

which leads them to believe that before the new crop can be made available consumptive needs will absorb all that they have at their own terms. On the other hand buyers are inclined to discount the present situation and point to the now rapidly maturing crop of 1889, which it is almost certain will be of enormous proportions.

Provisions.—A fair local business has been transacted in provisions. The demand has been up to the average, and the market reasonably active with prices steady. Lard has met with reasonable inquiry. The demand for lard and bacon has been steady but prices remain unchanged.

Butter.—There has been little of interest in the butter market, which has continued quiet and easy in the absence of important demand. So far there has been no buying for export, and trade has in consequence been confined to supplying actual domestic wants, to meet which the offerings have been sufficient. Advices from Newfoundland report that market to be in a terrible state of demoralization, receivers of old American creamery having had to resort to auction sales in order to dispose of it, as fears were entertained of its keeping qualities after the warm weather set in.

Cheese.—The market has been very firm—in fact buoyant. Buying has been brisk and pretty general. Colored is decidedly the favorite and commands a premium of at least ½c. per lb. over white. Advices from Liverpool by last mail show that shipments of fodder cheese from Canada have lost money owing to poor quality.

Fruit.—The fruit market has been active under a good demand, and a large volume of business has been transacted. Oranges, lemons, bananas, pine-apples, etc., have continued to be in large receipt and have met a ready market, as prices have been quite reasonable owing doubtless to active competition. Native strawberries are already in the market and it is alleged that a very liberal crop is assured, nearly all of which will be presented in excellent condition. Prices are likely to rule low. Valencia raisins have ruled quiet under only a small jobbing demand. Currants have been steady.

Sugar.—The Nova Scotia refinery has temporarily shut down production, owing, as its circular sets forth, to the fact that ruling prices for the refined as compared with the cost of the raw article at productive points entailed only a loss. The advance of prices all along the line in both beet and cane products has been most remarkable, not only in the fact but in its persistence. It is only a year or two ago that Jamaica planters, to a large extent, abandoned the cultivation of the sugar cane because the result was not remunerative. Since then prices have steadily advanced. Is, then, Jamaica so important a factor in the world's industry that her failure to cultivate the "weed" seriously upsets prices everywhere? If so let us all unite to implore the great Rum island to return to her old habits, so that we may be enabled to sweeten our tea or coffee at reasonable figures. Possibly the advance is a "trick" of an unannounced but powerful "combine" which aims to keep up the price of the manufactured while forcing down the cost of the raw material. The position is an interesting one.

Molasses.—A decidedly strong feeling has prevailed in molasses. This is largely due to stocks both at productive and distributing points being very small. A remarkable incident showing the strength of the molasses position is that a cargo of 2,000 puncheons of Barbados molasses on its way to Montreal has been sold in that market three times by the same broker, and each time at an advance on previous figures. As the said broker reaps a commission on each sale it is reasonable to conclude that he at least does not pray for favorable winds to waft that vessel home—at least till he can sell her cargo once more.

Tea and Coffee.—Local tea markets are quiet but strong under a fair enquiry. A small lot of new crop of Japan has reached Montreal and was sold on private terms, which are believed to be about 30c. Coffee is unchanged.

Fish Oils.—Steam refined seal oil is quoted at Montreal steady at 42½c. to 43c. Cod oil remains firm at 37½c. to 40c. for Newfoundland, 35c. to 37c. for Gaspe, and 33c. to 35c. for Halifax. Cod liver oil unchanged and quoted at 70c. for Newfoundland and \$1.10 for Norway.

Fish.—Business remains in a very unsatisfactory condition. Owing to the season, as regards the weather, being several weeks ahead of ordinary expectations, dealers in fish anticipated a large and early catch. We regret to say that these hopes have not been realized. The arrivals have been very small and the stock of old on hand is pretty well depleted. In the face of these facts the West India markets are continually fluctuating. The present is, of course, always a dull season in the West Indian trade, but at the present it is difficult to judge with any degree of certainty what the future of the fish market will be. Small bodies of mackerel continue to hover about our coasts, but they appear to be wild and difficult for our fishermen to secure in any respectable quantities. Salmon have been exceptionally scarce this season, though the Newfoundland salmon catchers have met a fair degree of success. Our advices from abroad are as follows:—Montreal, June 10.—"This market is unchanged, the chief business being in dry codfish which is quoted at \$4 to \$4.25 per qtl. Sea trout are quiet at \$9.50 to \$10. British Columbia salmon \$6.50 for half barrels and \$12.50 to \$13 in bbls." Gloucester, Mass, June 10.—"We quote New Georges codfish \$4 per qtl. for large, and small at \$3.50. Bank \$2.75 to \$3 for large and \$2.50 for small. Shore \$3.75 and \$3.25 for large and small. New Western Bank \$3.50. Cured cusk at \$2.62 per qtl.; hake \$3.25; haddock \$2; heavy salted pollock \$2.50, and English-cured do. \$3 per qtl. Labrador herring \$6 bbl.; medium split \$6; Newfoundland do. \$5; Nova Scotia do. \$6; split Shore \$4.75; pickled codfish \$6; haddock \$5; alewives \$5; trout \$15; Halifax salmon \$25; Newfoundland do. \$25." Havana, June 10 (per cable) via New York:—Codfish \$6; haddock \$4.25; hake \$3.25. Barbados, May 25.—"Lotting rates are for codfish \$18 to \$20 for medium and \$22 for large. Labrador at \$14. Last sale of split herrings was at \$3.77 for 70 barrels."

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

WHOLESALE RATES.

Our Price Lists are corrected for us each week by reliable merchants, and are therefore to be depended upon as accurate up to the time of going to press.

GROCERIES.

SUGARS.	
Cut Leaf	10
Granulated	9
Circle A	8½
White Extra C	8½
Extra Yellow C	7½
Yellow C	7½
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.	
Barbados	42
Demerara	38 to 40
Diamond N.	47
Porto Rico	40 to 42
Cienfuegos	38 to 39
Trinidad	40
Antigua	38 to 40
Tobacco, Black	38 to 44
" Bright	42 to 58
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread	3.25
Boston and Thin Family	7
Soda	7½
do. in 1 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.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid ..	11.50 to 12.00
" Am. Plate	11.50 to 12.00
" Ex. Plate	12.50 to 13.00
Pork, Mess, American	16.50
" American, clear	19.00
" P. E. I. Mess	16.50 to 17.00
" P. E. I. Thin Mess	15.50 to 16.00
" Prime Mess	14.00 to 14.50
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island	11 to 12
" 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.

MACKEREL.	
Extra	20.00
No. 1	19.00
" 2 large	16.00
" 2	none
" 3 large	11.00
" 3	11.00
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July	4.00 to 4.50
No. 1, August, Round	3.50 to 3.75
" September	3.50 to 3.75
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl	4.00 to 4.50
Bay of Islands, Split	2.00
" Round	1.75
ALEWIVES, per bbl.	5.00
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore	3.25 to 3.50
Bank	2.75 to 2.75
Bay	2.50 to 2.75
SALMON, No. 1.	15.50 to 16.00
HADDOCK, per qtl.	2.00
HAKE	2.00
CUSK	1.50
POLLOCK	1.50
HAKK SOUNDS, per lb.	30
COD OIL A.	25 to 30

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

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound ..	15 to 22
" unwashed	12 to 15
Salted Hides, No. 1	6
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	10 to 15
Lambskins	10 to 15
Tallow	8

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

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints ..	25
" " in Small Tubs	18 to 20
" Good, in large tubs	18 to 20
" Store Packed & oversalted ..	14
Canadian Township	20
" Western	18
Cheese, Canadian	10½

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

BREADSTUFFS.

Markets seem to have touched bottom, and the prospects are that we will see higher prices, especially on old wheat flours. Good wheat in Ontario is scarce, and worth from 95c. to \$1 a bushel, and millers are holding their prices very firm, and claim that they will get more money later on than at present.

We have large stocks held on millers' account, who are anxious to realize. We shall be glad to give quotations, and will try to make prices an object if you are open to buy, especially on round lots.

We make a few changes in our quotations.

Flour	
High Grade Patents	5.20 to 5.45
Good 90 per cent. Patents	5.00 to 5.10
Straight Grade	4.85 to 4.95
Superior Extras	4.60 to 4.75
Good Seconds	4.00 to 4.15
Graham Flour	5.25
American Supr. Extras, in bond ..	4.00 to 4.10
American 90 per cent. in bond ..	3.80 to 4.00
Oatmeal	4.20 to 4.30
" Rolled	4.25 to 4.35
Cornmeal, duty paid	2.70 to 2.80
Cornmeal, in bond, Boston	2.15 to 2.20
Roll'd Wheat	5.20
Wheat Bran, per ton	16.00 to 16.25
Shorts	17.00 to 17.50
Middlings	18.00 to 18.50
Cracked Corn	26.50
Ground Oil Cake, per ton	35.00
Moulse	26.50
Split Peas	3.75 to 4.00
White Beans, per bushel	1.50 to 1.65
Pot Barley, per barrel	4.85
P. E. I. Oats	28
Hay per ton	12.00 to 12.20

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

LOBSTERS.

Per case 4 doz. 1 lb. cans.	
Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing)	6.25 to 6.00
Tail Cans	4.80 to 5.00
Flat	6.20 to 6.40
Newfoundland Flat Cans	6.35 to 6.50

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, No. 1, per bbl.	1.50 to 2.50
Oranges, per bbl., Jamaica (new) ..	9.00 to 9.50
Valencia Oranges, per case, packed ..	9.00
Lemons, per case	5.00 to 5.50
Cocoanuts, per 100	3.50 to 4.00
Onions, New Egyptian	2½c. per lb.
" New Bermuda, per crate	1.00 to 1.25
Dates, boxes, new	5½ to 6
Raisins, Valencia, new	6½ to 7
Figs, Eleme, 5 lb boxes per lb	11
" small boxes	13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes and bags, new ..	5½ to 6
Bananas, per bunch	1.75 to 2.50
Foxberries	3.00 to 3.50

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

POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound	15 to 16
Geese, each	none
Ducks, per pair	70 to 80
Chickens, "	50 to 70

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Steers best quality, per 100 lbs. alive ..	4.25 to 4.50
Oxen	3.50 to 4.00
Fat Steers, Heifers, light weights	3.00 to 3.50
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs	4.00 to 4.50
Lambs, "	4.00 to 5.00

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LUMBER.

Pine, clear, No. 1, per m	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 m	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