

market at about present figures. A London correspondent writes:—"The present wintry weather shows no signs of abatement, and if it should continue as it now is, the present hardening tendency must result in a further appreciation before long. As it is butter is the firmest market, Friesland is up to 130s. and American, a very short supply, 70s. to 80s., with some New Zealand still on hand at 108s. to 116s. The trade journals here are beginning to cavil at the butter exports from Australia, which are said to be fostered under a bounty, and the *Gracer* to day calls attention to the pernicious system of forcing output, the Melbourne *Age*, however, is satisfied with the dimensions the trade is beginning to assume, and congratulates the country on the development of an undertaking which can be made remunerative without the aid of a State bonus. The output of the colony is about a thousand tons annually. Last year 400 tons were exported, and this year there is a large surplus owing to increase in the creameries. What do Dominion producers say to this? Will they endeavor energetically to so perfect their butter as to enable it to compete, as it well can in price, and should in quality with the Victorian product?"

**CHEESE.**—The market shows but little change. In fact the conditions just now do not permit of much business. It is time that shippers were nibbling around for what they can pick up, but they seem inclined only to talk business on something a little under finest and, as has been already stated, the market has been pretty well cleared of such grades. There are none such offering and it is quite likely also that, if an order came for something very fine, it would be very hard to get here, as the market is situated at present, unless some long figure was mentioned. Cheese from the States and Canada is in short supply in London, and it looks as if they were not to have much more from this side. What there is remains pretty much as before—50s to 51s., lower grades being seized at from 42s. to 44s.

**APPLES.**—Really choice apples are scarce here and hard to obtain. In consequence prices are high and firmly held. A London writer says:—"The severe weather has caused rather higher prices to rule for fruit, but the Canadian apples I spoke of last week were put too late on the market to do much good for the Christmas trade, and prices, ruled at 18s to 20s per barrel American and Canadian Baldwin, 18s to 20s for russets, and 30s to 60s for Newtown pippins."

**DRIED FRUIT.**—Though no actual change to the market can be mentioned the characterizing feeling is one of more confidence. Still it must be admitted that holders have all along denied any feeling of anxiety. No appreciable change can be said to have occurred in the position, business having been quiet recently, but it now seems firmer if anything. The weakness that affected New York recently has entirely worn away as the monetary stringency of that centre, which was the chief cause of weakness, has been in a great measure overcome; hence large holders and importers no longer find it necessary to sacrifice their goods. Consequently the uncertain feeling which this cause creates on our own market has been removed. As to actual business in raisins or currants there is little of it in a wholesale sense.

**SUGAR.**—There has been a little more enquiry for sugar during the past week. Travellers for most houses have only just started out after the holidays, and refiners are expecting a more decided enquiry very soon. The market is considerably firmer in New York, where an advance in both granulated and yellows is noted, but no change in prices has as yet occurred here. It can hardly be expected, however, that the present low prices will last long, as refiners claim that they are too low for profit, and an improvement in the demand will no doubt mean an advance in prices.

**MOLASSES.**—There is no particular change in molasses, nor is any expected before the resumption of demand sets in, which will be next month, when a good volume of business is expected. New crop sugar and molasses should begin to arrive in about four to six weeks from the West Indies. The most reliable advices favor the probability of a very large production this year.

**TEA.**—Although scarcely any business is reported between jobbing houses, a fair jobbing trade is in progress. Black teas have been in better demand during the past week, there being more enquiry than for some time past. All good choice Japans, it is claimed, will be wanted before long, as they are said to be getting scarce. The English market continues very firm.

**COFFEE.**—It is very hard to find anything to say about coffee at present. The market of Rio's is nominally steady. Javas are firm. Maccabibo are very scarce. Statistics of total stocks at Rio 170,000 bags, against 181,000 bags at the same time a year ago; total visible supply 417,729 bags, same time last year 423,034 bags. Total receipts on crops up to January 1st were 1,392,000 bags; same date last year 1,146,000 bags.

**FISH OILS.**—Our advices are as follows:—Montreal, January 14.—"The supplies of cod oil are ample and the quality excellent and it is expected they will all be wanted before the spring. Some holders refuse to sell under 38c for Newfoundland, although one round lot has been offered at 35c. Steam refined seal oil is steady at 51c to 52c as to quality, though one lot was sold at 50c. In cod liver oil the market has been cleared of Newfoundland at 45c to 50c for machinery purposes and tanning fine leather. Norway cod liver oil is steady at 80c to 85c." Gloucester, Mass., January 14.—"Cod oil 27c to 30c; medicine oil 60c; black fish oil 55c, menhadon oil 23c; livers 30c per bucket."

**FISH.**—Everything in the line of dry and pickled fish has remained quiet with a very dull market. There is a good demand for mackerel at our quotations, but as none are obtainable, prices must be regarded as merely nominal. The long-shore fishermen are doing nothing owing to continued rough weather, which keeps the fish away in deep water, and nearly all the fleet is in, and will remain at port till some improvement occurs. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, January 14.—"Business in this branch remains dormant aside from some odd jobbing movement, which is unimportant. The firm tone is maintained, however, and some accession in

point of activity is anticipated after the 17th of the month. In the meantime we have nothing to note one way or the other. In Labrador herring the demand at the moment is rather slow, and a few sales are reported at \$5 to \$5.25 per bbl., shore herring selling at \$4.75. Cape Breton are steady at \$5.25 to \$5.40 per bbl. A Lenten enquiry has been experienced for green cod, which is quoted at \$5 to \$5.25, and large at \$5.50 to \$5.75. Dry cod is quiet at \$5 to \$5.25 per quintal. Sea trout is steady at \$8 to \$8.50 per bbl. Newfoundland salmon \$18 to \$20 per tierce, and \$12 to \$13 per bbl. Tommy cods are steady at \$1.10 to \$1.50 per bbl. as to quantity, and frozen herring \$1.60 to \$1.65 per 100. Frozen haddock and cod is quoted at 3½c. to 1c per lb. Yarmouth bladders at \$1.25 per 100. Boneless cod 7c. to 8c. per lb.; boneless fish 4½c. to 6c. Finnan haddies steady at 7½c." Gloucester, Mass., January 14.—"New Georges codfish \$5.87 to \$6 a qtl. for large, and small at \$5; Bank \$5 for large and \$1.50 for small; Shore \$5.50 and \$1.50 for large and small. Flemish Cap \$5.50. Dry Bank \$5.75, medium \$5. French codfish \$6 per qtl. Phillips Beach codfish \$7 per qtl. Cur-d cask at \$1 per qtl., hake \$2.25, haddock \$3; heavy salted pollock \$2.25, and English-cured do. \$2.75 per qtl. Labrador herring \$6 bbl; medium split \$5, Newfoundland do. \$5.50; Nova Scotia do. \$5.50; Eastport \$4; split Shore \$4.25; round do. \$3.50, round Eastport \$3.25, pickled codfish \$7, haddock \$6; halibut heads \$3; sounds \$12; tongues and sounds \$11; tongues \$10; alewives \$3.50, trout \$14; California salmon \$15; Halifax do. \$23, Newfoundland do. \$16." Georgetown, Demerara, December 3.—"The market is quiet. Halifax codfish \$26; Newfoundland do. \$24 to 25 for large, \$22 to 23 for medium; \$20 for small, Yarmouth do. \$26; bxs. do. \$5.50 to 3.25, according to quality. New haddock \$17. Hake \$16. Sales of old at auction \$12 to 13. Herring \$4 to 4.50 for split. Round do. at auction \$1 to 2.50. Smoked herring at 7c. to 8c per box." Havana, January 14 (by cable via New York).—"Codfish \$6, haddock \$5.75, hake \$5.75." Barbados, Dec. 27, 1890.—"The *Gratia* is the last arrival from St. John's, Newfoundland, with 700 casks or thereabouts. Lating rates of large at \$22 to 23; medium at \$20; Labrador at \$16.37 to 17. Gaspe ex *Avenger* from Pasp. biac (C. R. C. brand) Medium, 183 casks at \$18.75, 1010 tubs at \$19, 403 tubs haddock at \$14.07, 56 casks large cod exported. 25 bbls split herring ex *Gratia* sold at \$4.09. Salmon keeps dull, and \$9.55 was the last sale for bbls."

## MARKET QUOTATIONS.—WHOLESALE RATES.

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

### GROCERIES.

<b>SUGARS.</b>	
Cut Leaf.....	7 1/2
Granulated.....	6 1/2 to 6 3/4
Circle A.....	6 1/2
White Extra C.....	6
Standard.....	5 1/2 to 5 3/4
Extra Yellow C.....	5 1/2 to 5 3/4
Yellow C.....	5 to 5 1/2
<b>TEA.</b>	
Congou, Common.....	17 to 19
" Fair.....	20 to 23
" Good.....	25 to 29
" Choice.....	31 to 33
" Extra Choice.....	35 to 36
Oolong, Choice.....	37 to 39
<b>MOLASSES.</b>	
Barbados.....	35 to 36
Demerara.....	31 to 32
Diamond N.....	31 to 32
Porto Rico.....	25 to 30
Cienfuegos.....	33
Trinidad.....	33 to 31
Antigua.....	33 to 31
Tobacco, Black.....	32 to 34
" Bright.....	42 to 45
<b>BISCUITS.</b>	
Pilot Bread.....	3.15
Boston and Thin Family.....	6 1/2
Soda.....	6 1/2
do in lib. boxes, 50 to case.....	7 1/2
Fancy.....	8 to 15

### HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS

Apples, per bbl. N. S.....	2.00 to 5.0
Oranges, new Jamaica.....	5.00
Lemons, per case.....	5.00
Cocoanuts, new, per 100.....	3.00
Onions, American, per lb.....	3 1/2
" Canadian.....	3 to 3 1/2
Dates, boxes, new.....	7 to 8
Raisins, Valencia, new.....	7 to 8
Figs, Elme, 5 lb boxes, per lb., new.....	12
" small boxes.....	11 to 13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes.....	10
Bananas, per bunch.....	2.00 to 2.50
C. H. Harvey, 12 & 10 Sackville St.	

### FISH FROM VESSELS.

<b>MACKEREL.</b>	
Extra.....	15.00 to 16.00
No. 1.....	11.00 to 11.50
" 2 large.....	13.00 to 13.50
" 2.....	12.00 to 12.50
" 3 large.....	12.00 to 12.50
" 3.....	12.00 to 12.50
" Small.....	7.00 to 7.50
<b>HERRING.</b>	
No. 1 Shore July.....	4.50 to 4.75
No. 1 August, Round.....	2.75 to 3.00
" September.....	2.75 to 3.00
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl.....	none
Bay of Islands, Split.....	2.25 to 2.50
" Round.....	none
<b>ALEWIVES, per bbl.....</b>	3.00 to 3.25
<b>COUPHIN.</b>	
Hard Shore.....	4.0 to 4.25
Bank.....	4.00 to 4.25
Bay.....	4.00 to 4.2
<b>SALMON, No. 1.....</b>	18.00 to 19.00
<b>HADDOCK, per qtl.....</b>	2.75 to 3.00
<b>HAKE.....</b>	2.00 to 2.25
<b>PACK.....</b>	2.00 to 5
<b>COLLOCT.....</b>	1.50
<b>HAKESOUNDS, per lb.....</b>	12 1/2
<b>COD OIL A.....</b>	25

### BREADSTUFFS.

Markets are very steady and business is remarkably good for this season of the year. Some demand from Newfoundland for flour, as well as local.

The general impression is that flour has touched bottom west. Quotations are certainly remaining steady.

We make no change in our quotations.

<b>FLOUR.</b>	
Manitoba Highest Grade Patents.....	6.10 to 6.25
High Grade Patents.....	5.10 to 5.25
Good 90 per cent Patents.....	5.00 to 5.20
Straight Grade.....	4.90 to 5.00
Superior Extras.....	4.80 to 5.00
Good Seconds.....	4.25 to 4.50
Graham Flour.....	4.10 to 4.30
Oatmeal.....	5.20 to 5.45
" Rolled.....	5.30 to 5.45
Kiln Dried Cornmeal.....	3.25 to 3.35
Rolls Wheat.....	5.0
Wheat Bran, per ton.....	21.50 to 22.50
Shorts.....	23.00 to 25.00
Middlings.....	26.00 to 28.00
Cracked Corn.....	31.00 to 35.00
Ground Oil Cake, per ton.....	35.00
Moulce.....	31.00 to 32.00
Split Peas.....	3.75 to 4.00
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.50 to 2.00
Pot Harley, per barrel.....	3.90 to 4.10
Canadian Oats, choice quality.....	45 to 54
P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	55 to 64
Hay per ton.....	12.50 to 13.50

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

### PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....	12.50 to 13.00
" Am. Plate.....	12.50 to 13.00
" Ex. Plate.....	13.50 to 14.00
Pork, Mess, American.....	16.00 to 16.50
" American, clear.....	18.00 to 19.00
" P. E. I. Mess.....	16.00 to 16.50
" P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	15.00 to 15.50
" Prime Mess.....	12.00 to 12.50
Lard, Tub and Pails, P. E. Island.....	12
American.....	11 to 12
Hams, P. E. I., green.....	none
Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are liable to change daily.	

### BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	25
" " in Small Tubs.....	22 to 23
" Good, in large tubs, new.....	18 to 20
" " old.....	7 to 12
" Store Packed & oversalted.....	10 to 10
Canadian Township, new.....	18 to 20
" Western.....	16 to 20
" " old.....	7 to 10
Cheese, Canadian, new.....	10
" Antigonish.....	10 1/2