

vinces establish a reputation for themselves in shipping nothing but really sound fish. The course of the market for all kinds except Herrings has been pretty steady.

**DRY COD**—In January sold at \$4 $\frac{1}{2}$  to \$4 $\frac{3}{4}$ , as to sample, and was steady until May at these rates; declined and sold in round quantities in June at \$4 $\frac{1}{2}$  for new, steadily dropped to \$4 and \$3 $\frac{3}{4}$ , as to size of lot, in September; was steady in October at  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  higher, sales being effected at \$4 to \$4 $\frac{1}{2}$  until the close of the year.

## COMPARATIVE PRICES.

Date.	1870	1871	1872
	$\frac{1}{2}$ 112 lbs	$\frac{1}{2}$ 112 lbs	$\frac{1}{2}$ 112 lbs
	\$ c @ \$ c	\$ c @ \$ c	\$ c @ \$ c
April .....	7 6.00 6.25	5.00 5.50	4.50 4.75
May .....	12 5.50 6.00	5.25 5.50	4.50 4.75
June .....	2 5.00 5.50	5.00 5.50	4.50 4.87
July .....	7 5.38 5.75	5.00 5.50	4.25 4.50
August .....	18 5.25 5.50	4.75 5.00	4.00 4.25
September ..	22 4.75 5.00	4.00 4.25	3.75 4.00
October ....	5 4.25 4.87	4.00 4.25	4.00 4.25
November ..	17 4.50 5.00	4.00 4.25	4.00 4.37
December ..	15 5.25 5.50	4 15 4 50	4.25 4.50

**LABRADOR SPLIT HERRINGS.**—The prices paid for the best lots during 1872 were considerably under 1871, and as the quality varied very much, there was a corresponding gap in the range of prices. Early in January there were sales at \$3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to \$4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and in March at \$4 $\frac{1}{2}$  to \$4 $\frac{3}{4}$  for choice lots; were dull and almost unsaleable during the spring and summer months at \$3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to \$4 $\frac{1}{2}$  for fair to good lots. The early arrivals in the fall brought \$4 $\frac{1}{2}$  to \$4 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; dropped gradually until December, when the nominal quotations were \$3 $\frac{3}{4}$  to \$3 $\frac{1}{2}$ , as to sample.

## PRICES OF LABRADOR SPLIT HERRINGS.

Date	1870	1871	1872
	Per brl.	Per brl.	Per brl.
	\$ c @ \$ c	\$ c @ \$ c	\$ c @ \$ c
April .....	7 4.50 5.50	4.00 5.00	3.50 4.25
May .....	12 3.50 4.50	3.00 4.50	3.00 3.75
June .....	2 3.50 4.00	3.50 4.50	3.00 3.75
July .....	7 3.00 4.00	None	Nomin'l
August .....	17 3.50 4.00	"	"
September ..	22 3.50 4.00	"	"
October ....	5 6.25 6.38	4 50 4.75	4.50 5.00
November ..	7 6.12 6.38	4.25 4.37	4.00 4.50
December ..	15 6.00 6.25	3.50 4.25	3.75 4.00

**GREEN COD**—Opened in January with sales at \$4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and sold up to \$5 $\frac{1}{2}$  in February, dropped in the spring, and was purely nominal at \$2 $\frac{1}{2}$  to \$3 $\frac{1}{2}$  until October, when sales were effected at \$3 to \$3 $\frac{1}{2}$  for fresh stock, as to lot; advanced to \$3 $\frac{1}{2}$  and \$3 $\frac{3}{4}$  in November, closing in fair demand in December at the latter quotations. In drafts the sales ranged in January at \$6 $\frac{1}{2}$  to \$6 $\frac{3}{4}$ , and late in the year at \$4 $\frac{1}{2}$  to \$5.

**CANSO SPLIT HERRINGS**—Sold throughout the year at 50c to \$1 $\frac{1}{2}$  under the prices current for Labradors.

**ROUND HERRINGS**—Are now dealt in very lightly, the prices for really good to choice samples ruling from \$2 $\frac{1}{2}$  to \$3.

**SALMON**—Opened at \$15 to \$16, and continued steady within that range until October, when the supply was limited, and under a fair demand prices advanced with sales as to sample and size of lot at \$15 $\frac{1}{2}$  to \$16 $\frac{1}{2}$ , some small parcels being reported at \$17 to \$17 $\frac{1}{2}$ . December closed quiet at \$15 $\frac{1}{2}$  to \$16 for barrels, and a corresponding range for tierces, the stock being light, but equal to the enquiry.

**MACKEREL**—We cannot give any reliable line of quotations for this description of fish on account of the very variable quality sent to this market. For Nos. 3 and 2 the sales in the year were at \$4 to \$5 for the first, and \$8 to \$8 $\frac{1}{2}$  for the second named. In the fall No. 3 sold to a fair extent at \$4 to \$5, and No. 2 at \$6 to \$7, desirable grades being very scarce at the close of the year, and prices purely nominal.

**WHITE FISH**—Opened with small sales at \$4 $\frac{1}{2}$  to \$4 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; became scarce, and sold up to \$4 $\frac{1}{2}$  and \$4 $\frac{3}{4}$ , and at \$3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to \$3 $\frac{3}{4}$  for half barrels.

**SALMON TROUT**—Sold at \$8 to \$9 for small parcels in barrels, and \$4 to \$4 $\frac{1}{2}$  for half do.

## LIQUORS.

There has been very little variation in the prices of articles reviewed under this head within the year, there being almost an entire absence of the speculative element in the market.

**BRANDY**—The imports for the year were very much smaller than in 1871, those for the last named period gener-