

ready to take the tone of the market for what it is worth without waiting for lower rates which will not come. The finest grades of Cheshire are difficult to get, and when found command from 60s. to 70s., selected 80s. to 86s., with ordinary to common at from 46s. to 50s. and 56s. to 64s.; inferior double Glosters 48s and 52s. per cwt. Prices for both American and Canadian are lower than at this time last year, and buyers, realizing this, have come in steadily during the week for parcels at 51s. to 53s.; Cheddar shapes 54s. to 55s., and ordinary best 46s. to 49s.; lower grades of American go off well at 40s. to 44s. Who shall decide when authorities disagree? The *Grocers' Gazette* says there is small demand for American and Canadian, and that the English market is dull, whereas the contrary is the fact, and so says the *Grocer*.

Eggs are scarce and dear under a brisk demand and a small supply. An English report is as follows:—"Arrivals of eggs still continue small from all sources, and at time of writing the market is almost bare, an advance of 6d. having been established on Hungarians and Russians. Canadian eggs have established themselves here, and are spoken of with favor by all who have dealt in or seen them. There is no limit to the sales that might be effected now were the prices on your side permissive of shipments, as the market is ill supplied and buyers ready, and in many instances anxious, to put through dealings in the new venture. Reports from all sides agree in praising the style of packing and the quality of the eggs on arrival, the quick transit enabling the hen fruit to be placed on the market here in less time than the Russians from the port of Lening, and in the same period as the Italians. Mr. Pybus, of the Central Market, told me this week that though his firm had not done anything in them yet he was satisfied with the appearance of those he had seen at the docks, and said that if there were a good supply on hand now two to three hundred cases might be disposed of there in a week; but in the spring when the arrivals from the Dominion are expected to assume some proportions, French eggs are at their best, and will compete with the Canadian, the quality being good and the price low. I have this week been making inquiries amongst our largest importers, and all agree that the eggs are good and have an excellent prospect of success here. Messrs. Locomot's manager said they have been doing something in them, and remarked in answer to my query as to their competitive chance of success—"they will do." The *Grocers' Journal* when the trade commenced experienced belief and the hope that the experiment would prove successful, and the *Grocer* this week agrees that such has been the result. The following are the latest quotations:—Canadian 10s. to 12s., do. pickled 8s. to 9s.; extra French 12s. to 12s. 6d.; best 11s. to 11s. 9d.; seconds 9s. 6d. to 10s.; extra Italian 12s.; best 11s. 6d.; seconds 10s. 3d.; Hungarian best 10. 6d.; seconds 8s.; German 8s. 6d.; Russian 8s. to 8s. 6d. per 120."

DRIED FRUIT—Valencia raisins are very quiet, and prices have remained steady. Other fruits are dull, and practically nothing is doing in them. Reports from producing districts are, so far, encouraging, but it is as yet too early to estimate with anything like certainty as to what the coming crop will be.

SUGAR—The market here is quiet with an easy feeling in sympathy with New York where prices have declined 1 1/2c. to 2c. per pound on refined. In this market there has been no particular change. In raw sugar an easier feeling in beet is cabled from London. On April 1st next the United States will remove the present duty of about 2c. per lb. on sugar, and then, as we stated a week ago, the smuggling of that article into Canada from the United States will commence and be carried on to such an extent as to jeopardize the very existence of Canadian refineries, unless of course the Dominion Government take steps to meet the exigency, as all the custom house officers in the Dominion will not be able to cope with the evil. Five or six dollars on a barrel of sugar will be sufficient inducement to break down all customs' barriers and create a heavy business by the underground railway. The apprehension of this is causing a great deal of uneasiness among the manufacturers of sugar in Canada, but there is a general impression in the trade that the Government will not neglect to protect the interests of the home manufacturers. There is no prospect of much higher prices for raw sugar at the moment, the crop of both beet and cane is believed to be ample for all requirements. Respecting the cane production of Louisiana the *Sugar Bowl* says:—"Never before, during the century of the history of the Louisiana sugar industry, has such an immense amount of cane been grown per acre, or so much sugar been obtained from it as this year. Many cases have been published where from 50 to 60 tons of cane have been cut per acre, when the average year after year has not been over 20 tons. By aid of the improved sugar plants erected during the past few years the sugar extraction has been doubled, so that we hear of many cases where 5,000, say 6,000, and in a few cases nearly 7,000 lbs. of sugar have been obtained per acre. It really seems incredible, and if this news did not come from so many sources none would believe it."

TEA—Another dull week's business has been experienced in the tea trade, and dealers do not look for much improvement for a few weeks. Sales between jobbers are exceedingly small, the principal business being of a distributive character to country merchants. In black teas the movement is slow, the demand being chiefly Congous and Pekings. There is no change in prices.

FISH—Very little has been done in the line of fish here since our last report, about all the transactions being the sale of some lots of frozen herring, imported from Newfoundland. They brought about \$1.25 per hundred here, and were shipped chiefly to Boston and Montreal. Dry and pickled fish continue to come forward from the outports in small batches, and a few are sent away in steamers and sailing vessels, but trade in this line is very dull. Prices in the West Indies will doubtless improve somewhat as Lent approaches, but that is some weeks hence, and meanwhile the fish trade languishes and is unprofitable. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, Jan. 6.—"There is no change in Labrador herring, the market remaining in an easy condition with sales at \$5, and shore herring at \$4.75

per bbl. Recent sales of Cape Breton were made at \$5.25, smaller quantities being quoted at \$5.40 per bbl. Dry codfish continues quiet, but prices are steady at \$5 to \$5.25 per qtl. Green is in limited supply, and said to be insufficient to meet the coming Lenten demand. No. 1 is quoted at \$5 to \$5.25, and large at \$5.50 to \$5.75 per bbl. In sea trout a limited business is passing with a few sales reported at \$8 to \$8.50. Newfoundland salmon is quoted at \$18 to \$20 per tierce and at \$12 to \$13 per bbl. In round quantities tomy cods are steady at \$1.10 per bbl. Herring are quoted at \$1.75 per 100 to arrive. Sales of about 18,000 lbs. of frozen haddock were made at 3 1/2c per lb., and a lot of haddock with their heads off at 5c per lb. Ordinary cod is quoted at 3 1/2c. to 3 3/4c. per lb. There is a very quiet trade passing as usual. Yarmouth blonkers at \$1.25 per 100. Boneless cod in fair demand at 7c. to 8c. per lb.; boneless fish 4 1/2c. to 6c. Finnan haddies steady at 7 1/2c. The only business reported in oysters refers to small lots of Malpeque at \$4 to \$5 per bbl for good to choice handpicked." Gloucester, Mass., Jan. 6.—"We quote new Georges codfish at \$5.87 to \$6 a qtl. for large, and small at \$5; Bink \$5 for large and \$4.50 for small; Shore \$5.50 and \$4.50 for large and small. Flemish Cap \$5.50. Dry Bink \$5.75, medium \$5. French codfish \$6 per qtl. Phillips Beach codfish \$7 per qtl. Cured eusk at \$1 per qtl.; hake \$2.25; haddock \$3; heavy salted pollock \$2.25, and English-cured do. \$2.75 per qtl. Labrador herring \$6 bbl; medium 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 \$12; tongues and sounds \$11; tongues \$10; alowives \$3.50; trout \$14; California salmon \$15; Halifax do. \$23; Newfoundland do. \$16." Trinidad, December 17.—"The only direct import is the cargo per *Garnet* from Lockport, which being of good quality we succeeded in selling at \$22 tierces, \$24 drums, \$6.50 boxes, and \$14 haddock. Consumption has been checked by the poor quality of recent importations, and although we value a really good article at *Garnet's* prices it is very difficult to move the accumulation of old inferior fish which is now being forced for what it will fetch. Meckel is the only kind of pickled fish for which there is at present any enquiry."

MARKET QUOTATIONS.—WHOLESALE RATES.

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

GROCERIES.

SUGARS.	
Cut Leaf.....	7 1/2
Granulated.....	6 1/2 to 6 3/4
Circle A.....	6 1/2
White Extra C.....	6
Standard.....	5 3/4 to 5 1/2
Extra Yellow C.....	5 1/2 to 5 3/4
Yellow C.....	5 1/2 to 5 3/4
TEA.	
Congou, Common.....	17 to 18
" 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.....	34 to 36
Diamond.....	37
Porto Rico.....	35 to 37
Cienfuegos.....	37
Trinidad.....	33 to 35
Antigua.....	33 to 35
Tobacco, Black.....	38 to 41
" Bright.....	42 to 45
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread.....	3 1/2
Boston and Thin Family.....	6 1/2
Soda.....	6 1/2
do in lb. boxes, 50 to case.....	7 1/2
Fancy.....	8 to 15

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, per bbl., N. S.....	2.00 to 5.00
Oranges, new Jamaica.....	7 1/2
Lemons, per case.....	5.75
Cocoanuts, new, per 100.....	5.00
Onions, American, per lb.....	3 1/4
" Canadian.....	3 to 3 1/4
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.....	2.00 to 2.50
C. H. Harvey, 12 & 10 Sackville St.	

FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL —	
Extra.....	15.00 to 16.00
No. 1.....	14.00 to 15.00
" 2 large.....	13.00 to 14.00
" 2.....	12.00 to 13.00
" 3 large.....	12.00 to 12.50
" 3.....	12.00 to 12.50
Small.....	7.00 to 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 bbl.....	none
Bay of Islands, Split.....	2.25 to 2.50
" Round.....	none
Alowives, per bbl.....	3.00 to 3.25
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore.....	4.00 to 4.25
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
" Tack.....	2.00 to 2.25
" Pack.....	2.00 to 2.50
COLLOCK.....	1.50
Hake Sounds, per lb.....	12 1/2
Con Oil A.....	25

BREADSTUFFS.

The surprise is at the continuance of business during the holiday season. The flow of trade in our department has kept right along, and we hear that our neighbors have a constant business. We ascribe this somewhat to the fact that the season closed so early as to shut out large shipments of Canadian goods from the Boston market.

LOUR.	
Manitoba Highest Grade Patents.....	6.10 to 6.25
High Grade Patents.....	5.10 to 5.20
Good 90 per cent. Patents.....	5.00 to 5.10
Straight Grade.....	4.90 to 5.00
Superior Extras.....	4.80 to 4.90
Good Seconds.....	4.25 to 4.45
Graham Flour.....	4.15 to 4.40
Oatmeal.....	5.20 to 5.25
" Rolled.....	5.30 to 5.40
Kila Dried Cornmeal.....	3.25 to 3.35
Roller Wheat.....	5.0
Wheat Bran, per ton.....	21.50 to 22.50
Shorts.....	23.00 to 25.00
Middlings.....	26.00 to 28.00
Cracked Corn, including bags.....	34.00 to 35.00
Ground Oil Cake, per ton.....	35.00
Moulce.....	31.00 to 32.00
Split Peas.....	3.75 to 4.00
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.50 to 2.00
" Barley, per barrel.....	3.90 to 4.10
Canadian Oats, choice quality.....	83 to 84
P. E. I. Oats.....	83 to 84
May per ton.....	12.50 to 13.50

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.....	16.00 to 16.50
" American, clear.....	18.00 to 19.00
" P. E. I. Mess.....	15.00 to 16.00
" 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 25
" Good, in large tubs, new.....	18 to 20
" old.....	7 to 12
Store Packed & oversalted.....	10
Canadian Township, new.....	18 to 20
" Western.....	16 to 20
" old.....	7 to 10
Cheese, Canadian, new.....	10
" Antigonalb.....	10 1/2