

would not have deceived his customers in the gross manner in which he has, by inducing them to hold off until they are now compelled to buy at higher figures. It is evident that if dealers had laid in good stocks when Mr. Bowles dissuaded them from doing so, they would have been in a much better position than at present. This is only what might be expected, however, when a choosomonger, who is bare of stock, turns editor, and endeavors to bear the market in order that he may load up at lower prices, and eventually make the very customers he now advises to hold off pay more money. This journalistic choosomonger of the world's metropolis seems to have become irate at the recent appreciation of values, and attributes it to the manipulation of a wicked ring formed for the purpose of forcing up prices. The only ring we heard of was a combination of short operators who have been trying to hammer the market away down below its legitimate and normal status, and we would not be at all surprised if Mr. Bowles belonged to it. That he is in accord with the short interest cannot be denied, for we have his own words for it in the *London Grocer*.

APPLES.—Large quantities of apples are coming forward to market, and are selling freely at very low prices. The steamer *Delair* has taken in a full cargo of apples at Horton Landing and other points in King's County during the past week. She is to sail direct for London, and we hope that those shipping by her will score a success, as their goods are reported to be exceptionally good.

POTATOES.—The outlook for potatoes is not very bright at the moment, as there is every appearance that we shall have to depend upon the home trade for the disposition of the present crop, which will largely exceed requirements, notwithstanding that a large portion of it is damaged by rot, owing to the excessively wet season. As large quantities of potatoes have been collared in a moist condition, unfavorable results are apprehended in the keeping. The quality of the offerings on the market lately has been poor, and prices have ruled low for such stock.

MUTTON.—It appears from the latest issue of the *Australasian* to hand that the Canterbury Freezing Company of New Zealand have made a contract with ship owners for the freight of 180,000 sheep per annum during the years 1889 and 1890, at a rate not exceeding one penny per pound. This reduction in the charge for freight has been rendered possible by a change in the conditions of trade. At one time only from 10,000 to 12,000 carcasses could be carried in each ship; now the average would be between 24,000 and 30,000 carcasses to each vessel. As to the development of the freezing trade during the last six years we have the following: "Heavily handicapped as the export of meat has been, it has grown in six years to above 750,000 carcasses; last years increase would be at least 240,000 carcasses, just the total quantity frozen at the Canterbury company's works. It could hardly be considered rash to predict that in a few years the output from Canterbury alone would, under favorable conditions, reach half a million of carcasses annually. This would indeed be a source of wealth beside which the so-called local industries would be but pale and puny infants." The London charges are reckoned at 3d. per lb.; in Canterbury they are slightly under 3d.; the total, therefore, will not exceed 2d. per lb. This, on the minimum price of 3d. in London, will give the farmer 1d. per lb. in addition to skin and fat.

FISH OILS.—In Montreal cod oil is a little quieter, but steady at last week's prices, namely 38c. to 39c. for Newfoundland. Steam refined seal oil, firm at 47c. Cod liver oil, 60c. to 65c.

FISH.—The week has been a quiet one. A catch of fine mackerel is reported to have been made at Hubbard's Cove last week, but none of them have as yet been put upon this market, and they will not probably come to hand before the end of this month. While we congratulate the men who were fortunate enough to make this catch, we must remark that the outlook is unfavorable to those interested in the fishing business, because the mackerel striking in so far down our coast as Hubbard's Cove, plainly indicates that the main body of that fish has taken to deep water, and will probably proceed at once to their winter quarters without touching our shores again this season. As our fishermen along the shore have placed their main dependence upon the chance of catching the "last run" of mackerel, many of them seem likely to be disappointed. A private despatch from Canoe says that the mackerel did not stop there in passing. Vessels hoping from that port are laying up for the season, having abandoned all hopes of accomplishing any work. One or two cargoes of Newfoundland codfish arrived during the week, and met a good market. The prevalence of unfavorable weather continues to retard the movement of fish from out-ports. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, 5th November.—"Labrador herring, \$5.25 to \$5.50, and Cape Breton, \$5.75. Dry cod, \$1.75 to \$5 per quintal, and green cod \$4.75 to \$5 per bbl. Labrador salmon, \$14 to \$15 per bbl." Gloucester, Mass., November 5.—"We notice sales of Barnstable Bay mackerel at \$19 per bbl. in fishermen's order. Split porgies have been selling at \$4.75 per bbl. Spurling are in abundant supply at \$3 per bbl. Medium herring sell at \$2 per bbl. Shipping prices of fresh halibut, 12 and 9 cts. per lb. for white and gray. Last sales of Shore codfish, \$2.50 per cwt.; pollock, \$1. Labrador herring, \$6 per bbl.; medium split, \$5.50; Newfoundland do., \$6; Nova Scotia do., \$6.75; Eastport, \$5; round Shore, \$3.50; pickled codfish, \$5.50; haddock, \$4.50; halibut heads, \$3; sounds, \$12; tongues and sounds, \$10; tongues, \$7; alewives, \$5; trout, \$14.50; California salmon, \$15; Halifax do., \$20; Newfoundland do., \$18. Clam bait, \$7 to \$7.50; slivers, \$6.50; halibut fins, \$13. We quote large Georges codfish at \$1.75 to \$4.87½ per qtl., and small at \$1.25 to \$4.37½. Bank, \$4.25 and \$4. Shore, \$4.50 and \$4.12½ for large and small. Dry Bank, \$5 and \$3.50; cured cusk at \$3.50 per qtl.; hake, \$2.50; haddock, \$3.25; heavy salted pollock, \$2.50; and English-cured do., \$3 per qtl." Havana, Nov. 5, (by cable via New York).—"Codfish per 100 lbs., \$7 to \$7.12½; haddock, \$6; hake, \$3.75. Market steady and firm."

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 Loaf.....	8½ to 8¾
Granulated.....	7½ to 7¾
Circle A.....	7¼
White Extra C.....	6½
Extra Yellow C.....	6½
Yellow C.....	6¼ to 6½
TEA.	
Congou, Common.....	17 to 19
" Fair.....	20 to 23
" Good.....	25 to 29
" Choice.....	31 to 33
" Extra Choice.....	35 to 38
Oolong, Choice.....	37 to 39
MOLASSES.	
Barbadoes.....	35
Demerara.....	38
Diamond N.....	43
Porto Rico.....	36 to 37
Cienfuegos.....	35
Trinidad.....	34 to 35
Antigua.....	34 to 35
Tobacco, Black.....	38 to 44
" Bright.....	42 to 58
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread.....	2.60 to 2.90
Boston and Thin Family.....	6¼
Soda.....	6¼
do. in 1 lb. boxes, 50 to case.....	7¼
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.....	11.00 to 11.50
" Am. Plate.....	12.50 to 12.75
" Ex. Plate.....	13.50 to 13.75
Pork, Mess, American.....	20.00
" American, clear.....	22.00
" P. E. I. Mess.....	19.00 to 19.50
" P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	15.50 to 16.00
" Prime Mess.....	14.50 to 15.00
Lard, Tubs and Pails.....	13
" Cases.....	13.50 to 14.00
Hams, P. E. I., green.....	none
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.....	none
No. 1.....	21.00
" 2 large.....	17.00
" 2 small.....	none
" 3 large.....	12.50
" 3 small.....	12.00
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July.....	4.75 to 5.00
No. 1, August, Round.....	4.25
" September.....	4.25
Round Shore.....	3.50
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl.....	4.50 to 5.00
Bay of Islands, Split.....	2.25 to 2.50
" Round.....	2.00 to 2.25
Alewives, per bbl.....	5.00
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore, new.....	4.25 to 4.40
New Bank.....	3.80
Bay.....	4.10 to 4.15
SALMON, No. 1.....	15.50 to 16.00
Haddock, per qtl.....	2.75
Hake.....	2.35
Cusk.....	1.75
Pollock.....	1.25
Hake Sounds, per lb.....	30
Cod Oil A.....	28 to 27

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

LOBSTERS.

Per case 4 doz. 1 lb. cans.	
Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing) 5.00 to 5.40	
Tall Cans.....	4.80 to 5.00
Flat.....	6.20 to 6.40
Newfoundland Flat Cans.....	6.25 to 6.50

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer.

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, dimension, 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 do.....	1.00 to 1.25
" spruce, No 1.....	1.10 to 1.30
Laths, per m.....	2.00
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

BREADSTUFFS.

Since our last issue, markets have been very fluctuating; so much so that it was impossible to determine much about them. One day they are looked as though they were going booming on up, and the next day would break away again. On the whole, there has been a steadying down all over, and prices on the best grades are 20c. below the top prices that they reached, and on the lower grades 30c. to 40c. below the top price. We therefore quote:—

FLOUR.	
Graham.....	6.50 to 6.70
Patent high grades.....	6.50 to 6.75
30 per cent Patents.....	6.20 to 6.35
Superior Extra.....	5.50
Extras from Patents.....	5.00 to 5.25
Low grades in sacks.....	3.50 to 3.75
" " barrels.....	3.75
Oatmeal, Standard.....	4.85 to 5.00
" Granulated.....	5.15 to 5.25
" Refined.....	5.00 to 5.10
Corn Meal—kiln dried.....	3.25 to 3.30
Bran, per ton.....	20.00 to 21.00
Shorts.....	23.00
Middlings.....	24.00 to 26.00
Mill or Mixed Feed, per ton.....	30.00
Oil Cake, Ground.....	35.00
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs.....	37 to 39
Barley " of 48 ".....	nominal
" " of 60 ".....	1.60 to 1.70
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.95 to 2.20
Pot Barley, per barrel.....	6.55
Hay per ton.....	13.00 to 14.00
Straw.....	11.00 to 12.00

J. A. CHIPMAN & Co., Head of Central Wharf, Halifax, N. S.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	23
" " In Small Tubs.....	25
" Good, in large tubs.....	21 to 24
" Store Packed & oversalted.....	14 to 16
Canadian Township.....	22 to 24
" Western.....	17 to 19
Cheese, Canadian.....	10 to 12

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

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound.....	15 to 20
" unwashed.....	12 to 15
Salted Hides, No 1.....	5 to 6
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No 1.....	6
" under 60 lbs., No 1.....	5
" over 60 lbs., No 2.....	5
" under 60 lbs., No 2.....	5
Cow Hides, No 1.....	5
No 3 Hides, each.....	4
Calf Skins.....	25
" Deacons, each.....	25
Lambskins.....	25 to 35
Tallow.....	2

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

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Gravensteins.....	2.50 to 2.75
Apples, No. 1, new, per bbl.....	1.50 to 2.25
Oranges, per bbl, Jamaica (new).....	6.00 to 6.25
Lemons, per case.....	6.00 to 6.25
Cocoanuts, per 100.....	5.00
Onions.....	2 to 2½
" American Silver Skin.....	2 to 2½
Dates, boxes, new.....	8½
Raisins, Valencia, new.....	7 to 7½
Figs, Elme, 5 lb boxes per lb.....	12
" small boxes.....	13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes and bags.....	6
Bananas, per bunch.....	2.00 to 3.00
Grapes, Almeria, kegs.....	5.00 to 5.75

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

POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound.....	16 to 18
Geese, each.....	none
Ducks, per pair.....	70 to 80
Chickens.....	50 to 60

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Steers best quality, per 100 lbs. alive.....	4.25 to 5.00
Oxen.....	3.50 to 4.00
Fat Steers, Heifers, light weights.....	3.00 to 4.00
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs.....	4.00 to 4.50
Lambs.....	4.00 to 5.00

These quotations are prepared by a reliable victualer