

CHEESE.—The cheese season may be said to be fairly started though receipts here have been light. However, with the heavy new make that is in progress offerings will soon increase. The cable reports 52s. for white, and 55s. for colored.

SUGAR.—The sugar market has undergone no great change since our last report. In fact a quiet feeling has prevailed, as advices from abroad on raw sugar have had an easier tone. Holders in Canada however are very firm, as stocks of refined in refiners' hands are very light at present. In consequence prices are well sustained. The volume of business transacted has been small, owing to the fact that buyers are generally well stocked up for the present.

MOLASSES.—A good enquiry for molasses exists and it is reported that a number of fair sized lots of new crop have been sold to arrive; still very little business has been done on spot, owing to the light stock, and prices are very firmly held.

FRUIT.—The fruit market is rather dull just now. Considerable quantities of tropical fruits have been received and are offering at very reasonable prices. Little new fruit has been received as yet from our friends to the southward but the volume of imports in this respect will rapidly increase and quotations can be made before long. They are now worth, as a dealer remarked, "just what can be got for them." Oranges, bananas, and pine apples are ample supply for the demand. The exports of Valencia raisins to all parts from the opening of the crop year 1888 to 26th ult., aggregate 579,001 qtls. of which quantity 239,048 bbls. were shipped to the United States and 31,168 qtls. to Canada. The total exports from Spain for crop year 1887 were 704,621 qtls.

TEA AND COFFEE.—There has been more enquiry for tea and the market has ruled fairly active with a larger volume of business. Sales of several fair sized lots are reported to have been effected. The feeling in the market is firm and holders generally are looking for higher prices, as stocks on hand are not large. Present indications show that the expectations of holders that tea is bound to advance in price before long are well founded. It is beginning to be felt more generally that the depression in the black tea trade has seen its worst, and that any further change will be in the direction of improvement. The teas purchased for Canadian account recently in the London market are considered good property, as they could not be bought for the same money to-day. A high authority in the trade in London, England, writes as follows:—"We think rather well of common teas, for the conviction is gaining ground here, that unless common teas move up, we cannot this coming season expect that the Chinese will prepare any. Even a rise of 1c. per lb. would hardly be sufficient inducement for them to prepare any large quantity; and therefore it is quite on the cards that we have passed the lowest point, and have now before us a gradual stiffening in values, that must continue until it reaches a point at which common tea will again come forward from China." Evidences appear to be rife in support of the conviction that the late severe decline in prices in the black tea trade in England was the culmination of the depression, and that better times are ahead. A fair jobbing business in coffee has been transacted at steady prices. The tendency appears to be in favor of higher prices in the near future.

FISH.—The fish market is still quiescent. Bankers report fish scarce on their fishing grounds, while longshoremen say that they are plentiful in their waters, but that they are unable to take them, owing to the absence of bait. The feeling in regard to codfish seem to be slightly better than it has been for some time. This is chiefly due to the fact that our outside markets are just now rather understocked, which gives a better opportunity to shippers than hitherto. Some small lots of old fish have arrived from outports, which have been readily placed. In fact this market is in temper to accept a steady supply if it comes along gradually, and not in such a rush as to exceed the small outer demand that exists. Several cargoes of herrings have arrived during the past week from Bay of Islands, but they met a rather reluctant market, which has absorbed them quite slowly. No mackerel have as yet appeared on our coast, nor are any reported along the New England shores. However, they will be expected to put in appearance within the next ten days or fortnight. Our outside reports are as follows:—Montreal, May 14—"There is very little doing in salt fish, this being between seasons. Dry cod is extremely dull and prices are nominal at \$4 to \$4.25. A lot of two cars was shipped back to Halifax last week. Sea trout \$9.50 to \$10, and British Columbia salmon \$6.50 in half barrels, and \$12.50 to \$13 in barrels." Gloucester, Mass., May 14—"Trade continues light, with a small stock, and no prospects of early additions. The stock of Bank codfish has mostly gone into second hands, and is held for higher prices. We quote new Georges codfish at \$4 per qtl. for large, and small at \$3.50. Bank \$2.75 to \$3 for large, and \$2.75 for small. Shore \$3 67½ and \$3.25 for large and small. New Western Bank \$3 50. New Kench-cured Bank \$4.12½. Cured cusk at \$2.62 per qtl.; hake \$2.25; haddock \$2; heavy salted pollock \$2.37½, and English-cured at \$3.25 per qtl. Labrador herring \$6 bbl.; medium split \$6; Newfoundland do. \$5; Nova Scotia do. \$6; Eastport \$3; split Shore \$4.75; pickled codfish \$6; haddock \$5; halibut heads \$3 50; Halifax salmon \$25; Newfoundland do. \$25." Havana, May 4—"Under the influence of considerable receipts of English dry fish the market here opened on Monday with codfish at \$5 25, and has so continued during the week for sales of any amount, although a few drums have retailed at \$5.50. Nearly all the small receipts of haddock have been sold at \$4 75. Owing to the high price of jerked beef, which we fear will be only temporary, there has been a more active demand for hake, and fairly liberal sales have been made at \$4.25. Norwegian codfish is sustained at \$10 to \$10.25 for superior quality. The weather is warm, and as most of the fish here will not stand the climate, holders are afraid to refuse offers, fearing the fish will spoil on their hands." Havana (by cable via New York) May 14—"Codfish \$5.75; haddock \$5; hake \$4.25."

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.....	10
Granulated.....	9 to 9½
Circle A.....	8½
White Extra C.....	8½
Extra Yellow C.....	7½ to 7¾
Yellow C.....	7½ to 7¾
TEA.	
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
MOLASSES.	
Barbadoes.....	42
Demerara.....	38 to 40
Diamond N.....	47
Porto Rico.....	40 to 42
Cienfuegos.....	38 to 39
Trinidad.....	40
Antigua.....	38 to 40
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.....	7½
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.....	17.00
" 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.....	16.00
" 2.....	none
" 3 large.....	11.00
" 3.....	11.00
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 bl.....	4.00 to 4.50
Bay of Islands, Split.....	2.00
" Round.....	2.00 to 2.25
ALBACORE, per bbl.....	5.00
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore.....	3.25 to 3.50
Bank.....	2.50 to 2.75
Bay.....	2.50 to 2.75
SALMON, No. 1.....	15.50 to 16.00
HADDOCK, per qtl.....	2.00
HAKE.....	2.00
CUSK.....	1.50
POLLOCK.....	1.50
HAKE 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 15
Salted Hides, No 1.....	5
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No 1.....	5½
" under 60 lbs., No 1.....	5
" over 60 lbs., No 2.....	4½
" under 60 lbs., No 2.....	4
Cow Hides, No 1.....	5
No 3 Hides, each.....	3
Calf Skins.....	25
" Deacons, each.....	10 to 15
Lambskins.....	10 to 1.00
Tallow.....	3

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.....	10½

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

BREADSTUFFS.

There is nothing to note this week with reference to the price of breadstuffs and provisions. Markets are in a steady condition, and the general impression is that they will go no lower until after the new harvest. Of course, our people everywhere must bear in mind that Canadian wheat is not sufficiently hard to make dry or suitable flour until September or October under the most favorable seasons, and that old wheat flour is worth more and better value even until November than new wheat, consequently we have at least four months still to draw from the old wheat supply, which would entirely exhaust it. We have some 6,000 bbls. of flour on the way, and are open for orders for delivery ex cars Halifax, or shipment direct from the mill and for delivery ex cars Boston.

FLOUR.	
High Grade Patents.....	5.65 to 5.90
Good 90 per cent. Patents.....	5.25 to 5.40
Straight Grade.....	5.15 to 5.30
Superior Extras.....	5.00 to 5.20
Good Seconds.....	4.05 to 4.60
Low grades.....	3.10 to 3.40
Graham Flour.....	5.65
American Supr. Extras, in bond.....	4.00 to 4.10
American 90 per cent, in bond.....	4.75 to 4.90
Oatmeal.....	4.20 to 4.30
" Rolled.....	4.25 to 4.35
Cornmeal, duty paid.....	2.70 to 2.80
Cornmeal, in bond, Boston.....	2.15 to 2.20
Rolls Wheat.....	5.50
Wheat Bran, per ton.....	17.50
Shorts.....	18.50
Middlings.....	20.00
Cracked Corn " including bags.....	25.50
Ground Oil Cake, per ton.....	35.00
Moulce.....	25.50
Split Peas.....	3.75 to 4.00
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.65 to 1.75
Pot Barley, per barrel.....	5.10 to 5.20
P. E. I. Oats.....	40 to 41
Canadian White Oats.....	41 to 42
Hay per ton.....	12.00 to 12.50

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 5.60	
Tall Cans.....	4.80 to 5.00
Flat ".....	6.20 to 6.40
Newfoundland Flat Cans.....	6.35 to 6.50

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, No. 1, per bbl.....	1.50 to 2.00
Oranges, per bbl, Jamaica (new).....	9.00 to 9.50
Valencia Oranges, per case.....	5.00 to 5.75
Lemons, per case.....	4.00 to 4.50
Cocoanuts, per 100.....	3.50 to 4.00
Onions, New Egyptian.....	4c. per lb.
" New Bermuda.....	3 to 3½
Dates, boxes, new.....	5½ to 6
Raisins, Valencia, new.....	6½ to 7
Figs, Elme, 5 lb boxes per lb.....	12
" small boxes.....	13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes and bags, new.....	5½ to 6
Bananas, per bunch.....	1.75 to 2.50
Foxberries.....	3.00 to 3.50

The above quotations are furnished by C. E. 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 14.00
Spruce, demension, 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
" do do.....	2.00
Hard wood, per cord.....	4.00 to 4.25
Soft wood.....	2.25 to 2.50