

## PROVISIONS.

There has been no outstanding feature on this market during the week. A good trade has been passing in all lines of pork products. Packers report that while deliveries of hogs have been fairly good, the demand in all quarters has been brisk. Thus there has been no accumulation of stocks, prices have been steady. Very little change is anticipated during the next few weeks, but if anything the market will tend higher, rather than lower.

## Current prices:—

Hams:—		Per lb.
Smoked hams, 8-12 lbs.	0.20 1/2	
Do., 12-20 lbs.	0.20 1/2	
Do., 20-30 lbs.	0.18	
Do., over 30 lbs.	0.17 1/2	
Large boneless hams	0.18	
Smoked rolls	0.18	
Bacon:—		
Boneless Bacon	0.22	0.23
Windsor Bacon		0.26
Windsor Bacon, Boneless	0.25	0.28
Barrel Pork:—		Per bbl.
Short cut pork		28.00
Clear Fat Pork, 30-40		30.50
Clear Fat Pork, 40-50		30.00
Clear Fat Pork, 20-35		27.50
Mess Pork		24.50
Barrel Beef:—		
Mess Beef		20.00
Plate Beef		24.00
Pure Lard:—		pound.
Tierces		0.15
Tubs		0.15 1/4
Pails		3.10
Tins		3.00
Cases, 3, 5, 10's		0.16
Prints		0.16 1/4
Compound Lard:—		
Western Grades:—		
Tierces		0.12 1/2
Tubs		0.12 3/4
Pails		2.60
Tins		2.50
Cases, 3, 5, 10's		0.13 1/4
Prints		0.14
Quebec Grades:—		
Tierces		0.12 1/2
Tubs		0.12 3/4
Pails		2.60
Tins		2.50
Cases, 3, 5, 10's		0.13 1/4
Prints		0.14
Cooked meats:—		
Roast shoulders pork		0.28
Roast legs of pork		0.28
Cooked hams, rind off		0.30
Head cheese, 1's, dozen		0.95
Do., 6's		0.08
Jellied pork tongues		0.26
Blood pudding		0.06
White pudding		0.08
Jellied beef tongues		0.26
Beef hams, tongues		0.20
Pressed beef		0.25

## FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

The months of January and February are always very dull in the fruit market. Oranges have a tendency to be stronger, in spite of the fact that for the moment Californias have declined from 75c to 50c per box. Grapefruit prices have been steady at \$3.25 to \$3.50 with a very good demand. The apple market is very strong, with prices ruling about 50c per bbl. higher than last week. Heavy receipts in lemons have caused the market in this commodity to react 50c per box. Florida tomatoes are now moving freely, and the receipts for the coming week will sell around 4.00 for fancy, and \$3.50 for choice. California celery had an advance in price last week, and now is selling at \$7.00 per crate, and Florida stock at \$2.75 to \$3.00. Canadian Red onions for good sound stock are bringing \$3.25 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs. California cauliflower is higher, and is selling at \$4.00 per crate of 1 doz. heads. Cranberries are cleaning up quickly, Cape Cods selling at \$12 to \$14 per bbl. There are no Nova Scotia's left on the market. Jamaica bananas have been scarce for some time owing to recent storms in that island, which has kept the price up on all varieties.

## Apples:—

Starks	5.00
Sny's	5.50
Ben Davis	3.50
Russets	4.50
Baldwins	4.50
Bananas, bunches	2.00
Cranberries, Cape Cod, bbl.	12.00
Cranberries, Nova Scotia, bbl.	8.50
Grapefruit, 46-54-64-80-96	3.25
Grapes, Malaga, heavy weight, bbl.	8.00
Lemons:—	
California	3.50
Messina, 300 size, box	3.90
Oranges:—	
Navel, Californias, 176-200-216 6	3.50
126	3.25
80-965	3.00

Jamaica, 196-200-216	2.50
Porto Rico, 126-150-250-286	2.75
Pineapples, 18-24, and 30-36	4.50
Strawberries, Florida, box	0.35
Vegetables:—	
Artichokes, bag	1.50
Beets, bag	1.00
Beans, wax, N.Y., per basket	4.50
Beans, green, N.Y., per basket	5.50
Brussel sprouts, qt.	0.38
Cabbage, Montreal, per bbl.	1.00
Cabbage, red, dozen	0.40
Carrots, bag	0.50
Cauliflower, crate	4.25
Cauliflower, Canadian, doz.	1.00
Celery, Florida, crate	2.50
Celery, Montreal, doz.	0.50
Celery, roots, doz.	0.75
Cucumbers, fancy, Boston, doz.	2.50
Egg plant, N.Y., doz.	2.00
Garlic, per lb.	0.20
Horse radish	0.14
Leeks, bunch	0.15
Curly lettuce, box, doz.	2.50
Lettuce, Florida, head, hamper	2.75
Mint, dozen	0.60
Mushrooms, 4-lb. basket	2.50
Oyster plant, dozen	0.50
Onions:—	
Reds, 100 lb. bags	3.50
Spanish, case	6.00
Do., crates	1.50
Parsnips, bag	0.75
Parsley, Canadian, doz. bunches	0.60
Parsley, Bermuda	1.35
Potatoes:—	
New Brunswick, 80 lbs., bag	2.00
Sweet, hamper	1.75
Spinach, New York, bbl.	3.00
Turnips, bag	0.50
Tomatoes, hothouse, lb.	0.30
Tomatoes, Cuban, crate	4.00
Watercress, Boston, hothouse, doz.	0.75
Do., Canadian	0.40

## NON-RETURNABLE EGG CASES.

The following resolutions were adopted unanimously by the Montreal Branch of the Canadian Produce Association on February 23, 1916:

"Owing to the loss of a great number of egg cases from year to year, the produce dealers have during the past twelve months been advocating non-returnable cases and at the annual meeting of the Canadian Produce Association in Belleville on February 9 last, a resolution was passed confirming the adoption of non-returnable cases to go into effect March 1, 1916, the cost of the case to be included in the price of the eggs.

"It is expected that by having the cases supplied by the shipper there will be an improvement in the quality of the eggs. From a sanitary standpoint it has the advantage as it means the eggs will, in most instances, be shipped in new cases and fillers, thus doing away with a lot of old cases which have been the cause of musty and inferior eggs.

"We would suggest for a non-returnable case the following thicknesses:

Top, sides and bottom	3/16
Ends and centre	7/16
End cleats	1 1/2 x 7/16

"No cases that are shipped to the country should be stencilled or branded with any name or distinctive brand.

"In order that the eggs arrive at their destination in good condition and free from breakage, the shippers should see that a pad of excelsior or cushion filler be used in the bottom of each case and a cushion of excelsior or other suitable material be placed between the eggs and the top of the case.

"It is to the interest of the shippers therefore to look ahead and provide themselves in advance with cases and fillers.

"The loss of system of buying eggs has proved a great success during the past two or three years and resulted in a great improvement in regard to quality. It was unanimously agreed by all dealers present at the meeting in Belleville that all eggs be bought on that basis the year round, in fact, a further step was taken by a resolution being passed by the Association confirming the action of the Committee on Resolutions in memorializing the Government to make the buying and selling of bad eggs a criminal offence with a penalty attached.

"We believe, therefore, that it would be in the interest of all concerned if all storekeepers and buyers candled their eggs before shipping."

## PERSONALS.

W. S. Hayes, flour and feed dealer, Hawkesbury, Ont., is retiring from business.

A. D. Mackay, general auditor of the Western Canada Flour Mills, dropped dead at his residence in Winnipeg, Feb. 19. Heart failure was the cause of death.

## FISH AND OYSTERS.

The event of the national Fish Day to-day, and the near approach of the Lenten Season will doubtless cause an improvement in the fish business. The trade looks for an advance generally, as stocks are not over plentiful. This is particularly the case in frozen fish, the species which are likely to show the strain earlier being frozen haddock and cod, in fact all kinds of frozen fish except white fish. The stocks of pickled fish will be ample for requirements. From the present outlook, green cod, a fish which is always a big seller in Lent, will be more plentiful than was first expected. Labrador herrings and salmon, on the contrary, are likely to be short, while pickled lake and sea trout are in good quantities. In the prepared and smoked fish lines, haddie and bloaters are not long, and kippers are quite plentiful. The bulk and shell oyster trade is quiet, and without any particular feature. Prices have a tendency to sag. A few revivals of fresh fish are taking place, and on account of the scarcity, realize top prices.

Current wholesale prices are quoted as follows:

Fresh:—	
Haddock, per lb.	0.07
Market Codfish, per lb.	0.06
Steak Codfish, per lb.	0.08
Carp, per lb.	0.12
Smeits, medium, per lb.	0.12
Lobsters, live, per lb.	0.40
Lobsters, boiled, per lb.	0.42
Frozen:—	
Salmon, Gaspe, large, per lb.	0.14
Do., Red—Steel Heads, per lb.	0.12
Do., Red Sockeyes, per lb.	0.10
Do., Red Cohoes or Silvers, Round, per lb.	0.09 1/2
Salmon, Red—Cohoes or Silvers, Dressed and Headless, per lb.	0.10
Salmon, Pale Qualla, dressed, per lb.	0.07
Halibut, large, per lb.	0.09
Do., medium, per lb.	0.09 1/2
Do., Chicken, per lb.	0.08
Mackerel, Bloater, per lb.	0.08 1/2
Herrings, medium, 60 lb. per 100 count	2.75
Smelts, Medium, per lb.	0.13
Tom cods	1.75
Whitefish	0.10 1/2
Dore	0.08 1/2
Pike	0.06
Salt and Prepared:—	
No. 1 Green Cod, large, per bbl.	10.00
Do., medium, per barrel	9.00
Do., small, per barrel	8.00
Do., Haddock, medium, per barrel	8.00
Do., Pollock, medium, per barrel	7.50
Do., Quebec Eels, large, per lb.	0.07 1/2
Dried Codfish, medium and small, 100 lb. bundle	7.00
Do., Hake, medium and large 100 lb. bundles	5.50
Do., Pollock, medium and large, 100 lb. bundles	6.50
Dressed or skinless Codfish, case	6.50
Boneless Codfish, strips, 30 lb. boxes	0.10
Shredded Codfish, 12 lb. boxes, 24 cartons, 1/2 lb. each, a box	1.80
Smoked Fish:—	
Haddies, 15 lb. boxes, new, per lb.	0.08
Do., 30 lb. boxes, per lb.	0.08
Do., Fillets, per lb.	0.10
Do., boneless, 15 and 30 lb. boxes	0.09
Yarmouth bloaters, 60 in box—Selected	1.20
St. John's bloaters, 100 in a box	1.00
Kipper Herrings	1.20
Smoked Herrings—large size, per box	0.14
Smoked Herrings, medium, per box	0.14
Smoked Boneless Herrings, 10 lb. box	1.40
Smoked Salmon, per lb.	0.20
Oysters:—	
Selects—Solid Meats—No Water.	
No. 5 Can—containing 5 wine gallons	8.00
No. 3 Can, containing 3 wine gallons	5.00
No. 1 Can, containing 1 wine gallon	1.75
Standards, Solid Meats:—	
No. 5 Can, containing 5 wine gallons	7.50
No. 3 Can, containing 3 wine gallons	4.50
No. 1 Can, containing 1 wine gallon	1.50
Ordinary Bulk Oysters, Standards, per Imp. gallon	1.40
Ordinary Do., Selects, per Imp. gallon	1.70
Shell Oysters, Cape Cods in large barrels	9.00

## DAIRY PRODUCE EXPORTS.

The shipments of butter and cheese from Portland and St. John, N.B., which arrived in Great Britain during the week ending February 24, 1916, were as follows:

Cheese.	Local		Through	Total
	boxes.	boxes.		
To Liverpool	3,019	4,314		7,333
To Glasgow	520	1,895		2,415
Total	3,539	6,209		9,748
Same week, 1915	720	25,475		26,195
Shipments May 1, 1915, to Feb. 24, 1916				2,048,206
Corr. period last year				1,630,567
Butter.		pkgs.	pkgs.	pkgs.
Same week, 1915		1,851		1,851
Total				
Shipments May 1, 1915 to Feb. 24, 1916				54,645
Corr. period last year				14,597