

in molasses here. The sale is reported at Montreal of 200 puncheons imported from New York at 33½c. at four months. The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* remarks:—"A new feature in the molasses deal is the importation of 200 puncheons of Barbadoes molasses from New York, the sale of which was made on this market a few days ago at 33½c. four months, and we quote 33½c. to 36½c. as to quantity. This is quite a surprise to most of the men in the trade who were expecting Barbadoes molasses to move in just an opposite direction, namely, from Canada to the United States; still they may take that course after all, although at the moment things do not favor such a movement." The New York *Commercial Bulletin* says:—"With scarcely any foreign stock here and the domestic not in favor, the position of old goods affords basis for only a narrow and unimportant market, with prices doubtful. Trade in new crop domestic, however, is fairly under way for the season and doing reasonably well. The prospective magnitude of the crop and the certainty that the bulk of it will be hurried along is an opposing factor to any very full rates, but consumption is wide enough now to maintain a fair demand, and buyers take the market as they find it when new wants arise. There has been quite a good movement of domestic to-day, and we also learn of 234 puncheons Barbadoes at 24c. long price for Canada."

TEA is very quiet here just now, and what little is doing is confined to supplying the regular consumptive demand. It is a pretty difficult matter to hunt up any new business of consequence in the tea trade, the only sale we heard of in Japan since our last report was a lot of 100 pkgs of good drawing tea at 15½c. per lb. In blacks and greens there is a very limited business passing. We quote Japan at 12½c. up to 21½c. for common to fine. The New York *Commercial Bulletin* says:—"Complaints may still be heard from the selling side of the market, but mainly where there are holdings wholly or in part speculative, owners apparently wanting rapid culmination of strengthening factors. As a rule, however, the trade, accepting the idea of a market now turned toward a healthier general condition, are content that the improvement should work out naturally and in solid lasting form. Advances from abroad are looked upon as supporting so far as cost of goods and their movement is concerned, and the desirable stock here, especially if Japan and Oolong, are well located for good control. No first-hand sales made public to-day."

COFFEE.—"There is little or nothing to chronicle this week in this article, buyers will not buy at present price, and holders will not sell under them. The receipts at Rio continue small, and at Santos large. The States trade position is as follows:—Stock at Rio 147,000 bags, same time last year 144,000 bags, total visible supply 328,039 bags, last year same date 416,247 bags. Crop receipts up to Nov. 27, 1,179,000 bags, last year same date 861,000 bags. There has been some little movement in coffee in Montreal since our last issue, some Maracaibo and Jamaica having been sold to Western houses, and a lot of Jamaica having changed hands in this city. Orders, however, are not going forward for coffees, as with the approach of January everyone wants to get their stock down as low as possible. There is a scarcity of coffee at Maracaibo, and no consignments are expected for about a month yet from that place."

FISH OILS.—Montreal advises under date of 9th inst.—Several large lots of Newfoundland cod oil were placed last week at 36c., but to-day holders are firm at 38c. for round lots, and 39c. to 40c. for smaller quantities. One firm has bought up about 1,100 to 1,500 bbls. of late, and as he has a pretty strong backer, it is said that any one who wants cod oil after this will have to pay for it. A quiet business has transpired in steam refined seal oil, prices remaining firm at 51c. for round quantities up to 52c. and 52½c. for smaller lots. Cod liver oil is in very limited request, but prices are steady at 50c. to 55c. for Newfoundland, and 80c. to 85c. for Norway. Some Newfoundland cod oil is being put up after the same style as Norway, and appears to be giving good satisfaction. Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 9th.—"Cod oil 27 to 30 cts. per gal.; medicine oil 60 cts.; blackfish oil 55 cts.; menhaden oil 23 cts.; livers 30 cts. per bucket."

FISH.—The fishing season having closed, and both external and internal demand being extremely slow, no business has been accomplished during the week in this line. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal Dec. 9th.—"The past week has been a very quiet one, business being limited to small jobbing sales at about former prices. Labrador herring have been placed at \$5.25 to \$5.50 per bbl. in small lots, and shore herring at \$4.75 to \$5. as to quality. In green and dried cod business is small owing to scarcity of supplies. Green cod is firm at \$5.25 to \$5.50 per bbl. A few cars are offered from Halifax at f. o. b. prices which would cost \$5.25 to \$5.50, laid down here. Dry cod is firm at \$5.25 to \$5.50, last sales being reported at the inside figure. As there is so little to be had prices possess a purely nominal status. Sea trout remains quiet at \$8 to \$9 per bbl. Newfoundland salmon is quoted at \$14 per bbl. and at \$21 per tierce. The market for fresh fish is quiet, and prices of cod and haddock keep high. Yarmouth bladders are unchanged at \$1.25 per 100. The demand continues good for boneless cod at 7c. to 8c. per lb. and boneless fish 5c. Finnan haddies 7½c. to 8c. per lb." Gloucester Mass., Dec. 9th.—"We quote N-w Georges codfish at \$5.87 to \$6 a qtl. for large, and small at \$5; Bank \$5.00 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 4.00 per qtl.; hake, \$2.25; haddock, \$3.25; heavy salted pollock, \$2.25, and English-cured do. \$2.75 per qtl.; Labrador herring \$6.50 bbl.; medium split \$5.00; 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 head \$3; sounds \$12; tongues and sounds \$11.00; tongues \$10.00; mallow \$3.50; trout \$14.00; California salmon \$15.00; Halifax do. \$23; Newfoundland do. \$16. Halibut line \$15; shad \$12; Port of Spain, Trinidad,—Nov. 19th.—"The S. S. *Loanda* brought a small

shipment of Yarmouth Curo, which we sold at \$29.00 Drums Extra Large, \$26.00 Medium, and \$18.00 Haddock. Since then we have placed the Lockeport Cargo per *Josephine* at \$24.00 Tierces, \$6.75 Boxes and \$14.00 Haddock, and have now on offer the Cargo per *Florence M. Smith*, which arrived yesterday from Lunenburg. The *Advance* from same part is now on the way from Barbados, but as stocks are at present ample, we shall probably despatch her elsewhere. Both Mackerel and Herring are saleable."

THE NEW TARIFF on Eggs.—Some one has advised the Canadian egg raisers to get the eggs from their hens when they command high prices in Boston and New York; and then they won't feel that extra five cents a dozen which the new tariff imposes.

We think we hear them reply, "well that's pretty poor comfort when the hens and pullets too instead of laying are simply standing around looking and asking for more corn."

Please keep in mind if you feed them much corn you won't get an egg, that is a certain fact.

If we could only get an egg a day or even every other day at this season we would soon get rich, says many a party who keeps hens.

John T. Porter, of Swathmore, Pa., offers hints to such that they might profitably try.

He writes I. S. Johnson & Co., Boston, Mass. "In the contest which began on the 1st. of January last I began under many difficulties. I had never used Sheridan's Condition Powder and was pretty much out of conceit with any food or powder to make hens lay. My hen house was not well heated, but for all that I determined to give the matter a full vote and a fair count. I soon saw increase enough to encourage the use of Sheridan's Condition Powder, prize or no prize. The result proved I was the sixteenth winner. I kept on using the Powder about three times each week after the contest, and find that during the first 23 days of this month my 22 black Minorca Hens did what I should have presumed an impossibility. I will make affidavit that under the influence of your Powder, the product was 17 eggs. Now I am fully aware that this means nearly 21 eggs per hen in 23 days; but these are the facts never the less and facts which would have made me the first prize winner could it have occurred during the contest. I challenge the world to excel it and am willing to enter the list with any who will agree for a prize of \$200.00 and to use a given quantity per hen of your incomparable Powder. I would not be without it though it cost five dollars per lb." I. S. Johnson & Co., 22 Custom House St., Boston, Mass., will send free to any one keeping hens, full particulars of this year's premium offers on request.

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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	5½ to 5¾
Yellow C	5½ to 5¾
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	33 to 38
Demerara	34 to 38
Diamond N.	48
Porto Rico	35 to 36
Cienfuegos	33
Trinidad	33 to 34
Antigua	33 to 34
Tobacco, Black	28 to 44
" Bright	42 to 58
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread	3.15
Boston and Thin Family	6½
Soda	6½
do in lb. boxes, 50 to case	7½
Faucy	8 to 15

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, per bbl. N. S.	2.60 to 5.00
Gravenstein	3.50 to 5.00
Oranges, new Jamaica	7.00
Lemons, per case	8.00
Cocoanuts, new, per 100	5.00
Onions, American, per lb.	3½
" Canadian	2¼ to 2½
Dates, boxes, new	6
Raisins, Valencia	7 to 8
Figs, Eleme, 5 lb boxes per lb., new ..	12
" small boxes	11 to 13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes	none
Pineapples, per doz	2.50
Bananas, per bunch	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	7.50
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
Alwines, per bbl.	9.00 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
PISK	2.00 to 1.50
COLLOCK	1.50
HAKK SOUNDS, per lb.	12½
Cod Oil A	25

BREADSTUFFS.

FLOUR.	
Manitoba Highest Grade Patents	6.25 to 6.35
High Grade Patents	6.35 to 6.50
Good 90 per cent Patents	6.10 to 6.15
Straight Grade	5.90 to 5.95
Superior Extras	4.80 to 4.90
Good Seconds	4.50 to 4.60
Graham Flour	4.60 to 5.00
Oatmeal	5.00 to 5.10
" Rolled	5.15 to 5.30
Kiln Dried Cornmeal	3.25 to 3.35
Rolls Wheat	5.0
Wheat Bran, per ton	20.00 to 21.50
Shorts	23.00 to 25.00
Middlings	26.00 to 28.00
Cracked Corn	32.00 to 33.00
Ground Oil Cake, per ton	35.00
Moulse	31.00 to 32.00
Split Peas	3.75 to 4.00
White Beans, per bushel	1.60 to 2.00
Pot Harley, per barrel	3.90 to 4.10
Canadian Oats, choice quality	52 to 53
P. E. I. Oats	51 to 52
Hay per ton	12.00 to 13.00

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

PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid	12.00 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 19.00
" P. E. I. Mess	17.00 to 17.50
" P. E. I. Thin Mess	15.00 to 15.50
" Prime Mess	12.00 to 12.50
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island ..	12
" American	11 to 12
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	22 to 23
" Good, in large tubs, new	18 to 20
" " old	7 to 10
" Store Packed & overmalted	10
Canadian Township, new	20 to 27
" Western	18 to 10
" " old	7 to 12
Cheese, Canadian, new	10
" Antigonish	10½