

shipment from St. Petersburg after opening of navigation, steamers having arrived out to load at 13s. 6d. per 304 lbs. c. i. f., full outturn guaranteed and three months from B. of L., later transactions having transpired at 13s. 3d. As this means about 25c. per bushel here, there is nothing to be done in shipping Canadian oats to England. Wheat in New York has fallen from \$1.20, the speculative price of last October, and is now only a shade above 80c. with a large supply on hand and a big crop in prospect. Had wheat been sold last fall at the price Europe then offered the stock on hand could have been worked off and the coming crop would have commanded better prices than can now be anticipated. But in holding back and waiting for a better price the farmers have made certain of a lower price if the yield this year is as great as now appears probable.

**PROVISIONS.**—A fair local business was transacted in provisions, there being a good jobbing demand, and the market continues fairly active with prices steady all round. The demand for lard has been good and sales were made with considerable freedom. There has been no change in the Liverpool provision market, prices being steady. A weak feeling prevailed in Chicago where pork declined 5 to 10c. Lard was also weaker and eased off 2½c. The hog market was dull and prices declined 5c. to 10c.

**BUTTER.**—The local butter market has had an easy tone, with trade still limited to jobbing lots. Supplies have proved more than ample to fill all requirements, and advices from the country report that a large make is in progress. Prices, therefore, have an easy tone. The impression appears to prevail among leading dealers and shippers that there will be very little business until prices recede materially. The *Montreal Trade Bulletin* says:—"It is all very fine to theorize upon what might be done in the way of exporting butter to England, but just now we are confronted with the solid fact, that in order to ship butter to the other side to any extent prices in this market will have to recede to the following tough-looking basis:—Western 10c. to 11c., Eastern Townships 12½c. to 13c., Creamery 15c. to 16c. But in spite of the above low figures we are informed by shippers here that they have been actually accepted in New York for corresponding grades. The market here is consequently 4c. per lb. at least above the parity of prices in England, and unless a marked decline here, or a sharp advance on the other side transpires, Canada may count herself left out entirely from the exporting butter trade with Great Britain. As has been repeatedly pointed out in these columns, it matters not how fine our butter may be, (and it must be borne in mind that in districts adjacent to Montreal some of the choicest creamery in the world is produced) if it is not marketed in the heyday of its rosy freshness, it is useless to attempt to compete with the products of Denmark and other continental countries, which are landed in the British markets within 36 and 48 hours after leaving the churn. This is the key to the question of our export butter trade, and unless Canadian butter makers are prepared to act in accordance therewith, they may count themselves out of the race so far as the English market is concerned."

**CHEESE.**—The feeling in the cheese market is very strong, though little or no actual business is transacted so far as can be ascertained. Cables quote cheese in England at 47s. 6d. to 46s. Still the New York market is in a doubtful state, and the future of the cheese market largely depends on the attitude that it may take in the next five or six weeks.

**FRUIT.**—There is little to note in the fruit markets, except that receipts of fresh, both native and imported, are steadily increasing in volume, and prices show a declining tendency all around. The enquiry for dried fruits is practically non-existent.

**TEA.**—The tea market is in a waiting state. New crop will soon arrive at trade centres, and reports of the quantity and quality thereof are conflicting. Cable advices report that thus far only small settlements of Formosa tea have been made at Amoy, but that the shipments, including the shipments made at Tamsin, amount to about 800,000 lbs., the bulk of which is going to New York.

**SUGAR.**—The sugar market continues to be greatly excited and values to advance. A recent cable despatch from London reads as follows:—"Market excited and 'advancing,' and there is every appearance of the market becoming still more excited as the exact position of affairs is unfolded." About ten days ago the great Sugar Trust sent out orders by cable from New York to its agents in England and Germany, to secure in all 55,000 tons of raw sugar, chiefly beet, but as soon as it leaked out that the Trust was buying, it was found to be impossible to fill the orders even at the advanced bids, and the Trust's agents had to abandon all further efforts to fill their orders after purchasing 12,000 tons only, at the highest values ruling. Depend upon it the full measure of the Trust's punishment has not yet been meted out, and it has yet to learn that there are fully as shrewd men of business in Liverpool and London as in New York.

**FISH.**—The fish business continues to be very quiet. In the absolute absence of outside demand prices must be, as they are, nearly nominal. Bait is still very scarce, though in some localities more has been taken than last week. Codfish are reported to be in great numbers but in the absence of bait they have to run free. Quite a number of small catches of mackerel have been made along our shores, but the aggregate take is small. In Newfoundland and the Labrador coast herring catches are reported to have been doing fairly well. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, June 18—"The chief business is in dry codfish, which is quoted at \$4 to \$4.25 per qtl. Sea trout at \$9.50 to \$10. British Columbia salmon, \$6.50 for half barrels, and \$12.50 to \$13 in barrels." Gloucester, Mass., June 18—"New Georges codfish \$4 per qtl. for large, and small at \$3.50. Bank \$3.25 for large and \$2.50 for small. Shore \$3.75 and \$3.25 for large and small. Old Bank \$2.87½. New Kench cured Bank \$4.12½. Cured cusk at \$2.50 per qtl.; hake \$2; haddock \$2; heavy salted pollock \$2.25, and English cured do. \$2.75 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 \$5.00."

## 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.

<b>SUGARS.</b>	
Cut Leaf .....	10½
Granulated .....	9½ to 9½
Circle A .....	9
White Extra C .....	8½
Extra Yellow C .....	8 to 8½
Yellow C .....	7½
<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>	
Barbadoes .....	45
Demerara .....	41
Diamond N. ....	47
Porto Rico .....	42 to 43
Cienfuegos .....	39 to 40
Trinidad .....	40 to 41
Antigua .....	40 to 41
Tobacco, Black .....	38 to 44
" Bright .....	42 to 58
<b>BISCUITS.</b>	
Pilot Bread .....	3.25
Boston and Thin Family .....	7
Soda .....	7½
do. in 1lb. boxes, 50 to case .....	7½
Fancy .....	8 to 16

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, " .....	11.50 to 12.00
" Ex. Plate, " .....	11.50 to 12.00
Pork, Mess, American .....	16.50
" American, clear .....	19.00
" P. E. I. Mess .....	16.00 to 16.50
" P. E. I. Thin Mess .....	15.00 to 15.50
" Prime Mess .....	14.00 to 14.50
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island .....	11 to 12
" 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.	

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## FISH FROM VESSELS.

<b>MACKEREL.</b>	
Extra .....	20.00
No. 1 .....	19.00
" 2 large .....	16.00
" 2 .....	none
" 3 large .....	11.00
" 3 .....	11.00
<b>HERRING.</b>	
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 .....	1.75
<b>ALWIGES, per bbl. ....</b>	<b>5.00</b>
<b>CODFISH.</b>	
Hard Shore .....	3.25 to 3.50
Bank .....	2.50 to 2.75
Bay .....	2.50 to 2.75
<b>SALMON, No. 1 .....</b>	<b>15.50 to 16.00</b>
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 &amp; 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 15
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 .....	25
" In Small Tubs .....	18 to 20
" Good, in large tubs .....	18 to 20
" Store Packed & oversalted .....	14
Canadian Township .....	20
" Western .....	18
Cheese, Canadian .....	10½

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

## BREADSTUFFS.

As before suggested we looked for a turn in the markets. The change to the right about has taken place and there is a decidedly firmer feeling all over the west. Stocks are getting low and the demand is increasing. We look for firmer prices until October. We have a fair stock of flour and shall be glad to fill orders. Our flour we are obliged to increase our quotation 10 to 15c. Beans have advanced materially during the last fortnight owing to the prospect of short crop, and we are obliged to advance the price from \$1.60 to \$2.00. Cornmeal and oatmeal are quiet and steady.

<b>FLOUR.</b>	
High Grade Patents .....	5.30 to 5.60
Good 80 per cent Patents .....	5.10 to 5.25
Straight Grade .....	4.95 to 5.05
Superior Extras .....	4.75 to 4.85
Good Seconds .....	4.10 to 4.25
Graham Flour .....	5.25
American Supr. Extras, in bond .....	4.60 to 4.70
American 80 per cent, in bond .....	4.60 to 4.70
American Patents .....	5.50
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
Roll'd Wheat .....	5.20
Wheat Bran, per ton .....	16.00 to 16.25
Shorts .....	17.00 to 17.50
Middlings .....	18.00 to 18.50
Cracked Corn " including bags .....	25.50
Ground Oil Cake, per ton .....	35.00
Moulée .....	25.50
Split Peas .....	3.75 to 4.00
White Beans, per bushel .....	1.85 to 2.00
Pot Barley, per barrel .....	9.85
P. E. I. Oats .....	58
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 6.00	
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, Nonpareils .....	2.00 to 2.75
Oranges, per bbl, Jamaica (new) .....	none
Valencia Oranges, per case, repacked .....	8.21
Lemons, per case .....	5.00 to 5.50
Cocoanuts, per 100 .....	3.50 to 4.00
Onions, New Egyptian .....	2½c. per lb.
" New Bermuda, per crate .....	1.00 to 1.25
Dates, boxes, new .....	6½ to 8
Raisins, Valencia, new .....	6½ to 7
Figs, Elene, 5 lb boxes per lb. ....	13
" small boxes .....	5½ to 6
Prunes, Stewing, boxes and bags, new .....	1.75 to 2.50
Bananas, per bunch .....	3.00 to 3.50
Foxberries .....	3.00 to 3.50

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

## POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound .....	15 to 16
Geese, each .....	none
Ducks, per pair .....	70 to 80
Chickens .....	50 to 70

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, 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 .....	2.35 to 2.60