

January 1st, 1887." This state of matters—which promises to continue—should afford the Londonderry Steel and Iron Works the chance, which they have long wanted, to get firmly on their legs.

BREADSTUFFS.—Flour has advanced a little in England, but the utmost efforts of the bulls on this side of the water have been unavailing to toss wheat or flour up. The growing visible supply—already so enormous—keeps prices steady in spite of the large drain on American supplies by Europe, caused by short products there.

HOG PRODUCTS.—There has been an advance in the price of pork both in England and in Chicago during the past fortnight, but no excitement is manifested. The prices are about 20 to 25 cents per 100 lbs. higher in the great centres than they were last year. This locality has not been influenced by the movement, and local raisers complain that they cannot obtain within fully one cent per pound of the figures realized last season.

BUTTER.—Best qualities continue to be in active demand and to command full prices. In Liverpool stocks are reported to be small and enquiry active. Holders of finest creamery and U. S. and Canadian extra have been able to obtain full prices, and the transactions have been larger than usual.

CHEESE.—This article appears to be at a standstill. In England transactions have been chiefly in August makes. Holders of finest September are very firm, and in many cases refuse to offer at present, as American advices are strong, and, being considerably above prices quoted in Liverpool, they are confident of forcing the market up.

LIVE STOCK.—The supply during the past week has been rather light and the quality hardly up to the mark. It is said in explanation that country holders of fine large cattle have decided that it is best to hold off for a few weeks before bringing their beasts down for sale and slaughter.

FRUIT.—The shipment of apples has somewhat fallen off, although the reserve still held back is reported to be quite large. Choice winter varieties are selling well in England at an advance. Newton Pippins are said to be scarce, and late advices state that a few choice selected brought 50s. per barrel. Winter varieties of Canadian and United States apples are quoted at 27s. per bbl. We note that Canada apples this year are preferred to those from New York State as being larger, firmer, and better in every respect, as well as being carefully packed and honestly culled.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—Business in both these articles is very quiet. Large stocks are held in this city, for which the demand appears to be inadequate to the supply. Still, as not much more is likely to come to hand for a few months, the refineries may be able gradually through the winter to absorb what is now held. We do not anticipate any serious losses on the part of our importers on this score.

TEA AND COFFEE.—There is a moderate, though quiet demand, and prices are firm. The Trans-Caspian Provinces of Russia are going into the business of raising tea, and threaten to do so on a large scale. If they produce a really good article—and there seems no reason to doubt that they will—they will further aid to prevent any marked advance in prices for many future years.

LUMBER. is quiet. There is comparatively little demand at this season of the year, and business in this line is necessarily in consequence dull and uninteresting. The continued absence of snow is much deplored by lumbermen, who have not been able, as a rule, to do efficient work in the woods, and they fear that what remains of the season will be too short for them to carry out their plans this year.

BUILDING.—On the other hand, the open winter, so far, has enabled builders to continue to push their work on steadily, and many contractors now hope to finish their jobs ahead of the time agreed upon. The Church of England has decided to build a large Cathedral on the lot belonging to it at the head of Spring Garden Road and corner of Robie street and Coburg Road. It is not, however, probable that operations will be commenced before next spring at the soonest.

FISH.—The fish market remains in about the same position as reported in our last issue. The only fish that have since come to market are hank codfish, some of which have been sold, while some yet remain on the market. In the absence of arrivals of pickled fish and hard Shore codfish, it is very hard to give a quotation; for the former there are but few buyers, and much lower prices than were paid ten or fifteen days ago would have to be accepted to make sales. The latter, if a very good article, will command quick sales at full price. We find the improvement in the Cuban market is somewhat off, owing to large receipts in that market. Quotations are lower than a short time ago. Fish have sold in the Porto Rico market at an advance. Advices to 24th Dec. reports as follows.—At Arecibo, the following sales were made:—Codfish \$1.50; haddock \$3.50; mackerel \$7.00; split herring \$4.00; round herring \$3.50. At Mayaguez \$4.75 for codfish was paid, and it was expected that if any further arrivals took place immediately that prices would be lower. The consumption of fish in Porto Rico is not as active as formerly, causing rapid fluctuations. Formerly, if two or more arrivals of fish reached any of the markets in Porto Rico the sales were not effected; but at present, if two or more arrive together prices would go down immediately, thus showing the necessity of keeping the shipments as far apart as possible.

Grinding has already commenced at some of the ports, but nothing has yet been said as to prices of new crop; and as soon as grinding becomes general, it is possible there may be more demand for fish, and that sales will be better.

We know of no change in any of the other West Indian or in the United States markets.

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.....	4 to 8 1/2
Granulated.....	6 to 8 1/2
Circ's A.....	5 to 6 1/2
Extra Yellow C.....	5 1/2 to 6 1/2
Yellow C.....	1 1/2 to 5
Tea.	
Coucou, 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.	
Barbadoes.....	2 to 30
Demerara.....	30 to 37
Diamond N.....	39
Porto Rico.....	31
Tobacco—Black.....	37 to 40
" Bright.....	42 to 58
Biscuits.	
Pilot Bread.....	2.60 to 2.90
Boston and Thin Family.....	5 1/2 to 6
Soda.....	5 1/2 to 5 3/4
do. in 1 lb. boxes, 50 to case.....	7 1/2
Fancy.....	3 to 15

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

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nov. Scotia Choice 1 fresh Primp.....	20 to 25
" " in Small Tubs.....	20 to 25
" Good, in large tubs.....	19 to 20
" Store Packed & overhauled.....	10 to 12
Canadian Creamery.....	24
" Township, Fancy.....	22 to 23
" " Finest.....	20 to 22
" " Fine.....	18 to 20
" " Mounts and Brooklyn.....	17 to 19
" Western.....	13 to 16
Cheese, N. S.....	12
" Canada.....	14

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

FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL.	
Extra.....	15.25
No. 1.....	12.25
" 2 large.....	8.50
" 3 large.....	7.50 to 8.00
" 4 large.....	6.00
" 5 large.....	5.50 to 5.75
Humming, No arrivals. No sales.	Nominal.
No. 1 Shore, July, very scarce	5.00
No. 1, August.....	none
" September.....	none
Round Shore.....	3.75
Labrador, in cargo lots, per lb	none
Bay of Islands.....	3.75 to 4.00
ALWIGS, per bbl.....	none
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore.....	3.00
Bank.....	2.10
Bay.....	none
SALMON, No. 1.....	16.00
HADDOCK, per lb.....	2.00 to 2.25
HAKE.....	2.10
CISK.....	none
POLLACK.....	none
HARK SQUID.....	15 to 50c per lb.
Cow Chin A.....	20 to 25

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

LOBSTERS.

Nov. Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing).	
Flat Cans.....	4.60 to 5.60
Flat.....	6.00 to 6.50
Per case 4 doz. 1 lb cans,	

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer.

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 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 7.00
Hemlock, merchantable.....	7.00
Shingles, No 1, sawed, pluc.....	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.

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.....	1.10 to 4.30
Patent high grades.....	1.65 to 3.50
" mediums.....	4.50 to 4.50
Superior Extra.....	3.25 to 4.10
Lower grades.....	3.30 to 3.40
Oatmeal, Standard.....	1.20 to 4.25
" Granulated.....	1.30 to 4.40
Corn Meal—Halifax ground.....	2.65 to 2.75
" Imported.....	2.85 to 3.00
Wheat—Wheat.....	17.50 to 18.50
" Corn.....	16.00
Shorts.....	10.00 to 19.00
Midlings.....	20.00 to 22.00
Cracked Corn.....	26.00 to 29.00
" Oats.....	25.00 to 30.00
" Barley.....	nominal
Feed Flour.....	3.40 to 3.60
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs.....	31 to 75
Barley " of 48.....	35 to 60
" " of 60.....	1.70 to 1.10
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.50 to 1.60
" " per barrel.....	1.85 to 4.00
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.....	11.00 to 11.50
" Am. Plate.....	11.50 to 12.00
" " Ex. Plate.....	12.50 to 13.00
Pork, Mess. American.....	14.50 to 15.00
" " ".....	12.50 to 14.00
" American, clear.....	13.00 to 15.50
" P. E. 1 Mess.....	14.00 to 14.50
" " ".....	13.50 to 14.00
" P. E. 1 Thin Mess.....	12.00 to 12.50
" Prime Mess.....	10.00 to 10.50
Lard, Tubs and Pails.....	11 to 12
" Cates.....	12.50 to 13.00
Hams, P. E. 1.....	none
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef \$2.50 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.....	7 1/2
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No 1.....	7 1/2
" under 60 lbs., No 1.....	6 1/2
" over 60 lbs., No 2.....	6 1/2
" under 60 lbs., No 2.....	6 1/2
Cow Hides, No 1.....	6 1/2
No 3 Hides.....	6 1/2
Calf Skins.....	8 to 10
" Deacons, each.....	25 to 35
Lambskins.....	25 to 75

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

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, (No. 1) Greenstein.....	per bbl. 2.50 to 3.50
" Other No. 1 varieties.....	1.75 to 2.50
Oranges, per bbl. Jamaica (new).....	none
" Valencia.....	8.00 to 8.25
Lemons, per box.....	3.50 to 3.75
Cocoanuts, per 100.....	5.00 to 5.50
Onions American, per lb.....	2.10 to 2.25
Potatoes, per bbl. new.....	3.50 to 4.00
Grapes, Almeria, legs.....	6.00
Raisins, New Val.....	6 to 7
Figs, Elemen, small boxes.....	12 to 17
Prunes, Sic ring, per lb.....	6 1/2
Dates, boxes, new.....	7 1/2

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

POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound.....	11 to 20
Geese, each.....	10 to 25
Ducks, per pair.....	60 to 70
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.....	3.00
Fat Steers, Hefers light weights.....	3.75
Weethers, best quality, per 100 lbs.....	2.75 to 3.20
Lambs.....	2.25 to 3.50

These quotations are prepared by a reliable victualer.