

Petroleum.—Unchanged at 15c. to 17c. for refined. Crude at Petrolia, 45c. to 60c. per barrel, price of barrel additional.

Fruit.—There is an abundance of new fruit now in market of all the different leading varieties. New Valencias 9c to 10c; new layers, \$2 40 to \$2 50; London layers, \$4 25 to \$1 30. Stock of nuts full, and of very good quality. New filberts, walnuts and Brazil nuts sell at 8½c to 9½c; soft shell almonds, finest, 21c to 22c.

Fish.—In large stock and well assorted. Labrador herrings, \$5 to \$5 50 for split, and \$3 for round. Sea-water salmon, \$20 per bbl; mackerel, fresh in kits, \$1 75 to \$2; codfish, \$5 25 to \$5 50.

Imports.—The imports of the leading articles for the month of October were:—

	1866.	1867.
Sugar—refined, lbs.	5,552	84,546
white clayed, lbs.	198,671	454,345
yellow, lbs.	60,735	42,530
Molasses, gals.	7,091	161,315
Tea, lbs.	786	46,961
Coffee, green, lbs.	1,120	961
Confectionery, lbs.	12,968	3,360
Chicory, lbs.	630	1,000
Common soap, lbs.		5,125
Tobacco, Cavendish, lbs.		

Wines and Liquors.—Wines.—There are full stocks of new wines, which are selling at unchanged prices. Port, common to fine old, \$1 to \$4 per gal; sherry, common to medium, \$1 to \$1 80. old pale, \$2 50 to \$4.

Whiskey.—Prices were advanced last Friday 3c to 4c per gal. Stocks are very low and distillers have orders for some time ahead, so that it is difficult to get supplies. Common is now selling at 72c to 75c; old rye and malt, 95c to \$1 per gallon.

Brandy.—Unchanged; no change in other liquors.

Imports.—Imports of some of the leading articles for the month were:—

	1866.	1867.
Brandy, gals.	79	3,164
gin.	150	239
Rum.	262	1,060
Whiskey, "	2,390	3,054
Spirits, "		3,788
	2,881	10,684

Live Stock—Cattle.—During the week the market was lively, packers having operated more freely. Good heavy beef for packing sold at \$6 50 per hundred dressed weight; other qualities \$4 to \$5 50. The sale is reported of a large Durham steer, which took the first prize at Kingston, 4 years old, weighing upwards of 2,800 lb., at \$400. Mr. J. Britton purchased it from Mr. Gideon Hood, of Guelph, for the Christmas market. Prior to that time it will be shown in the city by Mr. Britton, with a number of other choice cattle purchased in various parts of Ontario.

Sheep and Lambs in good demand; sheep \$ to \$5 each. Lambs \$1 75 to \$3.

Hogs.—There are plenty offering, and the packing house of Wm. Davies & Co has taken large lots at \$4 to \$4 1-16 live weight; 300 sold yesterday at about these figures.

Produce.—There is no improvement in the feeling and the general tendency of prices is still downward. Flour is dull and nominal, at \$6 60 to \$6 70 for superfine. Wheat—Buyers of spring at \$1 40, holders ask \$1 45; a car choice golden drop, for seed, sold at equal to \$1 54 here; fall \$1 60 to \$1 65. Barley—Firm, 8 cars sold at 77c and 3,000 bush, at 76c f. o. b. at Hamilton. Dressed hogs—Market well supplied, selling at \$5 50 for good lots.

Stocks and Shipments of Grain and Flour.—The stocks of grain and flour in the city warehouses, on the 5th, were:—Flour 2,500 bbls; fall wheat 31,389 bush; spring wheat 63,292 bush; oats 5,473 bush; barley 92,132 bush; peas 24,735 bush. Shipments for the week—Flour 1,334 bbls; fall wheat 17,45 bush; spring wheat 26,075 bush; oats none; barley 91,722 bush; Peas 15,700 bush.

Monetary.—Money continues stringent, and banking affairs are in an unsettled state. Sterling exchange is firm at 10 prem. for 60 day bills, and 10½ to 11 for sight bills. Gold drafts on New York ½ per cent. prem. Silver 2½ to 3½ discount. Commercial Bank bills 60; Bank U. C. 64 to 66. Stocks dull.

Freights.—Plenty of lake vessels offering; barley to Oswego 2½c. to 3c.; flour to Montreal 30c.; grain 10c.

HALIFAX, October 30, 1867.—Our own Correspondent writes as follows:—Since our last report, a favourable change has taken place, and business is now quite lively; large amounts of produce arriving daily, and our wharves and streets have an animated appearance, but the amount of business to be done will be less than usual. The foreign importations have been less, and the purchases of small supplies by country traders is limited; every body seems

disposed to shorten sail, and our merchants, who at all times are cautious and not at all speculative, are now particularly careful, and an enterprise must be a good one that would tempt them out of the strict line. We don't think that Canadians understand or appreciate either the business or business character of Nova Scotia or Nova Scotians. It is to be hoped that more frequent communication and intercourse will prove mutually advantageous.

Breadstuffs.—There has been a large arrival, principally from Canada, and prices remain firm, with a shade of advance since our last. Canada extra is held at \$9.75; No. 1 \$9. Rye is in fair request at \$6.25. Corn meal, American, \$5.25, and Halifax \$4.75. These rates, from present appearances, will be fully sustained.

Fish.—There is a very much increased activity since our last, with a slight advance in cod, which is in good demand. Large \$3.90 to \$4; small hard cured \$3.10 to \$3.25. Labrador have sold as high as \$3.40. Haddock quick of sale at \$2 to \$2.25. Mackerel arrives firm, and shore catch a perfect failure, and strange to say, there has been a decline; No. 1 have sold at \$8.50; No. 2 large \$7.50 at \$7.75; No. 3 \$6. Herring have steadily advanced; we quote Labrador \$4.50 to \$4.75; shore split \$4 to \$4.25; round \$3; Bay of Islands \$3 to \$3.50. Salmon have advanced, and sales have been made at \$15.50 for No. 1, \$13 for No. 2, and \$11 for No. 3. This is an advance of 3¢ per bbl. on No. 1 from first sales.

Fruit.—The cargoes have arrived, which fully supply the market. Layer raisins sold at \$2.22 to \$2.25, half boxes \$1.15 to \$1.17½.

Oils.—Cod in good demand at an advance from our former quotations. We quote now, Labrador 53 cts., with upward tendency; Shore 46 to 48 cts.; Kerosene unchanged.

Produce.—Arriving freely and prices declining: Oats, P. E. I., 47 to 50 cts; Potatoes from 42 to 55 cts; Butter, choice, 18 to 20 cts., fair article from 13 to 17 cts.

Provisions.—Pork, Mess, in fair demand at \$21 to \$22 for P. E. I., and New York City Inspection Beef, in good demand; Prime and Prime Mess at \$15 to \$18, and Mess \$14 to \$16.

West India Produce.—Molasses in fair enquiry at former quotations, viz., 32 cts. for Cienfuegos, and 30 cts. for good British Islands. Sugars are quiet at former quotations. Rum, Demarara, 47 cts., St. Jago 44 to 45 cts.

Monetary.—Money is easier, and that is the only change to note, we have no street rate, and interest always remains the same, viz., 6 per cent., a state of things which you can hardly realize, but with a long business acquaintance in Halifax, and with as much knowledge of its people, I do not know where a party could go outside the banks to get a note discounted, and if he offered more than six per cent. I doubt if it would increase his chances of success.

Exchange.—Sterling Bills on London 60 days, 13 per cent. premium; U. S. currency 28 to 29 per cent. discount; Gold drafts in Canada and 20's 3½ per cent. premium on N. B. 3 per cent.

THE DANGER OF KEROSENE.—The unskillful use of this oil as an illuminator, will never be corrected nor accidents arrested until every vessel in which it is sold is compelled to be labelled by the vender, with directions for use and the conditions under which it is possible to explode. This ought to be held as indispensable as to have the word "poison" affixed by the chemist to all deadly drugs. The one is as frequently fatal to life as the other, and the kerosene is often destructive to premises as well as persons. The other day an accident occurred at Trenton, N. J., which proceeded from a motive of economy. A family who left their home for a few hours in the evening, being desirous of retaining their light, "turned down" the wick of the kerosene lamp so low that the flame and the consumption of oil were much diminished, and upon their return found that the lamp had exploded, and that the carpet and floor of the room were in flames, which, however, they were fortunately able to extinguish. It is a perilous habit to thus reduce the volume of a flame, for if turned too low it may descend into the body of the lamp or emit a

spark that drops there and ignites the oil. It is better to consume a little additional oil than thus invite disaster.—*N. Y. Insurance Journal.*

Marine.

NEW SCHOONER.—A few days ago a new schooner named the *Mary Everett*, built this season, was launched at Shannonville. She is rated at 243 tons, and will carry 11,000 bushels of grain, or 200,000 feet of lumber. In length she is 112 feet over all, in beam 26 feet, and 7 feet 10 inches in the hold. Her cost was \$11,000.

Mr. W. J. Knox has applied for a charter in order to carry out a portion of the scheme to utilize the water power of the Lachine rapids, which comprises the erection of a jetty at the mouth of the present aqueduct, and a canal from that point on the river to Mr. Knox's property opposite the islets between *Isle au Heron* and *Isle au Diable*, a distance of about 1200 yards, passing through the properties owned by Messrs. Dumberry, Lafond, McDonald and Knox. The canal at this point would be 14 feet above the level of the St. Lawrence. Mr. Knox's application will probably be opposed by the projectors of the St. Louis Hydraulic Company, as it would undoubtedly interfere, if granted, with their larger and more comprehensive plan to bring the water from the rapids directly into the harbor at Windmill Point, in connection with a series of docks.

PURCHASE OF STEAMERS.—The steamer *Corinthian* has been bought by the Inland Navigation Company for the line to Hamilton. The Union for the Lower St. Lawrence is to run with the *Magnet*. The American steamers *Cataraqt*, *Lord Elgin*, *Bay State* and *Ontario* have also been purchased and will be continued on the old route. Several magnificent vessels after the style of the Quebec are to be built by 1869 for the Upper Lakes.

THE ST. CLAIR FLATS CANAL.—The work on the St. Clair Flats Canal commenced on Tuesday last, the contract price for the work complete being \$396,000. Since the contract was awarded the route of the proposed canal has been surveyed and staked out. The length of the canal will be 8,200 feet, the width of the channel 300 feet, and its depth 14 feet. It will begin at the point where the river makes a tortuous bend, about two and a half or three miles from its mouth, and be cut through the flats in a straight line to Lake St. Clair, forming with the river a straight channel of four or five miles in length, and cutting off a distance of a little more than a mile. The embankments are to be fifty-eight feet wide on each side of the canal, and five feet above the water at high water mark. The work will be completed in about two years.

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