

secure. The export apple trade has met with a succession of disasters from the commencement of the season, and according to advices by last English mail, the windup shows no improvement, as the Liverpool market was thrown into quite a panic during the week ending March 23rd, owing to the continued heavy arrivals of waxy and frosted fruit. Such was the almost unprecedented depression at the close of the week referred to, that it was impossible to sell apples at any price. The arrivals were 20,000 bbls., about double the quantity needed, and many consignments brought only sufficient to cover freight and charges, whilst on some lots there were reclamations. The exports from Atlantic ports to date are in round figures about 1,370,000 bbls, against about 600,000 bbls. for the corresponding period last year, showing the large increase of 770,000 bbls. The chief cause of the heavy losses that have been sustained by dealers and shippers on this continent, was undoubtedly the unprecedentedly severe frost that set in early in November, which caught the fruit in transit all over the country without heating apparatus in cars, and piled up at country railway stations unprotected. The result was that the great bulk of the fruit going into store and moving to the seaboard for shipment was frozen.

SUGAR.—Since our last report the sugar market has been excited and strong, owing to the continued strong advices from abroad on raw sugar and the steady advances in prices thereof. The demand has been brisk and the bulk of the offerings has been taken at an advance of $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 3-16c. over the prices of last week. The Havana Weekly Report has the following important report upon the Cuban sugar crop: "It is now certain that the decrease in this year's crop as compared with the previous one, will be more considerable than calculated at first, the only localities where the production will be more or less equal to the previous one being those of Cienfuegos, Guantánamo and Manzanillo, owing to the large extension given to cane planting last year in the southern part of the island. Taking into consideration all circumstances, the 'Revista de Agricultura' estimates that the total decrease, in relation to the quantity of cane sown last year, will amount to fully 40 per cent, whilst the production, compared to last year's, will be shorter by 33 per cent., or in other words, the crop will not go over 425,000 to 450,000 tons this year. At Sagua an estate which made last year 300 hhd. muscovadoes has terminated this year's crop with only 75; and the total decrease in that locality is estimated at over 50 per cent. The decrease at Matanzas is also considerable, and several estates in that jurisdiction have concluded grinding with a deficit that varies between 25 and 40 per cent. It is anticipated that by the end of the month the crop will be thoroughly concluded in said locality. As a proof of the smallness of this year's crop and the poor yields of the cane, we may state that all the warehouses at Havana and along the coast are almost empty, and exports are much smaller than last year at same date, despite the advanced period of the season, and a large number of plantations having already terminated grinding."

MOLASSES.—Owing to strong advices from the islands, Barbadoes molasses has ruled more active and is strong at a considerable advance in prices.

TEA AND COFFEE.—In teas a fair amount of business has been transacted, there being a good demand for small lots, and the market has ruled fairly active. New York advices continue strong. In consequence the local market has a strong tone, though quotations have not changed. There has been a fair enquiry for coffee, and some small lots have changed hands at steady prices.

FISH OILS.—In Montreal, Newfoundland cod oil is firm at 40c. to 42 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. as to quantity, and Halifax at 37c to 38c. Steam refined seal oil is steady at 48c. to 50c. as to quantity. Cod liver oil, 60c. to 65c. for Newfoundland and \$1.10 to \$1.15 for Norway.

FISH.—Little or nothing worthy of note has occurred in the fish situation since our last report. Receipts of old fish are small and straggling, and the weather is too boisterous to permit of new being taken. Fresh herring bait is reported to have "struck in" along the eastern shore, but it is not specially wanted at present. There can be no doubt that the past winter has entailed very heavy losses on holders of fish in this Province, as they have been forced, through the absence of demand, to carry stocks through the season on which they cannot to-day realize first cost, to say nothing of interest, insurance, handling and other incidental expenses. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, April 9.—"There has been no new features in the fish market, business having continued quiet, as the bulk of buyers have filled their wants for the season, and the market has ruled quiet, with business dull. The bulk of the stock of most kinds of fish have been bought up, and the offerings are now light. Labrador herrings are in fair supply, and offerings have been made at \$4.50 without meeting with buyers. The indications are that if any reasonable bid was made holders would accept it, as they are anxious sellers. All new green cod are well cleaned up, and only a few small lots of old repacked are now offering at low prices." Gloucester, Mass., April 9.—"We quote new Georges codfish at \$4.62 $\frac{1}{2}$ to \$4.75 per qtl. for large, and small at \$3.50 to \$3.75. Bank, \$3.25 to \$3.37 $\frac{1}{2}$ for large and \$3 for small; Shore, \$4.25 and \$3.75 for large and small; Dry Bank, \$4 and \$3.50; Newfoundland codfish, \$6 to \$6.25; Flemish Cap, \$4.25; Nova Scotia dry cured, \$5; do. pickle cured, \$4.50; cured cusk at \$3 per qtl.; hake, \$2.50; haddock, \$2.87 $\frac{1}{2}$; heavy salted pollock, \$2.50, and English-cured do., \$3.25 per qtl.; Labrador herring, \$6 per bbl.; medium split, \$6; Newfoundland do., \$5; Nova Scotia do., \$6; Eastport, \$3; split Shore, \$4.75; pickled codfish, \$7; haddock, \$6; halibut heads, \$3.50; sounds, \$12; tongues and sounds, \$10; tongues, \$8; alewives, \$5; trout, \$15; California salmon, \$14; Halifax do., \$25; Newfoundland do., \$25; clam bait, \$7; slivers, \$6; halibut fins, \$14; shad, \$12; swordfish, \$14. Extra Shore mackerel are quoted at \$30 to \$35 per bbl. in jobbing lots; No. 1's, \$28 and \$30, No. 2's, \$22 and \$23; No. 3's, \$19 to \$21; Bay 1's, \$25 to \$26; Block Island 1's, \$28 to \$29; Mess do., \$32; best fish, \$22 to \$23; poor do., \$14 to \$16."

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.

SUGARS.	
Cut Leaf	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9
Granulated	8 to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Circle A	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
White Extra C	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Extra Yellow C	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$
Yellow C	6 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
TEA.	
Congou, Common	17 to 19
" Fair	20 to 23
" Good	2 to 29
" Choice	31 to 33
" Extra Choice	35 to 36
Oolong, Choice	37 to 39
MOLASSES.	
Barbadoes	35
Demerara	36 to 38
Diamond N.	45
Porto Rico	36 to 39
Cienfuegos	32
Trinidad	33 to 34
Antigua	34 to 35
Tobacco, Black	38 to 44
" Bright	42 to 58
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread	3.25
Boston and Thin Family	7
Soda	7
do. in lib. boxes, 50 to case	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
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	11.50 to 12.00
" Am. Plate	12.00 to 12.25
" Ex. Plate	13.00 to 13.50
Pork, Mess, American	17.50
" American, clear	19.00
" P. E. I. Mess	17.00 to 17.50
" P. E. I. Thin Mess	15.50 to 16.00
" Prime Mess	14.00 to 14.50
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island	13 to 14
" American	12 to 13
" Cases	13.50 to 14.00
Hams, P. E. I., green	8 to 9
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	20.00
No. 1	19.00
" 2 large	18.00
" 2	17.00
" 3 large	16.00
" 3	15.00
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July	4.00 to 4.50
No. 1, August, Round	3.50 to 3.75
" September	3.50 to 3.75
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bbl	4.00 to 4.50
Bay of Islands, Split	3.00 to 3.25
" Round	2.00 to 2.25
ALBIES, per bbl.	5.00
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore	4.00 to 4.25
Bank	2.50 to 2.75
Bay	2.50 to 2.75
SALMON, No. 1	16.50 to 18.00
HADDOCK, per qtl.	2.75 to 3.00
HAKE	2.20 to 2.25
CUSK	2.00 to 2.25
POLLOCK	2.00 to 2.25
HACK SOUNDS, per lb.	30
COD OIL A	26 to 30

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

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound	15 to 22
" unwashed	12 to 16
Salted Hides, No. 1	5
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No. 1	5$\frac{1}{2}$
" under 60 lbs., No. 1	5
" over 60 lbs., No. 2	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
" under 60 lbs., No. 2	4
Cow Hides, No. 1	5
No. 3 Hides, each	3
Calf Skins	25
" Deacons, each	25
Lambskins	25 to 1.00
Tallow	8

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

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints	30
" in Small Tubs	25
" Good, in large tubs	22 to 24
" Store Packed & oversalted	14
Canadian Township	22 to 27
" Western	17 to 20
Cheese, Canadian	10$\frac{1}{2}$

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

BREADSTUFFS.

Since our last issue New York and Chicago have more nearly evened up, Chicago having been subjected to a very heavy liquidation in prices. April wheat is quoted at 87c. in New York, 91 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. in Chicago. Corn 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. in New York, 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. in Chicago. Oats 31c. in New York, and 25c in Chicago. The tendency of markets everywhere during the past week has been easier. In Halifax the trade have been so anxious to sell that they actually discounted the lowest prices of the millers, so that flour could be bought in Halifax for less than it could be brought forward for.

In oatmeal, cornmeal, mill feeds, oats, etc., the whole tone is quiet and rather easier than otherwise.

FLOUR.

Graham Flour	5.50 to 5.75
Patent high grades	5.80 to 6.00
90 per cent. Patents	5.50 to 5.75
Superior Extra	5.40 to 5.55
Extras from Patents	4.75 to 5.00
Low grades in sacks	3.50 to 3.60
" " barrels	3.55 to 3.60
Oatmeal, Standard	4.30 to 4.40
" Granulated	4.50 to 4.75
" Rolled	4.40 to 4.60
Corn Meal—kiln dried	2.70 to 2.75
Brans, per ton	18.50 to 20.00
Shorts	19.00 to 20.00
Middlings	21.00 to 22.00
Mill or Mixed Feed, per ton	26 to 29.00
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs.	41 to 42
Barley " of 48 "	nominal
Peas " of 60 "	1.00 to 1.10
White Beans, per bushel	1.70 to 1.80
Pot. Barley, per barrel	5.25
Hay per ton	13.00 to 13.50
Straw	10.00 to 11.00

J. A. CHIPMAN & Co., Head of Central Wharf, Halifax, N. S.

LOBSTERS.

Per case 4 doz. 1 lb cans.	
Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing) 5.25 to 5.50	
Tall Cans	4.80 to 5.00
Flat	6.20 to 6.40
Newfoundland Flat Cans	6.35 to 6.50

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer.

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, No. 1, per bbl.	1.50 to 2.75
Oranges, per bbl. Jamaica (new) ..	6.75 to 7.00
Valencia Oranges, per case	5.50 to 6.00
Lemons, per case	4.00 to 4.25
Cocoanuts, per 100	3.50 to 4.00
Onions	1$\frac{1}{2}$ to 2
" American Silver Skin	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9
Dates, boxes, new	6$\frac{1}{2}$ to 7
Raisins, Valencia, new	12
Figs, Elmer, 5 lb boxes per lb	13
" small boxes	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6
Prunes, Stewing, boxes and bags, new ..	1.75 to 2.50
Bananas, per bunch	3.00 to 3.50
Foxberries	3.00 to 3.50

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

POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound	15 to 16
Geese, each	50 to 72
Ducks, per pair	70 to 80
Chickens,	40 to 55

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Steers best quality, per 100 lbs. alive ..	4.25 to 4.50
Oxen	3.50 to 4.00
Fat Steers, Heifers, light weights	3.00 to 3.50
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs	4.00 to 4.50
Lambs,	4.00 to 5.00

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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 10.00
Spruce, dimension, good, per m	9.50 to 10.00
" Merchantable, do do	8.00 to 9.00
" Small, do do	6.50 to 7.00
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
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