

COMPARATIVE PRICES, per lb.

Date.	1870		1871		1872	
	c	c	c	c	c	c
April	7 8 ¹ / ₂	@ 8	6 ¹ / ₂	@ 7	6	@ 6 ¹ / ₂
May	12 8 ¹ / ₂	@ 8	6 ¹ / ₂	@ 6 ³ / ₄	6 ¹ / ₂	@ 6 ³ / ₄
June	2 8 ¹ / ₂	@ 7	6 ¹ / ₂	@ 7	6 ¹ / ₂	@ 6 ³ / ₄
July	7 8 ¹ / ₂	@	6 ¹ / ₂	@ 6 ³ / ₄	6 ¹ / ₂	@ 6 ³ / ₄
August.....	18 8	@	6	@ 6 ³ / ₄	7 ¹ / ₂	@ 8
September..	22 7 ¹ / ₂	@	5	@ 6	7	@ 7 ¹ / ₂
October	5 9 ¹ / ₂	@	7	@ 7 ¹ / ₂	7	@ 8 ¹ / ₂
November .	17 8 ¹ / ₂	@	6	@ 6 ¹ / ₂	7 ⁶ / ₈	@ 7 ³ / ₄
December ..	15 6 ¹ / ₂	@	6 ¹ / ₂	@ 6 ¹ / ₂	7 ¹ / ₂	@ 7 ¹ / ₂

Seedless.—The range for this description of fruit was steady at 8c to 9c, as to sample and lot, the bulk of the transactions being made at 8¹/₂c to 8³/₄c until November, when the market dropped to 7¹/₂c and 8c, some old selling at 5¹/₂c. In December the closing prices were 8c to 8¹/₂c.

CURRENTS.—There has been very little speculative movement in Currants during the year, the range of prices being pretty steady throughout although for really good fruit a shade lower than in 1871. In January the market was steady at 4³/₄c to 6³/₄c for old and new, as to sample, those prices being maintained until May, when the bulk of the sales for new were made at 5c to 6c for new fruit. These prices ruled until September, when some new fruit was offered, which brought 6¹/₂c to 7c in small lots, selling down to 6¹/₂c and 6³/₄c. In October a considerable business was done in old at 4c to 5c, and new at 6¹/₂c to 6³/₄c, an occasional round quantity being taken at a fraction less. The market in October and November was steady at 6c to 6³/₄c, but eased off in December. New sold down to 6¹/₂c and 6c, and choice lots of old sold at 5¹/₂c and 4³/₄c.

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Figs.—The business done during the year was at prices ranging from 11c to 15c per pound for Turkey, and at 5¹/₂c to 9c for Malaga, the outside rate being paid at the season of the year when this description was scarce.

ALMONDS.—There is hardly any change to notice in the price of Almonds.

Languedoc—Sold early in the year at 11c to 13c, and in the fall at 12¹/₂c to 13¹/₂c. Were firmer in December at the close, and quoted 13c to 14c.

Provence—Opened at 10¹/₂c to 11c, and were pretty steady at 11¹/₂c, advanced slightly about mid-summer, and sold up to 12c and 12¹/₂c; declined and continued steady throughout the remainder of the year at 11c to 11¹/₂c.

Tarragona—Have varied very little in price, the range being throughout the year 11c, 11¹/₂c and 12¹/₂c.

FILBERTS—Opened steady in June at 7c to 8c, advanced to 8c and 8¹/₂c in the spring, and were maintained until August, when 8¹/₂c to 8³/₄c were the ruling prices. In September 8¹/₂c to 9c, and October, when they were very scarce, 9¹/₂c to 9³/₄c. Sales in November were made as high as 10¹/₂c, and for small parcels at 10¹/₂c, December closing at 9¹/₂c to 10c, with a very small stock in first hands.

WALNUTS—Were scarce in January, and readily brought 7¹/₂c to 8c. In June the range was wide, the quotations being 6¹/₂c to 9c, selling down to 6¹/₂c and 7c in October for old, and 10c for new. During the remainder of the year the range for old and new was 7c to 9c.

SARDINES.—The supply of Sardines in 1872 was very much lighter than in most previous years, and prices in consequence ruled high. Half boxes brought 25c to 28c, and quarters 15c to 17c, the business generally being done at 16c; to arrive, by first vessel, there were sales of quarters at 12¹/₂c to 13c, and halves at 21c to 22¹/₂c, but these were not repeated, our first quotations ruling pretty steady throughout the year.

FISH.

There will, as we have frequently stated, be little satisfaction in purchasing Fish in this or any of our Canadian markets until we have an inspector, though we are pleased to note that some of our packers in the Lower Pro-

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