of a searching character. To pass it is a test of considerable and satisfactory acquirement in the young student, and those who succeed into the honors division must have been well trained and taught. That so many girls succceded is evidence not only of their own intellectual ability, but of the excellence of the educational facilities of the present day.—Queen.

COMMERCIAL.

The volume of business that has transpired since our last writing has been fair for the season, but the influence of the provailing warm weather, and the fact that a large proportion of our business men and their clerks are enjoying their summer vacations, has naturally kept it from being as

largo as it will become a few weeks hence.

The statement is made that the Canadian Pacific Railway is negotiating with the Steel Company of Canada (limited) with a view to purchasing the iron mines, plant and franchise connected with the works of the 'atter, at Londonderry, N. S, and that the negotiations are still pending. It is an open secret that the Steel Company refused an offer of \$350,000 for it that was made a short time since by an iron syndicate. We have, of course, no moans of knowing what they would accept or what figure the railway company would be willing to pay for the works, but the idea is an excellent one for several reasons. It would be a very great advantage to the C. P. R. to be able to manufacture its own rails, axles, ougines, ear whoels, etc., at its own works, and the managers are wide-awake enough to fully approciate the fact. Again if the purchase is made, and the C. P. R operates the works, that fact will go far towards definitely and finally determining their terminus in favor of this city, rather than in any other port that has been suggested, and whose claims have been urged by interested parties. This would remove a "grievance" that politicians and political papers have long

The crops are being rapidly harvested, and in most sections are abundant

and of excollent quality.

BREADSTUFFS .- Last week the gmin market became very stiff, being assisted thereto partly by adverse reports of the British crops, and partly by anticipations that the Bulgarian embroglio might lead to a European war. But the war cloud having happily passed over, the markets have weakened again and become dull. In New York some very large sales of wheat have been made on French account, but that circumstance has not helped the market to any appreciable extent. Flour is quiet and unchanged.

Hos Propuors .- Bacon, lard and pork, have been in fair demand, and

prices are remarkably stoady, but no large transactions are reported.

Butten.—The supply is small, and fine qualities in tub lots find ready sale. Isto Liverpool advices say "Irish continues to hold a promier position in this article just now, American being in small supply and prices higher than those current for choice dairies of Irish." Gill buyers and shippers on this side are moving cautiously, and are evidently determined by a reliable dealer in butter. to do nothing that may advance prices at present.

CHEESE continues very firm, and English prices have again advanced slightly. This will, however, be checked by some large shipments that have lately been made, and are now making, from Ontario and New York to

Livernool.

POTATOES.—The blight and rot in potatoes throughout Western Canada has assumed very serious proportions. In many instances entire fields have been blasted by this disease, and will, it is reported, be worthless, some have been blasted by this disease, and will, it is reported, be worthless, some gowers asserting that they will not go to the useless expense of digging them. This has caused a rapid advance in the Upper Canada markets—amounting to fully 100 per cent. From present advices it appears that points even farther west than Toronto will have to draw very largely on the Maritime Provinces for their necessary supplies of this articles. This will be good news for the growers, however the rest of the community may view it. As the yield in these Provinces hy the sea is a very large one, we may have enough to supply both our wants and those of our neighbors without a disturbance of prices. The difference will be simply that the farmers will not find themselves without a remunerative market for their shandard supply abundant supply.

Faurs.—The apple crop is beginning to appear, and some very fine Gravensteins have already come to market. It is too early as yet to definitely fix what prices will obtain, especially for shipping apples, as it is impossible, through conflicting reports, to estimate with any certainty what quantities will be harvested. In Ontario the crop will be fully an average one, while in New York it will be very light, and in other States, East and West, it is reported very large. The price will largely depend on the demand from Britain and Europe, where it is said that very few will be gathered in a marketable condition. We can add nothing to what we have previously said respecting dried fruits, except that the Pacific coast will supply more than its usual growth of raisins of excellent quality.

Tens are very dull. Large quantities continue to arrive in London from China, Japan, Coylon, etc. There seems to be no speculative demand, and the usual buyers appear to be waiting for something to turn up. On this tide of the water, prices are not materially changed, and some large sales are

Scan.—The market has been very quies, but a slightly better enquiry on western account, especially for the higher grades, has developed, which has encouraged the hopes of holders to some extent. The troubles that have been experienced by one refinery after another have disappointed those who invested noney in them, but there is reason to believe that these will in time pass away, and with economical management the refineries will be made to pay.

Wook continues in a very good domand, and prices are firmly maintained Manufacturors show a readiness to buy what they can, in anticipation of

further advance in prices this fall.

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.

We intend devoting special attention to our Commercial and Financial Articles, and to our Market Quotations, and to this end have secured the co-operation of several persons thoroughly conversant with questions of finance and commerce.

3	GROCERIES.	I
5	SUGAR.	ł
	Cut Loaf 8 to 8%	ı
	Granulated 65 to 61,	I
	Circle A 615 to 613	ŧ
1	Extra C	1
1	Yellow C Six to 514	ł
,	TEA.	ł
	Congon Common 17 to 19	ı
η	" Fair 20 to 23	۱
١.	" Good 25 to 29	ı
1	" Choice	J
١	" Extra Choice 35 to 36	J
. 1	Оодона—Choice 37 to 33	l
1	MOLASSES.	ĺ
١	Barbadnes	ı
ı	Denierara 30 to 35	l
1	Diamond N 42	l
ì	Porto Rico 31	l
1	Tohacco-Black 37 to 46	ı
1	" Bright 42 to 58	l
1	Auscurs.	ı
١	Pilot Bread 2,60 to 2.90	ı
١.	Boston and Thin Family 81/4 to 6	ŀ
J	Soda 514 to 514	١.
١	do in 11b boxes, 50 to case 75	ľ
ı	Fancy 8 to 15	ı
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١	Fancy 8 to 15	1

The above quotations are carefully prepared by a reliable Wholesale House, and can be depended upon as correct.

BUTTER.

Nova Sci	otia Choice Fresh Prints	20 to 23
**	" in Small Tubs	20 to 21
44	Gord, in large tubs	18 to 10
**	Store l'acked & oversalted	10 to 12
Canadias	, Creamery	22 to 21
	On Creamery the tone is firm.	
	Township, finest	18 to 20
**	" Finest Fancy pkgs.	10 to 22
**	" fine	17 to 18
44	Morrisburg and Brockville	16 to 17
44	Western	13 to 16

FISH FROM VESSELS.

} MACKERBL.	
No. 3 largeCatch 1885	2.00
1886	2.90 to 3.00
No. 3 " 1885	2 00
" " 18k8	2.50 to 2.75
Small	1 00
HERRING.	•
No. 1 Shore, July 1886	4.40 to 4.23
(reported almost a total failure on	our shores.)
ALRWIVES Catch, 1886, per bbl	2 50
Courisi.	
Hard Shore tolqual, catch, 1885.	per atl.
Price as to quality	
1893 per qul	2.10 to 2.28
Hank1866	1 80
Bay	nane
SALMON, NO 1	13 00 to 14 00
HADDOCK, 1826, per qu	1.75 to 1.90
HARR	1.50 to 1.75
Cusk	none
	none
	to 50c per lb.
	29 to 30
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The above are prepared by a relia-ble firm of West India Merchants.

LOBSTERS.

lova Scotta (Atlantic Coast alacking).	Nova So
Tail Cans	
Per case 4 doz. 11b cans,	

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer.

LUMBER.

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Pine, clear, No. 1, per m	25.00 to 28.00
	14.00 to 17.00
" Merchantable, do do	
" 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
Spruce, dimension good, per m Merchantable, do do	8,00 to 9 00
" Small, do do	6.50 to 7.05
Hemlock, merchantable	7.00
Shingles, No 1, sawed, pine	3.00 to 3.50
No 2. do de	1.00 to 1.25
spruce, No 1	1.10 to 1.30
Laths, per m	2.00
Testus' her me consecutions	
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.

PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE.

Our quotations below are our today's wholesale solling prices for car lots not cash. Jobbers' and Retailers' prices about 5 to 10 per cent advance on carload lots.

	F 200 m.		
	Graham	4.40 t	o 4.50
٠	Patent high grades	4.801	
	mediums		
	Consider Management of the contract of the con	4.28 t	
ı	Superior Extra	4,00 t	
ł	Lower grades	3.00 t	
١	Oatmeal, Standard	4.40 1	o 4.50
ì	" Granulated		4.75
	Corn Meal-Halifax ground	9.08 (
i	"Imported	2 98 1	~ 3.00
ı	Bran perton-Wheat	# 80 to	40.00
1	ocan perton-meat	0.00 10	10.00
ı	" -Corn 1	4.00 to	15,00
ı	Shorts "	7.50 to	18,00
1	Middlings "	0. 00 to	21.00
į	Cracked Corn 20	3.00 to	30.00
ı	" Oats " 2		
ŀ	" Barleynominal	0.00 .0	31 00
ı	Fact Flour 44	3,25 t	
i	Feed Flour	0,401	c 8.00
ł		al	2 70
ŀ	Oats per bushel of 34 lbs	42	to 45
ı	L'Aricy " O[48 "hominal	75	to 80
ľ	Peas " of 60 "		1.10
l	White Beans, per bushel	1 50 to	1.65
l	Pot liarley, per harrel	4.85 to	
ı	Corn " of 56 lbs		to 85
l	Idam non ton	- 44 00	10 83
ı	Straw 1	3.00 to	11.00
ı	liay per ton), 00 to	12.00
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ı	J. A. CHIPMAN & Co., L	ivori	1000
ľ	Wharf, Halifax, N. S.		
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PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex Mess, duty paid "Am. Plate, "Ex. Plate, "Pork, Mess, American new old Mess, Clear	11.50 to 12.50 12.00 to 12.50 13.00 to 13.50 12.50 to 13.00 11.50 to 12.00 15.00 to 15.50 12.50 to 13.00
" P. E. I Thin A second	11,50 to 12 00 10,50 to 11,00
Lard, Tubs and Pails.	9 50 to 10.00 10 to 11
Hams, P. E. I	r bbl.
Prices are for wholesale lots only,	and are liable

These quotations are prepared by a reliable wholesale house.

Wool, wool skins & hides. WOOL, WOOL, SKINS & Wool-clean washed, per pound unwashed sit unwashed Salted Hides, No 1 Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No 1 under 60 lbs, No 2 under 60 lbs, No 2 Cow Hides, No 1 No 3 Hides Calf Skins Descons, each WoolSkins Lambskins The above quotations are fi

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

APPLR Nova Scotia, per bbl .	1 50 to 2 50
Oranges, per bbl, Jamaica (new)	9.50 to 10.00
Lemons, per case, best quality	11.00 to 12.00
Cocosnuts, per 100	
Onions, American, per lb	2½ to 2½
Mediterraneau, per lb	2%
[Foxberries, per bbl	3 30 to 3.50
Figs, 11b bxs (fresh)	16 to 18c
Dates, layer (new)	7 to 8c
Bananas	
Tomatoes, per crate	1.50 to 2.00

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

POULTRY.

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Turkeys, per pound	none
Geese, each	none
Ducks, per pair	60 to 90
Chickens	40 13 60
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The above are corrected by a reliable victualor.

LIVE STOCK-at Richmond Depot. Steers, best quality, per 100 lbs. alive...

These quotations are prepared by a roliable victualler.