

taking 1,000 barrels from one firm at that figure. Sales of round lots have been made within the past few days at \$3.85 to \$3.87½ and \$4, the latter figure for choice selections of red fruit. Montreal buyers have already commenced operations in the Maine districts, sales of 3,000 barrels being reported there at \$2.75 for the fruit, and other lots have sold at \$3.50 per barrel delivered on cars. Shippers in the West are now busy forwarding their winter stock, and it is reported that packing will be about finished next week. Owing to the heavy engagements recently, freights have advanced from 2s. per barrel to 2s. 6d., which is now the rate to all ports. The exports from Montreal this week, it is estimated, will be in the vicinity of 30,000 barrels.

SUGAR.—The general tone of the sugar market is steady. While there is not a brisk demand, still refiners report a good, steady trade passing. The New York market for raws has an easier undertone, the result of a dragging trade and its depressing influence. Refined is also easier in tone. The stocks in four seats of the United Kingdom amount to 83,000 tons against 154,000 tons at the same time last year.

MOLASSES.—The molasses market continues to be very firm but quiet. Holders continue very stiff, and appear to prefer to keep what they have than to sell at any price just now. Much having been said and written respecting the Boston firm, which a few weeks since bought up all the molasses here and at other points on which it could lay its hands, it has written the following letter to the *Montreal Trade Bulletin*:—

"Boston, Oct. 27th, 1890.

To the Editor Trade Bulletin.

DEAR SIR,—Our attention has been called to a recent article in your paper referring to the purchases of molasses made in Canadian ports by a Boston firm. In this article you state that these purchases were made under the expectation that the molasses section of the McKinley Tariff Bill would go into effect October 6th instead of next April, and that being disappointed in this reduction of four cents per gallon duty the said firm "are waiting for something to turn up to relieve them." On behalf of said firm we beg leave to say that this statement is unfounded, as we were fully aware of the provisions of the McKinley Bill. Distributing as we do at this season of the year about three thousand hhds. of molasses per month we are compelled to look in advance for our supplies. The foreign importations having ceased and the stock in first hands in the four leading ports of the United States being October 1st, 719 hhds., as against 8,293 hhds. last year, our attention was called to the Canadian ports for a supply. Upon careful enquiry we found the stocks there less than usual, while the prices were decidedly lower than a year since. If we are not misinformed a cargo of Barbadoes molasses sold at 47c. in Montreal in Jan. last. We therefore bought what we could at current rates, believing it to be a good purchase for either market. As you state we have already begun to make shipments from Montreal and Halifax to the United States, and expect in the near future to order more. As it must be four or five months before new crop arrives there is but little question as to the ordinary requirements of trade absorbing more than now appears on either side of the line. Trusting this explanation will relieve the apprehensions of your buyers and that you will pardon us for thus trespassing upon your space. We remain,

Yours very respectfully, I. O. WHITING & Co."

TEA AND COFFEE.—The movement in teas during the week has been very slight. No new feature has developed. There is nothing now to notice in coffee, the stocks being very light with consequent small movement at firm prices.

FISH OILS.—Montreal November 3—"The firm feeling reported by us last week continues in cod oil, sales of Newfoundland "A" having taken place at 38c, 38½c. and 39c. per gallon, and we quote 38½c. to 40c. Halifax oil 35c. to 36c. Those who questioned the sale we quoted last week at 36½c. are now convinced that the transaction was actually made at that figure. In steam refined seal oil there is no change, the market being steady at 52½c. Cod liver oil is quiet at 50c. for last year's and 55c. to 60c. for new. Norway oil is steady at 80c. to 85c." Gloucester, Mass., November 3—"Cod oil is quoted here at 27 to 30 cts. per gal.; medicine oil 60 cts.; blackfish oil 55 cts.; menhaden oil 23 cts.; livers 30 cts. per bucket."

FISH.—While there is an excellent demand for fish springing up both for home consumption and for export, the receipts continue to be very small. Several cargoes of French codfish from St. Pierre, Miq., have arrived, and were readily taken up by one firm, which handles them for the New York trade. The along-shore fishing up to last accounts received is rather poor, and receipts thereof are very light. A few mackerel have been taken, and were packed fresh in ice for the Boston market. There were captured altogether in this harbor about 200 barrels. As the fishermen are daily picking up a few in their nets, they feel confident that if the weather continues fine the main body, of which those captured are the stragglers, they will make some good hauls soon. In herrings the catch on our coasts has been small, and as the season is now about over none or few are to be expected. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, November 3—"Fresh B. C. salmon remain steady at 16c. to 18c. per lb. as to quantity and quality. Fresh cod and haddock 3c. to 4c. per lb. Green cod continues very scarce, No. 1 being firm at \$5, and No. 1 large at \$5.25, and sales could readily be made at these figures. Dry cod is quoted firm at \$5 f. o. b. St. Johns, Newfoundland, and here it is strong at \$5.25 per quintal. Sales of sea trout are reported at \$8, and we quote \$8 to \$8.50 per bbl. Sales of Labrador herring at the auction on Wednesday last were made at \$5.37½, 300 bbls. selling at that figure, and we quote \$5.37½ to \$5.50 per bbl. Shore herring are steady at \$5, and Cape Breton at \$5.50. Since the auction a better enquiry has set in. Market quiet and prices steady as follows:—Yarmouth bloaters \$1.25 per box of 60, and St. John \$1.25 per hundred. Boneless cod 7c. to 8c. per lb., and boneless fish 5c. New Finnan haddies 7c. to 8c. per lb. Sales of oysters have been made at

\$2 to \$3 for good to fine, and choice handpicked Malpeque \$3.50 to \$4 per barrel." Gloucester, November 3—"We quote New Georges codfish at \$5.75, and \$5.87 a qtl. for large, and small at \$4.75 to \$5; Bank \$5 for large, and \$4.50 for small; Shore \$5.50, and \$4.50 for large and small; Flemish Cap \$5.50; dry Bank \$5.75; medium \$5.50; French codfish \$6 per qtl.; Phillips Beach codfish \$7 per qtl.; cured cusk at \$4 per qtl.; hake \$2.25; haddock \$3.25; heavy salted pollock \$2.25; English-cured do. \$2.75 per qtl.; boneless and prepared fish 4½c. to 5½c. per lb. for hake, haddock and cusk, and 5½c. to 9c. for codfish, as to style and quality; smoked halibut 6c. to 10c. per lb.; smoked salmon 18c per lb.; haddock 6c. per lb.; medium herring 14c. per box; tucks 14c.; lengthwise 13c.; No. 1's 12c.; bloaters 75c.; canned trout \$1.50; fresh halibut \$2.20; salmon \$1.50; lobsters \$2.25; clams \$1; mackerel \$3.25; herring 85c.; American sardines, quarter oils, \$3.87½; half oils \$6; three-quarter mustards \$3.75; spiced \$4.25 and \$5.50; clam and fish chowder \$2. Canned mackerel are in so small offering as to be entirely nominal in price. Canned salt mackerel are in small offering at \$6.50 and \$7 per dozen for 5 lb. cans in cases. Labrador herring \$6.50 bbl.; med. split \$5; Newfoundland do. \$5.50; Nova Scotia do. \$5.50; Eastport \$4; 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; alewives \$3.50; trout \$13; California salmon \$15; Halifax do. \$23; Newfoundland do. \$16." Havana, November 3 (per cable via New York)—"We quote codfish \$8; haddock \$7; hake \$6.50." October 30 (per letter)—"Codfish left over from last week was promptly sold at \$8.25. We expect that the market for first landings will open at \$8, though further receipts are expected next week. Haddock opened at \$7.25, but the demand was not active, and finally the price settled to \$7." Port of Spain, Trinidad, October 8—"We succeeded in lotting the Lockport cargo of codfish per *Garnet*, as well as the small lot per *Tinga* from Liverpool (referred to in our last,) at \$23 to \$24 tierces, \$26 drums, \$6 boxes, and \$18 to \$16 haddock. There has been no direct imports since, and our market is now in a position to receive further supplies. The demand of late has not been as good as usual. Both pickled herring and mackerel are much sought after, and would readily command paying prices."

MARKET QUOTATIONS.—WHOLESALE RATES.

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

GROCERIES.

SUGARS.	
Cut Leaf.....	8
Granulated.....	6½ to 6¾
Circle A.....	6½
White Extra C.....	6
Standard.....	5½ to 5¾
Extra Yellow C.....	6½ to 6¾
Yellow C.....	6½ to 6¾
TEA.	
Congou, Common.....	17 to 19
" Fair.....	20 to 22
" Good.....	25 to 27
" Choice.....	31 to 33
" Extra Choice.....	35 to 37
Oolong, Choice.....	37 to 39
MOLASSES.	
Barbadoes.....	35 to 37
Demerara.....	31 to 33
Diamond N.....	42
Porto Rico.....	35 to 37
Cienfuegos.....	32
Trinidad.....	33 to 34
Antigua.....	33 to 34
Tobacco, Black.....	38 to 40
" Bright.....	42 to 45
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread.....	3.11
Hobson and Thin Family.....	6½
Soda.....	6½
do in lb. boxes, 50 to case.....	7½
Fancy.....	8 to 15

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, per bbl., N. S.....	2.00 to 4.00
" Gravenstein.....	3.50 to 4.50
Oranges, new Jamaica.....	6.50
Lemons, per case.....	8.00
Cocoanuts, new, per 100.....	5.00
Onions, American, per lb.....	3½
" Canadian.....	2½
Dates, boxes, new.....	5½ to 6
Raisins, Valencia.....	7 to 8
Figs, Klème, 5 lb boxes per lb, new.....	12
" small boxes.....	12 to 13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes.....	none
Pineapples, per doz.....	none
Bananas, per bunch.....	1.50 to 2.50

C. H. Harvey, 12 & 10 Sackville St.

FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL.	
Extra.....	21.00 to 26.00
No. 1.....	22.00 to 24.00
" 2 large.....	20.00 to 22.00
" 2.....	18.00 to 19.00
" 3 large.....	17.00 to 18.00
" 3.....	16.00 to 17.00
Small.....	7.00
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore July.....	4.50 to 4.75
No. 1 August, Round.....	2.75 to 3.00
" September.....	2.75 to 3.00
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl.....	none
Bay of Islands, Split.....	2.25 to 2.50
" Round.....	none
Alewives, per bbl.....	3.00 to 3.25
CODFISH.	
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 19.00
Haddock, per qtl.....	2.75 to 3.00
Hake.....	2.00 to 2.25
Cusk.....	2.00 to 2.50
Pollock.....	1.00
Hake Sounds, per lb.....	12½
Cod Oil A.....	23

BREADSTUFFS.

Business dull. Weather has been backward, and the tide against us. Business West is very good. Considerable export to Europe chiefly by way of United States ports. We do not think it likely that flour will be any lower. We will have demand for all surplus that we have. If it does not go to the West Indies and Newfoundland, our legitimate markets, it must go into other markets not so good. We make no change in quotations.

WLOUR.	
Manitoba Highest Grade Patents.....	6.40 to 6.50
High Grade Patents.....	5.50 to 5.75
Good 90 per cent. Patents.....	5.20 to 5.30
Straight Grade.....	5.05 to 5.10
Superior Extras.....	4.90 to 5.00
Good Seconds.....	4.60 to 4.70
Graham Flour.....	5.00 to 5.25
Pillsbury's Best, in half bbls.....	3.50
Patented.....	4.70 to 5.00
" Rolled.....	5.00 to 5.15
Kilm Dried Cornmeal.....	3.00 to 3.20
Rolls Wheat.....	5.50
Wheat Bran, per ton.....	15.00 to 18.50
Shorts.....	23.00 to 25.00
Middlings.....	20.00 to 22.00
Cracked Corn " including bags.....	32.00
Ground Oil Cake, per ton.....	35.00
Moulse.....	28.00
Split Peas.....	3.75 to 4.00
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.00 to 2.00
Pot Barley, per barrel.....	3.90 to 4.10
Canadian Oats, choice quality.....	82 to 83
P. E. I. Oats.....	50 to 51
Hay per ton.....	10.00

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

PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....	12.50 to 13.00
" Am. Plate.....	12.50 to 13.00
" Ex. Plate.....	13.50 to 14.00
Pork, Mess, American.....	17.00 to 17.50
" American, clear.....	18.00 to 18.25
" P. E. I. Mess.....	17.50 to 17.75
" P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	15.00 to 15.50
" Prime Mess.....	12.00 to 12.50
Lard, Tubs and Fails, P. E. Island.....	11 to 12
" American.....	none
Hams, P. E. I., green.....	none

Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are liable to change daily.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	25
" in Small Tubs.....	20 to 22
" Good, in large tubs, new.....	18 to 20
" " old.....	7 to 10
" Store Packed & oversalted.....	10
Canadian Township, new.....	20 to 22
" Western.....	16 to 17
" " old.....	7 to 10
Cheese, Canadian, new.....	10
" Antigonish.....	10½