

PROVISIONS.—The local provision market has been quiet though steady, with prices for pork ranging 1c. to 2c. lower than they did a year ago. There is a fair jobbing demand and some enquiry for dressed hogs, which are in relatively light receipt. In Liverpool lard dropped 1s., and other lines were weak, though quotations were unchanged. Pork in Chicago has been rather firmer, and prices have advanced a shade. The hog market there has been stronger, and prices went up about 5c. The cattle market was fairly active and steady.

BUTTER.—There is nothing new to note in connection with the butter trade. The English markets are not in a satisfactory condition and there is just enough doing in a local way to keep business moving. Choice butter, both creamery and dairy, continue to be the particular features of the market in the way of scarcity and demand, while roll butter makes a good third, so that, on the whole, there is a fairly quiet business moving.

CHEESE.—The market continues tame and uninteresting in every sense of the word. Enquiries from the other side, although they evince a disposition to sound, the position on choice and the better grades, do not show any material improvement in tone as yet. The same ruling conditions continue to prevail. Holders are firm and there is no disposition on the part of operators to "go in" until something tangible in the way of encouragement is heard from the other side. This has yet to come, though there are good reasons for supposing that it will come. According to advices the demand is leaning more this way than it has hitherto.

FRUIT.—The market has presented no material alteration during the past week, business on the whole being quiet but sufficient to effect a fair average movement. As Christmas approaches there is, of course, more or less enquiry by retailers for supplies suitable to their business, and it may be expected to effect the usual movement shortly. On the whole the market is a steady one and we have no alteration to note. In reference to currants a circular from Patras states that the market there is steady with a large demand from parts of France. Holders are selling slowly, believing that the position of the article is very favorable and that later on the remaining stocks in Greece will obtain higher prices. Last week sales of Canadian apples were cabled from Liverpool showing a decline from previous transactions of 1s. to 2s. per bbl., one lot of about 300 bbls. selling at prices which gave a net average to the shippers in the West of \$2.45 per bbl., which barely covers cost. Another lot of about 130 bbls. of Canadian fruit was disposed of in Liverpool, showing a net average to the shipper of \$2.65 per bbl., and a round lot of choice russets sold at 20s. per bbl. Advices from Toronto state that a considerable quantity of fruit is stored in that city, most of which consists of choice long keeping varieties, suitable for the export trade. On the whole the shipments of Canadian apples have been fairly satisfactory this season, and judging from the smaller quantities to go forward than were shipped from this time last year to the end of the season, exporters confidently expect remunerative results from the shipments to be sent forward.

SUGAR.—Raw sugars have been strong during the week, and, in consequence, the market is firm in tone with a tendency to higher values, and yellow refined has moved up fully ½c. The advance is steady, and promises to be permanent, sugars having strengthened everywhere. The demand is fair and sales are readily made at quotations.

MOLASSES.—Barbados Molasses is quiet with little doing at unchanged prices.

TEA.—In the London tea market there has been more activity and more disposition both to buy and to meet buyers than was the case in the previous week. In black tea the demand was moderate for low grades. Japans have been strong, but no advance has as yet taken place. The local tea business has been quiet during the past week all round, as the traders are supplying themselves from consignments held here for some time.

COFFEES.—The demand for coffees has been slow this week, and very little has been done in them. Rios abroad have been steady and quiet with not much doing. Mocha is quiet and unchanged in price.

FISH OILS.—The Montreal market retains the quiet features reported last week, and sales are difficult to make, even in small lots. Newfoundland and Gaspe cod oil is quoted at 33c to 35c., and Halifax at 31c., although it is said that at these figures new supplies could not be laid down here. Steam refined seal oil continues to be worked off at 46c. to 47½c. Cod liver oil is dull, and Newfoundland has been sold at 55c. to 60c.

FISH.—Receipts of dry fish have been only moderate. A rumor obtained currency in the early part of the week that large schools of mackerel were passing through the Strait of Canso. We have not been able to learn of any confirmation of this rumor, and conclude that it is unfounded. Herring are very dull, despite the fact that receipts continue to be small. The tone of the market may be characterized as inactive. Seal fish are quiet. Nothing is doing in that line. No important shipments have been made during the past week, as foreign markets are irresponsive. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, December 10.—"The receipts of fresh cod and haddock have been fairly well absorbed during the past week, with sales at 3½c. to 3¾c. per lb. Frozen trout, smelts, herring and tommy cods are expected shortly. Sales of fresh lobsters were made at 7c. per lb. There is quite a scarcity of green cod, although supplies are expected to increase later on. Sales have been made during the week at \$5 per bbl. for No. 1; \$5.25 for No. 2, and \$5.50 to \$5.75 for draft. Dry cod is quiet, with a few sales mentioned at \$4.50 per quintal. Labrador herring, which sold at \$3.75 last week, were said to be ex-wharf, and we now quote \$4 to \$4.25 per bbl., although the inside figure would no doubt be shaded for a round lot. Now sea trout is held at \$9 per bbl., and at \$4.75 per half bbl. British Columbia salmon is easier at \$10.50 to \$11.50 per bbl." Havana, Dec. 10.—(per cable via New York)—"Codfish \$6.25; haddock \$6; hake \$4. Market depressed." Barbados, December 3.—"We quote large cod at \$17 to \$20; medium \$15 to \$18; Labrador casks at \$13; split herrings \$3.70. The bareness of neighboring markets has improved ours."

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.....	8
Granulated.....	7½ to 7¾
Circle A.....	8½
White Extra C.....	8½
Extra Yellow C.....	5¼ to 5½
Yellow C.....	5½ to 5¾
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.	
Barbados.....	43
Demerara.....	40 to 44
Diamond N.....	48
Porto Rico.....	40 to 42
Cienfuegos.....	38
Trinidad.....	39 to 40
Antigua.....	38 to 39
Tobacco, Black.....	38 to 44
Bright.....	42 to 58
DISCUIT.	
Pilot Bread.....	3.15
Hoston and Thin Family.....	6½
Soda.....	6½
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.....	10.25 to 10.50
Am. Plate.....	10.75 to 11.25
Ex. Plate.....	11.50 to 11.75
Port, Mess, American.....	15.10 to 15.50
American, clear.....	15.50 to 16.00
P. E. I. Mess.....	14.50 to 15.00
P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	13.50 to 14.00
Prime Mess.....	11.00 to 11.50
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.	
Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are liable to change daily.	

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FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL.	
Extra.....	14.00
No. 1.....	13.25
2 large.....	12.25
2.....	10.50
3 large.....	12.00
3.....	12.00
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July.....	4.50 to 5.00
No. 1. August, Round.....	2.50
September.....	2.50
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl.....	4.00 to 4.50
Bay of Islands, Split.....	none
Round.....	none
ALEWIVES, per bbl.....	2.50 to 3.00
COOPIH.	
Hard Shore.....	4.25 to 4.40
Bank.....	3.25 to 3.50
Bay.....	3.50 to 3.75
SALMON, No. 1.....	18.00 to 19.00
HADDOCK, per qtl.....	2.25
HAKE.....	2.00
CUSK.....	1.50
POLLOCK.....	1.50
HAKE SOUNDS, per lb.....	12½
COD OIL A.....	23 to 25

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POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound.....	15 to 16
Geese, each.....	60 to 75
Ducks, per pair.....	70 to 80
Chickens.....	50 to 70

The above are corrected by a reliable victualler.

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.....	2.50 to 3.50

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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.....	6.50 to 7.00
Newfoundland Flat Cans.....	6.50 to 7.00

BREADSTUFFS.

Markets a little firmer, and trade a little better. The arrival of a great many vessels with fish and other produce has stimulated trade, still we doubt if the volume is quite up to what it would have been had the weather been sharp and cold, but it will be more generally spread out, and the result may be better in consequence. In our experience we have found that last winter's trade fell off less than in any former winter, as coastal vessels and steamers were working nearly the whole winter through. We anticipate the same with this winter. We make no change in quotations.

FLOUR.	
High Grade Patents.....	5.00 to 5.15
Good 90 per cent. Patents.....	4.85 to 4.70
Straight Grade.....	4.40 to 4.45
Superior Extras.....	4.40 to 4.45
Good Seconds.....	4.10 to 4.15
Graham Flour.....	4.00 to 4.25
American Supr. Extras, in bond.....	4.15 to 4.25
American 90 per cent. in bond.....	4.50 to 4.60
American Patents, Pillsbury's Best.....	6.40
OATMEAL.	
Rolled.....	4.00 to 4.10
".....	4.10 to 4.20
Cornmeal, duty paid.....	2.70 to 2.80
Cornmeal, in bond, Boston.....	2.10 to 2.15
Rolled Wheat.....	5.20
Wheat Bran, per ton.....	15.00 to 15.25
Shorts.....	18.50 to 19.00
Middlings.....	20.00 to 22.00
Cracked Corn, including bags.....	27.00 to 27.50
Ground Oil Cake, per ton.....	35.00
Moulée.....	26.50
Split Peas.....	3.75 to 4.00
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.75 to 1.85
Pot Harley, per barrel.....	4.30 to 4.50
Canadian Oats, choice quality.....	38 to 40
P. E. I. Oats.....	38 to 40
Hay per ton.....	11.50

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

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS

Apples, Gravensteins.....	4.50
Apples, No. 1, per bbl.....	2.00 to 3.50
Oranges, Jamaica, per bbl., repacked.....	7.00
Lemons, per case.....	5.50
Cocoanuts, new, per 100.....	5.00
Onions, New American, per lb.....	2½ to 2¾c.
Dates, boxes, new.....	5½ to 6
Raisins, Valencia, new.....	7
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
Cranberries, per bbl.....	8.50

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.....	22 to 25
Good, in large tubs.....	20
Store Packed & oversalted.....	14
Canadian Township.....	19 to 20
Western.....	17
Cheese, Canadian.....	10
Antigonish.....	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 15
Salted Hides, No 1.....	5
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.....	4
No 3 Hides, each.....	3
Calf Skins.....	25
Deacons, each.....	10 to 15
Lambskins.....	15 to 45
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 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 1.20
spruce, No 1.....	1.10 to 1.25
Laths, per m.....	2.00
Hardwood, per cord.....	4.00 to 4.20
Softwood.....	2.25 .15