

absorbed the milk that formerly went into butter; so that in recent years Canada has not had sufficient butter at the end of the season to supply her own consumptive wants and, consequently, has been compelled to draw her supplies from the United States."

CHEESE.—The local cheese market is quiet and transactions are confined to supplying the actual consumptive demand. The cheese position in Canada has anything but a strong look, because of plenty of cheese in the country, easy cables, unsatisfactory quality, warm weather and absence of any genuine support. The United Kingdom will make a very large quantity of cheese this season and will, therefore, be more independent of supplies from this side of the Atlantic than it has been for several years. The fact is that too much capital and energy has been invested in establishing cheese factories in Canada without much thought of the possibility that the market might collapse under a favorable yield in the market at which the efforts were aimed. The question whether it pays better to produce butter or cheese is gradually working itself out.

SUGAR.—No important change has been developed in the sugar market. Advices from abroad have been quiet and weaker. While the feeling here has not been so strong prices have been well upheld. The demand has been slow and the volume of business accomplished small, owing to the fact that some large holders in the wholesale grocery trade appear to be getting somewhat nervous and anxious to realise. Stocks in refiners' hands throughout Canada are at present heavy, but they speak confidently of being able to dispose of it.

MOLASSES.—No alteration worthy of note has occurred in the molasses situation. The stocks held in first hands are very small and the prospects for any considerable quantities from the coming crop are not at all encouraging. New processes of refining together with the very largely decreased acreage devoted to the cultivation of the sugar cane in Jamaica, Cuba, Porto Rico, and other West Indian Islands have so much reduced the production of molasses that the supply seems totally inadequate to keep pace with the demand. Prices are now about as high as the public is likely to pay and, for the few purposes for which molasses is actually needed, some substitute will be readily found.

TEA.—The market is unusually quiet for this season of the year as buyers are taking only what they require for immediate wants. The tone of the market is firmer owing to strong advices from abroad. The first arrival of China tea in London was received with an indifference—not to say lifelessness—which was in marked contrast with the experience of all previous seasons. The fact is that quotations for inferior teas, which comprise the bulk of the shipments from China now coming forward, are preposterously low to what they are in Hankow. Strange as it may appear this extreme cheapness causes buyers as well as sellers to be afraid of operating largely in the article—the latter, as having reason to shirk incurring losses of from 20 to 30 per cent. on their consignments till the very last moment, and the former because common teas in general are too cheap and plentiful to be a source of attraction or profit to anyone.

COFFEE.—Notwithstanding the reaction to firmness in New York and Havre, the market is quiet. The Brazil crop is known to be immense, and, as supplies are liberal in the great centres, the present speculative advance, it is thought, cannot make much headway.

FISH OILS.—Our advices from Montreal say:—Steam refined seal oil is well concentrated, being almost exclusively held by one of our leading Newfoundland houses. Prices are firm at 42c. to 45c. There is very little cod oil in the market, and no business of any importance is expected before the new arrives. Newfoundland is quoted at 37c. to 39c., and other grades at 34c. to 36c. Cod liver oil, 65c.; Norway, 90c. to 95c.

FISH.—The feeling in this market as regards prices has improved in all lines of fish, except mackerel, which have been weaker owing to recent heavy imports of first-class Irish fish to the United States. Receipts of new fish do not keep pace with shipments of old, and the market is being gradually denuded of marketable stock. Though bankers and other deep-sea fishermen have found the weather and other circumstances, such as the lack of bait, etc., very unfavorable to the successful prosecution of their industry, the smaller boats fishing closer to the shore, both to the Eastward and to the Westward, have done better than usual, and the present indications are that the catch, so far, will aggregate a full average. Our latest advices from the Banks are to the effect that an improvement has occurred in the catch there, but those engaged in that branch of the business continue to complain of the lack of sufficient bait. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, July 23.—"All the old dry cod has been pretty well exhausted, and now is offering, to arrive, at \$4.75 per quintal. Sea trout quiet at \$9 to \$10. British Columbia salmon, \$6.50 for half barrels, and \$12 to \$13 for barrels." Gloucester, Mass., July 23.—"New Georges codfish, \$4.75 to \$5 per qtl. for large, and \$3.75 for small; Bank, \$3.75 for large, and \$3 for small; Shore, \$4.50 and \$3.50 for large and small; old Bank, \$3.50; new Kench-cured Bank, \$5 for large, and \$4.50 for medium; cured cusk, \$2.50 per qtl.; hake, \$2.25; haddock, \$2.50; heavy salted pollock, \$2.25; English-cured do., \$2.75; Labrador herring, \$6 per box; medium split, \$6; Newfoundland do., \$5; Nova Scotia do., \$6; Eastport, \$3; split shore, \$4.75; pickled codfish, \$6; haddock, \$5; Halifax salmon, \$25; Newfoundland do., \$25." Boston, Mass., July 23.—"The mackerel market is not quite as steady this week, while the catch has improved but little. The prospects are considered a little more encouraging. This and the receipts of fresh mackerel of fully as good quality as those coming from Nova Scotia, has rather weakened the market. Most of the sales of Nova Scotia 3's have been made at \$15.75 to \$16. The Irish have sold at \$15.50 to \$16. Some small lots of P. E. Islands have sold at \$16.50 to \$17.50, mostly at \$17. It is a good time to sell. Lobsters have advanced to \$1.55." Havana, July 22, (per cable via New York).—"Codfish, \$6.25; haddock, \$5.50; hake, \$4.50."

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 1/4
Granulated.....	9 1/4 to 9 1/2
Circle A.....	9 1/2
White Extra C.....	8 1/4 to 9
Extra Yellow C.....	8 1/4 to 8 1/2
Yellow C.....	7 1/4 to 8 1/4
TEA.	
Congou, Common.....	17 to 19
" Fair.....	20 to 23
" Good.....	25 to 29
" Choice.....	31 to 33
" Extra Choice.....	35 to 38
Oolong, Choice.....	37 to 39
MOLASSES.	
Barbadoes.....	46
Demerara.....	42 to 45
Diamond N.....	48 to 50
Porto Rico.....	43 to 47
Cienfuegos.....	41
Trinidad.....	42 to 43
Antigua.....	42 to 43
Tobacco, Black.....	38 to 44
" Bright.....	42 to 58
DISCOUNTS.	
Pilot Bread.....	3.25
Boston and Thin Family.....	7
Soda.....	7 1/4
do. in 1 lb. boxes, 60 to case.....	7 1/4
Fancy.....	8 to 15

BREADSTUFFS.

We have no changes to note.

FLOUR.	
High Grade Patents.....	5.45 to 5.75
Good 00 per cent Patents.....	5.25 to 5.40
Straight Grade.....	5.10 to 5.25
Superior Extras.....	4.90 to 5.00
Good Seconds.....	4.22 to 4.40
Graham Flour.....	5.40
American Supr. Extras, in bond.....	4.15 to 4.25
American 90 per cent, in bond.....	4.65 to 4.85
American Patents.....	5.15
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 18.25
Shorts.....	17.00 to 17.25
Middlings.....	18.00 to 18.50
Cracked Corn, including bags.....	28.50
Ground Oil Cake, per ton.....	35.00
Moulée.....	26.50
Split Peas.....	3.75 to 4.00
White Beans, per bushel.....	2.00 to 2.50
Pot Harley, per barrel.....	4.85
P. E. I. Oats.....	88
Hay per ton.....	12.00 to 12.50

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

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

PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....	11.50 to 12.00
" Am. Plate.....	11.50 to 12.00
" Ex. Plate.....	12.50 to 13.00
Pork, Mess, American.....	16.50
" American, clear.....	19.00
" P. E. I. Mess.....	16.50 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.	

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 small.....	none
" 3 large.....	11.00
" 3 small.....	11.00
HERRING.	
No. 1 Short, July.....	4.00 to 4.50
No. 1, Aug. ust, Round.....	3.50 to 3.75
" September.....	3.50 to 3.75
Labrador, 1 cargo lots, per bl.....	4.00 to 4.50
Bay of Island, Split.....	2.00
" Round.....	1.75
" Small boxes.....	5.00
ALSAVIES, 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
HAKK 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.....	16 to 22
" unwashed.....	12 to 15
Salted Hides, No 1.....	5
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No 1.....	5 1/4
" under 60 lbs., No 1.....	5
" over 60 lbs., No 2.....	4 1/4
" 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.....	15 to 20
Tallow.....	8

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

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.

LOBSTERS.

Per case 4 doz. 1 lb cans.

Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing) 5.25 to 6.00	
Tail 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, American, per bbl.....	3.50 to 4.00
Oranges, boxes (new).....	6.50
Valencia Oranges, per case, repacked 11.50 to 12.00	
Lemons, per case.....	6.00
Cocoanuts, per 100.....	3.50 to 4.00
Onions, New Egyptian.....	2 1/2 c. per lb.
" New Bermuda, per crate.....	1.00
Dates, boxes, new.....	5 1/4 to 6
Raisins, Valencia, new.....	7 to 7 1/2
Figs, Eleme, 5 lb boxes per lb.....	11
" small boxes.....	13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes and bags, new.....	5 1/4 to 6
Bananas, per bunch.....	1.75 to 2.50

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

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	25
" in Small Tubs.....	18 to 20
" Good, in large tubs.....	16 to 18
" Store Packed & oversalted.....	14
Canadian Township.....	18
" Western.....	17
Cheese, Canadian.....	10 1/4

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

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

These quotations are prepared by a reliable victualer

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.....	1.60 to 1.20
" spruce, No 1.....	1.10 to 1.35
Laths, per m.....	2.00
Hard wood, per cord.....	4.00 to 4.25
Soft wood.....	2.25 to 2.50