

shown a loss to Denia shippers, and at the moment there are no signs of improvement, offerings being large and the demand limited. These losses appear to be of yearly occurrence, and are attributed by some to the anxiety of our importers to order by the first direct steamer, which usually causes good prices to be paid, and also induces more consignments than would otherwise come here if values were less encouraging at the commencement of the season."

MOLASSES.—Canadian buyers are said to have been upon the New York market looking for molasses to make good a considerable amount of stock of late distributed.

COFFEE.—The excited condition of the New York market, together with the rapid advance in values, has had a material effect upon the Canadian markets, where prices have advanced 2c. to 3c. per lb. all round. Rio coffee, which a short time ago could be had at 15c. is now firm at 17c. to 17½c. in round quantities. Quite an advance has also been established in other kinds. Sales of several lots of Maracibo have been made recently at 17½c. to 17¾c., but higher prices are now asked, and all other grades are firm at a good stiff advance. On the first call of the New York Coffee Exchange on Tuesday last 50,500 bags were sold on a strong and excited market, which formed the heaviest business on the Exchange for a long time past. Advice from New York, dated December 4th, state:—"The regain of tone was the result of a much smaller offering, the bulls continued to make use of the advantage gained by them early in the day, and forced coffee to the highest point that has been reached for some time past. The crowd was wild in its endeavors to secure some of the advancing staple, and no one could be found to sell except some holder satisfied to take a good profit. Selling short is too dangerous for the boldest of the bears to attempt, so that little difficulty is experienced in putting prices up. The factors on the bull side were that the crop accounts from Brazil were about as bad as before, the cables furnished more encouragement to the 'bulls' this morning, being higher with a firm market; this, coupled with the advancing markets at Havre, gave sellers a marked advantage. At the second call, the feeling was buoyant and strong, with a good trade at a further rise in prices."

FISH OILS.—Our Montreal correspondent reports as follows:—"Newfoundland cod oil steady at 38c. to 39c., and Halifax 35c. to 36c. Cod liver oil 60c. to 65c., Norway 85c. to 94c. Steam refined seal oil is firm and is now held chiefly by one house. Prices are quoted at 48c. to 50c. The supplies are said to be smaller than for a number of years past."

FISH.—Arrivals of codfish have continued to be free, and prices of Shore fish have been well maintained. Still, several small cargoes of North Bay cod have been sold under a slight decline from previous figures. Seal fish continue scarce, and are in demand. Fall Shore round herring are in fair receipt, and prices are shading, owing to the easier tone of West Indian markets. Mackerel show an easier feeling, and prices are toned down slightly. This is due to large receipts of Irish mackerel at United States ports, which have, naturally, lightened the demand for our fish. Besides this, daily protests are entered by American buyers against the packing, curing, and general condition of the mackerel we offer to them. They assert that fish purchased here bearing brands as No. 1's or extras, are not up to the standard. They are too dark, insufficiently cleaned—the blood not having been properly removed—and very indifferently cured. In a season where the catch was excessive, and not sufficient time could be had to properly care for the fish, these defects might be excused or overlooked, but no such extenuating circumstances can be urged in a season like that of 1888, when the catch has been exceptionally small, and fisher men have, therefore, had ample time in which to make their fish thoroughly marketable. This is not a new grievance, and it would seem that our fishermen are either too indolent or too careless of their own interests to take the trouble to present an article that will, by its appearance and quality, enable them to compete on equal terms with their American rivals in the trade. Our outside advice is as follows:—Montreal, December 11.—"Labrador herring have been sold at \$5.25 to \$5.37½, and we quote \$5.25 to \$5.50. Cape Breton \$5.50 to \$5.75. Dry cod is dull at \$4.75 per qtl. A fair demand exists for green cod, which has sold at \$4.75 to \$4.90 for No. 1, and at \$4.90 to \$5 for No. 1 large. Bank draft at \$5.25. Set trout \$10 to \$11 per bbl." Gloucester, Mass., December 10.—"A large fleet numbering over forty first class vessels, have sailed or are fitting away for Fortune Bay, in the frozen herring trade, and a smaller fleet will engage in the same branch of Grand Manan. The stock of codfish on the market is fair, with a moderate demand. Mackerel practically out of first hands, and prices for jobbing lots vary as to style and quality. We quote large Georges codfish at \$4.75 per qtl., and small at \$4.25. Bank \$4.25 and \$4.50. Shore \$4.50 and \$4.12½ for large and small. Dry Bank \$4.75 and \$4.50. Newfoundland codfish \$6 to \$6.25. Cured cusk at \$3.50 per qtl.; hake \$2.25; haddock \$3.25; heavy salted pollock \$2.50; and English cured do \$3 per qtl. Labrador herring \$6.25 per bbl.; medium split \$6; Newfoundland do \$6.50; Nova Scotia do \$6; Eastport \$5; round Shore \$4; pickled codfish \$5.50; haddock \$4.50; halibut heads \$3; sounds \$12; tongues and sounds \$10; tongues \$8; alewives \$5; trout \$14.50; Halifax salmon \$20; Newfoundland do \$18; Clam bait \$7 to \$7.50." Havana, December 11 (per cable via New York).—"Codfish \$7.25; haddock \$6.50; hake \$5.75." Kingston, Jamaica, November 25 (per S.S. Alpha).—"Codfish have sold at 30s. for tierces and boxes, and herring at 26s. Herring are not now in favor, and as the year wanes there will be less call for them." Georgetown, Demerara, November 23.—"Stocks have been considerably increased since our last report. Our market is very fairly supplied, as dealers continue to buy sparingly. Prime hard cure Halifax codfish lotting at \$25 to \$26 by the cartload. Newfoundland at \$22 to \$23 per 400 lbs. \$21 medium; drums \$5.75—large supply—boxes \$6. Split herrings \$5 for good. No mackerel in the market."

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 Leaf.....	8 1/2
Granulated.....	8 to 8 1/2
Circle A.....	7 1/2
White Extra C.....	7 1/2 to 7 3/4
Extra Yellow C.....	6 1/2 to 6 3/4
Yellow C.....	6 to 6 1/2
TEA	
Congou, Common.....	17 to 19
" Fair.....	20 to 23
" Good.....	25 to 29
" Choice.....	31 to 33
" Extra Choice.....	35 to 36
Oolong, Choice.....	37 to 39
MOLASSES	
Barbadoes.....	35
Demerara.....	36
Diamond N.....	43
Porto Rico.....	30 to 37
Cienfuegos.....	32
Trinidad.....	31 to 33
Antigua.....	31 to 33
Tobacco, Black.....	38 to 44
" Bright.....	42 to 58
BISCUITS	
Pilot Bread.....	3 1/2
Hoston and Thin Family.....	7
Soda.....	7
do. in lb. boxes, 50 to case.....	7 1/2
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.....	13.00 to 13.50
" Am. Plate.....	13.50
" Ex. Plate.....	14.00
Pork, Mess. American.....	19.00 to 19.50
" American, clear.....	22.00
" P. E. 1 Mess.....	18.50 to 19.00
" P. E. 1 Thin Mess.....	15.50 to 16.00
" Prime Mess.....	14.50 to 15.10
Lard, Tubs and Pails.....	13
" Cases.....	13.50 to 14.00
Hams, P. E. 1, 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.....	20.00
No. 1.....	18.00
" 2 large.....	16.00
" 2.....	none
" 3 large.....	11.00
" 3.....	11.00
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July.....	4.75 to 5.00
No. 1 August, Round.....	3.75 to 4.00
" September.....	3.75 to 4.00
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl.....	4.50 to 5.00
Bay of Islands, Split.....	2.75 to 3.00
Round.....	2.50 to 2.75
ALEWIVES, per bbl.....	5.00
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore, new.....	4.25 to 4.50
New Bank.....	4.00
Bay.....	4.12 to 4.2
SALMON, No. 1.....	15.50 to 16.00
HADDOCK, per qtl.....	3.00 to 3.25
HAKE.....	2.50 to 2.7
CUSK.....	1.75
POLLOCK.....	2.25
HAKES SOUNDS, per lb.....	30
COD OIL A.....	26 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 10.00
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.

There are no changes to note this week.

Flour is rather easier than otherwise without any apparent reason, because wheat is steady up West.

Cornmeal is scarce and as a consequence dearer.

Flour	
Graham Flour.....	3.75 to 4.20
Patent high grades.....	6.10 to 6.2
50 per cent. Patents.....	8.25 to 8.5
Superior Extra.....	8.75 to 8.80
Extras from Patents.....	5.50 to 5.80
Low grades in sacks.....	3.30 to 3.40
" " barrels.....	3.55 to 3.60
Oatmeal, Standard.....	4.65 to 4.75
" Granulated.....	5.00 to 5.15
" Rolled.....	5.00 to 5.10
Corn Meal—kiln dried.....	3.10 to 3.25
Iran, per ton.....	21.00 to 21.50
Shorts.....	23.00 to 23.50
Midlings.....	21.50 to 22.00
Mill or Mixed Feed, per ton.....	25.00
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs.....	40 to 42
Harley " of 48.....	nominal
" " of 60.....	1.00 to 1.10
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.55 to 1.20
Pot Harley, per barrel.....	8.55
Hay per ton.....	14.00 to 16.00
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.....	30
" " in Small Tubs.....	25
" Good, in large tubs.....	21
" Store Packed & oversalted.....	14
Canadian Township.....	22 to 24
" Western.....	17 to 19
Cheese, Canadian.....	11 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 60
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.....	1.75 to 2.75
Oranges per bbl. Jamaica (new).....	5.00 to 5.50
Lemons, per case.....	4.00 to 5.00
Coconuts, per 100.....	5.00
Onions.....	
" American Silver Skin.....	2 to 2 1/2
Dates, boxes, new.....	
Raisins, Valencia, new.....	7 to 7 1/2
Figs, Elmo, 5 lb boxes per lb.....	12
" small boxes.....	13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes and bags.....	6
Cranberries.....	7.00
Foxberries.....	4.50
Grapes, Almeria, Kegs.....	4.50 to 5.50

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

POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound.....	13 to 14
Geese, each.....	50 to 70
Ducks, per pair.....	70 to 80
Chickens, ".....	40 to 45

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Swiss best quality, per 100 lbs. alive.....	4.00 to 4.25
Oxen.....	3.50 to 4
Fat Steers, Heifers, light weights.....	3.00 to 4
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