

DRY GOODS.—Beyond some little activity in the way of forwarding orders already booked, there is nothing special to note about the dry goods trade at present. There is very little new business to report, and the trade is usually quiet at this period when the farmers are at work upon the harvest. This is the case at the moment, and matters generally are quiet. As regards the future, although there is considerable speculation about it, no one is prepared to express a positive opinion, avoiding all direct replies with the answer, "it all depends upon the crops."

IRON, HARDWARE AND METALS.—The iron market continues to be characterized by the same feeling of strength that has prevailed for some weeks, and information from primary markets is of an unchanged nature, indicating a further upward tendency, while freights have advanced in the last two or three weeks, and there is a prospect that they will go higher in the near future. In view of these facts the feeling throughout the Dominion is strong. A fair business has been done so far for forward delivery, and the outlook for the fall is very good on the whole. There has been no change in prices as yet. In other lines the same feeling is noted, tinplates especially being very firm in sympathy with the English market, which is active under further American buying. Bar iron rules steady on the whole, and we have no change to note. Recent London cables are suggestive of renewed speculative interest there, and assert that a syndicate has secured control of warrants with the purpose of forcing prices higher. The latest quotation from Glasgow shows warrants higher at 48s. 2d., and Middlesbrough at 45s. 1½d.

BREADSTUFFS.—The flour market continues to be strong, and there is no inclination now on the part of buyers to talk business at any advance which holders desire to establish. Still, for the staple grades of strong flour the feeling is decidedly upward, especially in strong bakers. In Liverpool wheat is firm, and corn, though nothing is doing in it, is steady. The weather in England is fine. In New York wheat has fluctuated considerably, but the general tendency has been upwards. Most of the western markets show a tendency to decline, owing to improving crop prospects. It is reported that the wheat crop in considerable sections of Manitoba and the Northwest territories is threshing out poorly, the grain not being as plump as could be desired, and the number of grains less than one-third of the average in other years.

PROVISIONS.—The local provision market continues to rule quiet and without feature. At Liverpool light bacon was 6d. lower, but tallow gained 3d. The Chicago hog market continues to rule easy, and inside figures are 5c. lower again. The cattle market was strong for good grades, others being steady.

BUTTER.—The position of the butter market is just about the same, but there are indications now that the country holders are appreciating the situation at last, and are willing to accept more reasonable offers for their goods. They have been, it is true, offering all along, but their ideas were altogether too high. However, it appears that they have reformed—or at least some of them have—for several producers are reported to have parted with their make at prices that leave a living profit to buyers.

CHEESE.—There has been nothing of interest in cheese here. Both white and colored are in rather scant supply, but, in the absence of anything besides a very small consumptive demand, movements are necessarily sluggish.

FRUIT.—The fruit market is in a satisfactory state on the whole. Stocks of the staple lines of dried and green fruits are well reduced on spot and in a good condition to receive new crop. Prices are firm with a fair demand. Lemons and oranges are well cleaned up. In fact there are none of the latter in the market, while the very small stock of the former on hand is very fairly at an advance of about \$1.50 a box as compared with prices two weeks ago. There are no changes in other lines of green fruit which meet with an average movement. Dried fruit are rather quiet in sympathy with the grocery market generally, but the feeling is firm on the small stock of old raisins and currants here and prices are maintained. For new crop figures have been offered but they are purely speculative. In New York, however, 30s. to 35s. c. f. and i. was paid in several instances on shipments of Valencias of off stalk and layers of well-known and reliable packs. With regard to currants, advices from Denia state that the new crop is seeking buyers at 5c., but that little business has resulted as exporters are not free to place their orders. The apple crop in this Province promises a fair average.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—Sugars are a trifle stronger than last week, and business has been fairly active. There is nothing new in molasses, which is very quiet but is firmly held.

TEA AND COFFEE.—Japan teas continue to move freely, the lower and medium grades being in particularly good demand. Blacks are considerably firmer, being fully 2d. up on the other side, which has checked business to a certain extent. The coffee market continues to rule firm in sympathy with stronger advices from primary points, but business continues very quiet at unchanged prices.

FISH OILS.—Our Montreal correspondent reports as follows concerning the fish oil market there:—"The market for steam refined seal oil continues very dull. Prices are unaltered from last week's quotations at 49c to 51c per gallon in round lots. Newfoundland cod oil still meets a dragging market with quotations in round lots at 33c to 35c. Cod liver oil, little doing, we quote 40c to 50c."

FISH.—There is nothing new to note regarding the condition of the local fish market. New catch continues to arrive in increasing quantities and reports from the fishing grounds show that the catch is improving. The foreign markets are, however, no better, with some insignificant and temporary exceptions, when vessels happening to have the luck to arrive in the "nick of time" can place their cargoes to advantage, but such chances are, of course, rare. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, August 19th—"Dry

cod, none to be had. Green cod, none to be had before September. A few lots of Cape Breton herrings have been sold to arrive at \$6.00 per barrel, halves \$3.00. Those already to hand have shown splendid quality." Gloucester, Mass., August 19,—"We quote New Georges at \$5.25 a qtl. for large, and small at \$4.50, Bank \$4.75 to \$5 for large and \$4 for small; Shore \$5 and \$4.25 for large and small. Dry Bank \$5.25. Cured cusk at \$4.00 per qtl, hake, \$2.62, haddock, \$3.00, heavy salted pollock, \$2.25; and English-cured do. \$2.87 per qtl. Labrador herring \$5.00 bbl.; mod. split \$1.50, Newfoundland do. \$5, Nova Scotia do. \$6; Eastport \$1; split Shore \$4.25, round do., \$3.50, round Eastport, \$3.25; pickled codfish \$7; haddock, \$6, halibut heads \$3, sounds \$11; tongues and sounds \$9.50; tongues \$8.00, alowives \$4.00, trout \$14.50, California salmon \$15.00; Halifax do. \$23; Newfoundland do. \$16."

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MARKET QUOTATIONS.—WHOLESALE RATES.

Our Price Lists are corrected for us each week by reliable merchants.

GROCERIES.		BREADSTUFFS.	
SUGARS.		Chicago wheat \$1.00½. Corn 19½.	
Cut Leaf.....	8	An advance of five cents a bushel on wheat since the 14th, advance of 20 cents a bushel within a month, or equal to \$1.00 per barrel on flour.	
Granulated.....	6½ to 6¾	Flour has advanced 60 to 65 cents in the States, and 15 to 30 cents in Canada.	
Circle A.....	6½	Oatmeal and cornmeal are steady at the advance as noticed in our last. Sales of oatmeal were made during the week at \$5.00 per bbl.	
White Extra C.....	6	WHEAT.	
Standard.....	5½ to 5¾	Manitoba Highest Grade Patents 6.40 to 6.50	
Extra Yellow C.....	5½ to 5¾	High Grade Patents..... 5.50 to 5.75	
Yellow C.....	5½ to 5¾	Good 90 per cent. Patents..... 5.50 to 5.40	
TEA.		Straight Grade..... 5.10 to 5.15	
Congou, Common.....	17 to 19	Superior Extras..... 4.90 to 5.00	
" Fair.....	20 to 23	Good Seconds..... 4.60 to 4.70	
" Good.....	25 to 29	Graham Flour..... 5.00 to 5.25	
" Choice.....	31 to 33	American Supr Extras, in bond. 4.35 to 4.40	
" Extra Choice.....	35 to 36	American 90 per cent. in bond. 5.00	
Oolong, Choice.....	37 to 39	Pillsbury's Best, in half bbls. 3.50	
MOLASSES.		Oatmeal..... 5.00	
Barbadoes.....	34 to 36	" Rolled..... 5.60	
Demerara.....	32 to 36	Kiln Dried Cornmeal..... 3.00 to 3.20	
Diamond N.....	47	Rolled Wheat..... 5.50	
Porto Rico.....	33 to 35	Wheat Bran, per ton..... 18.00	
Cienfuegos.....	32	Shorts..... 23.00 to 25.00	
Trinidad.....	32 to 33	Middlings..... 26.00 to 28.00	
Antigua.....	32 to 33	Cracked Corn, including bags. 32.00	
Tobacco, Black.....	38 to 44	Ground Oil Cake, per ton. 35.00	
" Bright.....	42 to 58	Moulce..... 28.00	
BRISCUITS.		Split Peas..... 3.75 to 4.00	
Pilot Biscuit.....	3.15	White Beans, per bushel..... 1.55 to 2.00	
Boston and Thin Family.....	6½	Pot Barley, per barrel..... 4.00 to 4.50	
Soda.....	6½	Canadian Oats, choice quality. 55 to 60	
do in 1lb. boxes, 50 to case.....	7½	P. E. I. Oats..... 55 to 60	
Fancy.....	8 to 15	Hay per ton..... 10.50	

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HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, No. 1, per bbl., new Am....	4.50 to 5.00
Changes, new Jamaica.....	9.50
Lemons, per case.....	7.50
Cocoanuts, doz., per 100.....	4.50
Onions, American, per lb.....	3 to 3½
Dates, boxes, new.....	5½ to 6
Raisins, Valencia.....	9
Figs, Elene, 5 lb. boxes per lb.....	11
" small boxes.....	10 to 13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes.....	7
Pineapples, per doz.....	none
Bananas, per bunch.....	2.00 to 2.50

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BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	25
" in Small Tubs.....	18 to 20
" Good, in large tubs, new.....	16
" " old.....	10 to 13
" Store Packed & oversalted.....	10
Canadian Township, new.....	18
" old.....	8 to 10
" Western.....	16 to 17
" " old.....	7 to 10
Cheese, Canadian, new.....	10
" Antigonish.....	10½

FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL.	
Extra.....	14.00
No. 1.....	13.00
" 2 large.....	12.00
" 2.....	11.50
" 3 large.....	11.50
" 3.....	11.50
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore July.....	3.25 to 3.50
No. 1, August, Round.....	2.50
" September.....	2.50
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl.....	3.00 to 3.25
Bay of Islands, Split.....	none
" Round.....	none
Alowives, per bbl.....	3.00 to 3.25
CONFISH.	
Hard Shore.....	4.25 to 4.50
Bank.....	4.00 to 4.25
Bay.....	4.00 to 4.25
SALMON, No. 1.....	18.00 to 19.50
HADDOCK, per qtl.....	2.75 to 3.00
HAKE.....	2.00 to 2.25
"nsk.....	2.00 to 1.50
POLLOCK.....	1.50
HAKK SOUNDS, per lb.....	1.25
Cod Oil A.....	35