

country producers show no special desire to sell, and there is just enough demand to maintain prices fairly well in view of the prolonged dull spell. In Liverpool cheese is advancing, late cables showing it 1s. to 1s. 6d. higher than last week. This fact, however, has not as yet had any special effect here. Though it has created a better tone, it failed to increase business. If it should be continued or even maintained it will have its influence with us.

APPLES.—The apple crop this season will be a small one as compared with that of last year, and prices will probably rule somewhat higher. Still there seems no reason to doubt that there will be amply sufficient to supply all home and export requirements. It is reported that buyers representing a number of Chicago firms have recently been vigorously canvassing the apple-growing districts of Ontario, and buying up the crop by the orchard at very high prices. Also that farmers soon increased their demands for the fruit faster than the buyers could afford to follow them, so that this business is nearly stopped for the present.

DRIED FRUITS.—The Patras currant market after opening at 13s. has ruled strong, and cable advices thence note an advance of 1s. 6d. to 14s. to 14s. 6d. Valencia raisins for August shipment were cabled at 18s. to 18s. 6d., but September shipments may be purchased at lower figures. The French prune crop is reported to be of very fine quality with prices ranging from 13s. to 27s. according to size of fruit, but reports of Bosnian and Servian crops are not as favorable. There is no life in the local market on spot though offerings of good fruit have been large. The extensive London strike has delayed several large shipments of dried fruit that were to have been made to Canada.

SUGAR.—In this market there has been no change to note, prices having ruled steady. The demand from local buyers has been slow, owing to the fact that most have ample stocks on hand just now. The opinion of refiners is that prices have touched bottom this time, and a more active trade is looked for. There has been little enquiry for granulated which has ruled steady. Private cables from London were weak and noted a decline of 3s. 3d. on prompt beet to 15s., which is a break of 13s. 6d. since July 10th, when the price was 28s. 6d. The market, however, has been most active at the decline, and a larger volume of business has been done.

MOLASSES.—There has been no improvement in the molasses market, business having continued quiet, which is no doubt due to the recent weakness and the large offering of Barbadoes to arrive at Montreal. Consequently buyers have been holding off and making low bids. Only a few small lots have been sold.

TEA.—Since our last report the market has continued active under a good demand and a considerable volume of business has been accomplished. Advices from abroad have been strong and in some cases note a further advance in prices. The prospects look bright and there is every indication of a brisk trade later on, as stocks are light and few lots of old teas are offering on the market. There is a good demand for low grade Japans and blacks, but few are offered. Cable advices from Yokohama are very strong and orders are hard to fill at buyers' views here.

FISH OILS.—The Montreal market remains quiet but steady. A lot of new Newfoundland cod oil is offered at 38c., and we quote 38c. to 40c. as to quantity. Halifax is quoted at 36c. to 37c. Steam refined seal oil is firm and quoted at 46c. to 47c. under a fair demand. Cod liver oil is quoted steady at 65c. to 70c.

FISH.—There has been no change whatever in the fish market since our last report. Accounts received from the banks are by no means encouraging. Vessels arriving home average only two-thirds fares. The North Bay codfishing fleet have done better, and are arriving home with good fares, but they have found both bait and fish more plentiful than bankers have. The shore codfishing is more successful than it has been during the past two months. Mackerel still keep clear of our shores, and nothing is doing in the bay. Some small lots of herring are being taken along our shores. The latest reports from the Labrador herring fisheries are not favorable. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, September 3.—“There is a good enquiry for dry codfish, and prices are quoted at \$5, although some holders have been instructed not to take less than \$5.25. Prices in St. Johns, Nfld., have gone away up to \$4.80. Quite a demand is experienced for green cod, but the supply is small. A few Cape Breton herring selling at \$6 per bbl. Labrador herring are expected next week, which is about the earliest ever experienced. The quality is said to be unsurpassed. Prices are expected to open at about \$5.25 to \$5.50. A cargo of 1,000 bbls. is expected here about September 15th. The fish trade is reported good all through Canada.” Boston, September 3.—“The situation in regard to mackerel remains about the same, although the fleet on this shore have been doing a little better. Some captains are still confident of getting some good hauls yet. One thing seems to be quite definitely settled, and that is that mackerel are about as high as they can possibly go. The demand for them at present prices is very limited. Extra fat shore bloaters, running about 150 fish to the barrel, that ten days ago sold at \$30 to \$32, have dropped to \$26. N. S. large and medium 3's are selling at \$16. Island mackerel have sold this week at \$19 to \$20—principally at \$19.50 to \$20.” Havana, August 24.—“Early in the week there was considerable demand for codfish, but since Thursday buyers have not shown quite as much anxiety. The market closes as it opened, say \$5.75 per 100 lbs., at which figure it may be cabled dull but firm. Haddock opened at \$5.25 strong, and has so continued throughout the week, but at the present writing, buyers for the first time, refuse to pay over \$5. Hake opened at \$5, but with large stocks in comparison to the consumption, and holders have had to cede 25c. per qtl. in order to make sales. We expect that further concessions may have to be made next week unless receipts fall off.” Mayaguez, P. R., August 19.—“Our market for fish is at present rather depressed owing to the inferiority of stocks on hand, but as soon as these are consumed we expect a better market for first arrivals of new catch.”

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.....	8 1/2 to 9 3/4
Granulated.....	8 1/2 to 9 3/4
Circle A.....	8 1/2 to 9 3/4
White Extra C.....	7 1/4 to 7 1/2
Extra Yellow C.....	7 1/4 to 7 1/2
Yellow C.....	7 1/4 to 7 1/2
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.....	45
Demerara.....	42 to 45
Diamond N.....	48 to 50
Porto Rico.....	43 to 45
Cienfuegos.....	41
Trinidad.....	42 to 43
Antigua.....	42 to 43
Tobacco, Black.....	38 to 44
Bright.....	42 to 58
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread.....	3.25
Hoston and Thin Family.....	7
Soda.....	7
do in 11b boxes, 50 to case.....	7 1/4
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. Ex. 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.....	15.10 to 15.50
American, clear.....	16.50 to 17.00
P. E. I. Mess.....	16.00 to 16.50
P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	14.50 to 15.00
Prime Mess.....	13.00 to 13.50
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.....	none
3 large.....	11.00
3.....	11.00
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July.....	4.50 to 5.00
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
ALEWIVES, per bbl.....	2.50 to 3.00
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore.....	3.50 to 3.75
Bank.....	3.25 to 3.50
Bay.....	3.50 to 3.75
SALMON, No. 1.....	18.00 to 19.00
HADDOCK, per qtl.....	2.25
HAKE.....	2.00
CUSK.....	1.50
POLLOCK.....	1.50
HARK SOUNDS, per lb.....	12 1/2
COD OIL A.....	26 to 50

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

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..... 3.50 to 4.00

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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

BREADSTUFFS.

Stocks of Breadstuffs are very light. Markets are firm for all good stocks on hand. New wheat is reported to be moving very slowly in the West. Farmers' deliveries so far have been very moderate. With reference to futures there is a difference of opinion, many contending that the shortage of the crop in Europe, Asia and India, of something like 200,000,000 bushels, must have a tendency to maintain higher prices on this side of the water, and a good export demand is looked for later on.

Wheat is relatively 10c. to 12c. lower in the United States than in Canada.

WHEAT.	
High Grade Patents.....	5.30 to 5.50
Good 90 per cent Patents.....	5.10 to 5.25
Straight Grade.....	5.00 to 5.10
Superior Extras.....	4.90 to 5.00
Good Seconds.....	4.25 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
Rolled Wheat.....	5.20
Wheat Bran, per ton.....	16.00 to 16.25
Shorts.....	19.00 to 20.00
Middlings.....	20.00 to 22.00
Cracked Corn.....	26.50
Ground Oil Cake, per ton.....	35.00
Moulce.....	26.50
Split Peas.....	3.75 to 4.00
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.95 to 2.00
Pot Barley, per barrel.....	4.85
Canadian Oats, choice quality.....	43 to 45
P. E. I. Oats.....	40 to 41
Hay per ton.....	12.00 to 12.50
J. A. CHIPMAN & Co., Head of Central Wharf, Halifax, N. S.	

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, Gravenstein.....	3.00
Apples, No. 1, per bbl.....	3.75 to 2.50
Oranges, Jamaica, per bbl, repacked.....	7.50
Lemons, per case.....	7.00
Cocoanuts, per 100.....	3.50 to 4.00
Onions, New American, per lb.....	2 1/2 to 2 3/4
Dates, boxes, new.....	6 1/2 to 6
Raisins, Valencia.....	6 1/2 to 7
Figs, Elme, 5 lb boxes per lb.....	11
small boxes.....	13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes and bags, new.....	5 1/2 to 6
Bananas, per bunch.....	1.75 to 2.50
Pine Apples, per doz.....	2.50 to 3.00

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
Antigonish.....	10 1/2

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

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & 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.....	5 1/2
under 60 lbs., No 1.....	5
over 60 lbs., No 2.....	4 1/2
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.....	3

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

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.....	1.00 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