

provisions. In Chicago hogs were stronger, while cattle were 5c. to 10c. lower. The last issue of the *Montreal Trade Bulletin* remarks as follows:—"The shipments of cattle from this port since the opening of navigation have met with a succession of adverse markets in Great Britain, that has been simply unparalleled in the history of the trade, cables having been received from Liverpool, Glasgow and London, during the past few days, advising sales of cattle which show heavy losses, ranging from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per head, and in some instances even steeper losses have been sustained, one lot dropping about £4 per head. The high rates of ocean freight combined with the steep prices paid for cattle at the commencement of the season, and the heavy shrinkage in values on the other side, all contributed to bring about the present unfortunate state of affairs, which is being viewed by some of our shippers in a pretty serious light. One of our leading operators stated to the writer yesterday, that unless the markets took a turn for the better, some of our shippers both here and in the West would find it a difficult matter to carry out their engagements, and it is a wonder, he added, that they have stood up so well under the repeated reverses that have overtaken them this season. An improvement in the British markets, however, would very quickly mend matters, although there are few prospects of an immediate change in that direction. Bad as Canadian cattle have fared in the British markets, American shipments have done even worse, the recent losses on beefs shipped from American ports having ranged from \$20.00 to \$25.00 per head in a number of instances. An improved feature in the American market is that ocean freights at Baltimore have been reduced from 80s to 50s. per head. We regret exceedingly that our remarks at the beginning of the season regarding the probable results of paying such high figures for both cattle and freights, should have been realized so early. It is expected that after next month the shipments of cattle will be much lighter, and then a more profitable period is anticipated."

BUTTER.—This article remains quiet, and, beyond the small jobbing trade and supplying the consumptive demand, there is nothing doing to note. Of course, as we have had occasion frequently to remark, new, fresh, well and cleanly made butter will always find a ready market wherever it goes, while stale, sour or ill made butter is a drug which, we regret to say, too many grangers, with a blind disregard of their own real interests, try to foist upon the public.

CHEESE.—The position of cheese is unchanged on the whole, and our last remarks need not be revised so far as our local market is concerned. The *London Grocer*, just at hand, says:—"The dearth of old English cheese continues to be as severely felt as ever, and orders that cannot be filled from this source have to be supplied from other quarters, so that the market in general is fairly supported. No Cheshire cheese worth mentioning is left on hand, and the few cheddar that may have been on show have been taken at from 50s. for usual grades, up to 71s. per cwt. for fine. Of double Gloucesters the supply is completely exhausted, and only trifling lots good now have been sold at 40s. to 48s.; with Wiltshire loaf of this season's make at 50s., and new skims at 30s. to 36s. Old American cheese is nearly all used up, and 'perfect' parcels meet with buyers at 55s. to 57s. for white, and at 54s. to 56s. for colored, though there are several instances where 52s. to 54s. have been accepted for both sorts, only just a grade or so inferior. New season's cheese is gradually coming on the market, and sales have transpired at 48s. to 51s. Present indications are in favor of an early and large make, but very liberal supplies cannot be expected much before the middle or end of June. The New Zealand cheese is arriving more largely than at this period of 1889, and further consignments of 1,380 packages per 'Tainui' (s.) are just to hand, the quantities changing hands this week having been at from 36s. to 52s. for middling to prime quality."

FRUIT.—The market has been a fairly active one in green fruit such as oranges, lemons, bananas, etc., having a fair enquiry with considerable business in a quiet way. Regarding California prunes, the *New York Commercial Bulletin* says:—"A letter recently received from a San Francisco representative of a prominent local firm quotes from an interview with a member of the firm of A. Lusk & Co. the statement that the prospects about May 18th were favorable for a crop of at least 25,000,000 pounds, and probably 30,000,000 pounds of prunes in California this season. This seems to be the highest estimate given out thus far. How much nearer to the facts that guess is than others that figure out less than 20,000,000 pounds remains to be seen. Apparently scientific guessing on California prunes is yet in its infancy, and it may be doubted that latest estimates rest on a safer foundation than did those that were made a fortnight ago. Growers, it is stated, are still holding for 2 to 2½c. per pound for the green fruit, and the large packers, to all accounts, are very slow about taking hold at those figures."

SUGAR.—There has been considerable enquiry during the week, and an improved feeling in sympathy with the healthier tone of foreign markets is being experienced. We have referred to the position of the Nova Scotia refinery and need add nothing here respecting it. The *Montreal Trade Bulletin* says:—"At the commencement of the present week cables were received from London reporting a decided improvement in raw sugar, with large transactions, and contemporaneously came advices from New York of a much stronger market both in raw and refined, with an advance of 1 16c. in the latter. It is thought by some of our best posted men in the trade that the rise has come to stay, as they claim that there has been a much greater shortage in the cane product than was expected a short time since. The Brazil, Cuba and Philippine Island markets are now over, and it is feared that the supplies from these quarters are below requirements, and hence the unexpected stir that has taken place in London and New York. The improvement has extended to the best product, which is firmer, with an upward tendency in prices, and a healthier feeling has been developed all round. In New York further purchases of granulated have been made for the English market, and home buyers have in consequence been compelled to pay slightly better figures."

MOLASSES.—There is practically nothing doing in molasses here, which is very strong. As to Montreal, our advices are as follows:—"Sales of new Barbadoes molasses have been made at the Islands for this market, one firm alone having purchased nearly 3,000 puncheons at equal to 29½c. laid down here, but it is said to be difficult to make further purchases on this basis. Owing to the surplus importations of last season and the heavy losses thereon, our merchants appear to lay in their new season's supplies with great caution, and upon a safer basis than most of the product was brought in last year. Later cable advices from the Islands quoted the market firm at 13c, but with only small quantities available at that figure."

TEA.—A fairly good trade is doing in only teas to arrive, the more expensive grades being in brisk demand. The market is in first-class condition to receive the new crops, as it is at present practically bare of most grades. Japan will be better this year as sterling exchange is higher.

COFFEE. continues to hold firm under a small jobbing demand. No transactions of importance are reported.

FISH OILS.—Our Montreal advices of the 3rd instant says:—"Steam refined oil cannot be bought on spot for less than 57½c. in small lots, although to arrive round quantities could be had at 52½c. Newfoundland cod is comparatively little used in this market now, and prices remain nominal at 36c. to 37c. Cod liver oil quiet at 45c. to 50c., one round lot of good oil being offered at the inside figure without finding a purchaser."

FISH.—There is nothing new to say about fish in this market, as there is virtually nothing doing. A few small lots of mackerel have been taken, which, though of large size, were not considered sufficiently fit to warrant picking them. They therefore go into immediate local consumption. Our Montreal and Gloucester advices show no change in the condition of the fish trade in those cities. The business is very dull in both places. Latest advices from Port Rico indicate that stocks have been run rather low and the feeling there is firm—even verging upon being strong.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.—WHOLESALE RATES.

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

GROCERIES.

SUGARS.	
Cut Leaf	7½ to 7¾
Granulated	6½ to 7
Circle A	6½
White Extra C	6½
Standard	5½ to 5¾
Extra Yellow C	5½ to 5¾
Yellow C	5½ to 5¾
TEA.	
Cougon, 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	37 to 38
Demerara	40 to 44
Diamond N.	48
Porto Rico	36 to 39
Cienfuegos	33
Trinidad	33 to 35
Antigua	33 to 35
Tobacco, Black	38 to 44
" Bright	42 to 58
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread	3 15
Boston and Thin Family	6½
Soda	6½
do in 1 lb. boxes, 50 to case	7½
Fancy	8 to 15

PROVISIONS.

No change in value, but the proposed duty is not yet established.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid	12.50 to 13.00
" Am. Plate	13.50 to 14.00
" Ex. Plate	15.50 to 16.00
Pork, Mess, American	16.50 to 17.00
" American, clear	18.00 to 19.00
" P. E. I. Mess	16.50 to 17.00
" P. E. I. Thin Mess	14.00
" Prime Mess	12.50 to 13.00
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island	12
" American	11 to 12
Hams, P. E. I. green	8 to 9

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

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, No. 1, per bbl	5.00
Oranges, Valencia, per case	10.00
Lemons, per case	4.50 to 5.50
Cocoanuts, new, per 100	4.50
Onions, Egyptian, per lb.	4
" Bermuda, per crate	2.75
Dates, boxes, new	5½ to 6
Raisins, Valencia, new	9
Figs, Elme, 5 lb boxes per lb.	11
" small boxes	10 to 13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes, new	6
Pineapples, per doz	2.50
Bananas, per bunch	2.00 to 3.00

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

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints	25
" in Small Tubs	22 to 25
" Good, in large tubs, new	20
" old	10 to 15
" Store Packed & oversalted	10
Canadian Township, new	19 to 20
" old	8 to 10
" Western, rolls	17
" old	7 to 10
Cheese, Canadian, new	10½
" Antigonish	none

BREADSTUFFS.

Telegrams from St. Louis quote American Straights, which are equal to our Canadian 90 per cent., at \$5.20 in bond, equal to \$5.95 duty paid, hence Canadian flours are nearly as cheap to day as American in bond.

You will notice that we have advanced quotations of oats sharply, 51c. to 55c. is current rate, and it looks as though they would go to 60c. before the new crop is offered, owing to the scarcity.

Oatmeal has advanced in consequence, but our quotations are below millers' prices.

FLOUR.	
Manitoba Highest Grade Patents	6.10 to 6.20
High Grade Patents	5.60 to 5.75
Good 90 per cent. Patents	5.30 to 5.40
Straight Grade	5.10 to 5.15
Superior Extras	4.90 to 5.00
Good Seconds	4.60 to 4.70
Graham Flour	5.00 to 5.25
American Supr. Extras, in bond	4.35 to 4.40
American 90 per cent. in bond	4.90 to 5.00
Pillsbury's Best, in half bbls.	3.40
Oatmeal	4.40 to 4.60
" Rolled	4.60 to 4.80
Kiln Dried Cornmeal	2.60 to 2.70
Rolls Wheat	5.80
Wheat Bran, per ton	18.00
Shorts	20.00
Middlings	22.00
Cracked Corn	21.00
Ground Oil Cake, per ton	35.00
Moulée	24.00
Split Peas	3.75 to 4.00
White Beans, per bushel	1.85 to 2.00
Pot Barley, per barrel	4.00 to 4.50
Canadian Oats, choice quality	51 to 55
P. E. I. Oats	52 to 55
Hay per ton	10.00

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

FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL.	
Extra	14.00
No. 1	13.00
" 2 large	12.00
" 2	11.00
" 3 large	11.50
" 3	11.00
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July	3.25 to 3.50
No. 1, August, Round	2.50
" September	2.50
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl.	3.00 to 3.25
Bay of Islands, Split	none
" Round	none
ALEWIVES, per bbl.	3.00 to 3.25
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore	4.25 to 4.50
Bank	4.00 to 4.25
Bay	4.00 to 4.25
SALMON, No. 1	18.00 to 19.00
HADDOCK, per qtl.	2.75 to 3.00
HARK	2.00 to 2.25
CUSK	2.00 to 2.25
POLLOCK	1.50
HARKSOUND, per lb.	12½
COD OIL A	26