

busy haunts of men, give themselves up to study and religious exercises. Arrived at manhood, many don the yellow robes characteristic of the priesthood, and subsisting solely upon food obtained by begging from door to door—and it is never denied them—divide their lives between the temples and the school-room, for the Kyoung is the national school of the Burman. The nation may be divided into two classes—religious and lay men. On both are inculcated the same precepts—not to kill, nor to steal, nor to lie, nor to commit adultery; but on the religious, in addition is enjoined a life of seclusion, study, sobriety, and celibacy. Yet the monk's robe may be abandoned at pleasure. They are free to return to the world, and many do so. The late King, (Theobaw's father), for instance, quitted a monastery for the Throne, and a clover man he was, and mild tempered, and well versed in Eastern learning. Nor had he suffered (physically) by his life of seclusion, for he left behind him, at death, some forty odd pledges of affection, whom his ferocious successor has been knocking on the head at intervals till lately—an Eastern method much in vogue for settling those family jars and troubles, which are likely to arise in so extensive a domestic circle.

Buddhism is the oldest and most widely spread form of worship under the sun. Thousands of years ago it flourished in India, and yet survives in Ceylon, Burmah, China, and Japan, numbering more followers than any branch of Christianity. It is pure Atheism, rather than idolatry, for the flowers and candles, and incense, on the Throne of Guatani, no more necessarily suggest idolatry than the same tokens of respect and affection shown the image of a favorite saint in a Christian church. In Guatani, we have no God, but a saint who had attained Norrana in this life—the founder of their religion—the Buddha who has presided over their destinies for the last two thousand years. They believe in periodical reappearances of those Buddhas upon earth, but as the present one has still some centuries to run, we need display no frantic interest as to his successor. To attain "Norran," to undergo, that is, bodily and mental annihilation, that state of apathy, in fact, "where there are neither ideas nor even the idea of the absence of ideas," is to the Burmans the acme of future bliss. The good man may attain it at once, the religious particularly, but the wicked, after a sojourn in hell, must reappear on this earth in some other shape than man, till after a series of humiliating transmigrations he has purged himself of his sins and earned annihilation.

This doctrine of the transmigration of souls has led amongst Buddhists to a curious result. They will not take animal life, except human. And the man who would knock you on the head without compunction, will sweep his seat clear of insects, and start back in horror at seeing you killing a snake. He does not know but the soul of some deceased relative may abide in the reptile?

(To be continued.)

COMMERCIAL.

FISH.—Since our last issue the *S. S. Beta* has arrived from Jamaica, and the news by her is not very flattering as regards the fish markets in Jamaica. She brings advices to 21st January which report mackerel are in large supply, but with decreased shipments, prices may hold out fairly well. Herring are not in demand, traders at Kingston and all the surrounding country are over supplied.

We do not know of any arrivals from the coast since our last issue. The weather has been up to the present very bad, and dry fish could not be handled. As far as we know, Bank codfish will bring the advance referred to in our last issue. There has been a sale of a small lot of Hard Shore Codfish in store during the past few days at a slight advance on former sales, buyers anticipating orders later on. Mackerel are about as dull as they can be, no sales and no enquiry; though some holders are looking for an advance during the present month.

Advices from Boston up to 29th ult., are as follows: Not much improvement in trade can be noticed during the past week. No change in prices can be noticed excepting on frozen herring, which fluctuate a great deal, they are selling to-day to the wholesalers at 75 cents per hundred. A better demand for all varieties of fish is looked for. The schr. Commonwealth has just arrived from Fortune Bay with 275,000 frozen herring. Captain reports fish a good size and plenty when he left there.

Below will be found a comparative statement of the arrivals of mackerel for the past four years, week ending Jan. 29th:—

	1886	1885	1884	1883
2261 Bls.	2110 Bls.	5410 Bls.	5122 Bls.	

Advices from Gloucester to 29th ult., are as follows: Trade is very moderate and prices firm, but without change of any importance. Mackerel are held at—3's, \$5.50 to \$6.00; 2's, \$6.50 to \$7.50; extra 2's, \$10.00 to \$10.50; 1's, \$19.00 per bbl.; Bank Codfish, \$2.75; medium (scarce) \$2.62; Georges Codfish, \$3.25 to \$3.75; medium, \$2.75 to \$2.87; Shore, \$3.50; Hake and Haddock, \$2.00; Shore Herring, \$2.50 per bbl.

There arrived at Gloucester for the week ending Jan. 29, the following fares of fish:—

Fares.	From.	pounds Cod.	pounds Halibut	bbls Oil.	Frozen Herring Count.
4	Grand Banks	168,700			
1	Quero	25,000			
1	Browns	40,000	3,000		
3	Georges	62,000	7,100		
1	Ipewich Bay	2,500			
2	Eastport				500,000
2	Newfoundland				780,000
1	Tiverton			225	
		104,500	203,800	225	1,280,000

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		
Cut Leaf	8	to 8 1/2
Crystallized	7	to 7 1/2
Crude A	6 1/2	to 6 3/4
Extra C	5 1/2	to 6
Yellow	5 1/2	to 6
TEA		
Congou Common	17	to 18
Fair	20	to 21
Good	25	to 26
Choice	31	to 33
Extra Choice	35	to 36
Gholong—Choice	37	to 38
MOLASSES		
Berhadone	30	to 32
Demerara	30	to 35
Diamond N	43	
SOAP		
Ivory bar, 1 lb, 2 lb and 3 lb	6 1/2	
Erasive	6	
Domestic	6	
Surprise	5 1/2	
Tiger	5 1/2	
Extra Pale, 1 or 5 lb	5	
"Linen Towel" for 30 bars, and 30 towels	6.00	
Canada	4	
Imperial	4	
No 1 Family	4	
Hermine	3 1/2	
Blanc	3	
Blond	3	
Towel 13 to 60c. per doz.		
CANDLES 64 and 88	11 1/2	
Do., Paraffine	19	to 20c
BISCUITS		
Pilot Bread	2.60	to 2.90
Horton and Thin Family	6 1/2	to 7 1/2
Soda	6	to 7
do. in lb. boxes, 50 to case	7	
Fancy	8	to 15
CONFECTIONERY		
Assorted in 30 lb Pails	12	
Royal Mixture	11	to 12
Lounges	12	to 13
1 cent goods, 144 in a box	98	to 10
Toys per hundred	63	to 75
Clear Candy Toys	18	
Brooms	1.00	to 3.25
Starch, Blue and White	7	
" Lily White	9	
Prepared Corn	9	
BUTTER		
Canadian	18	to 20
N. S.	13	to 20
CHICKEN	9	to 10
Eggs	19	to 20
Tobacco—Black	50	to 40
Bright	42	to 58
Blacking, per gross	3.00	to 4.00
Blacklead, " "	2.00	to 10.00
Pearl Blue	2.50	to 3.00

The above quotations are corrected by Mackintosh & Co., Jericho Warehouse.	
FISH FROM VESSELS.	
Prices nominal. No arrivals. No sales.	
MACKEREL	
Extra	10.50 to 11.00
No. 1	9.75 to 10.00
No. 2 large	5.75 to 6.00
No. 2	3.25
No. 3 large	3.00 to 3.50
No. 3	3.00
Small	1.00
HERRING	
No. 1 Shore, July. No sales.	2.75 to 3.00
August and Sept.	2.25 to 2.50
No. 1 Round Shore, Scarce	2.75
No. 1, Labrador	none
ALBUQUERQUE	2.75
CODFISH	
Hard Shore toluqua	2.25 to 2.50
Bank	1.50 to 2.25
Bay	none
SALMON, No. 1	none
No. 2	none
No. 3	none
HADDOCK	1.00 to 2.00
HAKE	1.75
COD	none
POLLOCK	none
FISH OILS	
Cod A	35 to 36
Dog A	25 to 26
Pale Seal	none
HARK SOUNDS	45 to 50c per lb.

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HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

APPLES, No. 1, per bbl.	2.00 to 2.75
Oranges, per bbl, Jamaica (new)	5.00 to 6.50
case, Valencia	5.50 to 6.00
Lemons, per box	3.50 to 3.50
"Coconuts, per 100	4.50 to 5.50
Onions, (barrels) per lb.	2 1/4 to 3 1/4
Grapes, Almeria, keg	6.50 to 7.00
Foxberries, per bbl.	3.00 to 3.50
Cranberries	6.00 to 6.50
Figs, 1 lb box	16 to 18c
Dates, layer	7 to 8c

The above quotations are furnished by C. H. Harvey, 10 & 12 Sackville St.

BREADSTUFFS.

PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE.

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

Flour		
Graham	5.25	to 5.50
Patent high grades	5.55	to 6.00
" mediums	4.75	to 5.00
Superior Extra	4.50	to 4.80
Lower grades	3.50	to 4.45
Oatmeal	4.50	to 5.00
Corn Meal—Halifax ground	3.00	to 3.25
—Imported	2.90	to 3.00
Barley—Wheat	30.00	to 32.00
Shorts	18.00	to 20.00
Middlings	22.00	to 24.00
Cracked Corn	29.00	to 30.00
" Oats	25.00	to 30.00
" Barley	34.00	
Pea Meal per bbl.	3.75	
Feed Flour	3.25	to 3.50
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs	42	to 45
Barley " of 48 "	75	to 80
Peas " of 60 "	1.10	
Corn " of 58 "	80	to 85
Hay per ton	14.00	to 16.00
Straw	9.00	to 10.00

A. GUNN & Co., 253 Barrington Street, Halifax, N. S.

PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid	13.00	to 13.50
" Am. Plate	13.50	to 14.00
Pork, Mess, American	14.00	to 14.50
" American, clear	13.00	to 14.00
" P. K. I. Mess	14.00	to 14.50
" P. K. I. Thin Mess	12.00	to 12.50
" Prime Mess	11.00	to 11.50
Lard, Tubs and Pails	11	to 12
" Castles	12	to 12 1/2
Hams, P. E. I.	12	to 13c
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef \$2.20 per bbl.		

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

These quotations are prepared by a reliable wholesale house.

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound	20
" unwashed	15
Green Hides—Ox, inspected, No 1	7 1/2
" Cow	7
Salted Hides—Ox in Lots, No 1	7 1/2
" Cow	7 1/2
Calf Skin	8 to 10
" Deacons, each	30 to 35
Woolskins	25 to 75

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

LUMBER.

Pine, clear, No. 1, per b	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, dimension good, per m	9.50	to 10.00
" Merchantable, do do	8.00	to 9.00
" Small, do do	6.50	to 7.05
Hemlock, merchantable	7.00	
Shingles, No 1, sawed, pine	3.00	to 3.50
" No 2, do do	1.00	to 1.25
" spruce, No 1	1.10	to 1.50
Laths, per m	1.20	
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.

POULTRY.

Fowls, per pair	40	to 50
Turkeys, per pound	11	to 13
Geese, each	65	to 70
Ducks, per pair	55	to 70

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle, best quality, per lb.	4.50	to 5
Oxen	3 1/4	to 4
Fat Steers, Heifers light weights	3	to 3 1/2
Wethers, best quality, per lb.	3 1/2	
Lambs, (10 lbs. and upwards)	3 1/2	

These quotations are prepared by a reliable victualer.