

purchases. Domestic woollens are firm, and manufacturers are already urging the advisability of placing orders for fall goods, as they expect to secure higher prices later.

IRON AND HARDWARE.—The situation continues to show a firm and healthy front, and all the indications are in favor of the expectation that a large and good trade lies in the prospective. Prices are firm, and some enquiries for future deliveries have been received, which promise to lead to business. A curious feature in the trade is that an enquiry was recently cabled from Glasgow to Montreal, asking what quantity of Scotch pig iron could be secured in the latter city, and at what prices. Although it is not probable that any business will result, as the stocks held in Montreal are smaller than usual, and owners are firm in their demands, still the fact that the enquiry has been made, is significant of the state of the market. The sharp advance of pig iron in the United States has caused large orders to be sent and filled in Great Britain. It is reported that about 200,000 tons of British pig iron have been sold for the American market in the last three or four weeks. About a week since, 10,000 tons of Middlesbrough pig iron was sold in one lot, deliverable at tide water in New York, at \$19 per ton. At the close of 1886, the amount of pig iron in stores and in makers' hands at Glasgow, aggregated 1,183,039 tons, the heaviest stock in the history of the trade. This quantity has, however, been largely reduced during the past month. Manufactured iron has a very firm tone, and some holders have marked up the price of bars to \$1.25. Ingot tin, copper, and lead, show no change, and have not sympathized in the advance in iron.

BREADSTUFFS.—A better enquiry has existed during the past week, and business has developed into a somewhat larger volume. Speculative buyers are reported to be again in the field, looking for desirable lots for storage till the spring. The Newfoundland demand is not yet satisfied, as shipments continue to be made thither from this port, and enquiries are making in Montreal and further west for flour to be shipped via Halifax to St. John's. At present it looks as if Canadians can control the greater portion of the Newfoundland trade, as they can lay down the quantity of flour required at St. John's at less money than Boston or New York dealers can. Chicago grain markets have been lower and weaker. In Britain wheat is quoted as "quiet but steady." Continued damp weather has, however, had a depressing effect, and we regard those markets as dull and weak. Transactions have been on a very limited scale, and there is no life in the business. Heavy snow storms in the west have impeded the forwarding of grain from first hands, but the bulls have not been able to use this fact to advance prices, or even to strengthen the market. The present outlook does not promise an advance, especially since the tone in Europe is more pacific.

PROVISIONS.—There has been a little more enquiry for bacon, and prices are steady, but transactions are barely more than nominal. There is a quiet trade at unchanged prices in hams. Western prices for pork are firmer and a moderate demand keeps prices here steady. Dressed hogs are in rather light supply, but as many are received as the small consumptive and market demand requires.

BUTTER.—There is a quiet trade and prices rule firm. A steady demand exists for choice tub lots, but it is difficult to find desirable lots for shipment, as the home consumptive demands absorb all that offered.

CHEESE.—Taking into consideration the small offerings and the season of the year, a fair business has transpired. Cable quotations from Liverpool are 63s. 6d. and private advices are very firm reporting a good demand. Stocks both in Canada and the United States are smaller than they have been for several years at this season, and shipments to England and Europe have been much lighter this season. A year ago cable quotations were 50s.

SUGARS.—The markets for refined are very quiet and sales of round lots are hard to effect at quotations. Late Brazilian advices report a large fleet of sugar vessels loading for Halifax, mostly on Montreal account, and the bulk of them are expected to arrive within the next month or six weeks. Six large vessels from Brazil are now or have recently been unloading raw sugar at this port for Montreal. Samples of beet root sugars that have been received in Montreal are reported not to show as good value as cane-sugar. The stocks of raw sugars now in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore aggregate about 100,000 tons or nearly double the amount held in the same places last year at this time. The total stocks of cane sugars in all producing countries, according to latest cable and mail advices, is about 10,000 tons short of last year's. At the prices that refiners are paying for the raw product refined ought to be higher to give manufacturers fair living profits.

MOLASSES.—Little or nothing is doing in molasses, and the market will remain quiet and dull for a few weeks longer. Still prices may be regarded as firm with rather an upward tendency.

TEA AND COFFEE.—There has been no new feature in tea. A moderate jobbing business has been transacted, but nothing in a large way has been accomplished. The demand for coffee has been more active and prices rule steady.

FRUIT.—Regarding apples, late mail advices from England have been rather of an unfavorable nature, and shippers say that lately they have been unable to make any money, but they admit having realized fair profits during the earlier part of the season. Advices from Messrs. Pitt Bros. & Co., apple salesmen, London, under date of January 25th, read as follows: "Our market is very firm for the best selected, sound apples, free from spots; Baldwins, Greenings, Spitz, Spy and Canada Red selling at 15s. to 17s. 6d., and Nonpareils, Swaar and Golden Russets at 18s. to 19s. per bbl." The opinion of the trade is that a steady market may be expected on the other side between now and the latter part of the current month, after which the demand will fall off. The dried fruit market has been without any new feature, and the trade has ruled quiet with quotations unchanged.

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.

We intend devoting special attention to our Commercial and Financial Articles, and to our Market Quotations, and to this end have secured the co-operation of several persons thoroughly conversant with questions of finance and commerce.

GROCERIES.

SUGAR.	
Cut Leaf.....	7 1/2 to 8
Granulated.....	6 to 6 1/2
Circle A.....	5 1/2
Extra Yellow C.....	5 to 5 1/2
Yellow C.....	4 1/2 to 4 3/4
TEA.	
Congou, Common.....	17 to 19
Fair.....	20 to 23
Good.....	23 to 29
Choice.....	31 to 33
Extra Choice.....	35 to 38
Ootoku—Choice.....	37 to 39
MOLASSES.	
Barbadoes.....	30 to 32
Demerara.....	32 to 35
Diamond N.....	40
Porto Rico.....	30 to 32
Tobacco—Black.....	37 to 44
Bright.....	42 to 50
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread.....	2.60 to 2.90
Boston and Thin Family.....	5 1/2 to 6
Soda.....	5 1/2 to 5 3/4
do. in lib. boxes, 50 to case.....	7 1/2
Fancy.....	8 to 15

The above quotations are carefully prepared by a reliable Wholesale House, and can be depended upon as correct.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

NOVA SCOTIA CHOICE FRESH PRINTS.	20 to 25
in Small Tubs.....	20 to 24
Good, in large tubs.....	19 to 20
Store Packed & oversalted.....	10 to 12
CANADIAN, CREAMERY.	24
Township, Fancy.....	22 to 23
Finest.....	20 to 22
"fine.....	18 to 20
Morrisburg and Brockville.....	17 to 19
Western.....	15 to 17
CHEESE, N. S.	12
Canada.....	14

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

FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL.	
No arrivals.....	15.00
Extra.....	12.00
No. 1.....	9.00
2 large.....	7.50 to 8.00
3 large.....	6.00
3.....	5.50 to 5.75
HERRING.	
No arrivals. No sales. Quotations nominal.	
No. 1 Shore, July, very scarce.....	3.00
No. 1, August.....	none
September.....	none
Round Shore.....	3.75
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl.....	none
Bay of Islands.....	3.75 to 4.00
ALBACORE, per bbl.	none
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore.....	3.00
Hank.....	2.20 to 2.25
Bay.....	none
SALMON, No. 1.....	14.00
HADDOCK, per qd.....	2.00 to 2.25
HARK.....	2.10
GUSK.....	none
POLOCK.....	none
HARK SOUNDS.....	45 to 50c per lb
COD OIL A.....	29 to 30

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

LOBSTERS.

NOVA SCOTIA (Atlantic Coast Packing).	
Tall Cans.....	4.60 to 5.00
Flat.....	6.00 to 6.50
Per case 4 doz. 11b cans,	

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LUMBER.

PINE, clear, No. 1, perm.....	25.00 to 28.00
Merchantable, do 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 in.....	9.50 to 10.00
Merchantable, do do.....	8.00 to 9.00
Small, do do.....	6.50 to 7.00
Hemlock, merchantable.....	7.00
Shingles, No 1, sawed pine.....	3.00 to 3.50
No 2, do 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.

BREADSTUFFS.

PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE.

Our quotations below are our today's wholesale selling prices for car lots net cash. Jobbers' and Retailers' prices about 5 to 10 per cent advance on carload lots.

FLOUR.	
Graham.....	4.40 to 4.50
Patent high grades.....	4.65 to 5.00
mediums.....	4.30 to 4.50
Superior Extra.....	3.85 to 4.10
Lower grades.....	3.20 to 3.80
Oatmeal, Standard.....	4.25 to 4.35
Granulated.....	4.30 to 4.40
Corn Meal—Halifax ground.....	2.85 to 2.95
—Imported.....	2.85 to 3.00
Brae per ton—Wheat.....	17.50 to 18.50
—Corn.....	15.00
Shorts.....	19.00 to 19.50
Middlings.....	20.00 to 22.00
Cracked Corn.....	25.00 to 29.00
Oats.....	25.00 to 30.00
Barley.....nominal	
Feed Flour.....	3.30 to 3.60
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs.....	34 to 36
Barley.....of 48.....nominal	55 to 60
Peas.....of 60.....	1.40 to 1.10
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.50 to 1.60
Pot Barley, per barrel.....	4.85 to 4.90
Corn.....of 56 lbs.....	75 to 80
Hay per ton.....	13.00 to 14.00
Straw.....	10.00 to 12.00

J. A. CHIPMAN & Co., Liverpool Wharf, Halifax, N. S.

PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....	11 50 to 12.00
"Am. Plate.....	12.00 to 12.50
"Ex Plate.....	12.00 to 13.50
Pork, Mess, American.....	15.00 to 15.50
new.....	13.50 to 14.00
old.....	16.00 to 16.50
"American, clear.....	14.50 to 15.00
P. E. I. Mess.....new	13.50 to 14.00
old.....	12.00 to 12.50
P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	10.00 to 10.50
Prima Mess.....	11 to 12
Lard, Tubs and Pails.....	12.50 to 13.00
Cases.....	none
Hams, P. E. I.....	none
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef \$2.20 per bbl.	
Prices for wholesale lots only, and available to change daily.	

These quotations are prepared by a reliable wholesale house.

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound.....	15 to 20
unwashed.....	12 to 15
Salted Hides, No 1.....	7 1/2
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No 1.....	7 1/2
under 60 lbs., No 1.....	6 1/2
over 60 lbs., No 2.....	6 1/2
under 60 lbs., No 2.....	6
Cow Hides, No 1.....	6 1/2
No 3 Hides.....	5
No 4 Hides.....	7 to 8
Deacons, each.....	25 to 35
Lambskins.....	23 to 25

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

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

APPLES.	
No. 1 Varieties.....	1.75 to 2.05
Oranges, per bbl. Jamaica (new).....	7.00 to 7.50
"Valencia.....	6.00 to 6.25
Lemons, per box.....	3.50 to 3.75
Cocoanuts, per 100.....	5.00 to 5.50
Onions American, per lb.....	2 to 2 1/2
Foxberries, per bbl new.....	4.00
Grapes, Almeria kegs.....	none
Raisins, New Val.....	12 to 15
Figs, Elenc, small boxes.....	6 to 7
Prunes, Stewing, per lb.....	6 1/2
Dates, boxes, new.....	7 1/2

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

POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound.....	11 to 14
Geese, each.....	40 to 60
Ducks, per pair.....	60 to 75
Chickens.....	30 to 60

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Steers, best quality, per 100 lbs. alive.....	4.50
Oxen.....	3.50
Fat Steers, Heifers.....light weights.....	2.50
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs.....	3.00 to 3.50
Lambs.....	2.25 to 2.50

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