

CHEESE.—There is a lull in the cheese trade, dullness and easier prices replacing the activity and strength which characterized it hitherto. Still, as we approach the handling of August make, the market should rule relatively firmer. There is nothing, however, to give the situation a firm tone, even though high-priced contract goods will soon be coming in at central markets.

APPLES.—Messrs. Pitt Bros. & Co., apple salesmen and general produce merchants of London, England, write as follows:—"From enquiries made in the principal apple-growing districts in England, we gather that the crop this year will be undoubtedly very short, and in some places a total failure. Fair prices may, therefore, be expected, provided shippers take great care that the fruit is properly selected and well packed. Only the choicest kinds of even size and free from spots should be sent, and they should be tightly pressed into the barrels, so as to prevent shaking and to secure their sound condition on arrival. This is very important. By attending carefully to these details shippers will realize the benefit of top prices of the market. The kinds we specially recommend for shipping are Baldwins, Greenings, Ben Davis, Pearmain, Ribston, 20 oz., Pippin, Roxbury, Russett, Golden Russett, etc., and should you have any early fruit, such as Gravensteins, we also recommend a shipment of these as likely to do well."

DRIED FRUIT.—The New York Commercial Bulletin says:—"Now crop Malaga raisins are now offered for prompt shipment, cables quoting sterling prices equivalent to \$2 for two-crown muscatel, and \$2.25 for London. Valencia raisins, now crop, appear to be easing off in the Donia market, as offers to sell have been cabled at 23 to 28s., 2. and 1., for off-stalk and layer respectively, or say equivalent to 7½ to 8½c. laid down."

TEA.—A noticeable improvement has taken place in the market, which has exhibited more life under a better demand. The country distribution also has been more active, and, in fact, the market has a more cheerful tone. Owners are disposed to view the outlook as satisfactory for a fair fall business, as stocks in retail hands are believed to be light. An Amoy cable reports Formosa Oolong of the better quality in good demand at \$37, duty paid strict superior, and \$44 for fine.

COFFEE has been quiet but firm, and stocks are reported to be very light. The present consumptive demand is small, and, until fuller advices are received from producing centres, no special movement is anticipated.

SUGAR.—Refined sugar has continued steady, and there has been an average turnover, buyers on the whole showing fair interest. The attempt of the Wholesale Grocers' Association and the Canada Sugar Refining Co., to coerce two large wholesale houses in Montreal into joining the monopoly or be crushed out, is proving a boomerang. The firms are importing Scotch sugars of superior quality and underselling the monopolists. Already it is said members of the ring have cut prices, and there is a good evidence that in trying to crush out all independence and freedom of trade, the combination has brought about its own destruction. On the imported sugar there is a specific duty of 1½ cents per lb., 35 per cent *ad valorem*, and 7½ per cent on the total of these. To the duty must be added the transportation charges, and the total is the amount of protection afforded the Canadian refiners. Yet, with that large margin against them, the Scotch sugars are imported and sold at a low figure. It is charged that the brown sugars supplied by the Montreal refiners are watered to the extent of 25 per cent., weighing 80 pounds more per barrel than they should. It will be a most fortunate thing if the action of the independent firms leads to a disruption of the sugar ring, and thus give the Canadian consumers better sugar at lower prices.

MOLASSES.—There has been a good demand for molasses at firm figures. In Montreal some large sales have been effected of Barbadoes at 33½ to 35c., while Porto Rico has changed hands at 32½c.

FISH.—The market has been steady and firm, and prices generally are unchanged, except that mackerel are wanted, and figures for them are advancing. It is reported that some fair catches of mackerel are now making in the vicinity of Margaree. Latest information from the Labrador coast appears to confirm previous reports of the failure of the fisheries in that locality, and it is feared that much distress will be felt among the natives there during the coming winter. In Montreal there has been some enquiry for herrings, and sales have been made there of some small lots of No. 1 July, C. B., at \$5.25 to \$5.50 per bbl., and at \$2.50 to \$3 for half bbls. One or two cargoes of green cod are reported at that port, which sold at \$4.25 for large, and \$4 for No. 1. Dry cod there is in fair demand, and steady at \$4 to \$4.25 for Nova Scotia bank cured fish. Advices from Havana are to the 20th of August and say:—"The moderate demand for codfish, coupled with the hot weather and eagerness to push sales, have caused prices to decline to \$5.50, while we hear of some sales at \$5.37½. Stocks are not large, and price too low as compared with cost, so we are sure the market would be better if it were not for the competition to sell. Scale-fish are very dull, and sales are insignificant at \$5 for haddock, and \$4.75 for hake, with very few buyers. There are enough of these two kinds now here and on the way to supply this market for fully a month. In fact buyers must increase to take these shipments at all. For many years there has not been such a limited consumption of scale fish as at present." Our report from Mayaguez, P. R., is dated August 8th, and is as follows:—"Consumption is dull, and we cannot quote at present over \$5.25 to \$5.50 for codfish, \$4.50 for herrings, \$5.50 for haddock, and \$7.50 for mackerel. At Arciobo the cargo of the brig *Sarah Alice* was sold, codfish at \$5.37½, and haddock at \$4.87½." Gloucester, Mass., prices to Monday last were:—Large Georges codfish at \$4 to \$4.50; small do, \$3.50; Grand Bank, \$3.37½; Western Bank, \$3.50; dry cured, \$4 to \$4.25; N. S. pickled, \$3.75; cusk, \$3; pollock, \$2.25; haddock, \$2.50; hake, \$2; N. F. herring, \$4; N. S. large split, \$5; medium, \$4; Labrador, \$5.50; trout, \$14.50; mackerel, \$13.50 to \$14.75.

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.

SUGAR.	
Cut Leaf	8
Granulated	10 to 11
Circle A	6½
White Extra	6½
Extra Yellow C	5½ to 6
Yellow C	5½ to 6½
TEA.	
Congou Common	17 to 19
Pa	20 to 23
Good	24 to 26
Choice	27 to 30
Extra Choice	35 to 38
Colono-Choice	37 to 39
MOLASSES.	
Barbadoes	30
Demerara	30 to 31
Diamond N	34 to 40
Porto Rico	30
Centrifugal	27
Trinidad	24 to 26
Antigua	27 to 28
Tobacco—Black	37 to 44
Bright	42 to 58
Biscuits.	
Pilot Bread	2.60 to 2.90
Houston and Thin Family	5½ to 6
Soda	5½ to 6½
3 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. E. Mess, duty paid	10 50 to 11 00
Am. Plate	11 00 to 11 50
Ex. Plate	12 00 to 12 50
Pork, Mess, American	17 50 to 18 00
American, clear	19 00 to 20 00
P. E. I. Mess	16 25 to 16 50
P. E. I. Thin Mess	none
Prime Mess	13 00 to 13 50
Lard, 1 lb and Pails	11 to 12
Cases	12 50 to 13 00
Hams, P. E. I.	none
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef \$2 20 per bbl.	

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

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FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL.	
Large	none
No. 1	none
2 large	8.25
3 large	8.00
4 large	8.00
5 large	8.00
6 large	8.00
7 large	8.00
8 large	8.00
9 large	8.00
10 large	8.00
11 large	8.00
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98 large	8.00
99 large	8.00
100 large	8.00

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

LOBSTERS.

Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing).	
Tail Cans	4.60 to 5.00
Flat	6.00 to 6.50
Per case 4 doz. 1 lb cans	

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer.

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 10.00
Spice, American good, per m.	5.50 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.

Quotations below are our to day's wholesale prices for car lots not cash. Jobbers' and Retailers' prices about 5 to 10 cents per bbl. higher than car lots. Markets quiet and weak. Breadstuffs are selling at current cost.

FLOUR.	
Graham	4 10 to 4 60
Patent high grades	4 30 to 5 00
" mediums	4 50 to 4 55
Superior Extra	4 30 to 4 40
Lower grades	3 80 to 3 90
Oatmeal, Standard	1 10 to 1 50
" Granulated	1 00 to 1 65
Corn Meal—Halifax ground	2 85 to 3 00
" Imported	2 00
Bran per ton—Wheat	10 00
" —Corn	17 00
Shorts	21 00 to 22 00
Middlings	23 00 to 24 00
Cracked Corn	27 00 to 28 00
" Oats	25 00 to 26 00
" Barley	nominal
Feed Flour	2 50 to 3 00
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs	44 to 46
Barley " of 48 " nominal	53 to 60
Peas " of 60 "	1 00 to 1 10
White Beans, per bushel	1 85 to 1 95
Potatoes, per barrel	4 85 to 4 90
Corn " of 56 lbs	65 to 70
Hay per ton	14 00 to 15 50
Straw "	10 00 to 12 00

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

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints	22 to 25
" in Small Tubs	22 to 24
" Good, in large tubs	18 to 20
" Store Packed & over salted new	12 to 15
Canadian Creamery, new	24 to 26
" Township	20 to 22
" Western	17 to 18
Cheese, Canadian	12½

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 15
Salted Hides, No 1	7½
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs, No 1	6½
" under 60 lbs, No 1	6½
" over 60 lbs, No 2	6½
" under 60 lbs, No 2	6½
Cow Hides, No 1	6½
No 3 Hides	6
Calf Skins	7 to 8
" Deacons, each	25
Lambskins	25 to 30

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

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

APPLES.	
No. 1 Varieties, new, per bbl	2.25 to 2.75
Pears, Bartlett, per bbl	7.00
Oranges, per bbl, Jamaica (new)	9.00
Lemons, per case	1.50 to 1.55
Bananas, per bunch	3.60 to 4.50
Cocoanuts, per 100	6.50
Onions, American, per lb	3
Raisins, Val.	6 to 7
Figs, Elmer, 5 lb. b. es, per lb	11
Prunes, Stewing, boxes	none
Dates, Jokes, new	6½ to 7

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

POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound	12 to 15
Geese, each	40 to 60
Ducks, per pair	30 to 40
Chickens	30 to 60

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Steers, best quality, per 100 lbs. alive	5.00
Oxen	4.00
Fat Steers, Heifers light weights	3.50 to 3.75
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs	5.00 to 5.50
Lambs	2.50 to 3.00

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