

CHEESE.—The cheese market has a very quiet tone with business light and the position unchanged. Private cables indicate no improvement while the public remained at 55s.

APPLES.—Choice stock is scarce, and sound fruit bring very good prices under a fair demand. Poor stock, however, is hard to sell at any price. It is worthy of note that a lot of Baldwins shipped from Montreal to England brought only 7s. 6d., while a lot of the same description of apples shipped at the same time from the West fetched 16s., the difference in price being accounted for by quality and packing.

FURS.—Cables from the London spring sales show that the anticipated advance in furs was well grounded, but the increase in prices that has taken place was not expected to reach such an extent as it did. Lynx, for instance, has risen 60 to 100 per cent. compared with a year ago. Marton has advanced 50 per cent., fox 20 to 70, fisher 70, otter 25.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—Owing to strong advices on the raw sugar market and the light stocks held here and elsewhere throughout Canada, there continues to be a strong tone and prices on both granulated and yellows are advancing. The demand is brisk and the market rules active, with a large volume of business. The *Montreal Trade Bulletin* says:—"As we go to press, the excitement in the sugar market on both sides of the Atlantic appears to be approaching fever heat, beet having advanced another 6d. in London to 16s. 9d., which is the highest price within the past three years. In the cane product Java has advanced to 18s. 6d., and we are just in receipt of advices direct from New York which state that the feeling there is unprecedentedly strong, the price of granulated having made another spurt of 4c. per lb. to 8c. In this market prices are as quoted elsewhere, but it is expected they will go to 7½c. for granulated today or tomorrow, and 8c. is freely spoken of as the ultimate figure." Molasses has been quiet but steady with a somewhat improved demand.

TEA.—There has been a fairly active movement in tea but the market has contained no special feature. The market has retained a firm tone with holders confident and refusing to offer except at full prices.

FISH.—Receipts of all kinds of fish continue to be extremely light. Only a few small straggling lots come forward and they are difficult to place. The outside demand has fallen off to almost nothing and, as the London season is now nearly over, no improvement can be expected for some weeks. A considerable number of bankers are in port, and others are daily arriving to fit out for the banks. There is plenty of frozen bait obtainable but the weather has been too unfavorable for the fishermen to start for their grounds as yet. Our outside advices are as below:—Montreal, April 2. "The demand for fish has been slow, and the market has ruled quiet and inactive. The stock generally has been well cleaned up, and the supply in first hands is now light. Labrador herring have been offered in round lots at \$4.50 to \$4.75, but as buyers have ample stocks on hand we do not hear of any transactions. Green cod and salmon have ruled quiet and steady. The demand for finnan haddies has been good, and some large sales have been effected both on local and western account at 7c. to 7½c." Gloucester, Mass., April 2. "We quote New Georges codfish at \$4.02½ to \$4.75 per qtl. for large, and small at \$3.50 to \$3.75. Bank \$3.25 to \$3.37½ for large and \$3 for small. Dry Bank \$4 and \$3.50. Nova Scotia dry cured \$5; do pickle cured \$4.50. Cured cusk at \$3 per qtl.; hake \$2.50; haddock \$2.87½; heavy salted pollock \$2.50. Labrador herring \$6 bbl.; medium split \$6; Nova Scotia do. \$6; split shore \$5.75; pickled codfish \$7; haddock \$6; extra shore mackerel are quoted at \$35 to \$36 per bbl. in jobbing lots; No. 1 \$28 and \$30; No. 2 \$22 and \$23; No. 3 \$19 to \$21; Bay Is \$25 to \$26. Block Island 1s. \$28 to \$29; Mesa do. \$32; Best Irish, \$22 to \$23; poor do., \$14 to \$16." Barbadoes, March 22. "Dealers being temporarily supplied have not been anxious to make purchases, and the principal business has been for export. Large Newfoundland is at \$17. Medium at \$16, Labrador at \$12.67; Salmon at \$15.78 per bbl.; herrings split at \$3.57 to \$3.64; 48 barrels ex *Golden Fleece* are however unsold. Mackerel, a small shipment from Boston sold at \$5.17." Port of Spain, Trinidad, March 15. "We had the Lunenburg cargo per *Lizzie Wharton* wired to us from Barbadoes, and the best bid we could elicit was \$15 drums, \$14 Tiorces, \$3.75 boxes and \$11 haddock. Since then the *M. B. Daly* from Halifax brought a small assortment, and the *Fearnot* has since arrived from same port with a cargo which is being stored for want of an outright offer. With such liberal supplies, and as yet no improvement in consumption, our market is in a very unsold position, and old stocks are being forced at auction down to \$5 per tierce. The only prospect for a speedy recovery is the near approach of the Lenten season, when a demand may spring up that will clear off the present surplus. For 150 barrels herrings ex *Lizzie Wharton* we obtained \$3.25, and all kinds of pickled fish are in requisition." Havana, March 21. "Another dull and quiet week has elapsed since our last report, with quickly declining values under further receipts, which, together with previous stock unsold, makes it about 1,000 drums in first hands, and it will take two months to consume them without further receipts. Codfish declined quickly from \$6.50 at which it opened to \$5.50, at which a few sales were effected, but the bulk have been done at \$5.37½ and \$5.25 and this is all that can be now obtained. Haddock has been fairly active at the decline, but to-day \$4.50 is hard to get for any quantity. Hake is in less demand, and \$4.25 is barely obtained for prime. Herrings are in fair demand, but after Easter the consumption will fall off, and we can only recommend our friends to be careful in the shipments they make, as the climate will also be against them a little later." March 28, (by cable from New York).—"Codfish \$5.37; haddock \$4.25; hake \$4." Porto Rico, March 13.—"Our market is depressed, codfish retailing at \$5." Georgetown, Demerara, March 1. "Market overstocked, with no local demand for hake and haddock which are quoted at \$16 to \$18 for good, and \$12 to \$13 for inferior. Codfish, Halifax \$20 to \$21 casks; Newfoundland and Lockeport \$16 to \$20 do.; boxes \$5 to \$5.25."

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.

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| SUGARS. | |
| Cut Leaf | 8½ to 9 |
| Granulated | 7½ to 8 |
| Circle A | 7½ |
| White Extra C | 7 |
| Extra Yellow C | 6 to 6½ |
| Yellow C | 5½ to 6 |
| 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 | 35 |
| Demerara | 36 to 38 |
| Diamond N. | 45 |
| Porto Rico | 36 to 39 |
| Cienfuegos | 30 |
| Trinidad | 23 to 34 |
| Antigua | 32 to 33 |
| 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.

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| Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid | 11.50 to 12.00 |
| " Am. Plate, | 12.00 to 12.25 |
| " Ex. Plate, | 13.00 to 13.50 |
| Pork, Mess, American | 17.50 |
| " American, clear | 19.00 |
| " P. E. I. Mess | 17.50 to 17.80 |
| " 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. | |

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FISH FROM VESSELS.

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| MACKEREL. | |
| Extra | 20.00 |
| No. 1 | 19.00 |
| " 2 large | 16.00 |
| " 2 small | 15.00 |
| " 3 large | 11.00 |
| " 3 small | 11.00 |
| HERRING. | |
| No. 1 Shore, July | 4.00 to 4.50 |
| No. 1 August, Round | 3.50 to 3.75 |
| " Sept. mber. | 3.50 to 3.75 |
| Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl. | 4.00 to 4.50 |
| Bay of Islands, Split | 2.00 to 2.25 |
| " Round | 2.00 to 2.25 |
| ALBUQUERQUE, per bbl. | 5.00 |
| CONVISH. | |
| Hard Shore | 4.00 to 4.25 |
| Bank | 2.50 to 2.75 |
| Bay | 2.50 to 2.75 |
| SALMON, No. 1 | 15.50 to 16.00 |
| HADDOCK, per qtl. | 2.75 to 3.00 |
| HAKR | 2.20 to 2.25 |
| CUSK | 2.00 to 2.25 |
| POLLOCK | 2.00 to 2.25 |
| HAKR SOUNDS, per lb. | 30 |
| COD OIL A. | 26 to 30 |

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

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

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| Wool—clean washed, per pound | 15 to 22 |
| " unwashed | 12 to 15 |
| Salted Hides, No 1 | 5 |
| Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No 1 | 5½ |
| " under 60 lbs., No 1 | 5 |
| " over 60 lbs., No 2 | 4½ |
| " under 60 lbs., No 2 | 4 |
| Cow Hides, No 1 | 5 |
| No 3 Hides, each | 3 |
| Calf Skins | 25 |
| " Deacons, each | 25 |
| Lambskins | 25 to 1.00 |
| Tallow | 3 |

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

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

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| Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Butter | 30 |
| " in Small Tubs | 25 |
| " Good, in large tubs | 21 |
| Store Packed & over salted | 14 |
| Canadian Township | 22 to 27 |
| Western | 17 to 20 |
| Cheese, Canadian | 11 to 12 |

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

BREADSTUFFS.

May wheat on the 30th of March stood at 90c. in New York, and \$1.01 in Chicago. Corn 43c. in New York and 34c. in Chicago. Oats 30c. in New York, and 25c. in Chicago. Wheat is therefore, counting the cost of transportation from Chicago to New York, about 18c. higher in Chicago than in New York, which shows either a strong speculative tendency, or that the wheat in the West is nearly exhausted. In Canada the tendency is fairly steady. We are in receipt of considerable stock, chiefly on consignment and shall be glad to fill orders and to give quotations by telegraph. Oatmeal is a little firmer, cornmeal is about steady, mill feeds are a little easier, oats very quiet and easy.

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| FLOUR. | |
| Graham Flour | 5.50 to 5.75 |
| Patent high grades | 5.80 to 6.00 |
| 90 per cent. Patents | 5.50 to 5.75 |
| Superior Extra | 5.40 to 5.60 |
| Extras from Patents | 4.75 to 5.00 |
| Low grades in sacks | 3.30 to 3.40 |
| " " barrels | 3.55 to 3.60 |
| Oatmeal, Standard | 4.30 to 4.40 |
| " Granulated | 4.60 to 4.75 |
| " Rolled | 4.40 to 4.60 |
| Corn Meal—kiln dried | 2.70 to 2.75 |
| Bran, per ton | 18.50 to 20.00 |
| Shorts | 18.00 to 20.00 |
| Middlings | 21.00 to 22.00 |
| Mill or Mixed Feed, per ton | 26 to 29.00 |
| Oats per bushel of 34 lbs. | 41 to 42 |
| Barley " of 48 " | nominal |
| " " of 60 " | 1.00 to 1.10 |
| White Beans, per bushel | 1.70 to 1.80 |
| Pot Barley, per barrel | 5.25 |
| Hay per ton | 13.00 to 13.50 |
| Straw " | 10.00 to 11.00 |

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

LOBSTERS.

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| Per case 4 doz. 1 lb. cans. | |
| Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing) 5.25 to 5.60 | |
| Tall Cans | 4.80 to 5.00 |
| Flat " | 6.20 to 6.40 |
| Newfoundland Flat Cans | 6.35 to 6.60 |

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer.

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS

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| Apples, No. 1, new, per bbl | 1.50 to 2.75 |
| Oranges, per bbl, Jamaica (new) | none |
| Valencia Oranges, per case | 5.50 to 6.00 |
| Lemons, per case | 3.50 to 4.00 |
| Cocoanuts, per 100 | 3.20 to 4.00 |
| Onions | |
| " American Silver Skin | 1½ to 2 |
| Dates, boxes, new | 5½ to 6 |
| 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 |
| Bananas, per bunch | 1.75 to 2.50 |
| Rhubarb | 3.00 to 3.50 |

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

POULTRY.

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| Turkeys, per pound | 15 to 16 |
| Geese, each | 50 to 72 |
| Ducks, per pair | 70 to 80 |
| Chickens, | 40 to 65 |

The above are corrected by a reliable victualler.

LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

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| Steers best quality, per 100 lbs. alive .. | 4.25 to 4.50 |
| Oxen | 3.50 to 4 |
| Fat Steers, Heifers, light weights | 3.40 to 4 |
| Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs | 4.00 to 4.50 |
| Lambs | 1.00 to 1.50 |

These quotations are prepared by a reliable victualler.

LUMBER.

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| Pine, clear, No. 1, per m | 25.00 to 28.00 |
| " Merchantable, 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. | 8.00 to 9.00 |
| " Small, do. | 6.50 to 7.00 |
| Hemlock, merchantable | 7.00 |
| Shingles, No 1, sawed, pine | 3.00 to 3.50 |
| " No 2, 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