

three days old has been shipped from factories. These shipments cannot be anything else than cured, for if, in the usual course of events, it requires more than a fortnight to cure good gross stock, it will surely take more than that to cure a cheese made from flat, lean fodder milk. The factory-men have, therefore, no excuse at all. They may claim that the price was bid, and that they would be fools not to sell, but that is a cynical way to look at the matter, and it is bound to rest upon themselves. It is more than likely that the generous buyers who paid them figures away up for unmarketable cheese had some ulterior motive for so doing, the effect of which, if their schemes work out, will mean that the very factorymen who got the high prices will be made to pay for it later in the season on cheese that is really worth more money. It is a foolish policy whatever way one looks at it, and the factoryman is more to blame than the buyers, for the reason that such a course leads to the suicidal in his case.

GREEN FRUIT.—Imports of fresh fruit continue to increase both in quantity and variety. *Appropos* to the recent visit of the Ministers of Trade and Commerce and of Finance, it may be mentioned that the fruiters failed to send a delegation to represent their grievances because it was found that all of them in this city are opponents of the present government, and they felt that it would be fruitless (no pun intended) to present their views to the commission as they would be supposed to be prejudiced. Still they have grievances, according to their statements, that are worthy of consideration. They say that they are charged duties on the fruits invoiced to them and that, being perishable goods, about 25 per cent. are so much injured by the voyage and handling that they are unsaleable. They think that a rebate should be allowed them so far as the duties on goods which are landed in an unsaleable condition are concerned. This claim seems just. They further say that it is unjust to charge them duties on the packages that contain the fruit, because these packages are frail and cannot be used for any other purpose after they are opened and the fruit taken out. In "reforming" the tariff the obvious justice of the claims of the fruit merchants should not be overlooked.

DRIED FRUIT.—The demand for prunes is reported to be somewhat better, but the market is otherwise unchanged. The movement in Valencia raisins is only moderate. As to currants not much is doing though they, with prunes, are sharing the most attention. A letter recently received from a Patras shipper says:—"The market is quiet, but the quality of what remains on this side is generally so poor that we are not pushing business. About 6,000 tons remain in Greece unsold. Peronoseros has appeared slightly in one or two localities, and we fear that we shall suffer again this year. In any case the crop will be only a small one."

SUGAR.—An advance of 3c. per lb. has been made since our last report, despite the fact that the New York market has a decidedly weaker tone. It is, however, considered that the weakness shown there is a bear movement on the part of the Trust that cannot be maintained, as beet sugar is quoted at 6d. higher with the tendency stronger and advancing. A fair business is reported on spot in refined sugars, and the refiners are looking for a brisk demand during the next thirty days, as stocks in jobbers' and retailers' hands are known to be very small.

MOLASSES.—The molasses market is weaker. Advices from Barbadoes are somewhat contradictory, but 13c. to 14c. seems to be about the range there. It now looks as if the supply will be larger than was anticipated, and than it has been for some years past.

TEA.—The demand has been only fair during the past week, and in volume probably less than in the previous week. The movement has been principally in blocks. Cable advices from Japan indicate that the regular market for new teas opened on choice quality at about ten per cent lower than last season, but has since recovered and shown a steadier tone. Crop prospects promise a yield fully as large if not in excess of last year. The new Japan teas now on their way are very high grades and few of them are coming to Canada. It will be probably another month before the new crop will reach this market. Pinguet's, both gunpowder and Young Hysons, are firm in New York; in fact they are the chief feature there. Autumnal Assams are beginning to arrive on this market, and the present is an opportune time for retailers who blend their own teas to purchase.

COFFEE.—The outside markets are a little firmer and higher prices are looked for. Locally the demand does not seem to be up to the usual standard.

FISH.—The local market remains quiet and unchanged. Considerable quantities of fresh salmon are coming in from St. Margaret's Bay and other country districts, but they are nearly all packed in ice on arrival and shipped to Boston, where good returns are reported to be obtained. A report from Boston says that the arrivals of fresh mackerel have not as yet been sufficient to supply the trade, to say nothing of salting. The market on salt mackerel is very moderately supplied, while trade has also been very moderate. The Irish mackerel lately received there sold at \$14.50 for the lot, and when repacked and graded by the jobbers they sell at \$15.50 as large 3's. Prices of fish generally have not materially changed since our last report.

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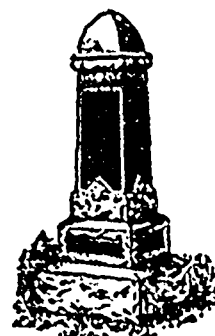
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GROCERIES.

SUGARS.	
Cut Leaf.....	5 1/2 to 6 1/2
Granulated.....	5 1/2 to 6 1/2
Circle A.....	5 1/2 to 6 1/2
White Extra C.....	5 1/2 to 6 1/2
Standard.....	5 1/2 to 6 1/2
Extra Yellow C.....	5 1/2 to 6 1/2
Yellow C.....	5 1/2 to 6 1/2
TEA.	
Congou Common.....	17 to 18
Fair.....	20 to 22
Good.....	25 to 27
Choice.....	31 to 33
Extra Choice.....	35 to 37
Oolong Choice.....	27 to 29
MOLASSES.	
Barbadoes.....	31
Demerara.....	35 to 38
Diamond N.....	47
Porto Rico.....	35
Cienfuegos.....	none
Trinidad.....	30
Antigua.....	30
Tobacco, Black.....	45 to 47
Bright.....	47 to 48
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread.....	8.00
Boston and Thin Family.....	6 1/2
Soda.....	6 1/2
do in 1 lb. boxes, 50 to case.....	7 1/2
Fancy.....	1 to 15

BREADSTUFFS

The markets in breadstuffs remain perfectly quiet. They have virtuously gone back to the old price and stagnant condition. Corn steady. Oatmeal is rather higher, worth about \$4.45 by the carload. Smaller lots about \$4.60. In oats advance our quotations to 44c. by the carload and 45c. and 46c. in a jobbing way. Hay is getting scarce and prices firm; demand of course is slacker.

FLOUR.	
Manitoba Highest Grade Patents.....	5.00 to 5.00
High Grade Patents.....	4.70 to 4.75
Good 90 per cent. Patents.....	3.75 to 4.00
Straight Grade.....	3.75 to 3.85
Good Second Grade.....	3.30 to 3.40
Graham Flour.....	3.75
Oatmeal.....	4.50
Rolled.....	4.50
Kila Dried Cornmeal.....	2.95
In Bond.....	2.80 to 2.90
Rolled Wheat.....	4.00 to 4.25
Wheat Bran, per ton including bags.....	20.00 to 21.50
Middlings.....	21.00 to 21.75
Shorts.....	21.00 to 21.75
Cracked Corn.....	25.50 to 26.00
Ground Oil Cake per ton.....	30.00 to 31.00
Moulins.....	22.00 to 24.00
Split Peas.....	2.00
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.75 to 1.90
Pot Barley, per barrel.....	8.50 to 8.75
Canadian Oats, choice quality.....	44 to 46
P. E. Island Oats.....	44 to 46
Hay.....	13.50 to 14.25

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PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....	13.00 to 14.00
Am. Plate.....	14.00 to 15.00
Ex. Plate.....	15.00 to 16.00
Pork, Mess, American.....	21.00
American, clear.....	23.00
P. E. I. Mess.....	21.00 to 22.00
P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	19.00 to 20.00
Prime Mess.....	16.00 to 17.00
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island.....	14 to 15
American.....	12 to 14
Hams, P. E. I., green.....	11
Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are liable to change daily.	

BUTTER AND CHEESE

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	24
In Small Tubs.....	22 to 24
Good, in large tubs, new.....	20 to 21
Store Packed & oversalted.....	none
Canadian Township.....	none
Western.....	20 to 21
Cheese, Canadian.....	11 1/2
Antigonish.....	none

SALT.

Fine Filled.....	\$1.50
Fine Liverpool, bag, from store.....	75
Liverpool, 1/2 bbl.,.....	1.20
Cadiz.....	1.35
Turkey Island.....	1.35
Lisbon.....	1.40
Coarse W. I.....	1.40
Trapan.....	1.40

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples per bbl., No. 1.....	2.00 to 3.25
Oranges, Jamaica, brl., New.....	7.00 to 7.50
Valencia Oranges, per case.....	6.50
Lemons, per case.....	3.50 to 4.00
Cocoanuts new per 100.....	5.00
Onions, New Bermuda, per crate.....	2.50
per lb., Canadian.....	3 1/2 to 4
Dates boxes, new.....	5 1/2 to 6
Raisins, Valencia, new.....	5 1/2 to 6
Figs, Elms, 5 lb boxes per lb., new.....	10 to 11
small boxes.....	9 to 10
Prunes Stewing, boxes.....	8 to 9
Bananas.....	2.00 to 2.50

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FISH.

MACKEREL.	
Extras.....	
No. 1.....	
Large.....	
2.....	
Large, Reamed.....	
3, Reamed.....	
Large, Plain.....	
3 Plain.....	

HERRING.	
No. 1 C. B. July.....	4 7/8
1 Fall Split.....	5 7/8
1 Fall Round.....	8 2/8
1 Labrador.....	2.25
1 Georges Bay.....	8.00
1 Bay of Islands.....	3.75

SALEWATER.	
No. 1, brl.....	16.00
No. 2, brl.....	16.00
3.....	none
Small.....	
CODFISH.	
Hard C. B.....	5.50
Western Shore.....	4.50
Bank.....	4.50
Bay.....	3.50
Newfoundland.....	4.50
HADDOCK.	
Bank & Western.....	3.75
HAMS.....	2.75
POLLOCK.....	2.50
HAMS SOUNDS, per lb.....	5c.
FOR OIL per gal.....	5c.