade.....	4 00 to 4 05
Standard.....	33	Good Seconds.....	3 40 to 3 55
Extra Yellow C.....	3½	Graham Flour.....	4 60 to 4 75
Yellow C.....	3½	Oatmeal.....	4 10 to 4 25
<b>TEA.</b>		Rolled.....	4 10 to 4 25
Congou Common.....	17 to 19	Kiln Dried Cornmeal.....	2 80 to 3 00
Fair.....	20 to 23	In Bond.....	2 80 to 3 00
Good.....	25 to 29	Rolled Wheat.....	5 00
Choice.....	31 to 33	Wheat Bran per ton.....	18 75 to 19 00
Extra Choice.....	35 to 38	Middlings.....	18 75 to 19 00
Oolong Choice.....	37 to 39	Shorts.....	20 50 to 21 00
<b>MOLASSES.</b>		Cracked Corn " including bags.....	30 00
Barbadoes.....	32	Ground Oat Cake per ton.....	35 00
Demerara.....	35 to 38	Moulce.....	22 00 to 24 00
Diamond N.....	47	Split Peas.....	4 10
Porto Rico.....	33 to 32	White Beans, per bushel.....	1 35 to 1 45
Cienfuegos.....	none	Pot Barley, per barrel.....	3 80 to 4 50
Trinidad.....	28	Canadian Oats, choice quality.....	40 to 41
Antigua.....	28	P. E. Island Oats.....	41 to 43
Tobacco, Black.....	45 to 47	Hay.....	13 00 to 13 75
Bright.....	47 to 55	<b>J. A. CHIPMAN &amp; Co., Head of</b>	
<b>BISCUITS.</b>		<b>Central Wharf, Halifax, N. S.</b>	
Pilot Bread.....	3 00	<b>PROVISIONS.</b>	
Boston and Thin Family.....	6½	Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....	12 50 to 13 00
Soda.....	6½	" Am. Plate.....	13 00 to 18 50
do in 1 lb boxes, 50 to case.....	7½	" Ex. Plate.....	13 50 to 14 00
Fancy.....	8 to 15	Pork, Mess, American.....	16 00 to 18 00
<b>HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.</b>		" American, clear.....	18 00 to 18 50
Apples, per bbl., Gravensteins.....	2 50 to 3 00	" P. E. I. Mess.....	16 00 to 16 50
No. 1 Fall.....	2 00	" P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	14 00 to 14 50
Oranges, Jamaica, Briss, New.....	8 00	" Prime Mess.....	11 50 to 12 50
Lemons, per case.....	9 00	Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island.....	12
Cocoanuts, new per 100.....	5 00	" American.....	10 to 11
Onions per lb.....	2 to 2½	Hams, P. E. I., green.....	9
per lb., Canadian.....	6 to 6½	Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are liable to change daily.	
Dates boxes, new.....	7 to 7½	<b>BUTTER AND CHEESE</b>	
Raisins, Valencia, new.....	7 to 7½	Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	25
Figs, Eleme, 5 lb boxes per lb., new.....	10 to 11	" " in Small Tubs.....	22 to 24
small boxes.....	9 to 10	" Good, in large tubs, new.....	18 to 20
Prunes Stewing, boxes.....	8	" Store Packed & over salted.....	14
Bananas.....	3 00 to 2 50	Canadian Township, new.....	20
<b>G. H. Harvey, 12 &amp; 10 Sackville St.</b>		" Western.....	18
<b>FISH.</b>		Cheese, Canadian.....	14
<b>Ex Vesse. Ex Store</b>		" Antigonish.....	11
<b>MACKEREL—</b>		<b>SALT.</b>	
Extras.....	00 00	Factory Filled.....	\$1.50
No. 1.....	00 00	Fine Liverpool, bag, from store.....	60
" 1 large.....	00 00	Liverpool, 7 bhd.,.....	1 00
" 2 large.....	00 00	Capiz.....	none
" 3 large, Reamed.....	7 00	Turks Island.....	none
" 3, Reamed.....	6 50	Lisbon.....	none
" 3 large, Plain.....	6 25	Coarse W. I.....	none
" 3 Plain.....	6 00	Trapan.....	1 00
Small.....	0 00	" Adonis.....	none
<b>HERRING.</b>		<b>33c</b>	
No. 1 C. B. July.....	4 75	<b>33c</b>	
" 1 Fall Split.....	3 25	<b>33c</b>	
" 1 Fall Round.....	2 50	<b>33c</b>	
" 1 Labrador.....	0 00	<b>33c</b>	
" 1 Georges Bay.....	1 50	<b>33c</b>	
" 1 Bay of Islands.....	0 00	<b>33c</b>	
Atlixes, No 1.....	4 25	<b>33c</b>	
<b>SALMON.</b>		<b>33c</b>	
No. 1, 7 bbl.....	00 00	<b>33c</b>	
No. 2, 7 bbl.....	00 00	<b>33c</b>	
" 3.....	00 00	<b>33c</b>	
Small.....	00 00	<b>33c</b>	
<b>CODFISH.</b>		<b>33c</b>	
Hard C. B.....	3 50	<b>33c</b>	
Western Shore.....	3 25	<b>33c</b>	
Bank.....	0 00	<b>33c</b>	
Bay.....	0 00	<b>33c</b>	
Newfoundland.....	0 00	<b>33c</b>	
Haddock.....	2 25	<b>33c</b>	
Bank & Western.....	0 00	<b>33c</b>	
Hake.....	1 50	<b>33c</b>	
Pollack.....	1 50	<b>33c</b>	
Hake Sound, per lb.....	12½	<b>33c</b>	
Con Oat per gal.....	49	<b>33c</b>	