

**DRIED FRUIT.**—The call for dried fruit is now quite general, and contributes what special character the grocery trade now has. The time when consumption is at its best is at hand, and the stiffness in prices stimulates buying. Currants are very firm. The stock in Greece is reported to be very low both in quantity and quality, 35,000 tons being given as the extent of it, and a considerable portion of this is represented to be only fit for winemaking. That strengthens the views of holders everywhere, and it appears that at no point is there any prospect of a surplus. Valencia raisins show no easier tendency, but rather the reverse. The stock on spot is supposed to be quite limited, and it cannot be replenished at so low prices as it was bought. Inquiries of New York holders are met by firm quotations, and the feeling prevails everywhere that fruit will be higher.

**SUGAR.**—There is not much said about the sugar trade. It is regarded with comparative indifference these days, being of small volume and not showing any symptoms of going either upwards or downwards. While the trade is spoken of as small, it is freely conceded to be fully up to the average for the time of the year—the smallness appearing as a consequence of comparison with busy sugar seasons. Now and then an order for a carload is filled, but business on that scale is limited. Profits are still of little moment, as the cost at the refineries, plus the higher freight, leaves little for the jobber who sells at quoted prices. The Canadian Grocer has the following:—"The annual publication of Herr Licht's first complete estimate of the European beet crop of 1892, speaking as it does of a possible decrease of 100,000 tons as compared with the previous year, has caused considerable speculative excitement in the market. Prices have rapidly advanced, but as usual at such times, a reaction has followed, and less animation exists at the close. If the beet crop proves really deficient the position of sugar would no doubt be too strong to allow of any return to a low range of prices, and the fact that quotations for forward delivery are considerably dearer than for prompt shipment may thus seem to be fairly justified from the present outlook, especially as the general existing supplies show only a trivial excess. By somewhat of a coincidence, however, the surplus from the world's supply which is exported, together with that portion of the world's consumption of sugar of which returns are available, have for the last two or three years been almost equally balanced, and with such a narrow margin as a few thousand tons a steady level of prices is liable to sharp alterations. Yet, after all, this is a more healthy state of things than would exist and has before now existed, when a heavy weight hangs over the market. It has been suggested that if next year's consumption should increase at the same rate as the past four years that there will be a serious deficit in supplies, but so far as genuine dealers in sugar are concerned it will perhaps be best for them to bear in mind that any pinch which might occur next year will hardly be felt till the autumn of 1893. A rise in price has always had a wonderful effect in bringing out uncalculated stores of sugar from countries like India, which has an immense production, equal apparently to millions of tons, and from which immense supplies can be drawn directly the margin becomes tempting.

The state of the exchanges would render such exports far easier than that of old. Under these circumstances, the best plan for the retail trade to pursue, as they generally hold small stocks, is to raise their quotations to the public and await the development of events. There can be no reason for their losing money because the market has gone against them; and if the shop quotations were flexible enough, they could go down as quickly as they went up, when markets justified it. The improvement in the beet market has caused considerable attention to be paid to cane sugars, which are now relatively cheap, and a larger business has been done in these kinds than for some time past. Grocery descriptions have also been helped by the marked advance in refiners' yellow crystals, and prices have advanced about 1s. per cwt. from the lowest point. Crystallized Demerara sugar is, however, by no means dear even now, and the quality of new crop sugar which is likely to be received here in the next month or two will be very moderate. The imports of crystallized raws to London for the week ending the 27th inst. amounted to 250 tons, and for this year to 37,955 tons, against 24,796 tons in 1891."

**TEA.**—The local market for tea is quiet, and no sales of interest are reported. All kinds are very firm and advancing prices are postponing business. Low and medium grades are very scarce, and the demand is seldom so good in the last half of November as it has been lately. In all growths the feeling continues very firm. Jobbers are not buying freely, but are, for the most part, confining their purchases to small parcels to keep current trade going on. The London market is firm, and low grade black particularly are strong, there being nothing obtainable under 5½d. to 6d.

**FISH.**—The local fish market continues about the same as previously reported. A little is of course doing in shipping fish abroad, but those engaged in the business claim that there is no margin for profit in their transactions. There have been no sign of the "fall run" of mackerel this season, and it is now too late to hope for any large catch in 1892. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, Nov. 30—"The local movement in fish continues very good, dealers being very well satisfied with the demand now passing. The sales are not large, but more numerous than in former years. We quote: Labrador herring \$5 to \$5.50; Cape Breton salmon \$13 to \$15; green cod \$4.50; haddock and cod 3c." Another report from the same market is:—"Under a good demand here the market for green cod is firm with sales at \$4.50 for No. 1 and \$4.75 for large draft. Herrings are in small compass, but they appear to be sufficient for the demand, which is limited. Labrador herrings are quoted at \$5.50, and Cape Breton at \$5.50 for fat July's. Shore herrings range from \$4 to \$4.75 as to quality. Dry cod \$4 to \$4.50." Gloucester, Mass., Nov. 30—"The receipts show the falling off usual at Thanksgiving time. Most of the Bay fleet have arrived, and the mackerel season is practically over with a moderate catch and very small stock in first hands, for which however the demand is light at present.

The Newfoundland herring fleet are getting away, and the business will be vigorously prosecuted again this season. We quote latest fare prices as follows: Mackerel in fishermen's order at \$13.50 to \$15.50 per bbl. Last sales Bank halibut 15c and 10c. per lb. for white and gray Georges cod from vessel \$4.50 and \$4.37 for large, \$2.62 and \$2.75 for small. Bank \$3.62 and \$2. Outside sales of Bank cod \$3.50 and \$2. Fresh mixed fish: cod \$2.50 for large and \$1.50 for small; cusk \$1.65; hake 70c.; haddock 80c.; pollock 90c. New Georges codfish at \$7 per qtl. for large, and small at \$5; Bank \$5.50 to \$6 for large and \$3.25 for small; Shore \$6.50 and \$4.50 for large and small. Dry Bank \$6; medium \$3.50. Cured cusk at \$5 per qtl; hake \$2; haddock \$2.50; heavy salted pollock \$3, and English-cured do. \$4 per qtl. Newfoundland herring \$4 per barrel. Pickled codfish \$4; haddock \$3.75; halibut heads \$3.50; sounds \$13; tongues and sounds \$12; tongues \$11; alewives \$8.50; trout \$14; Halifax salmon \$23; Newfoundland do. \$16."

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## MARKET QUOTATIONS.—WHOLESALE SELLING RATES.

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## GROCERIES.

<b>SUGARS.</b>	
Cut Leaf.....	5½
Granulated.....	4½ to 4¾
Circle A.....	4
White Extra C.....	3½
Standard.....	3½
Extra Yellow C.....	3½
Yellow C.....	3½
<b>TEA.</b>	
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
<b>MOLASSES.</b>	
Barbadoes.....	32
Demerara.....	35 to 38
Diamond N.....	47
Porto Rico.....	30 to 32
Cienfuegos.....	none
Trinidad.....	28
Antigua.....	28
<b>Tobacco, Black.....</b>	<b>45 to 47</b>
Bright.....	47 to 55
<b>BISCUITS.</b>	
Pilot Bread.....	8.00
Boston and Thin Family.....	6½
Soda.....	6½
do in lb. boxes, 50 to case.....	7½
Fancy.....	8 to 10

## HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, per bbl., Gravenstein.....	2.50 to 3.00
No. 1 Fall.....	1.50 to 2.00
Oranges, Jamaica, brils., New.....	6.50 to 7.00
Lemons, per case.....	6.00
Cocoas, new per 100.....	5.00
Onions, cribs.....	2 to 2½
per lb., Canadian.....	5 to 5½
Dates boxes, new.....	5 to 6
Raisins, Valencia, new.....	5 to 6
Figs, Klamo, 5 lb boxes per lb., new.....	10 to 11
small boxes.....	9 to 10
Prunes Stewing, boxes.....	8
Bananas.....	2.00 to 2.50

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## FISH.

	Ex Vesse.	Ex Store
<b>MACKEREL.</b>		
Extras.....	16.00	
No. 1.....	14.00	
2 large.....	12.00	
2.....	10.00	
3 large, Reamed.....	7.00	8.00
3, Reamed.....	7.10	7.50
3 large, Plain.....	6.75	7.50
3 Plain.....	6.75	7.50

<b>HERRING.</b>		
No. 1 C. B. July.....	5.10	5.50
1 Fall Split.....	2.60	3.25
1 Fall Round.....	2.00	3.00
1 Labrador.....	6.00	6.00
1 Georges Bay.....	0.00	2.00
1 Bay of Islands.....	0.00	3.00
<b>ALEWIKES, No 1.....</b>	<b>4.10</b>	<b>5.50</b>
<b>SALMON.</b>		
No. 1, brl.....	16.00	18.00
No. 2, brl.....	14.00	16.00
3.....	12.00	14.00
Small.....		
<b>CODFISH.</b>		
Hard C. B.....	3.75	4.25
Western Shore.....	3.50	4.00
Bank.....	3.00	4.00
Bay.....	2.75	4.00
Newfoundland.....	3.75	4.50
Haddock.....	2.50	3.00
Bank & Western.....	0.00	3.75
HAWK.....	1.75	2.50
POLLOCK.....	1.75	2.25
HAKE SOUNDS, per lb.....	12½	13
Cod Oil per gal.....	28	

## BREADSTUFFS

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Manitoba Highest Grade Patents.....	5.00 to 5.10
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Straight Grade.....	3.90 to 4.00
Good Seconds.....	3.80 to 3.90
Graham Flour.....	3.90 to 4.00
Oatmeal.....	4.00 to 4.10
Rolled.....	4.10 to 4.25
Kila Dried Cornmeal.....	2.85 to 2.95
In Bond.....	2.80 to 2.90
Rolled Wheat.....	4.00 to 4.25
Wheat Bran, per ton including bags.....	18.75 to 19.00
Middlings.....	20.50 to 21.00
Shorts.....	18.75 to 19.00
Cracked Corn.....	28.50 to 29.00
Ground Oat Cake per ton.....	30.00 to 31.00
Moulce.....	22.00 to 24.00
Split Peas.....	4.10
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.85 to 1.90
Pot Barley, per barrel.....	8.90 to 9.15
Canadian Oats, choice quality.....	40 to 41
P. E. Island Oats.....	39 to 40
Hay.....	18.00 to 19.75

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## PROVISIONS.

<b>BEEF, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....</b>	<b>12.50 to 13.00</b>
" Am., Plate.....	13.00 to 13.50
" Ex. Plate.....	13.50 to 14.00
<b>PORK, Mess, American.....</b>	<b>16.50 to 17.10</b>
" American, clear.....	16.00 to 16.50
" P. E. I. Mess.....	16.50 to 17.00
" P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	15.00 to 15.50
" Prime Mess.....	11.50 to 12.00
<b>LARD, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island.....</b>	<b>10 to 11</b>
" American.....	10 to 11
<b>HAMS, P. E. I., green.....</b>	<b>10 to 11</b>

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## BUTTER AND CHEESE

<b>NOVA SCOTIA CHOICE FRESH PRINTS.....</b>	<b>25</b>
" in Small Tubs.....	22 to 24
" Good, in large tubs, new.....	18 to 20
" Store Packed & oversalted.....	14
<b>CANADIAN TOWNSHIP.....</b>	<b>22 to 24</b>
" Western.....	18 to 20
<b>CHEESE, Canadian.....</b>	<b>16½</b>
" Antigonish.....	11

## SALT.

<b>FACTORY FILLED.....</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
Fine Liverpool, bag, from store.....	60
Liverpool, whhd.,.....	1.50
Capit.....	none
Turks Island.....	1.45
Lisbon.....	none
Coarse W. I.....	none
Trapan.....	1.40
" AGOSTINI.....	1.40