

**Bradstreet's report of the week's failures:—**

|               | Week Previous  | Weeks corresponding to |
|---------------|----------------|------------------------|
|               | April 13 week. | this week—             |
|               | 1893           | 1893                   |
| United States | 196            | 186                    |
| Canada        | 25             | 33                     |
|               | 1892           | 1891                   |
|               | 1891           | 1890                   |
|               | 185            | 168                    |
|               | 60             | 39                     |
|               | 29             |                        |

**DRY GOODS.**—Trade during the past week has been somewhat brisker in general dry goods circles. Still the volume of sales has not been large. Country orders have come in pretty freely, as a rule for moderate quantities, but covering a variety of lines. The wholesale trade begins to show more life, and quite an influx of sorting orders is reported covering printed cottons and linings, white goods and the finer dress styles of ginghams. Light woollen dress goods have also been called for as well as silks, velvets, satins and satinets. The millinery stores have been fairly busy in executing sorting orders, and hats, bonnets and artificial flowers have met with very fair enquiry at steady prices. Manufacturers of woollen and cotton are busily engaged on lines for early delivery, and some are reported to have large orders booked for the autumn. Prices generally rule steady. Remittances are complained of and money is unquestionably scarce in many parts of the interior.

**BREADSTUFFS.**—The local flour market does not show much change so far as business is concerned, but prices for some grades show a lowering tendency. Bakers are pretty well stocked and dealers hold off, merely buying from hand to mouth in small jobbing quantities. A quiet local jobbing trade is doing in oatmeal at about steady prices. The supply is quite equal to the demand. The feed market is very dull. Prices have been steadily declining and traders are not disposed to purchase until values have reached a lower basis. In Chicago wheat has been very weak, declining 6c. for April and May, and 1c. for July. Exporters are working freely at New York, and at Duluth there is said to be something doing in some way right along. Cable advices are generally favorable. Crop advices do not show any improvement.

**PROVISIONS.**—The local provision market continues quiet and featureless, with values favoring buyers. Sales are limited to small jobbing wants. Smoked meats and lard are dull and nominal.

**BUTTER.**—There is little, if any, change in the position of the butter market. What new stock arrives finds a ready sale at steady prices. It has not assumed large dimensions yet, so that there is no accumulation of any sort. There appears to be about as much life in the London butter market as in dead meat, which is saying a trifle. The factors dominating the situation there are large stocks and summer weather. There is little probability of things mending, so far as sellers are concerned, till well on towards the end of this month, when the flood of Antipodean will have ceased to trouble. But, even with the cessation of supplies from Australia, it is not clear that relief will be at all immediate, for it is morally certain that there are many piles in different warehouses which it will take some time to dissipate.

**CHEESE.**—The local cheese market is practically unchanged, although a slightly easier feeling is apparent, but supplies and local requirements are about evenly balanced, which keeps values steady. Reports from the country predict an increased make this year. Of course this is conjecture, for there is nothing so uncertain as cheese, but, given the usual course of events, with nothing out of the common, the output of this country should show a substantial increase this year. In London cheese is apparently forgotten. Nothing but retail buying is going forward, buyers looking to lower and sellers hoping for higher rates. Canadian is in demand, but it is kept from rising by heavy supplies from other quarters. Canadian cheese has now become so firmly established in the minds of consumers as a good article that exporters must be pleased to learn of a growing disposition on the part of provision dealers to name "Canadian Cheddar" in large letters in their windows. Of course there is no doubt that a great deal of cheese which is not Canadian is sold as such, and this works to the prejudice of Canadian.

**EGGS.**—The market has been steady under light stock and a fairly active demand, and prices have been well maintained. There has been no special change in the Canadian, American and English markets, except that prices are inclined to be depressed.

**APPLES.**—Reports from England show that Nova Scotia apples continue to arrive, and that exporters who have held back till now are receiving their due reward. The *Uluda's* cargo, which landed at London on the 23rd ultimo, realized fair all round prices; 454 bbls. which were brought under the hammer at Monument Buildings, showed a good average. Golden russets up to 17s. 3d. per bbl; Nonpareil 16s. 3d.—five barrels 15s. 6d.; Baldwins 14s. 6d.; Greenings 12s.; ten bbls. Northern Spy fetched 18s. 6d. per bbl., and seven bbls 18s.—all these being top prices; sixty bbls. of Baldwins went for 11s. 6d. per bbl., and forty-two bbls. 12s.

**DRIED FRUIT.**—The market for dried fruit is quiet, but there is more enquiry, though prices have not changed. Currants are quiet and rather easier.

**SUGAR.**—The slightly easier feeling in refined sugar which set in at the close of last week has been succeeded by increased strength and a good deal of buying, as it appears to be recognized that we are not going to see any lower prices for some time. Granulated and yellows are both firm. In raw sugar the position is as firm as ever, the recent lull at the close of last week being followed by a stronger tone all round. A recent cable from London said:—"Market firm with upward tendency," and another despatch says:—"Cane steady and prices fully maintained; beet firm and active at 16s. for spot and futures." The New York *Commercial Bulletin* has the following upon raw sugars:—"Claims that speculative stimulus has been largely instrumental in working up the price of raw sugars are not entirely justified, so far as the local situation is concerned at least. A few parcels were certainly taken for investment by outside parties, but the great bulk of the buying was by refiners; and while they have secured a great many

goods in anticipation of future wants, it appears to have been done on a full conviction that the natural merits of the situation warranted just such action, and they are keeping it up again to day, the demand having been quick, the business liberal, with full former rates readily paid, while sellers at the close are talking a fraction fuller again, a small weakness in Europe having no influence. The sales embrace here 18 hhds., 700 bags Muscovado at 3½ c. for 89 ex-wharf; 1,176 bags centrifugal at 3½ c. for 96 ex-ship, and at the breakwater a cargo of 5,500 bags centrifugal 3½ c. cost and freight to Boston; one of 6,700 at 3½ c. ex-ship; and one of 8,200 at 3½ c. i. f., the two latter to Philadelphia."

**TEA.**—The local market has been generally quiet, the only business being a jobbing movement towards filling some retail orders on country and city account, the aggregate volume of which is not large.

**COPPER.**—The feeling in New York and in England has been weaker, but owing to light stocks here this has had no absolute effect on this market.

**FISH.**—The local market continues to be dull and featureless. The weather continues to be too unsettled to permit any attempt to catch fish, while the demand—both for home and outside consumption—remains very quiet. In Montreal the fish market is dull and neglected at present. Green cod, Labrador salmon, fresh herring and Yarmouth bloaters are out of that market. Pickled herrings are in good supply, but there is very little enquiry. Quotations are:—Haddock 4c. to 4½ c.; dried cod \$5 50; No. 2 mackerel \$12; C. B. and N. S. herring \$4 50 to \$4 75; haddies 7½ c. to 8c.; Halifax herrings weighing 60 lbs. per 100 count are selling at \$2.25 per 100. Fresh B. C. salmon has sold at 18c. to 20c. per lb. by the case. At Gloucester, Mass., receipts of fish of all kinds continue to be plentiful from the various grounds. The stock of frozen herring in bulk has been closed out, though there is still a plentiful supply on hand in cold storage. Quotations are unchanged.

**MARKET QUOTATIONS.—WHOLESALE SELLING RATES.**

Our Price Lists are corrected for us each week by reliable merchants.

**GROCERIES.**

| SUGARS.                          |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Cut Leaf.....                    | 6        |
| Granulated.....                  | 5 to 5½  |
| Circle A.....                    | 4½       |
| White Extra C.....               | 4½       |
| Standard.....                    | 4½ to 4½ |
| Extra Yellow C.....              | 3½ to 4  |
| Yellow C.....                    | 3½       |
| TEA.                             |          |
| Congou Common.....               | 17 to 18 |
| " Fair.....                      | 20 to 22 |
| " Good.....                      | 25 to 28 |
| " Choice.....                    | 31 to 33 |
| " Extra Choice.....              | 35 to 36 |
| Oolong Choice.....               | 37 to 39 |
| MOLASSES.                        |          |
| Barbados.....                    | 23       |
| Demerara.....                    | 25 to 28 |
| Diamond N.....                   | none     |
| Porto Rico.....                  | 23       |
| Cienfuegos.....                  | none     |
| Trinidad.....                    | 30       |
| Antigua.....                     | 29       |
| Tobacco, Black.....              | 45 to 47 |
| " Bright.....                    | 47 to 49 |
| BISCUITS.                        |          |
| Pilot Brand.....                 | 8.00     |
| Best 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., No. 1.....               | 2.00 to 3.25 |
| Oranges, Jamaica, brln., New.....         | 7.00 to 7.50 |
| Valencia Oranges, per case.....           | 6.50         |
| Lemons, per case.....                     | 3.50 to 4.00 |
| Cocoanuts new per 100.....                | 5.00         |
| Onions, New Bermuda, per crate.....       | 3.50         |
| per lb., Canadian.....                    | 2½ to 3      |
| Dates boxes, new.....                     | 5 to 5½      |
| Raisins, Valencia.....                    | 5½ to 6      |
| Figs, Klime, 5 lb boxes per lb., new..... | 10 to 11     |
| " small boxes.....                        | 9 to 10      |
| Prunes Stewing, boxes.....                | 8 to 9       |
| Bananas.....                              | 2.00 to 2.50 |

C. H. Harvey, 12 & 10 Sackville St.

**FISH.**

|                             | Ex Vessel. | Ex Store. |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------|
| MACKEREL.                   |            |           |
| Extras.....                 |            |           |
| No. 1.....                  |            |           |
| " Large.....                |            |           |
| " 2.....                    |            |           |
| " Large, Reamed.....        |            |           |
| " 2, Reamed.....            |            |           |
| " Large, Plain.....         |            |           |
| " 2 Plain.....              |            |           |
| HERRING.                    |            |           |
| No. 1 C. B. July.....       |            |           |
| " 1 Fall Split.....         |            |           |
| " 1 Fall Round.....         |            |           |
| " 1 Labrador.....           |            |           |
| " 1 Georges Bay.....        |            |           |
| " 1 Bay of Islands.....     |            |           |
| ALMONDS, No. 1.....         |            |           |
| ALMONDS, No. 1, ½ brln..... |            |           |
| No. 2, ½ brln.....          |            |           |
| " 2, ½ brln.....            |            |           |
| Small.....                  |            |           |
| COFFEE.                     |            |           |
| Hard C. B.....              |            |           |
| Western Shore.....          |            |           |
| Bank.....                   |            |           |
| Bay.....                    |            |           |
| Howland.....                |            |           |
| HADDOCK.                    |            |           |
| Bank & Western.....         |            |           |
| HAMS.....                   |            |           |
| POLLOCK.....                |            |           |
| HAMS SOUNDED, per lb.....   |            |           |
| CON OIL, per gal.....       |            |           |

**BREADSTUFFS**

Wheat—there has been a sharp decline. One day last week it touched 90 in Chicago, when from whatever cause the bulls let go of it, and it has been coming down by the round turn, touching 74½ this morning. That is the lowest it has ever been. As the upturn did not affect our Canadian markets to any extent, neither do we anticipate that the down turn will affect them.

Oatmeal is slightly easier. Cornmeal steady. Mill-feeds are also easing off a bit, and our quotations on almost everything can be shaded considerably in carload lots.

We have been more or less condemned by the jobbing wholesale trade for publishing the lowest current rates, as people who read these reports expect to buy 5 or 10 bbls., on these quotations. It is difficult to please everybody.

Current rates for carload lots and upwards, are under our quotations.

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Manitoba Highest Grade Patents.....     | 5.00 to 5.50   |
| High Grade Patents.....                 | 4.75 to 5.15   |
| Good 90 per cent. Patents.....          | 3.95 to 4.50   |
| Straight Grade.....                     | 3.75 to 4.25   |
| Good Seconds.....                       | 3.50 to 4.15   |
| Graham Flour.....                       | 3.75           |
| Oatmeal.....                            | 4.40 to 4.60   |
| " Rolled.....                           | 4.40 to 4.60   |
| Kila Dried Cornmeal.....                | 2.50 to 2.80   |
| " In Bond.....                          | 2.50 to 2.80   |
| Rolls Wheat.....                        | 4.00 to 4.25   |
| Wheat Bran, per ton including bags..... | 22.00 to 23.00 |
| Middlings.....                          | 23.75 to 24.50 |
| Shorts.....                             |                |
| Cracked Corn.....                       | 26.50 to 28.00 |
| Ground Oil Cake per ton.....            | 30.50 to 31.10 |
| Moulies.....                            | 22.00 to 24.00 |
| Split Peas.....                         | 4.10           |
| White Beans, per bushel.....            | 1.75 to 1.90   |
| Pot Barley, per barrel.....             | 3.90 to 4.15   |
| Canadian Oats, choice quality.....      | 42½ to 43      |
| P. E. Island Oats.....                  | 42½ to 43      |
| Hay.....                                | 12.00 to 13.75 |

J. A. CHIPMAN & Co., Head of

Central Wharf, Halifax, N. S.

**PROVISIONS.**

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....     | 14.00 to 14.50 |
| " Am. Plate.....                       | 15.00 to 16.00 |
| " Ex. Plate.....                       | 16.50 to 17.00 |
| Pork, Mess, American.....              | 21.00          |
| " American, clear.....                 | 25.00          |
| " F. E. I. Mess.....                   | 22.00 to 24.00 |
| " F. E. I. Thin Mess.....              | 20.00 to 21.00 |
| " Prime Mess.....                      | 18.00 to 19.00 |
| Lard, Tub and Pails, P. E. Island..... | 14 to 15       |
| " American.....                        | 15 to 16       |
| Hams, F. E. I., green.....             | 11             |

Prices are for whole sale lots only, and are liable to change daily.

**BUTTER AND CHEESE**

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints..... | 22       |
| " " in Small Tubs.....               | 22 to 24 |
| " Good, in large tubs, new.....      | 20 to 22 |
| " Store Packed & overmalted.....     | none     |
| Canadian Township.....               | 22 to 24 |
| " Western.....                       | 20 to 22 |
| Cheese, Canadian.....                | 21       |
| " Antigonish.....                    | 11½      |

**SALT.**

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Factory Filled.....                  | \$1.00 |
| Fine Liverpool, bag, from store..... | 80     |
| Liverpool, ½ hhd.,.....              | 1.00   |
| Cadiz.....                           | 1.00   |
| Turks Island.....                    | 1.00   |
| Lisbon.....                          | 1.00   |
| Coarse W. I.,.....                   | 1.00   |
| Trapan.....                          | 1.00   |