

good lots changed hands at steady figures. Hams and bacon met with a good request. The Liverpool provision market was quiet and steady. Pork closed at 65s., lard at 34s. 6d., bacon at 30s. 6d. to 33s., and tallow at 29s. 6d. There has been a stronger tone to the Chicago provision market but trading was quiet. Pork advanced 10c. to \$11.05 March, \$11.20 May, \$11.40 July. Lard was strong and moved up 12½c to 15c. to \$6.72½ March, \$6.82½ May, \$6.92½ July. There was no change in the hog market, prices being steady all round.

BUTTER.—The butter market was quiet and unchanged with the movement confined to the usual local trade. The stock of really choice has almost entirely disappeared, and the demand which exists for it has to be satisfied with lower qualities of which there is far too much on the market. Very low grades are also in demand, or perhaps it would be more accurate to say that there is a willingness to receive anything at very low prices, much below the market value of any that is good for anything. What is wanted being evidently a rival for margarine. The buyers seem to have been unable to meet with any quantities of this, as holders see no reason at present for sacrificing goods, especially as the want of first-class is increasing the demand for lower goods. Mail advices quote firsts Corks 131s., seconds 118s., thirds 107s., fourths 93s.

CHEESE.—The market has been very dull and disappointing everywhere. The cable quotations dropped to 56s. for white, and 56s. 6d. for colored—a decline of 1s. and 1s. 6d. during the week. The New York market has been very weak and it is reported that some holders are less firm than they were, while both home and export trade has been extremely dull. Our local market has been very quiet—in fact lifeless—except for a jobbing trade of quite a retail character. Still the bulk of the stock is in strong hands and holders seem confident that they will be successful in keeping their stocks until the scarcity leads to a demand that will give them their own prices. There is no business to test quotations, which must, therefore, be regarded as only nominal.

DRIED FRUITS.—The feeling in the fruit market has been firm and prices have been well maintained all round. The demand for Valencia raisins has been slow and the market has ruled quiet. In currants business has been dull with the market ruling quiet under little enquiry. No improvement is expected for a month.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—The weak feeling in the sugar markets has continued, and a further decline of ½c. has taken place in both granulated and yellows. The demand has been slow and the market ruled quiet with a small volume of business. There has been little enquiry for molasses and no improvement is expected much before the first of April.

TEA AND COFFEE.—The demand for tea has ruled active and firm, with a considerable volume of business on both local and country accounts. Advices from New York continue strong and quote prices higher with a large trade. In consequence Canadian holders are strong and feel more confident of higher prices in the future. The coffee market has been fairly active, there being a good demand for small lots, and prices are firmly held.

FISH.—The local market continues dull and lifeless in the absence of demand from anywhere abroad. Only very insignificant small lots come forward from the outposts, and it is impossible to ship fish to the West Indies without heavy loss at present ruling prices. We do not change our quotations, but it must be borne in mind that as there are no transactions by which to test them, they are purely nominal and cannot be considered as in any sense at present reliable guides to values. The best that can be said of them is they are about what values would be if anything was doing. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal February 25.—“Business is still improving as Lent draws near and prices are firmly held. We quote: Green cod No. 1 ordinary at \$5, No. 1 large at \$5 to \$5.25. Large draft \$5.50. Dry cod \$4.50 to \$4.75. Labrador herring \$5.25 to \$5.50. Sea trout \$10 to \$11. Newfoundland salmon \$13.50 to \$14.” Gloucester, Mass. February 25.—“We quote frozen herring at 75 cts. per hundred for Newfoundland and 60 cts. for Grand Manan. New Georges codfish at \$4½ to \$4¾ per qtl. for large, and small at \$4 to \$4½. Bank \$3½ for large and \$3¼ for small. Shore \$4½ and \$4¼ for large and small. Dry Bank \$4½ and \$4¼. Newfoundland codfish \$6 to \$6½. Flemish Cap \$4½. Nova Scotia dry cured \$5½. Cured cusk at \$3½ per qtl.; hake \$2½; haddock \$3; heavy salted pollock \$2½ and English cured do. \$3½ per qtl. Larbrador herring \$6½ bbl.; medium split \$6; Newfoundland do. \$4; Nova Scotia do. \$6½; Eastport \$3½; split shore \$4½; pickled codfish \$6; haddock \$5.50; alewives \$5.00; trout \$15.00; Halifax salmon \$20; Newfoundland do. \$20. Clam bait \$7 to \$7.50. Extra shore mackerel \$30 per bbl. in jobbing lots; No. 1s \$26 and \$27; No. 2s \$22 and \$23; No. 3s, \$19 to \$21; Bay 1s, \$25; Block Island 1s, \$28 to \$29; Mess do., \$32.” Barbadoes, February 6.—“The market is weak in consequence of the accumulated stocks of varied qualities. The *Egeria* from St. John's, has arrived with 361 casks, 50 drums, &c. Several parcels have been exported to Demerara and elsewhere, but yet prices have declined to \$18 for large, and \$16 for medium in Casks. Drums at \$18. Labrador at \$13.03 for 61 casks ex *Egeria*. 120 casks at Guadeloup sold at \$13.15. Herring at \$3.00.” Port of Spain, Trinidad, February 1.—“We lotted the *Garnet's* cargo (referred to in our last) at \$20 to \$19 tierces; \$5 boxes. Since then the arrivals have been the *Diadem* direct from Lunenburg, and *Helen Churchill* from Lockeport, besides a considerable quantity of Yarmouth and Newfoundland fish from Barbados, causing our markets to collapse. The *Diadem* we subsequently despatched to Porto Rico and have since placed *Churchill's* cargo at \$16 tierces; \$18 drums, and \$4½ boxes. The present low value is pretty sure to improve consumption, and were it not that there is a considerable quantity of poor and inferior fish in the dealers' hands, an improvement might soon be looked for. Pickled Fish are saleable and for 50 bbls. gibbed herrings from New York we obtained \$4 per bbl. Herring, mackerel and salmon will continue in request until the Lenten season is over.”

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 Loaf	8
Granulated	7½
Circle A	7
White Extra C	6¼ to 6½
Extra Yellow C	5½ to 5¾
Yellow C	5¼ to 5½
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	38
Demerara	36 to 40
Diamond N.	45 to 46
Porto Rico	36 to 39
Cienfuegos	32
Trinidad	35
Antigua	35
Tobacco, Black	38 to 44
" Bright	42 to 58
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread	3.25
Boston and Thin Family	7
Soda	7
do in lb. boxes, 50 to case	7½
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	12.50 to 13.00
" Am. Plate	13.00 to 13.50
" Ex. Plate	14.00 to 14.50
Pork, Mess, American	17.50
" American, clear	19.00
" P. E. I. Mess	17.00 to 17.50
" P. E. I. Thin Mess	15.50 to 16.00
" Prime Mess	14.00 to 14.50
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island	13 to 14
" 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	20.00
No. 1	19.00
" 2 large	16.00
" 2	none
" 3 large	11.00
" 3	11.00
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July	4.50 to 4.75
No. 1, August, Round	3.75 to 4.00
" September	3.75 to 4.00
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl.	4.00 to 4.50
Bay of Islands, Split	3.25 to 3.50
" Round	2.75 to 3.00
ALEWIVES, per bbl.	5.00
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore, new	4.25 to 4.50
New Bank	4.12 to 4.20
Bay	4.12 to 4.20
SALMON, No. 1	15.50 to 16.00
HADDOCK, per qtl.	3.00 to 3.25
HAKE	2.50 to 2.75
CUSK	3.00
POLLOCK	2.25
HAKE SOUNDS, per lb.	30
COD OIL A	25 to 27

The above are prepared by a reliable firm of West India Merchants.

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound	15 to 22
" 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 75
Tallow	8

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, per m	8.00 to 14.00
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.

The late advance noted in our reports is well maintained, and firmness may be said to be the characteristic tone of the market. In cases where parcels of flour are offered, unless they are immediately accepted, the offer is withdrawn, and a higher rate offered.

We shall not be surprised to see \$6.00 the ruling price for March for 60 per cent. patents, and \$6.25 and upwards for the higher grades.

The millers complain that the farmers' deliveries of wheat are very scarce. Should the Ontario millers succeed in getting a \$1.00 a bbl. duty placed upon flour—which we trust they will not—we may not be surprised to see a combination in prices, however, we shall not anticipate.

No change to note in quotations excepting cornmeal.

Flour	
Graham Flour	5.75 to 6.10
Patent high grades	6.10 to 6.20
90 per cent. Patents	5.75 to 5.90
Superior Extra	5.60 to 5.75
Extras from Patents	5.25 to 5.50
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	2.85 to 2.95
Bran, per ton	21.00 to 22.00
Shorts	23.00 to 23.50
Middlings	24.50 to 25.00
Mill or Mixed Feed, per ton	29.00
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs.	43 to 45
Barley	nominal
Peas	1.00 to 1.10
White Beans, per bushel	1.80 to 2.00
Por Barley, per barrel	5.55
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.

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	6.35 to 6.50

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer.

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, No. 1, new, per bbl	1.50 to 2.75
Oranges, per bbl, Jamaica (new)	6.50
Lemons, per case	3.50 to 4.50
Cocoanuts, per 100	3.50 to 4.00
Onions	
" American Silver Skin	2 to 2½
Dates, boxes, new	6½ to 7
Raisins, Valencia, new	6½ to 7
Figs, Elme, 5 lb boxes per lb	12
" small boxes	13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes and bags, new	5½ to 6
Cranberries	7.00
Foxberries	4.00 to 4.50
Grapes, Almeria, kegs	6.50 to 7.00

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

POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound	13 to 14
Geese, each	50 to 72
Ducks, per pair	70 to 80
Chickens	40 to 55

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Steers best quality, per 100 lbs. alive	4.00 to 4.25
Oxen	3.50 to 4.00
Fat Steers, Heifers, light weights	3.00 to 3.50
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs	4.00 to 4.50
Lambs	4.00 to 5.00

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