

ago, we cannot see that there is any probability of a return to the abnormally high figures prevalent in 1888-9. Cables quote cheese 15s. to 17s. lower than last year at this time, and it may be considered as highly improbable that this margin will be made up this season.

SUGAR.—There has been a steadier tone to the market under the recent decline, and the opinion gains ground that prices have touched bottom for the present. In New York there has been a stronger feeling, and prices there have improved somewhat; but latest cable advices on the raw article have been weak and quote prompt beet lower with the market dull. The prospects are, however, that if the markets for refined firm up the demand for raw will improve, which will no doubt check any further decline. The demand for refined sugar has been a little more active.

MOLASSES.—The tone of the molasses market has been weak, which is said to be due to larger arrivals at Quebec and Montreal than was anticipated by holders. In consequence prices in those cities have broken from the top, and those who were holding most stiffly would, doubtless, accept a shading from their expectations. A London cable says:—"Cane rapidly declining."

TEA.—The situation of the Japan tea market at present is very strong, owing to strong advices from abroad and the small stocks held in Canada. The prospects are that there will be an advance in the near future. Dealers who hold stock have already raised limits somewhat over last week. The demand during the past week has been good and the market has ruled active and strong with a larger volume of business.

FRUIT.—Latest advices from abroad on currants say:—"The crop, though reported short in quantity, will be good in quality and, owing to the virtual loss of the French market as a customer for currants, prices are expected to be very moderate."

FISH OILS.—Our Montreal correspondent writes:—"In consequence of the bad fisheries in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia much higher prices are looked for in cod oil. Newfoundland is quoted firm at 39c. to 40c., and Halifax at 36c. to 37c. Cod liver oil is firmer at 65c. to 70c. In steam refined seal oil the market is very firm with sales at 46c., and holders now ask 47½c. The outlook is for higher prices all round and a regular boom is in the not far distant future."

FISH.—No change has developed in the local fish market since our last report. Receipts continue to be much below the average, and shore reports both east and west show that but little can be expected to come to market from the catch so far. Late reports are that codfish along the eastern shore take bait more freely when the weather permits the fishermen to go out. Herring have also made their appearance in small bodies on the shore, and some have been taken. Reports from the Labrador coast are conflicting. Bay fishermen are arriving home with very good fares. Two cargoes of codfish from St. Pierre have arrived and have been warehoused. Only a few barrels of mackerel have been received during the week. They sold readily at \$13 for No. 3, and \$16 for rimmed large 3's. There is nothing to report in re scale fish. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, August 27. "Here Cape Breton herrings are quoted at \$5.50 to \$5.75. Owing to the short catch of codfish it is thought that prices will rule much higher." Boston, August 27.—"Mackerel still continue firm, and prices have advanced about \$1 per bbl. Sales of Island uncured have been made at \$19 to \$20, and good lots are wanted. Nova Scotians sell readily at \$16 for medium and large plain. Reports from the fleet continue favorable, but the receipts are light. The high prices obtained for shore has caused the increased demand for Islands and Nova Scotians. About 1500 bbls. of Irish mackerel are expected next week, which may change the situation. Codfish are firmer—\$4.50 for large dry Bank. Salmon are in fair supply. Herring are enquired for. A few choice sold this week at \$7, but this price will not stand." Gloucester, Mass., August 27.—"The fish receipts at this port the past week have been very light for the season. Trade is good, with an advance in prices of codfish. We quote New Georges codfish at \$4.75 to \$4.87 per qtl. for large, and small at \$3.75. Bank \$3.75 for large and \$3 for small; large hand-line do. \$4. Shore \$4.62 and \$3.25 for large and small. Old Bank \$3.50. Now dry Bank \$4.50. Cured Cusk at \$2.50 per qtl.; hake \$2; haddock \$2.25; heavy salted pollock \$2 to \$2.12, and English-cured do. \$2.75 per qtl. Labrador herring \$6 bbl; medium split \$6; Newfoundland do. \$5; Nova Scotia do. \$7; Eastport \$3; split Shore \$4.75; pickled codfish \$6; haddock \$5; halibut heads \$3.50; sounds \$10; tongues and sounds \$9; tongues \$7; alewives \$5; trout \$15." Havana, Aug 17.—"The receipts of English dry fish since our last report have been 837 drums cod, 400 do. haddock, and 584 do. hake. The sales foot up 1200 drums, leaving a stock of about 1350 drums—say 750 drums cod and 300 drums each of haddock and hake. Codfish opened with a good demand, and an unsuccessful effort was made to advance the price to \$6, but it could not be pushed over \$5.75, at which it continued steady throughout the week. News has just been received of very low sales at St. Jago, and we presume this will have a bad effect here. Haddock have sold at \$5.25 for good, and hake at \$5. But at the close there is a disposition on the part of buyers to push down prices, and we think they will succeed, especially if there are more receipts next week. The weather is excessively hot, which not only affects actual consumption, but makes buyers very cautious of what class of fish they purchase." Havana, August 27 (per cable via New York).—"Codfish \$5.25, haddock \$4.75; hake \$4.50. All very dull." Demorara, August 2.—"Arrivals have again been very full in the face of an apparently very small consumption. We quote best Halifax cod in lots \$19 to \$20; Newfoundland \$18 to \$14, and inferior at auction \$11. Boxes, after selling at \$6, have dropped to about \$4. Haddock \$16 to \$17. Hake \$15 to \$14. Herring are in very large stock at \$2 to \$3 as to quality."

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.

GROCERIES.

SUGARS.		
Cut Leaf.....	8½ to 9½	3½
Granulated.....	8½ to 9½	8½
Circle A.....	7½ to 8½	8
White Extra C.....	7½ to 8½	7½
Extra Yellow C.....	7½ to 8½	7½
Yellow C.....	7½ to 8½	7½
TEA.		
Congou, Common.....	17 to 19	
" Fair.....	20 to 23	
" Good.....	25 to 29	
" Choice.....	31 to 33	
" Extra Choice.....	35 to 38	
Oolong, Choice.....	37 to 39	
MOLASSES.		
Barbadoes.....	42 to 45	
Demerara.....	42 to 45	
Diamond N.....	43 to 45	
Porto Rico.....	43 to 45	
Clensfuegos.....	41	
Trinidad.....	42 to 43	
Antigua.....	42 to 43	
Tobacco, Black.....	38 to 44	
" Bright.....	42 to 48	
BISCUITS.		
Pilot Bread.....	3.25	
Boston and Thin Family.....	7	
Soda.....	7	
do. in 1lb. 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.....	10.50 to 11.00
" Am. Plate.....	11.25 to 11.75
" Ex. Plate.....	12.00 to 12.50
Pork, Mess, American.....	15.10 to 15.50
" American, clear.....	16.50 to 17.00
" P. E. I. Mess.....	16.00 to 16.50
" P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	14.50 to 15.00
" Prime Mess.....	13.00 to 13.50
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 \$2.70 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 bbl.....	4.00 to 4.50
Bay of Islands, Split.....	2.00
" Round.....	1.75
ALWIVES, per bbl.....	5.00
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore.....	3.25 to 3.50
Bank.....	2.50 to 2.75
Bay.....	2.50 to 2.75
SALMON, No. 1.....	15.50 to 16.00
HADDOCK, per qtl.....	2.00
H/KE.....	2.00
CUSK.....	1.50
POLLOCK.....	1.50
HAKK SOUNDS, per lb.....	30
COD OIL A.....	26 to 30

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

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, ".....	3.50 to 4.00

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BREADSTUFFS.

Stocks comparatively light. Markets firm. To-day's quotations, round lots, could be cut a little.

FLOUR.	
High Grade Patents.....	5.30 to 5.50
Good 90 per cent Patents.....	5.10 to 5.25
Straight Grade.....	5.00 to 5.10
Superior Extras.....	4.90 to 5.00
Good Seconds.....	4.22 to 4.40
Graham Flour.....	5.40
American Supr. Extras, in bond.....	4.15 to 4.25
American 80 per cent, in bond.....	4.65 to 4.85
American Patents.....	5.15
OATMEAL.....	
Roll'd.....	4.20 to 4.30
Cornmeal, duty paid.....	4.25 to 4.35
Cornmeal, in bond, Boston.....	2.70 to 2.80
Wheat Flour.....	2.16 to 2.20
Wheat Bran, per ton.....	16.00 to 16.25
Shorts.....	19.00 to 20.00
Cracked Corn.....	20.00 to 22.00
Cracked Corn, including bags.....	20.00
Ground Oil Cake, per ton.....	35.00
Moulse.....	26.50
Split Peas.....	3.75 to 4.00
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.95 to 2.00
Pot Harley, per barrel.....	4.85
Canadian Oats, choice quality.....	43 to 45
P. E. I. Oats.....	40 to 41
Hay per ton.....	12.00 to 12.50

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

LOBSTERS.

Per case 4 doz. 1 lb cans.

Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing)	5.25 to 6.00
Tall 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.....	2.25 to 3.00
Oranges, Jamaica, per bbl., repacked.....	8.50
Lemons, per case.....	6.00
Cocoanuts, per 100.....	3.50 to 4.00
Onions, New American.....	2½c per lb.
Dates, boxes, new.....	5½ to 6
Raisins, Valencia, new.....	7 to 7½
Figs, Elme, 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

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

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	25
" in Small Tubs.....	18 to 20
" Good, in large tubs.....	16 to 18
Store packed & oversalted.....	14
Canadian Township.....	18
" Western.....	17
Cheese, Canadian.....	10½

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

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound.....	15 to 22
" unwashed.....	12 to 16
Salted Hides, No 1.....	5
Or 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.....	15 to 20
Tallow.....	3

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

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 11.00
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
" spruce, do do.....	1.60 to 1.20
" No 2, do.....	1.70 to 1.35
Laths, per m.....	2.00
Hard wood, per cord.....	4.00 to 4.25
Soft wood.....	2.25 to 2.50