

A considerable amount of business has transpired during the week, and it is hoped the season will have a better wind-up than was expected by many in the trade. There is still considerable July cheese in store here. We quote: Western—9½c to 10c July, 10½c to 10½c August, and 11c to 11½c September and October. French—9c to 9½c July, 9½c to 9½c Aug., and 10½c to 11c September and October.

DRY GOODS.—The packing rooms of some of our large houses have given evidence of a little improvement in business this week, although there is still great complaints of general dullness. Several buyers from near-by points in Ontario and Quebec have been in and selected a fair quantity of goods. Orders arriving cover general assortments, but principally woollen and knitted goods for fall and winter wear. Remittances may be called fair. An attempt is being made to advance the price of grey cotton, owing to present unremunerative rates.

EGGS.—There is still an over supply of common stock on this market, which dealers offer in cases and barrels at 14c, good to fine stock bringing 15c to 17c. The New York market has advanced to 20c and 20½c, sales of Canadian having taken place at both figures.

FISH.—An advance of 25c to 50c per bbl. has taken place in Cape Breton herring, owing to the reported short catch on the Labrador Coast, and quotations now range from \$5.50 to \$5.75, some holders asking \$6.

FRUIT.—The apple market is weak, sales of round lots of fine fall fruit having transpired at \$1.00 to \$1.75 per bbl., and prices range from

\$1.50 to \$1.75, fancy kinds at \$2.00. Poor and wasty lots are only worth \$1.00. Bartlett pears are in good demand, fine to choice green selling at \$9 to \$12 per bbl. The market is glutted with Flemish Beauty, which sell at \$5 to \$6 for green and down to \$3 for ripe. Lemons are unchanged, at \$3.50 to \$4.50 per box. Jamaica oranges \$3 to \$9 per bbl. The first receipts of Brazilian oranges sold at \$5 per case. The first lots of Malaga grapes have arrived and sold at \$7 to \$7.50 per keg. Peaches \$5.00 to \$6.50 in carriers, and \$1.50 to \$2.00 in baskets. Grapes—Canada Delaware 10c to 12½c per lb. Canada Rogers at 8c to 10c, Concord 6c to 7c, and Champion 5c. Quebec damsons are very dear, having sold \$16 to \$17 per bbl., against \$9 to \$10 at this time last year. Latest advices from Liverpool quote choice red fruit at 13s 6d to 14s 6d per bbl.

GRAIN AND FLOUR.—The demand for wheat is exceedingly small, and prices have declined fully 1c on the week, sales of Canada No. 2 red winter being mentioned at 85c to 86c. Wheat which lately arrived in England from the Atlantic ports show a loss of 2½c per bushel, red winter shipped from New York some time ago having lost 12c per bushel on price and 9c on freight. In Canada there is a prevalent indisposition among farmers to sell at present prices. Advices from Peterboro state that farmers, after drawing their wheat twenty to thirty miles returned with it rather than accept 75c per bushel. In other places however 75c has been accepted, although not for any large quantities. Corn is nominally quoted at 63c to 6½c in bond. Pease have been sold at 80c, and rye is nominal; oats sold at 34c, and barley is quoted at 55c to 65c. The flour market is quiet, but prices are a trifle steadier. Superiors

selling at \$4.25, extra at \$4.10, fancy at \$4.05, spring extra at \$4.00, superfine at \$3.40, fine at \$3.00, middling at \$2.85 to \$2.00, pollards at \$2.65 to \$2.70, and city bags at \$2.60. Low grades are scarce and wanted for the city trade.

GROCERIES.—The tone of the sugar market is by no means strong, although a good volume of business is being done at about last week's prices, granulated at 6½c to 6¾c, and yellows at 4½c to 5½c. Several lots of Scotch yellows have arrived, which are offering at 5c to 5½c, but at these prices there is no market, as our city refiners are under-selling them. Molasses remain quiet and steady. A few small lots have changed hands at 33c for Barbadoes. Syrups are slow sale at 27½c to 45c, a good round lot being taken at 32½c. In dried fruit there is little stirring. New Sultanas are offered to arrive at 7c to 7½c. Currants have changed hands at 6c to 6½c for new and at 4½c to 4¾c for old. New Valencia raisins are quoted at 7c to 7½c, and old at 4½c. Ivaca almonds sold at 10½c on spot, and Levant filberts at 7c to 7½c to arrive. The tea market has developed a slightly steadier tone, but prices here have not materially altered. An advance of 2c to 3c per lb. has taken place in Japan. Sales are reported of 120 half chests of Moyune Young Hysons at 14c to 17c, and 100 caddies of Pingsuey at 15c to 16½c. A good demand exists for dust, but there is scarcely any to be had. Coffee is quiet and steady. In spices there has been an advance of 1c to 2c in nutmegs, all round, for brown and lined. Black pepper is very firm, owing to the shortage of supplies. The Penang crop is expected to fall short 2,500 tons, and a deficiency of 4,000 tons is reported in Malabar. Rice is quiet at \$3.50.

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