

tained as to next summer's yield. Reports from this continent are not as yet sufficiently definite for any estimate to be made as to the probabilities for the crops of 1891, but there will undoubtedly be a much larger demand from Europe for all kinds of grain than ever before. In Chicago the grain markets have been very strong and wheat advanced fully 1c. to 5c. during the week. The situation there is apparently a very strong one, and higher prices than now rule are confidently predicted. Corn and oats were also sympathetically affected, and were strong with a marked upward tendency. In New York, St. Louis, Toledo, Duluth and other centres wheat has continued strong and active, and advances have been secured in prices all along the line.

PROVISIONS.—There is a continued fair demand for provisions, pork moving out quite freely in a jobbing way. Prices are not changed. In Liverpool, G. B., lard advanced 1s. 3d. and bacon 1s. 6d. Pork and tallow were firm at previous quotations. In Chicago provisions have been active, excited and higher. The country buying was heavy and persistent while speculative offerings were light. There was a sharp demand from the short interest, and pickers were also free buyers, while offerings came chiefly from a few traders who were satisfied with their profits. The cattle market was steady, but the sheep market was weak.

BUTTER.—The butter market maintains the improved aspect that it has shown for some time now, but there are no new or particularly striking features. There is little or no fine creamery, while choice dairy is so scarce that any of it that can be found is snapped up at full figures. As we have already intimated the scarcity of fine grades has induced more business in stock that grades just under finest, and consequently we have to note a fair jobbing trade in the better descriptions of medium butter which grocers can cut over their counters. On the whole, therefore, the market is in a healthier position, but the supply of medium grades is somewhat too large to permit any squeeze in prices for want of supply between now and the time when new make will be on the market. Still it seems safe enough to expect steady values if the market moves along right. Holders at any rate appear confident enough.

CHEESE.—The cheese market remains firm; while as regards the position on spot it is purely nominal, and naturally so when the fact of the small supply here is considered. In all there can be but a few small lots of what can be called finest here, and they are held for 12c. and over, but values are nominal, as we do not hear that that figure has actually been made yet.

FRUIT.—The week has been dull and uninteresting, with nothing to note, the movement out of first hands of dried fruits having died out, which makes matters still quieter. The tone remains strong, and with stocks light both of green and dried values are expected to rule firm. On the whole, though the market is quiet, some improvement is expected in the course of a week or so. Bad weather has kept Canadian apples from the English markets, the few that have been on offer going at the recent good prices. What have been selling are chiefly Germans and Italians, the highest price for which has been 9s. per barrel; but then the quality is poor and a great deal of the fruit undersized.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—The raw sugar market continues very strong, and prices have further advanced in all grades, the United States market contracting for large parcels, principally of beets and Cubas at the advancing prices. Refined sugar in the United States is a little easier, but the decline is attributed to the fact that refiners hope thus to influence the raw sugar market. Refined sugars are firmly held on this side of the line, owing to the high prices that refineries are paying for raws. The volume of business is small, but more animation is expected as the spring opens. The English market is very strong, beet having advanced to 11s. 11d. in London. In molasses a fair trade is doing at firmer prices. Advices from Barbadoes quote that market firm under good demand at 20c. f.o.b. Antigua is quoted at 22c., Imperial measure, f.o.b.

TEA.—A good, active trade has been done during the week in tea, goods worth 15c. to 17c. being in particularly good demand. Some houses are not free sellers, as they think that if the duty is reduced on raw sugar the deficit in the revenue this created will be made up by a duty on tea. There is scarcely a doubt that the duty on raw sugars will be reduced to enable Canadian refineries to compete with the Americans, who will have free sugar after April 1st, and tea dealers seem to think that no article could stand a duty better than tea. They point out that the consumer is paying just as much for his tea now as when he had to pay 7c. per lb. duty, while prices are no higher at primary points, and that the grocers and merchants are the only persons who are deriving any benefit.

FISH.—There has been no change in the local fish situation since our last report. The demand, both local and out. do, continues exceedingly dull, and receipts are unimportant. The weather has continued too unsettled and boisterous for much effective work being done in the way of taking fish, and consequently very little fresh fish has come forward. As to day week ends Lent the demand for fresh fish may be expected to fall off. In Newfoundland and Labrador the catch of frozen herring, which is usually a very important industrial feature there, has been very small this year, and several parties who fitted out vessels to trade with the natives on that coast for these fish are reported to have lost heavily by their ventures. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, March 18,—“The activity in fish has disappeared to a great extent, and now, outside of an ordinary jobbing movement, there is nothing to note. All lines continue firm, however, and with light stocks and receipts they are likely to continue so. Herring is reduced in supply and is steady at \$4.50 to \$4.75, while dry cod is held at \$4.50 to \$5, the run in green stock having materially benefitted it. Green cod remains stiff, and in the absence of any large transactions figures are somewhat nominal. Large No. 1 could not be moved under \$7.25 to \$7.50, and other lines are in proportion. Salmon continue steady on the basis of \$16 for No. 1, and

other lines are the same. Mackerel rule at about \$4 to \$4.25. During last month the quantity of fish handled here was very large, but dealers complain that it was sold on a very close margin.” Another authority from Montreal quote on the same date as follows:—“The season for pickled fish has now about closed. Stocks are now mainly out of first hands, and therefore wholesale quotations are almost nominal. Retailers are well stocked up, but the consumptive demand for the next fortnight should be heavy. A fair demand is passing for smoked fish, and the market rules steady at our quotations. Boneless cod 7c. to 8c.; boneless fish 4c. to 6c. Yarmouth bloaters \$1.25 per 100; finnan haddies 7c. to 8c. per lb.” Gloucester, Mass. March 18.—“Now Georges codfish at \$6.50 a qtl. for large, and small at \$6; Bank \$6 for large, and \$5 for small; Shore \$6 and \$5 for large and small; dry hank \$6; medium \$5.25; French codfish \$5 per qtl.; Phillips Beach codfish \$7 per qtl.; cured eusk at \$5 per qtl.; hake \$3; haddock \$4; heavy salted pollock \$2.50; English-cured do. \$2.80 per qtl.; Labrador herring \$6.50 bbl.; med. split \$6; Newfoundland do. \$5.50; Nova Scotia do. \$6.50; Eastport \$1; split Shore \$4.25; round do. \$4.50; round Eastport \$4; pickled codfish \$7.25; haddock \$6; halibut heads \$3.50; sounds \$13; tongues and sounds \$12; tongues \$11; alewives \$3.50; trout \$14; California salmon \$14; Halifax do. \$23; Newfoundland do. \$16.” Port of Spain, Trinidad, Feb. 28,—“The *Hilda* from Halifax, *Carmena* from Newfoundland, and *Garnet* from Lockport have all arrived during the past fortnight. We have succeeded in placing the *Garnet's* cargo at \$20.50 tierces, \$22 drums, \$5.50 boxes and \$14 haddock, but thus far very little has been done with the other importations, although offered at considerably under foregoing rates. Consumption is much lighter than usual during this season, and some time must elapse before present ample supplies can be disposed of. Late receipts of salmon have supplied present wants, but both mackerel and herring would meet with ready sale.”

MARKET QUOTATIONS.—WHOLESALE RATES.

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

GROCERIES.

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| SUGARS. | |
| Coffee leaf | 7 1/4 to 8 |
| Granulated | 6 1/4 to 6 1/2 |
| White Extra C | 6 1/2 |
| Standard | 5 1/2 to 5 3/4 |
| Extra Yellow C | 5 1/2 to 5 3/4 |
| Yellow C | 5 1/4 to 5 1/2 |
| TEA. | |
| China, Common | 17 to 19 |
| .. Fair | 20 to 23 |
| .. Good | 25 to 28 |
| .. Choice | 31 to 33 |
| .. Extra Choice | 36 to 36 |
| .. Oolong, Choice | 37 to 39 |
| MOLASSES. | |
| Barbadoes | 35 to 36 |
| Demerara | 35 to 36 |
| Diamond N. | 4 1/2 |
| Porto Rico | 31 to 32 |
| Centrifugal | 31 |
| Trinidad | 31 to 33 |
| Antigua | 32 to 33 |
| Tobacco, Black | 28 to 44 |
| .. Bright | 42 to 58 |
| BISCUITS. | |
| Pilot Bread | 3 1/2 |
| Boston and Thin Family | 6 1/2 |
| Soda | 6 1/2 |
| do in lb. boxes, 50 to case | 7 1/2 |
| Fancy | 8 to 15 |

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

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| Apples, per bbl. N. S. | 2.00 to 4.50 |
| Oranges, Valencia, per case | 4 1/2 |
| Lemons, per case | 4 1/2 |
| Cocoanuts, new, per 100 | 5.00 |
| Union, American, per lb. | 4 |
| .. Canadian | 3 1/2 |
| Dates, boxes, new | 6 1/2 |
| Raisins, Valencia, new | 7 to 7 1/2 |
| Figs, Elme, 5 lb boxes per lb, new | 12 |
| .. small boxes | 11 to 13 |
| Prunes, Stewing, boxes | 10 |
| Grapes, per keg | 10 00 |

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FISH FROM VESSELS.

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| MACKEREL. | |
| Extra | 15.00 to 16.00 |
| No. 1 | 11.00 to 14.00 |
| .. 2 large | 14.00 to 15.50 |
| .. 2 small | 12.00 to 12.50 |
| .. 3 large | 12.00 to 12.50 |
| .. 3 small | 12.00 to 12.50 |
| Small | 7.00 to 7.50 |
| HERRING. | |
| 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 |
| Alkewicks per bbl. | 3.00 to 3.25 |
| CODFISH. | |
| Hard Shore | 4.00 to 4.25 |
| Bank | 4.00 to 4.25 |
| Bay | 4.00 to 4.25 |
| SALMON, No. 1 | 18.00 to 19.00 |
| HADDOCK, per qtl. | 2.75 to 3.00 |
| HAKE | 2.00 to 2.25 |
| Pink | 2.00 to 2.50 |
| COLLOCK | 1.50 |
| HAKK SOUNDS, per lb. | 12 1/2 |
| Cod O.L.A. | 25 |

BUTTER AND CHEESE

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| Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints | 30 |
| .. in Small Tubs | 25 |
| .. Good, in large Tubs, new | 18 to 20 |
| .. old | 7 to 14 |
| .. Store Packed & oversalted | 10 |
| Canadian Township, new | 22 to 25 |
| .. Western | 16 to 18 |
| .. old | 7 to 10 |
| Cheese, Canadian | 11 |
| .. Antigonish | 11 |

BREADSTUFFS.

Breadstuffs are still higher than our last report, and the quotations of millers have a very wide range; as wide a range as 25 cts. a bbl. on the same grade, just according to millers' views. Some mills are asking as high as \$6.10 for best Ontario Patents. The current range is on 90 per cent. Patents from \$5.35 to \$5.60, and on high grade Patents from \$5.75 to \$6. The greatest advance however is on Oatmeal, which has suddenly boomed up. Millers are asking \$6. Cornmeal is also ranging up; it is worth about \$3.50, costs more to make it. Oats are firmer held at 62 ex store. Demand however for these high priced goods are slackening off, and an increased demand for mill feeds is taking the place of Oats and Cornmeal. Hay is also looking up a little. Kindly take our outside quotations as about current rates. If markets continue booming another week we shall be compelled to advance our quotation considerably.

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| FLOUR. | |
| Manitoba Highest Grade Patents | 5.50 to 5.75 |
| High Grade Patents | 5.50 to 5.60 |
| Good 90 per cent. Patents | 5.40 |
| Straight Grade | 5.20 |
| Superior Extras | 5.00 to 5.10 |
| Good Seconds | 4.65 to 4.75 |
| Graham Flour | 5.25 to 5.50 |
| Oatmeal | 5.80 to 5.90 |
| .. Rolled | 5.90 to 6.10 |
| Kiln Dried Cornmeal | 3.50 |
| .. In Bond | 3.10 |
| Roller Wheat | 5.50 to 5.55 |
| Wheat Bran, per ton | 22.50 |
| Shorts | 23.00 to 24.00 |
| Middlings | 25.00 to 27.00 |
| Cracked Corn, including bags | 35.00 to 40.00 |
| Ground Oil Cake, per ton | 35.00 |
| Moulee | 31.00 to 32.00 |
| Split Peas | 3.75 to 4.00 |
| White Beans, per bushel | 1.80 to 2.00 |
| Pot barley, per barrel | 3.90 to 4.10 |
| Canadian Oats, choice quality | 60 to 62 |
| Hay per ton | 10.50 to 12.00 |

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

PROVISIONS.

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| Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid | 12.50 to 13.00 |
| .. Am. Plate | 12.50 to 13.00 |
| .. Ex. Plate | 13.00 to 14.00 |
| Pork, Mess, American | 16.00 to 16.50 |
| .. American, clear | 16.00 to 17.00 |
| .. P. E. I. Mess | 15.00 to 16.00 |
| .. P. E. I. Thin Mess | 14.00 to 15.00 |
| .. Prime Mess | 11.50 to 12.00 |
| Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island | 11 to 12 |
| .. American | 11 to 12 |
| Hams, P. E. I., green | none |
| Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are liable to change daily. | |