

fort the business of England and America in securities—at least so it now appears.

It is now thought by many moneyed men of New York that it is quite possible that a new League in Europe, with Germany at the head, might open a market for a part of the immense surplus of silver now idle in America. This hope cannot however be realized from any such union, for the simple reason that Germany, since the days of demonetization, has held an immense sum of silver. This silver has been held, expecting an advance, and Prussia will at once endeavor to place a part at least at the disposal of the contemplated union.

The reserves of the Bank of England which at one time attracted attention, have taken gigantic strides, and are now up to a maximum. So large are the present reserves to liabilities that the rates are now down to a minimum or the traditional point below which the Bank is not allowed to go.

The trouble with some of the Irish banks is localized and does not affect general English or Irish finance. The anxiety of the general English public has toned down, and speculation shows signs of revival.

United States finances are in a good condition and the National credit is quite equal to that of England.

COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS IN BOND.—The following goods are now in bond at this port. Country dealers will find the information useful:—

	In Bond.	31st July, 1885
	Imperial Gallons	Value.
Brandy.....	26,641	\$ 51,042
Gin.....	18,660	7,915
Rum.....	49,743	12,735
Whiskey.....	17,087	17,538
Wines.....	19,420	23,779
Molasses.....	137,112	80,583
Sugar.....	14,194,127 lbs.	357,903

FISH.—Our fish market has undergone very little change, if any, since our last issue. Fish are coming to market slowly. Some sell, but those that can do so are trying to hold for a short time for better prices. Our quotations for mackerel remains the same, and so far we see no prospects of a change. One fare of about 500 bbls. taken at Seven Islands by the schr. Ocoola, are now being put up, and are packing out mostly plain two's and plain three's, with a few large two's. The fish are quite fat for so early, and they have been well handled.

SALMON have arrived quite freely, and all but about the two last arrivals, which comprise about 500 bbls., have changed hands. We quote—No. 1, \$10.75 to \$11; No. 2, \$8.75 to \$9; No. 3, \$7 to \$8 per bbl.

HERRING.—We think we are correct in stating that the catch of fat herring on the coasts of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton is very much less than for many years. Nothing near an average quantity has been taken. We would not be surprised if later on prices would advance. The markets at present is about \$3.25 to \$3.50, though some are asking more, and say they will hold for \$4. We would much like to see their expectations gratified. It is reported that on the west coast of Labrador quite a good catch of herring has been made.

CODFISH.—Banks and shore codfish keep coming to market, but we hear of no advance in prices of these descriptions of fish. It is reported that the Nova Scotia fleet of codfishermen to the coast of the Labrador have done nothing, very few vessels getting as high as 250 qtls., while many of them have but from 30 to 50 qtls. each. This is to be regretted, as they did so poorly during last season.

Boston advices up to the 7th inst. gives the catch of the New England fleet to that date as follows:—

1885.	1884.	1883.	1882.
Bbls.	Bbls.	Bbls.	Bbls.
152,755	133,138	55,556	208,014

and quotations at that date were as follows:—One trip of Bay of Fundy mackerel \$2 per bbl. without bbl. Large dry Bank cod, \$3.50 to \$3.67; large pickled, \$2.75 to \$3; medium, \$2.37. Large George's, \$3 to \$3.12; medium, \$2.67. Northern salmon, \$15 per bbl.

GLOUCESTER, Aug. 7.—Last sales of shore mackerel, \$2.50 to \$3 with bbl. 1000 bbls. Bay mackerel arrived 6th inst.

There arrived at the following ports, viz:—

At Dennisport Aug. 1 and 3.....	890 bbl. mackerel.
Provincetown Aug. 1 and 3.....	2700 "
Portland July 31, Aug. 1 and 3.....	4400 "
Wellfleet Aug. 1 and 3.....	3680 "
Gloucester Aug. 1 and 3.....	5725 "
Southport Aug. 1.....	350 "
Boothbay ".....	600 "
Harwichport ".....	380 "

which is a very large quantity. We have been informed that some of the mackerel fishermen from U. S. ports have about decided to lay up their vessels rather than catch any more mackerel. Prices are ruling so low that they begin to find out that after paying for salt and barrels they have nothing left. We have heard that some of the crews have refused to go in the vessels to catch mackerel on account of such low prices. We hope this way of catching mackerel, seining them in deep water, will soon cure itself. Altogether there is not a very bright outlook for any kind of fish. At the commence-

ment of the season we gave this precaution to our readers, and we sincerely hope they have in some degree been governed by it in their transactions with fish. We are sorry to note that the West India markets still remain in a very depressed state. Sales are very slow and very low, with considerable fish at many of the markets spoiling.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

WHOLESALE RATES.

The following Price-Lists have been corrected up to the time of going to press, and are thoroughly reliable and accurate.

GROCERIES.

SUGAR.	
Porto Rico.....	5 1/2 to 5 3/4
Cut Leaf.....	8 to 8 1/2
Granulated.....	7 to 7 1/4
Circle A.....	6 1/2 to 6 3/4
Extra C.....	6 1/4 to 6 1/2
Yellow C.....	5 3/4 to 5 1/2
Yellows.....	5 to 5 1/4
TEA.	
Congou, Common.....	15 to 16
" Fair.....	18 to 21
" Good.....	23 to 27
" Choice.....	29 to 31
" Extra Choice.....	31 to 34
Oolong, Choice.....	33 to 38
New Season's Teas will not be in this market before middle of August.	
MOLASSES.	
Cienfuegos.....	27 to 29
Trinidad.....	29 to 31
Porto Rico new crop.....	30 to 31
Barbadoes.....	30 to 31
Demerara.....	32 to 37
" M R.....	38

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable wholesale house.

SUGARS.	
Ivory bar, 1 lb, 2 lb and 5 lb.....	6 1/2
Erative.....	6
Dominion.....	6
Surprise.....	5 1/4
Tiger.....	5 1/4
Extra Pale, 1 or 5 lb.....	6
Yellow Rose.....	5
" Linen Towel" for 30 bars, and 39 towels.....	6.00
Half Breed.....	4
Imperial.....	4
No. 1 Family.....	3 1/4
Jumbo.....	3 1/4
Brand.....	3
Congress.....	3
Brown.....	2
Toilet 15 to 40c. per doz.....	11 1/2
CANDLES, 6s and 8s.....	11 1/2
DISCOUNTS.	
Pilot Bread.....	2.60 to 2.90
Boston and Thin Family.....	6 1/2 to 7 1/4
Soda.....	0 to 4
do. in 10 boxes, 30 to case.....	8
Fancy.....	8 to 13
CONFECTIONERY.	
Assorted in pails.....	12
Mixed.....	11 to 20
Lovenges.....	12 to 15
1 cent goods, 144 in a box.....	23 to 110
Toys per hundred.....	65 to 75
Jams—different varieties.....	10 to 19
Brooms.....	1.40 to 2.75
Starch, Blue and White.....	7 to 9
Prepared Corn.....	9
BUTTER.	
Canadian, new.....	16 to 18
N. S.....	14 to 18
CHEESE.....	8 1/2 to 9
Edam.....	12
Tobacco—Black.....	39 to 46
" Bright.....	42 to 58
Hacking, per gross.....	3.00 to 4.00
Blacklead, ".....	2.00 to 10.00
Pearl Blue.....	2.50 to 3.00

In addition to the above quotations Messrs. Mackintosh & Co. keep in stock SUGARS, TEAS and MOLASSES.

POULTRY.

Fowls, per pair.....	60 to 70
Turkeys, per pound.....	16 to 20
Geese, each.....	none.
Ducks, per pair.....	75 to 80

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PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....	15.00 to 15.25
" Am. Plate.....	16.00 to 16.25
Pork, Mess, American.....	15.50 to 16.00
" American, clear.....	17.00 to 17.50
" P. E. I. Mess.....	16.00 to 16.50
" P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	14.50 to 15.00
" Prime Mess.....	12.00 to 12.50
Lard, Tubs and Pails.....	11 to 12
" Cases.....	12 1/2 to 13
Hams, P. E. I.....	13 to 13 1/2
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef \$2.20 per bbl.	

Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are liable to change daily.

The above quotations are prepared by Wm. Ackhurst, Wholesale Provision Dealer, Pickford & Black's Wharf, Halifax.

BREADSTUFFS.

PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE.

Our quotations below are our to-day's wholesale selling prices for cash within ten days after shipment.

FLOUR.	
Gramham.....	5.25 to 5.75
Patent high grades.....	6.10 to 6.60
" medium.....	5.00 to 5.15
Superior Extra.....	4.50 to 5.00
Lower grades.....	3.50 to 4.75
Oatmeal.....	4.75 to 5.15
Corn Meal—Halifax ground.....	3.25 to 3.35
" Imported.....	3.15 to 3.20
Brain per ton—Wheat.....	20.00 to 22.00
" —Corn.....	18.00 to 20.00
Shorts.....	22.00 to 24.00
Middlings.....	25.00 to 28.00
Cracked Corn.....	33.00 to 35.00
" Oats.....	33.00
" Barley.....	34.00
Pea Meal per bbl.....	3.75
Feed Flour.....	3.25 to 3.50
Oats per bushel of 54 lbs.....	48 to 50
Barley " of 48 ".....	70 to 80
Peas " of 48 ".....	1.10
Corn " of 50 ".....	80 to 85
Hay per ton.....	12.00 to 14.00
Straw.....	8.00 to 9.00

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FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL.	
Extra.....	none
No. 1.....	none
No. 2 large.....	none
No. 2.....	none
No. 3 large.....	3.00
No. 3.....	2.00
Small.....	1.00
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July.....	3.25 to 3.50
" August and Sept.....	none
No. 1, Ingonish.....	none
No. 1 Round Shore.....	1.75 to 2.00
No. 1, Labrador.....	none
ALBUQUERQUE.....	2.50 to 2.62 1/2
CODFISH.	
Large Hard Shore.....	3.25 to 3.50
Hard Shore, small.....	2.50 to 2.75
Blank.....	2.15
Hay.....	none
HADDOCK.....	1.75 to 2.00
HARK.....	1.75
COD.....	none
POLLOCK.....	none
FISH OILS.	
Cod A.....	38 to 40
Dog A.....	25 to 27
Pale Seal.....	none
HARK SOUND.....	45 to 50c per lb.

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

FRUIT.

APPLES.—American per bbl.....	3.00 to 4.00
" Nova Scotia.....	2.50 to 3.50
Raspberries, per qt.....	10c to 12c
Currents, red.....	8c to 10c
" black.....	12c to 15c
Gooseberries.....	10c to 12c

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LUMBER.

Pine, clear, No. 1, per m.....	23.00 to 30.00
" Merchantable, do do.....	14.00 to 17.00
" No 2 do.....	12.00 to 13.00
" Small, per m.....	7.00 to 10.00
Spruce, dimension good, per m.....	10.00 to 12.50
" Merchantable, do do.....	8.00 to 11.00
" Small, do do.....	6.00 to 8.00
Hemlock, do do.....	6.50 to 7.50
" common, do.....	6.50 to 7.00
Shingles, No 1, pine, dry, do.....	3.50 to 4.00
" No 2, pine, green, do.....	1.25 to 2.00
" No 1, spruce, do.....	1.10 to 1.20
Laths, per m.....	1.20 to 1.50
Hard wood, per cord.....	4.00 to 4.25
Soft wood.....	2.25 to 2.50

The above quotations are prepared by a reliable firm in this line.

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

No. 1 Wool Skins each.....	1.00
Season lot.....	25 to 50
Salted and dry.....	20 to 40
Short Pelts.....	10 to 20
Wool—clean washed, per pound.....	20
" unwashed.....	16 to 17
Green Hides—Ox, inspected, No 1.....	7
" Cow.....	6 1/2
Salted Hides—Ox in lots, No 1.....	7 1/2
" Cow.....	6 1/2
Calf Skin.....	8 to 10
" Deacons, each.....	15 to 20
Lambskins.....	15 to 25

The above quotations are furnished by R. MEGENEY, dealer in Wool and Hides, 178 Barrington street.