

Bradstreet's report of the week's failures:—

	Week	Prev.	Weeks	Weeks	Failures	Failures	Failures	Failures
	Jan. 17.	Jan. 17.	corresponding	corresponding	for the year	for the year	for the year	for the year
	1890	1890	1889	1888	1890	1889	1888	1887
United States...	355	354	358	308	325	1018	981	913
Canada.....	30	46	47	42	32	110	97	92
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Dry Goods.—There is nothing very special to report as yet regarding this branch of trade. Some houses speak of a moderate return of orders—mainly for spring goods—from their travellers, but this is all. One point that is noted with satisfaction is the duplication of orders given in December for particular lines of seasonable spring woollen specialties, buyers being apparently fully alive to the fact of their strength at the source of supply. Still, on the whole, the impression seems to be that this trade is not exactly what everyone wants it to be. As to payments some dealers report that the return of their December paper was fairly prompt, while others complain that it was not. It is not yet time for this month's remittances, and how they will turn out is, therefore, unknown at present.

IRON, HARDWARE AND METALS.—The local market continues quiet, even to the verge of extreme dullness, but it is as yet too early to expect any activity. It is, however, the expectation that the enquiry will be good when it sets in, and the position, for various reasons which have been already severally enumerated, is a very strong one. The English market continues firm with, if anything, an upward tendency. In Scotland the prices of makers' brands remain stationary, while warrants experience an occasional fluctuation of a few pence. Regarding the Scotch market a letter from a leading house there reads: "We have again to report a strong market for pig iron, the outside public continuing to buy freely, and to this more than anything else was due the sudden advance of to-day. Humite iron is strong and dear, partly owing to the activity of the steel trade." With regard to the American markets, there have been no striking developments of late, and the situation appears to be unchanged.

BREADSTUFFS.—The local flour market presents no new features, the tone being firm on all grades, although there is not much business moving. We hear of nothing beyond a very little jobbing trade. Beechholm's cable reports wheat and corn steadily held. Weather in England mild. In Chicago the wheat market has been quiet and steady without any change in prices. In New York wheat was firmer and advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to $\frac{1}{2}$ c. The St. Louis wheat market was firm with an advance of $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to $\frac{1}{2}$ c. on some options.

PROVISIONS.—The local provision market has been steady with some movement in pork for which a small jobbing demand has existed. Dressed hogs have been quiet and steady with a moderate demand and fair receipts. Prices remain unchanged. In Liverpool pork is quoted at 54s. 6d., bacon at 29s. to 29s. 6d., lard at 32s. and tallow at 25s. Pork in Chicago has been about steady. The hog market there was strong in spite of heavy receipts, and advanced 5c. all round. The cattle market was fairly active and steady. In this market just now beef, mutton and poultry of all kinds are very scarce and hard to obtain.

BUTTER.—This market shows no material alteration, and holders are awaiting the end of the month before committing themselves to any decisive line of action. As to the position it is evident that the purely jobbing trade that has prevailed throughout Canada has not worked down stocks materially, and there must be a plentiful—perhaps altogether too plentiful—supply of grades from good to medium and downwards. We hear of no actual alterations, but for all grades except really choice, quotations are more or less nominal. Prices in England are unchanged though colder weather has made the demand more brisk.

CHEESE.—The cheese market continues without change. We hear nothing new from the other side where it is reported a steady undertone prevails. There continues to be a good enquiry for lots in good condition between 44s. and 50s.

SUGAR.—The demand for sugars during the past week has been somewhat better than of late, but the volume of business doing is still small. The trade in molasses has been quiet with only a moderate demand.

TEA AND COFFEE.—The London tea market has been dull and quiet of late with tea offering at very low prices, and on this and the belief that the lowest ebb has been reached some speculators are inclined to hold off for a rise. The market here has been dull and inactive with very little doing at unchanged prices. Coffees have also been quiet without feature, their being little demand for them at present.

FISH OILS.—Our Montreal report is:—"Steam refined seal firm at 50c. to 52c; cod oil steady, Newfoundland 34c. to 35; Halifax and Gaspe 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Newfoundland cod liver oil 45c. to 55c.

FISH.—There is absolutely nothing new to say in regard to fish in this market. Receipts and shipments continue exceedingly small. Quotations are purely nominal, being entirely based on what it is assumed that fish would be worth if any movement was going on. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, January 20—"The fish market presents a considerable degree of activity for the reason, and the tone on the whole is steady with a considerable stir in fresh fish, while salt are also fairly active. The first of Newfoundland frozen herrings was placed on the market last week, and sales of some round lots have been effected at \$1.25 to \$1.50 per 100." Gloucester, Mass., January 20—"We quote new Georges codfish at \$6 per qtl. for large, and \$4.75 for small; Bank \$4.50 to \$5 for large, and \$4 for small; cured cusk \$3.25 to \$3.50 per qtl.; hake \$2.25; haddock \$3.25; heavy salted pollock \$2.25; English-cured do. \$3; Labrador herring \$5 per bbl; medium split \$5; extra No. 1 do. \$7.50; Newfoundland do. \$5; Nova Scotia do. \$5; pickled codfish \$7; haddock \$5." Barbados, December 4—"Nothing having come forward from Newfoundland the purchasers of the Stella's cargo have easily placed it at full rates, and the market is in a bad position. Late lotting rates for medium have been at \$18 P.S.—the Gratia has since arrived from St. John's to our address with 626 casks. We are lotting at \$22 for large and \$20 for medium."

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	7 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Granulated	7 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Circle A	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$
White Extra C	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$
Extra Yellow C	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 $\frac{3}{4}$
Yellow C	5 to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
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	41
Demerara	40 to 44
Diamond N.	48
Porto Rico	39 to 40
Cienfuegos	38
Trinidad	39 to 40
Antigua	38 to 39
Tobacco, Black	38 to 44
" Bright	42 to 58
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread	3.15
Boston and Thin Family	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Soda	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
do. in 1 lb. boxes, 50 to case	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
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	10.25 to 10.50
" Am. Plate	10.75 to 11.25
" Ex. Plate	11.50 to 11.75
Pork, Mess, American	14.50 to 15.00
" American, clear	15.10 to 15.50
" P. E. I. Mess	14.00 to 14.50
" P. E. I. Mess	13.50 to 14.00
" Prime Mess	11.00 to 11.50
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island	11 to 12
" American	12 to 13
" Cases	13.50 to 14.00
Hams, P. E. I., green	8 to 9
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	15.00
No. 1	14.00
" 2 large	13.00
" 2	11.50
" 3 large	12.00
" 3	12.00
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July	4.50 to 5.00
No. 1, August, Round	2.50
" September	2.50
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl.	4.00 to 4.50
Bay of Islands, Split	none
" Round	none
ALBACORE, per bbl.	2.50 to 3.00
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore	4.25 to 4.40
" Bank	3.25 to 3.50
Bay	3.50 to 3.75
SALMON, No. 1	18.00 to 19.00
HADDOCK, per qtl.	2.25
HAKE	2.00
CUSK	1.50
POLLOCK	1.50
HAKE SOUNDS, per lb.	12$\frac{1}{2}$
Cod Oil A	23 to 25

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POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound	15 to 16
Geese, each	60 to 75
Ducks, per pair	70 to 80
Chickens,	50 to 70

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LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Steers, best quality, per 100 lbs. alive ..	4.25 to 4.50
Oxen,	3.50 to 4.00
Fat Steers, Hefers, light weights	3.00 to 3.50
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs	4.00 to 4.50
Lambs,	2.50 to 3.50

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LOBSTERS.

Per case 4 doz. 1 lb cans.

Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing) 5.25 to 6.00	
Tall Cans	4.80 to 5.00
Flat	6.50 to 7.00
Newfoundland Flat Cans	4.50 to 7.00

BREADSTUFFS.

Millers who are making regular best grades of flour, and have established trade, are obtaining even firmer prices than before the close of the year. Whilst pickups, from millers who are pressed for money or have not sufficient storage accommodation, are obtainable at lower prices even than before the close of the year. No one believes in lower prices for breadstuffs, and almost everybody believes in higher prices. The amount of wheat in sight is several millions bushels below what it was last year; whilst the English and continental demand must improve during the balance of the crop year.

Flour.	
High Grade Patents	5.00 to 5.15
Good 90 per cent. Patents	4.65 to 4.70
Straight Grade	4.40 to 4.45
Superior Extras	4.40 to 4.45
Good Seconds	4.10 to 4.15
Graham Flour	4.00 to 4.25
American Supr. Extras, in bond ..	4.15 to 4.25
American 90 per cent. in bond ..	4.50 to 4.60
American Patents, Pillsbury's Best ..	4.40
Oatmeal	4.00 to 4.10
" Rolled	4.10 to 4.25
Cornmeal, duty paid	2.70 to 2.80
Cornmeal, in bond, Boston	2.10 to 2.15
Roll'd Wheat	5.20
Wheat Bran, per ton	15.00 to 15.25
Shorts	18.50 to 19.00
Middling	20.00 to 22.00
Cracked Corn " including bags ..	2.00 to 2.50
Ground Oil Cake, per ton	35.00
Moulce	24.00
Split Peas	3.75 to 4.00
White Beans, per bushel	1.55
Pot Barley, per barrel	4.30 to 4.50
Canadian Oats, choice quality	38 to 40
P. E. I. Oats	38 to 40
Hay per ton	11.50

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

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, Gravensteins	4.70
Apples, No. 1, per bbl	3.50 to 4.00
Oranges, Jamaica, per bbl., repacked ..	7.00
Lemons, per case	5.70
Cocoanuts, new, per 100	5.00
Onions, New American, per lb	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.
Dates, boxes, new	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8
Raisins, Valencia, new	7
Figs, Elms, 5 lb boxes per lb	11
" " small boxes	13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes and bags, new ..	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6
Bananas, per bunch	none
Cranberries, per bbl	9.50

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

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints	25
" " in Small Tubs	22 to 25
" " Good, in large tubs	20
" " Store Packed & oversalted ..	14
Canadian Township	19 to 20
" Western	17
Cheese, Canadian	10
" Antigonish	10 $\frac{1}{2}$

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

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound	15 to 22
" unwashed	12 to 15
Salted Hides, No. 1	5
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No. 1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
" under 60 lbs., No. 1	5
" over 60 lbs., No. 2	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
" under 60 lbs., No. 2	4
Cow Hides, No. 1	4
No. 3 Hides, each	25
Calf Skins	10
" Deacons, each	15
Lambskins	15 to 18
Tallow	3

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

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, perm.	8.00 to 14.00
Spruce, dimension, good, perm	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 3.25
" No. 2, do.	1.00 to 1.25
" spruce, No. 1	1.10 to 1.25
Laths, per m	2.50
Hard wood, per cord	4.00 to 4.25
Softwood	1.25