

meats. Lard is nominally a shade higher, but the demand is slow, and holders find it difficult to induce buyers to share their views. In Liverpool the market has been steady. Quotations there are:—Pork 67s. 6d.; lard 41s. 3d.; bacon 38s. 9d.; tallow 26s. In Chicago, the pork market was active, though weaker. Late quotations were \$14.07½ June; \$14.17½ July; \$14.37½ August. Lard was easier and fell off to \$8.20 June; \$8.22½ July; \$8.27½ August.

BUTTER.—No important change has occurred in the butter market, business having remained quiet and of a jobbing character beyond supplying local consumption. Now butter comes in rather more freely, and is absorbed as fast as it is received. Our Montreal exchanges report that Newfoundland and the Lower Ports are taking up small lots of old butter in that market at 15c. to 16c., but that the quality is "very far from fine."

CHEESE.—The new season for cheese has begun to fairly open, and producers as well as dealers are eagerly watching the probabilities. So far as can be predicted at this date, everything points to a heavy make this season. In view of the high price at which old cheese went out, it is satisfactory to know that the new season's business has been initiated on a comparatively low basis of value. It is not to be expected that even present prices will be maintained, but with prudence, serious loss will easily be avoided. It is to be hoped that, profiting by the disastrous experience of last year, the element of speculative manipulation of the markets may be eliminated, and that values may be permitted to adjust themselves on the basis of supply and demand which will best serve the interests of all concerned. Reports from England indicate a determination on the part of the trade there to buy cautiously, and there is a strong probability, that until prices have touched bottom—or at least have reached a safe basis—the bulk of the stock will have to go forward on shippers' or factorymen's account. A despatch from Utica, N. Y., says:—"At last the ice is broken, and a price has been paid for cheese. It isn't very high, but perhaps all that could have been expected under the circumstances. Two or three buyers had orders for a few choice lots, and on this account were able to make a market. But so far as we could learn, no cheese was bought outright, except such as the purchaser had a place for. There is beginning to be considerable complaint in the country at the continued lateness of the season. The snow is all gone, and the roads are in fair condition, but the weather remains cold and very dry, and pastures are perfectly bare. Cows have shrunk in their milk the past week, and factorymen generally are making less cheese, where they have the same number of cows, than they did a year ago. The season was quite as late then as now, but hay was plentiful and cows were in good condition. It is the universal decision now that the cattle have not been turned out in such poor heart in many years as they will be this spring. And for the turning out, quite a number of dairies will be turned this week on to nearly bare sod, simply because there is so little for them to eat in the stable. It will take a warm, soaking rain to start the pastures into life, and until that comes, the cows will simply have to grub at the roots of the grass. Following are the transactions: 650 boxes at 9½c.; 917 do. at 9½c.; 4,271 commission. All the cheese sold at 9½c. was colored stock, and all that at 9½c. was white. So we make no general ruling, as it would not be fair where there is such a difference between white and colored. Transactions one year ago were 4,317 boxes, ruling 11½c. Two years ago they were 2,550 boxes, all consigned."

FRUITS.—The market for dried fruits has been quiet, pending the arrival of new stocks. Meanwhile old supplies are in little demand, though certain speculators are reported to be quietly taking up whatever sound old fruit comes in their way—presumably to put themselves to mix them with the new when the latter arrives, and to thus make an excellent "average." As to apples the market is very dull, the supply of poor and more or less rotten stuff being comparatively large. The English market is much firmer, quotations being up to 20s. and 30s. per bbl.

TEA.—A cable from Yokohama under date of the 5th instant, says:—"The settlements to date are 3,000 piculs against 4,000 piculs to the same time last year. Prices here at the opening of the season for the three last years have been:

	1888.	1887.	1886.
Choicest	\$35 to 37	\$38 to 40	\$35 to 37
Choice	30 to 31	35 to 36	30 to 31
Finest	27 to 28	29 to 30	28 to 29."

The local tea market is quiet, but prices have a steadier tone as buyers recognize the fact that bottom has been touched.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—The market has been quiet though prices are nominally steady. It is believed that holders would not hesitate to shade quotations.

FISH.—The local market remains unchanged, but no accessions to stocks and have been realized, with the exception of about 2,000 bbls of herring in sailing vessels, and half that quantity by steamer, all from Newfoundland. The latter is the first receipt of herrings by steamer from the North-West coast of Newfoundland, and forms a "new departure" in the traffic with part of the island. Bait continues to be in demand. Very little has as yet been taken on the coasts in this immediate vicinity, but numbers of bankers have succeeded in "baiting up" in Cape Canso, Bras d'Or Lakes and vicinity. The weather, however, has been very unfavorable, and the sea too boisterous to permit the successful prosecution of fishing on the banks. The catch reported to date is far below the average. Some of the West Indian markets remain fairly profitable for shipwrecks, but too much reliance should not be confided in the probability of their permanency. The Gloucester, Mass., market remains virtually unchanged. The supply there is small and, at present, barely equal to the demand. Bait-fish are reported to have struck in on the American shores from Long Island to Newport, and their fishing vessels are being rapidly supplied with their requirements in this line.

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.

SUGAR.		
Cut Leaf	7½ to 8	
Granulated	6½ to 6¾	
Circle A	6½	
White Extra C	6½	
Extra Yellow C	5½ to 5¾	
Yellow C	5½	
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	32 to 33	
Demerara	34 to 36	
Diamond N.	42 to 43	
Porto Rico	31 to 33	
Cienfuegos	30 to 31	
Trinidad	30 to 31	
Antigua	30 to 31	
Tobacco, Black	34 to 44	
" Bright	12 to 15	
DISCUTS.		
Pilot Bread	2.60 to 2.90	
Boston and Thin Family	5½ to 6	
Soda	5½ to 5¾	
do. in 11b. 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. Fr. Mess, duty paid	10.50 to 11.00
" Am. Plate	11.00 to 11.50
" Ex. Plate	12.00 to 12.50
Pork, Mess, American	18.00 to 18.50
" American, clear	19.00 to 19.50
" P. E. I. Mess	17.00 to 17.50
" P. E. I. Thin Mess	15.50 to 16.00
" Prime Mess	13.00 to 13.50
Lard, Tubs and Pails	11 to 12
" Cases	12.50 to 13.00
Hams, P. E. I. Mess	8 to 8½
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	12.50	
No. 1	13.50	
" 2 large	12.50	
" 2	12.00	
" 3 large	9.50	
" 3	9.00	
HERRING.		
No. 1 Shore, July	4.25 to 4.50	
No. 1, August	3.25 to 3.50	
" September	3.25 to 3.50	
Round Shore	3.50	
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bbl.	3.25 to 3.50	
Bay of Islands, from store	2.75 to 3.00	
ALSAWIVES, per bbl	4.75 to 5.00	
CODFISH.		
Hard Shore	4.00 to 4.15	
New Bank	4.00	
Bay	4.00	
SALMON, No. 1	11.00	
HADDOCK, per qtl	1.00 to 1.25	
HARE	2.50 to 2.75	
COD	2.75 to 3.00	
POLLOCK	2.25 to 2.50	
HARE SOUND, per lb.	30 to 35	
COD OIL A	22 to 25	

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

LOBSTERS.

Per case 4 doz. 1 lb. cans.	
Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing) ..	4.75 to 5.40
Tall Cans	4.00 to 5.00
Flat	6.00 to 6.40
Newfoundland Flat Cans	6.25 to 6.50

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, 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.

BREADSTUFFS.

PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE.

Quotations below are our to-day's wholesale prices for car lots not cash. Jobbers' and Retailers' prices about 5 to 10 cents per bbl. higher than car lots. Markets quiet and steady. Breadstuffs are sold fine. Cornmeal quiet; Oats quiet. Flour strong and dearer.

Flour.		
Graham	4.40 to 4.60	
Patent high grades	4.75 to 5.00	
" medium	4.45 to 4.65	
Superior Extra	4.20 to 4.35	
Lower grades	3.60 to 4.00	
Oatmeal, Standard	5.55	
" Granulated	6.00	
Corn Meal—Halifax ground	3.55 to 3.65	
" Imported	3.55 to 3.65	
Barley, per ton—Wheat	23.00 to 23.50	
" —Corn	23.00	
Shorts	25.00 to 26.00	
Middlings	26.00 to 28.00	
Cracked Corn	28.00 to 30.00	
" Oats, per ton	28.00 to 30.00	
" Barley	nominal	
Feed Flour	3.25	
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs., retail ..	43 to 45	
Barley of 48 "	nominal	
Peas of 60 "	1.60 to 1.10	
White Beans, per bushel	2.45 to 2.50	
Pot Barley, per barrel	5.00 to 5.40	
" of 66 lbs.	75 to 85	
Hay per ton	13.00 to 14.00	
Straw	9.50 to 12.00	

J. A. CHIPMAN & Co., Liverpool Wharf, Halifax, N. S.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints	22 to 25
" in Small Tubs	22 to 24
" Good, in large tubs	20 to 22
" Store Packed & oversalted	12 to 16
Canadian, new	22 to 25
" Township, old	16 to 20
" Western	14 to 16
Cheese, Canadian	13

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

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound	15 to 20
" unwashed	12 to 15
Salted Hides, No. 1	5 to 6
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No. 1	6
" under 60 lbs., No. 1	5
" over 60 lbs., No. 2	5
" under 60 lbs., No. 2	5
Low Hides, No. 1	5½
No. 3 Hides, each	4
Calf Skins	25
" Deacons, each	25
Lambskins	25 to 75
Tallow	2

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

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, No. 1 Varieties, new, per bbl.	5.00
Oranges, per bbl, Jamaica (new)	8.00
" per case, Valencia	6.25
Lemons' per case	5.00 to 5.50
Cocoanuts, per 100	5.50
Onions, Egyptian, new, per lb.	3½
Dates, boxes, new	3½
Raisins, Valencia	5½ to 6
Figs, Eleme, 5 lb boxes per lb.	13
" small boxes	11 to 14
Prunes, Stewing, boxes and bags	6½ to 7½
Grapes, Almeria, kegs	none

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

POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound	16 to 18
Geese, each	none
Ducks, per pair	none
Chickens	none

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Steers best quality, per 100 lbs. alive ..	4.25 to 5.00
Oxen	3.50 to 4.50
Fat Steers, Heifers, light weights	3.00 to 4.00
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs	4.50 to 6.00
Lambs, scarce	3.50 to 4.00

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