

**BUTTER.**—No new feature has transpired in butter since our last writing. Really good, fine, and extra brands are in active demand, but the supply is short of requirements. Even second-class is hard to find in shipping quantities. Cable orders from England cannot be filled at their figures, as these are promptly met by dealers on this side of the water. In fact the short product of the past season is felt more and more severely as time advances, and the few fortunate holders of butter are shy of buyers.

**CHEESE.**—Late Liverpool cables quote fine to finest at 53s. to 65s.; fancy, 66s. to 67s. A good demand exists there, and business is quite brisk. On this side enquiries for cheese for shipment are searching, but holders expect more than buyers are now willing to pay. The former think that they will realize at least 14 cents soon, and do not care to sell for less now.

**SUGAR.**—Several cargoes of sugar from Brazil and from the West Indies have arrived at this port during the past week, and a number of others are daily expected. As most of these are to the account of the several refineries, they do not affect quotations, though refined sugar is dull and hard to sell in quantities.

**MOLASSES** is unchanged and little or nothing is doing in it. New is expected very soon and the market will not be made before it arrives.

**TEA.**—The market is quiet and dealers expect no movement of consequence at present. It is whispered that which ever party takes the reins of government after the now pending elections, a duty will be placed on this article. At any rate this is the impression of the trade.

**FRUIT.**—From the commencement of the season to one week ago the total shipments of apples from the United States and Canada to the United Kingdom were 700,395 bbls, against 661,186 bbls. for the corresponding period last season—an increase of 33,209 bbls. The English market has not as yet weakened, but we repeat our caution of last week to intending shippers, that that market cannot be depended upon after the first proximo. There was a little flurry last week in New York in prunes, but it was soon broken by the arrival of one steamer with 2,600 casks and 3,500 boxes, and the sailing for that port of four other steamers with 5,800 casks besides. Figs are quiet and steady. In raisins, buyers are working more from hand to mouth and, consequently, little is doing.

**LIVE STOCK.**—Hardly any neat cattle have been brought to this market during the past week, and were it not for quantities of dressed meat arriving from the West, there would be something like a meat famine with us. Mutton is dull and low figures rule.

**WINE.**—The French wine crop of 1886 was very small and of poor quality. The quantity produced was only 553,823,000 gallons, or less than that of any year since 1830, the period from 1852 to 1856 alone excepted. The quantity in 1875 was 1,820,000,000 of gallons. The average of five years, 1872-76, was 1,136,000,000; for the five years, 1877-81, it was 835,000,000; and for the last five years it has been only 690,800,000. This shows a steady decrease of production which, if it continues, will, in time, cause serious embarrassment to the government of France, which derives no inconsiderable portion of its revenue from the tax on wine.

**LUMBER** is dull, the business being practically at a stand-still. Operations in the woods of this province have been carried on this season under serious drawbacks, because the snow-fall has been slight, and has always, so far, been speedily succeeded by rain, which has rendered teaming in the woods laborious and unprofitable. It is to be feared that the Nova Scotia operators will this year sustain a loss rather than reap a profit out of their exertions and hazard of capital and time.

**FISH.**—There has been very little doing in this fish market for some time. Sales of some fat mackerel have been made at about former quotations. There are a good many mackerel being shipped, and holders are now feeling anxious and are watching closely for an advance or demand, and are putting their fish in the United States markets to take advantage of any chance there may be of placing them. We do not know of any more demand in these markets than there was some weeks ago, and it does not look very favorably for a demand, except in a small way. The strikes that are now taking place in the United States are retarding business more than one can hardly realize. There is on this account very little property moving, and fish must suffer like the rest.

There does not seem to be the demand in the Western States for fat mackerel that there seemed to be in the past few years. We hope that our holders will not be to sanguine as to an advance, and hold on too long, but watch the market closely, and take any advantage of making sales they can. The large profit that was looked for in November last, we fear is not going to come.

Advices received state the Porto Rico market still continues in about the same way; the price does not advance on account of too frequent arrivals. Jamaica advices to 25th Jan. do not give a very flattering account of that market. There had arrived at the Kingston market on the 17th and 18th Jan., three vessels with 899 trcs., 60 drums, 696 boxes, 441 half-boxes cod-fish, 796 bbls. herring, 275 bbls. mackerel, and 38 bbls. alewives; and a few days previous to the above dates the *Latona*, *Elsie Cronan*, and *Redmond* had arrived at the North side, and supplied buyers on the South side of the Island, which has prevented consignees at Kingston making any sales there, in consequence of which the Kingston market has become overstocked. Sales were open on that day at 18s. trcs.; 20s. bxs.; 10s. half bxs.; Round Shore and split herring 20s.; mackerel 36s.; alewives 28s.; but it is not expected that these prices will be maintained.

Two other vessels were expected daily to arrive, which will help to further depress the market. Buyers are fully posted, and purchase only for immediate consumption.

The approaching Lenten season is stiffening the prices of and the demand for fresh fish. We note that in Montreal the price of green codfish has recently advanced already from 50c. to 75c. per bbl., and further gains in prices are confidently predicted by dealers.

## 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.....	7 1/4 to 8
Granulated.....	6 to 6 1/4
Circle A.....	5 1/2
Extra Yellow C.....	5 to 5 1/4
Yellow C.....	4 1/4 to 4 1/2
TEA.	
Congou, Common.....	17 to 19
" Fair.....	20 to 23
" Good.....	23 to 29
" Choice.....	31 to 33
" Extra Choice.....	35 to 36
(Oolong)—Choice.....	37 to 39
MOLASSES.	
Barbados.....	30 to 32
Demerara.....	32 to 35
Diamond N.....	40
Porto Rico.....	30 to 32
Tobacco—Black.....	37 to 44
" Bright.....	42 to 58
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread.....	2.60 to 2.90
Boston and Thin Family.....	5 1/4 to 6
Soda.....	5 1/2 to 5 1/4
do. in lib. boxes, 50 to case.....	7 1/2
Fancy.....	8 to 15

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

## BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	20 to 25
" " in Small Tubs.....	20 to 24
" Good, in large tubs.....	18 to 20
" Store Packed & oversalted.....	15 to 17
Canadian, Creamery.....	30
" Township Fancy.....	23 to 25
" " Finest.....	22 to 24
" " fine.....	20 to 22
" Morrisburg and Brockville.....	20
" Western.....	17 to 20
Cheese, N. S.....	12
" Canada.....	16

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

## FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL—	
No arrivals. Prices Nominal.	
Extra.....	15 00
No. 1.....	12 00
" 2 large.....	2 50
" 3.....	7.50 to 8 00
" 3 large.....	6 50
" 3.....	0 50
HERRING.	
No arrivals. No sales. Quotations nominal.	
No. 1 Shore, July, very scarce	3.00
No. 1, August.....	none
" September.....	none
Round Shore.....	3.75
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl	none
Bay of Islands.....	3.75 to 4 00
ALEWIVES, per bbl.....	none
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore.....None Arriving	
Bank.....	2.20 to 2.25
Bay.....	none
SALMON, No. 1.....	none
HADDOCK, per qu.....	2.00 to 2.25
HAKE.....	2 10
CUSK.....	none
POLLOCK.....	none
HAKE SOUNDS.....	45 to 50c per lb.
Cod Oil A.....	29 to 30

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

## LOBSTERS.

Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing).	
Tail Cans.....	4.80 to 5.00
Flat.....	6.00 to 6.50
	Per case 4 doz. 1lb 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 7.05
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.....	1.50 to 1.80
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 for today's wholesale selling prices for car lots not cash. Jobbers' and Retailers' prices about 5 to 10 per cent advance on carload lots.

Flour.	
Graham.....	4.40 to 4.50
Patent high grades.....	4.50 to 4.75
" mediums.....	4.30 to 4.50
Superior Extra.....	4.00 to 4.10
Lower grades.....	3.30 to 3.80
Oatmeal, Standard.....	4.15 to 4.20
" Granulated.....	4.30 to 4.40
Corn Meal—Halfax ground.....	2.95 to 3.05
" —Imported.....	2.85 to 3.00
Bran, patent—Wheat.....	17.50 to 18.50
" " —Corn.....	15.00
Shorts.....	19.00 to 19.50
Middlings.....	20.00 to 22.00
Cracked Corn.....	20.00 to 22.00
" Oats.....	25.00 to 30.00
" Barley.....	nominal
Feed Flour.....	3.30 to 3.60
Oats per bushel of 56 lbs.....	30 to 35
Barley " of 48 ".....	35 to 40
Pearl " of 60 ".....	1.00 to 1.10
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.20 to 1.50
Potatoes, per barrel.....	4.50 to 4.80
Corn " of 56 lbs.....	75 to 80
Hay per ton.....	12.00 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 50 to 12 00
" Am. Plate.....	12 00 to 12 50
" " Ex. Plate.....	12 00 to 12 50
Pork, Mess, American.....	15 00 to 15 50
" " old.....	15 50 to 16 00
" American, clear.....	16 00 to 16 50
" P. E. I. Mess.....	14 50 to 15 00
" " old.....	13 50 to 14 00
" P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	12 00 to 12 50
" Prime Mess.....	10 00 to 10 50
Lard, Tubs and Pails.....	11 to 12
" Cans.....	12.50 to 13.00
Hams, P. E. I.....	none
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef.....	22.50 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 &amp; 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.....	7
" " over 60 lbs., No 2.....	6 1/2
" " under 60 lbs., No 2.....	6
Cow Hides, No 1.....	6 1/2
No 3 Hides.....	5
Calf Skins.....	7 to 8
" 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 Varieties.....	1 75 to 2.05
Oranges, per bbl. Jamaica (new).....	7.00 to 7.50
" Valencia.....	5.50 to 6.00
Lemons, per box.....	3.50 to 3.75
Coconuts, per 100.....	5.00 to 5.50
Onions American, per lb.....	2 1/2
Foxberries, per bbl new.....	4.50
Grapes, Almeria, kegs.....	none
Raisins, New Val.....	6 to 7
Figs, Flenie, small boxes.....	12 to 15
Prunes, Stewing per b.....	6 1/2
Dates, boxes, uc.....	7 1/2

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

## POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound.....	11 to 14
Geese, each.....	40 to 60
Ducks, per pair.....	60 to 75
Chickens.....	30 to 60

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

## LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Steers, best quality, per 100lbs. alive.....	4 50
Oxen.....	3 50
Fat Steers, Heifers light weights.....	3 00
Wethers, best quality, per 100lbs.....	3.00 to 3.50
Lambs.....	3 25 to 4 25

These quotations are prepared by a reliable victualer.