

and a healthy and active trade has been done in it. Cable advices are of a satisfactory nature, compelling dealers on this side to decline to make the concessions that they would have been willing to make a few weeks ago. The whole trade is in a flourishing condition, and the most favorable anticipations that had been formed are fully sustained.

BREADSTUFFS.—The tone of the markets has considerably improved. Though prices here have not advanced, they are firm at quotations. In the grain centres of this continent, strong cables and increased buying have helped the market considerably in both wheat and corn. The coarser grains—rye, oats, etc.—are unchanged, but their turn will come if wheat continues firm or advances. Flour is nominally unchanged, and no very large amount of business has transpired. Probably most that has been done, has been at inside figures.

PROVISIONS.—In Chicago, Montreal, etc., provisions have been quiet, but firmer. In the local market considerable jobbing was transacted at steady prices.

LIVE STOCK.—Considerable numbers of small Antigonish neat cattle, and of Cape Breton sheep, have been brought here in the past week, and slaughtered, and the meat has been sold at auction. Owing to travelling by rail the animals looked, on arrival, rather dirty and jaded, but when dressed they turned out to be fat and in excellent condition. At auction this beef brought about 4 cents, and mutton 3 to 3½ cents per pound by the carcass. The regular market supplies have continued to be ample and of good quality. Hogs are beginning to come forward rather freely, and are generally fine, healthy animals. In our markets a decided preference is shown by both curers and consumers for young animals weighing from 150 lbs. downwards, and they bring the best prices.

EGGS.—The market has been quite active, and a good demand exists for export purposes.

BUTTER.—Without being active a fair amount of butter is moving. Exporters find fine goods above their views, and they are not, therefore, free buyers, but a good local trade is done, and the tone of the market has ruled steady.

CHEESE. has been tame and uninteresting. The actual business has been limited, and values may be regarded as more or less nominal. There is perhaps more enquiry for grades below the finest. It begins to look as if it is doubtful whether cheese will be a good property to hold in quantities much longer.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—The tone of the market here and elsewhere for refined sugars has been firmer, and the demand active and steady, while refiners show themselves free sellers. Yellows have obtained a full share of the demand. In New York, granulated has ruled firm and a shade higher. Molasses remains firm, but movements are moderate. For raws the market is dull and inactive. It is uncertain as yet how far the active enterprises of German, Belgian and French producers of beet sugars may lead them in competing with the cane sugars in our markets, but their attitude is threatening, and they may at any moment step in so forcibly as to dominate the market prices.

TEA.—Large quantities are in receipt via Port Moody and the I. C. R.—particularly from Yokohama, Japan—and are being distributed through Canada and the United States. The demand here is fair, and a considerable country demand keeps the trade far from the stagnating or even languishing point. Prices are firm and unchanged.

FRUIT.—Large shipments of winter apples and pears continue to be made from the various ports of this Province to England, where prices are firm at previous quotations, and the demand is brisk. A number of Upper Province speculators have recently entered the field in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick as buyers, and have secured thousands of barrels of apples at prices that are satisfactory to the raisers, and yet leave a handsome margin of profit to shippers. The Eastern States are also absorbing a good many apples. The local market has felt these influences, and prices are advancing. Those who bought three or four weeks ago have a decided advantage over parties who waited till the present moment to supply themselves. Dried fruits are quiet in this market, though elsewhere there is a marked upward tendency for figs and raisins. Currants are cabled from Patras as easier.

LUMBER.—The lumber trade wears an active aspect, and business has been good, both in the wholesale and the retail branches. Prices are unchanged, but much confidence in the future is evinced by dealers.

REAL ESTATE, as is usual at this season, is very quiet, and practically no transactions transpire. Holders are confident, and evince no anxiety to sell below upset figures.

FISH.—There has been quite a large arrival of dry fish, mackerel, and herring, in the market since our last issue, and all have been placed at satisfactory prices. We have been informed of mackerel being still on the coast, and not fishermen east are said to be doing very well. From all we can learn there are not so many mackerel taken out of Halifax harbor as reported. All of the mackerel now being caught east and west of Halifax are reported to be of good size, and very fat. The weather still continuing fine, we may expect that mackerel will be taken. We think that prices of really fat large mackerel will be sustained, unless there is a very large catch; but we think, at this late season of the year, there will not be such a quantity taken as will reduce the present price very much. Advices from Boston to 25th inst., are about as follows:—But few fresh mackerel have been brought in. Three small trips arrived from Barnstable Bay, and sold at \$3.00 per 100; and one trip of 60 bbls: small, and 35 bbls: tinkers sold at \$1.50 per 100. Trade for mackerel has been fair, but not as active as last week. Receipts have been quite liberal. The best qualities sell readily, while poor qualities hang. Prices vary widely as to quality and condition. Block Island bloaters \$38 to \$39; 1's \$24 to \$26; 2's \$15 to \$15.50; tinkers \$8.50; P. E. Island extra 1's \$25; 1's \$16 to \$18.50; 2's \$13.50 to \$14.50; some fancy lots have sold for more.

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 8½
Granulated.....	6½ to 6¾
Circle A.....	6 to 6¼
Extra C.....	5½ to 5¾
Yellow C.....	5¼ to 5½
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.	
Barbados.....	30 to 32
Demerara.....	30 to 35
Diamond M.....	42
Porto Rico.....	31
Tobacco—Black.....	37 to 46
" Bright.....	42 to 58
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread.....	2.60 to 2.90
Boston and Thin Family.....	5¼ to 6
Soda.....	5½ to 5¾
do. in 1 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.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	20 to 26
" " in Small Tubs.....	20 to 24
" Good, in large tubs.....	19 to 20
" Store Packed & oversalted.....	10 to 12
Canadian Creamery.....	24
" Township, finest.....	20 to 22
" " Finest Fancy pags.....	23
" " fine.....	17 to 18
" Morrisburg and Brockville.....	16 to 17
" Western.....	18 to 16
Cheese, N. S.....	12
" Canada.....	13

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

FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL.	
No. 1.....	12.50 to 13.50
" 2 large.....	7.50 to 8.50
" 2.....	6.50 to 7.00
" 3 large.....	5.75
" 3.....	5.50 to 5.75
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July..... 1886	4.75
No. 1, August.....	4.00 to 4.25
" September.....	3.50 to 3.75
Round Shore Herring.....	3.50 to 3.60
ALBACORE. Catch, 1886, per bbl	none
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore, 1886, per qt	2.65 to 2.75
Bank..... 1886	1.95 to 2.10
Bay.....	15.00
SALMON. No. 1.....	1.95 to 2.50
HADDOCK. 1886, per qt.....	1.50
HAKE.	none
GUSK.	none
POLLACK.	none
HAKE SOUNDS.	45 to 50c per lb.
COD OIL.	20 to 30

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

LOBSTERS.

Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing).	
Tall Cans.....	4.60 to 5.00
Flat ".....	6.00 to 6.50
Per case 4 doz. 1 lb cans,	

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LUMBER.

Pine, clear, No. 1, per m.....	25.00 to 26.00
" 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
Hardwood, merchantable.....	7.00
Shingles, No. 1, saved, pine.....	3.00 to 3.50
" No 2, do do.....	1.05 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 net 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.....	4.30
Superior Extra.....	3.85 to 3.90
Lower grades.....	3.10 to 3.50
Oatmeal Standard.....	4.15 to 4.30
" Granulated.....	4.30 to 4.40
Corn Meal—Halfax ground.....	2.75 to 2.80
" —Imported.....	2.75 to 2.80
Bran per ton—Wheat.....	15.50 to 16.50
" " —Corn.....	14.50 to 15.50
Shorts.....	17.50 to 18.50
Middlings.....	19.00 to 21.00
Cracked Corn.....	25.00 to 29.00
" Oats.....	25.00 to 30.00
" Barley.....	nominal
Feed Flour.....	3.10 to 3.25
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs.....	34 to 36
Barley " of 48 ".....	nominal
Pears " of 60 ".....	1.00 to 1.10
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.40 to 1.50
Pot Barley, per barrel.....	4.35 to 4.50
Corn " of 56 lbs.....	75 to 80
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.....	10.50 to 11.00
" Am. Plate.....	11.00 to 11.50
" " Ex. Plate.....	12.00 to 12.50
Pork, Mess, American.....	12.00 to 13.50
" " old.....	11.50 to 12.00
" American, clear.....	15.00 to 15.50
" P. E. I. Mess.....	none
" " old.....	12.50 to 12.75
" 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 13½
Hams, P. E. I.....	13 to 15c
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 wholesale house.

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound.....	15 to 20
" unwashed.....	12 to 15
Salted Hides, No 1.....	7½
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No 1.....	7½
" under 60 lbs., No 1.....	7
" over 60 lbs., No 2.....	6½
" under 60 lbs., No 2.....	6
Cow Hides, No 1.....	6½
No 3 Hides.....	5
Calif Skins.....	8 to 10
" Deacons, each.....	25 to 35
Wool Skins.....	25 to 30
Lambskins.....	25 to 50

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

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, (No. 1 Gravensteins) per bbl.....	2.25 to 2.50
" Other No. 1 Varieties.....	1.50 to 2.00
Oranges, per bbl, Jamaica (new).....	6.50 to 7.00
Lemons, per box, best quality.....	4.50 to 5.00
Lemons, per 100.....	5.00 to 5.50
Oranges, American, per lb.....	2½ to 3½
Foxberries, per bbl. new.....	3.50
Grapes, Almeria, kegs.....	5.50
Raisins, New Val.....	8

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 90
Chickens.....	40 to 60

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Steers, best quality, per 100 lbs. alive.....	4.00
Oxen.....	3.50
Fat Steers, Heifers light weights.....	3.00
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs.....	2.75 to 3.25
Lambs.....	2.25 to 3.50

These quotations are prepared by a reliable victualer.