

across the line free on October 6th, as was confidently expected at the time the Boston firm made its purchases, that it would have cleared from \$20,000 to \$25,000 on its deal, besides presenting a splendid opportunity for our local men to make a handsome profit through relieving this market of a large amount of stock. Now, however, things are in a quandary, and holders are simply waiting to see what will turn up. If values across the line advance sufficiently to admit of the Boston firm's purchases being exported, we shall undoubtedly see higher figures here, but if they eventually have to be placed in Canada, a dragging market may be expected for some time. We have just heard that a portion of the Boston firm's molasses in this city is being shipped."

TEA AND COFFEE are both quiet, and nothing worthy of note is doing in either in the local market. In New York the market for Rio and Santo grades of coffee is about steady; Europe is lower, and higher rates of exchange are reported in Brazil. East India and other grades are firm.

FISH OILS.—Of late there has been a steady advance in the price of cod oil in the English market, until its value has been increased by £4 to £5 per ton of 256 gallons, which has been followed by a sharp appreciation in St. John's, Newfoundland, where prices recently moved up 41 per ton in a single day. This has resulted in a firmer feeling in Montreal, one of its largest firms having endeavored to secure all the stocks of Newfoundland cod oil in that city, as well as all that is intended to come forward. The late improvement in the leather trade has caused considerable enquiry for cod oil, as it has been demonstrated that the substitutes which had to a great extent displaced it were injurious to the leather, causing it to rot and otherwise deteriorate. Consequently the extra demand for cod oil found the Montreal market pretty bare, as there had been comparatively little wanted, owing to the substitutes in use during the past few years. But now that the enquiry appears to be concentrating on the genuine cod oil again, there will probably be a larger call for it than many have anticipated; and now that the advance in the English market has diverted further supplies from Newfoundland, it is quite likely that before another season there may be some anxious looking around for this product by actual consumers. One holder in this market refused to put his oil under offer, although he was offered a pretty good figure, for the reason that he is convinced that he could not replace it at anything like present prices, and as he will require considerable cod oil for his customers during the coming season, he does not wish to be bare of supplies. The general impression in the trade is that cod oil is good property, and as so much has already been shipped from Newfoundland to the other side of the Atlantic, it is said supplies here may fall short in view of the increasing demand from tanners and leather men. Our correspondents report as follows:—Montreal, October 28—"There is a firm feeling in cod oil. The sale of nearly 150 bbls. of Newfoundland was sold since our last issue at 36½c, but is said that 37½c. is the lowest it could be bought at to-day, one holder in fact refusing to sell under 40c. Halifax oil is quoted at 35c. to 36c. Steam refined seal oil remains steady at 52½c. Cod liver oil moves off slowly, although prices are steady at 50c. to 55c. for Newfoundland, and 80c. to 85c. for Norway." Gloucester, Mass., October 28—"We quote cod oil 27c. to 30c. per gallon; medicine oil 60c.; blackfish oil 55c. menhaden oil 23c.; livers 30c. per bucket."

FISH.—There is nothing new to report respecting fish in this market. Continued foul weather, want of bait, and discouraging reports from outside markets have about paralyzed this market. The stocks held here are amply sufficient for all probable demands upon them. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, October 28—"Fresh B. C. salmon is steady at 16c. to 18c. per lb. as to quantity and quality. Fresh cod and haddock rather scarce and quoted at 5c. to 4c. per lb. Owing to scarcity we have still to report a firm market for green codfish, No. 1 being quoted at \$1. to \$5.25 per bbl. of 200 lbs. Dry cod is also firm at \$5 to \$5.25 per qtl. A Newfoundland firm bought a cargo of dry cod recently in Gaspé and shipped it to St. John's, from whence it will go to the Mediterranean or West Indies. This is said to be a very unusual occurrence. Sea trout has been sold at \$7.50 to \$8.50 per bbl. as to quantity and size of fish. Labrador herring are arriving and offered at \$5.50 per bbl., but it is said that a shade below that figure would probably secure a cargo. On the other hand there is an undoubted shortage in the catch. Some we understand are going straight to Chicago and Milwaukee without being offered here. It is said that one of the cargoes reported sold by us last week in Quebec at \$5.50 has been refused by the buyer. Cape Breton herring scarce and firm at \$5.50 for fat July's and \$5.25 for August and September inspection. There is no change in this market and we quote:—Yarmouth bleaters \$1.25 per box of 60, and St. John \$1.25 per hundred. Boneless cod, 6½c. to 6¾c. per lb. and boneless fish 4c. to 5c. New Finnan haddies 7c. to 7½c. per lb. The large supplies of oysters referred to by us last week are being worked off, but at low values, sales having been made as low as \$1.50 to \$1.75 for inferior, good ordinary selling at \$2 to \$2.50 and finest at \$3 to \$3.25, choice handpicked Malpeque bringing \$3.50 to \$4 per bbl." Gloucester, Mass., October 28—"We quote New Georges codfish at \$5.75 and \$5.87 a qtl. for large, and small at \$5, with some lots held at \$6 and \$5; Bank \$5 for large and \$4.50 for small; Shore \$5.50 and \$4.50 for large and small Flemish Cap \$5.50. Dry Bank \$5.75, medium \$5.50. French codfish \$6 per quintal. Phillips Beach codfish \$7 per quintal. We quote cured cusk at \$4 per quintal; hake, \$2.25; haddock, \$3; heavy salted pollock, \$2.25, and English-cured do. \$2.75 per quintal. Labrador herring \$3.50 bbl.; med. split, \$5; Newfoundland do. \$5.50; Nova Scotia do. \$5.50; Eastport \$4; split Shore \$4.25; round do. \$3.50; round Eastport, \$3.25; pickled codfish \$7; haddock, \$8; halibut heads, \$3; sounds, \$11; tongues and sounds, \$9.50; tongues, \$8; alewives, \$3.50; trout, \$13; California salmon, \$15; Halifax do., \$23; Newfoundland do., \$16.

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| GROCERIES.                       |                | BREADSTUFFS.                      |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| SUGARS.                          |                | Steady, unchanged markets.        |                |
| Cut Leaf.....                    | 6 5/8          | FLOUR.                            |                |
| Granulated.....                  | 6 1/2 to 6 3/4 | Manitoba Highest Grade Patents    | 6.40 to 6.50   |
| Circle A.....                    | 6 1/2          | High Grade Patents.....           | 5.50 to 5.75   |
| White Extra C.....               | 6              | Good 90 per cent Patents.....     | 5.20 to 5.30   |
| Standard.....                    | 5 1/2 to 5 3/4 | Straight Grade.....               | 5.05 to 5.10   |
| Extra Yellow C.....              | 5 1/2 to 5 3/4 | Superior Extras.....              | 4.90 to 5.00   |
| Yellow C.....                    | 5 1/4 to 5 1/2 | Good Seconds.....                 | 4.60 to 4.70   |
| TEA.                             |                | Graham Flour.....                 | 5.00 to 5.25   |
| Congou, Common.....              | 17 to 19       | Pillsbury's Best, in half bbls.   | 3.50           |
| " Fair.....                      | 20 to 23       | Oatmeal.....                      | 4.70 to 5.00   |
| " Good.....                      | 25 to 27       | " Rolled.....                     | 5.00 to 5.15   |
| " Choice.....                    | 31 to 33       | Kiln Dried Cornmeal.....          | 3.00 to 3.20   |
| " Extra Choice.....              | 35 to 36       | Roller Wheat.....                 | 5.60           |
| Oolong, Choice.....              | 37 to 39       | Wheat Bran, per ton.....          | 18.00 to 18.50 |
| MOLASSES.                        |                | Shorts.....                       | 23.00 to 25.00 |
| Barbados.....                    | 35 to 35       | Middlings.....                    | 26.00 to 28.00 |
| Demerara.....                    | 31 to 31       | Cracked Corn "including bags..    | 32.00          |
| Diamond N.....                   | 48             | Ground Oil Cake, per ton.....     | 35.00          |
| Porto Rico.....                  | 35 to 37       | Moule.....                        | 28.00          |
| Cienfuegos.....                  | 33             | Split peas.....                   | 3.75 to 4.00   |
| Trinidad.....                    | 33 to 34       | Whit Beans, per bushel.....       | 1.60 to 2.00   |
| Antigua.....                     | 33 to 34       | Pot barley, per barrel.....       | 3.90 to 4.10   |
| Tobacco, Black.....              | 38 to 44       | Canadian Oats, choice quality.... | \$2 to \$3     |
| " Bright.....                    | 42 to 58       | P. E. I. Oats.....                | 50 to 51       |
| BISCUITS.                        |                | Hay per ton.....                  | 10.00          |
| Pilot Bread.....                 | 3.15           |                                   |                |
| Boston and Thin Family.....      | 6 1/2          |                                   |                |
| Soda.....                        | 6 1/2          |                                   |                |
| do in lb. boxes, 50 to case..... | 7 1/2          |                                   |                |
| Fancy.....                       | 8 to 15        |                                   |                |

### HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

|                                       |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Apples, per bbl., N. S.....           | 2.00 to 3.00 |
| Gravenstein.....                      | 3.50 to 4.00 |
| Oranges, new Jamaica.....             | 6.50         |
| Lemons, per case.....                 | 8.00         |
| Cocoanuts, new, per 100.....          | 5.00         |
| Onions, American, per lb.....         | 3 1/2        |
| " Canadian.....                       | 2 1/2        |
| Dates, boxes, new.....                | 5 1/2 to 6   |
| Raisins, Valencia.....                | 7 to 8       |
| Figs, Elmer, 5 lb boxes per lb., new. | 12           |
| " small boxes.....                    | 12 to 13     |
| Prunes, Stewing, boxes.....           | none         |
| Pineapples, per doz.....              | none         |
| Bananas, per bunch.....               | 1.50 to 2.00 |

### FISH FROM VESSELS.

|                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| MACKEREL—                        |                |
| Extra.....                       | 21.00 to 26.00 |
| No. 1.....                       | 22.00 to 21.00 |
| " 2 large.....                   | 20.00 to 22.00 |
| " 2.....                         | 18.00 to 19.00 |
| " 3 large.....                   | 17.00 to 18.00 |
| " 3.....                         | 16.00 to 17.00 |
| Small.....                       | 7.50           |
| HERRING.                         |                |
| No. 1 Shore July.....            | 4.50 to 4.75   |
| No. 1, August, Round.....        | 2.75 to 3.00   |
| " September.....                 | 2.75 to 3.10   |
| Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl. | none           |
| Bay of Islands, Split.....       | 2.25 to 2.50   |
| " 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   |
| " 2.....                         | 2.00 to 2.25   |
| " 3.....                         | 2.00 to 2.25   |
| POLLOCK.....                     | 1.50           |
| HAKE SOUNDS, per lb.....         | 12 1/2         |
| Cod Oil A.....                   | 35             |

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### PROVISIONS.

|                                     |                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....  | 12.50 to 13.00 |
| " Am. Plate.....                    | 12.50 to 13.00 |
| " Ex. Plate.....                    | 13.50 to 14.00 |
| Pork, Mess, American.....           | 16.50 to 17.00 |
| " American, clear.....              | 16.00 to 17.00 |
| " P. E. I. Mess.....                | 16.50 to 17.00 |
| " P. E. I. Thin Mess.....           | 14.00          |
| " Prime Mess.....                   | 12.00 to 12.50 |
| Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island. | 11             |
| " American.....                     | 11 to 12       |
| Hams, P. E. I., green.....          | 8 to 12        |

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

### BUTTER AND CHEESE.

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints..... | 25       |
| " " in Small Tubs.....               | 20 to 22 |
| " Good, in large tubs, new.....      | 18 to 20 |
| " " old.....                         | 7 to 10  |
| " Store Packed & oversalted.....     | 10       |
| Canadian Township, new.....          | 20 to 22 |
| " Western.....                       | 16 to 17 |
| " " old.....                         | 7 to 10  |
| Cheese, Canadian new.....            | 10       |
| " Antigonish.....                    | 10 1/2   |