

(Monday) market only the poorer English wheats were offered. The tendency was downward. California wheat was a turn dealer. No red winter was offered. Flour was stronger, influenced by the rise of 2 francs per sack in Paris. American advanced 6d. The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* says:—"The highest price of spring wheat flour in this city during the past 25 years was in 1867, when spring extra touched \$9.45 per bbl., and the lowest was in 1884, when it declined to \$3.35 per bbl. The highest price of wheat in this market was in 1867, when Upper Canada spring wheat was sold at \$2 per bushel, and the lowest figure was reached in 1886, when it was marked down to 79 cents per bushel."

The feeling in the Chicago wheat market has been unsettled, May option going up to \$1.10½, an advance of 10c over last week's report, but receding later to \$1.06½. February was quoted at \$1.03½; July 93½c. Corn was also unsettled, May moved up ½c. but June fell off ½c. standing at last quotations 35½c. Oats were firmer and advanced to 25½c March; 27½c May; 27c June. In New York wheat was excited, irregular and generally lower. The feeling there is illustrated by the following remark made by a prominent trader. "What is the use of buying wheat at these prices with a doubtful export outlet and nothing against an expectation for a good new crop, when we can buy steel rails at \$25.90 a ton, the lowest figures in the history of steel rails? Wheat is not the only cheap thing if, indeed, it is cheap. Cotton is a cent under last year's prices and is still weakening. However, with manipulation in wheat, there is no telling what the market may do, although it ought to sell off." What strength the market has is derived from the fact that some dealers have sold more than they can lay their hands upon at the moment. Quotations for cash wheat were:—No. 1 red \$1.07 to \$1.08; extra red \$1.05 to \$1.07; No. 2 red \$1 to \$1.02½; No. 3 red 95c; No. 1 white \$1.02; state white \$1 to \$1.02. Corn was unsettled, late quotations were 44c. February; 44½c March; 43½c April; 43½c May; 43½c June. Oats were 30½c. February; 31½c March; 32½c May. The tone of the Toledo market was weak and prices broke ½c to ¾c. In Detroit the wheat market was stronger and moved up ½c. At Milwaukee it was steady.

PROVISIONS.—The local provision market has been slow and weaker, owing to the absence of cold weather. The enquiry for pork has been unusually small. Holders and buyers keep apart and nothing appears to be doing but a very small jobbing business merely to supply the consumptive demand. There has been a fair request for hams and a considerable business was accomplished in that line. In the Liverpool market a weak feeling has prevailed and prices were lower. Pork declined 1s. 3d. to 67s. 6d.; and bacon fell off 6d. to 30s. 6d. to 32s. 6d. Tallow was unchanged at 30s. The Chicago market was active but the weak feeling continued and pork declined 7½c. to 12½c. standing at \$11 March, \$11.12½ May and \$11.32½ June. Lard was quiet and steady for the July option which eased off 2½c. Late quotations are \$6.57½c. March, \$6.67½c. May, \$6.75c. June.

SUGAR.—The sugar market has been weak and both granulated and yellows show a declining tendency. The demand has been slow and the market has been slow with only a small jobbing trade.

MOLASSES.—A weaker feeling has prevailed in molasses and we do not hear of any transactions worthy of note taking place.

FRUITS.—The apple market continues in a demoralized condition as reported for some time past. The fruit held is keeping very poorly and holders are anxious to get rid of their stock at any reasonable or unreasonable price. In dried fruits there has been no important change. The feeling continues strong owing to the strong advices from abroad, but business has ruled quiet. The demand for Valencia raisins has been slow and only a few small sales were effected. Currants are firm but the movement has been light. Oranges and lemons are quiet with little demand.

BUTTER.—Little can be said respecting the butter market, which has continued quiet and uneventful. Desirable grades, which are in moderate supply, are held and command full prices, but trade is of a local character.

CHEESE.—Nothing has occurred to enliven the cheese market which has continued very quiet with no business to speak of. The situation across the Atlantic has not improved any; still owners of stock show no anxiety to sell, preferring to await a possible improvement. Stocks in Canada cannot be heavy and seem to be under strong control, as there is no apparent pressure to sell. The cable remained at 57s. 6d. The New York *Commercial Bulletin* says:—"The apparent evidence of an increased interest among foreign operators has not yet materialised so far as can be discovered. Of some 3,500 boxes now under engagement 1,000 are through, 1,000 carried over, and of the balance quite an amount is against direct shipment to be made by holders, so that really new investment is probably limited on foreign account and the shippers who were calculated upon to take more cheese this week are not as yet ready to act. Nor does the home trade seem to be waking up to any great amount of anxiety. While here and there a pretty full sale takes place, most of the business is confined to small lots as wanted for early necessities in the regular course of business."

FISH.—As anticipated in our last a slightly better feeling prevails in the local fish markets, owing to an improvement at some of the West Indian ports. Receipts of cured cod are practically nil, though the first signs of improvement in demand here would, doubtless, have the effect of bringing to this market several cargoes of bank fish from the westward which are now held in anticipation of such an event. In general the market is very sluggish and really nothing is doing. The slight advance that has occurred in the Havana market is wholly due to small receipts. Probably 100 drums would cover all the codfish that has arrived there via New York during the past three weeks. Still that market is so precarious that one or two good cargoes delivered there would flatten out prices again. The Montreal and Gloucester markets are very slow, and virtually nothing is doing in them at unchanged figures. Late letters from Georgetown, Demerara, state that there is a sufficient stock of fish there to cover all wants to the first week in April.

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 Loaf	8
Granulated	7½
Circle A	6½ to 6¾
White Extra C	5½ to 5¾
Extra Yellow C	5½ to 5¾
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 39
Oolong, Choice	37 to 39

MOLASSES.	
Barbadoes	35
Demerara	36 to 40
Diamond N.	45 to 46
Porto Rico	36 to 39
Cienfuegos	32
Trinidad	35
Antigua	35
Tobacco, Black	38 to 44
" Bright	42 to 58

BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread	3.25
Boston and Thin Family	7
Soda	7
do. in 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. Ex. Mess, duty paid	12.50 to 13.00
" Am. Plate	13.00 to 13.50
" Ex. Plate	14.00 to 14.50
Pork, Mess, American	18.50
" American, clear	20.00
" P. E. I. Mess	17.00 to 17.50
" P. E. I. Thin Mess	15.50 to 16.00
" Prime Mess	14.00 to 14.50
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island	13 to 14
" 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	20.00
No. 1	19.00
" 2 large	16.00
" 2 small	15.00
" 3 large	11.00
" 3 small	11.00
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July	4.50 to 4.75
No. 1, August, Round	3.75 to 4.00
" September	3.75 to 4.00
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl.	4.00 to 4.50
Bay of Islands, Split	3.25 to 3.50
" Round	2.75 to 3.1
ALBACORE, per bbl.	5.0
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore, new	4.25 to 4.50
New Bank	4.25
Bay	4.12 to 4.20
SALMON, No. 1	15.50 to 16.00
HADDOCK, per qu.	3.00 to 3.25
HAKE	2.50 to 2.75
CUSK	3.00
POLLACK	2.25
HAKA SOUNDS, per lb.	30
Cod Oil A	26 to 27

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

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound	15 to 22
" unwashed	12 to 15
Salted Hides, No 1	5 to 6
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs, No 1	6
" under 60 lbs, No 1	5
" over 60 lbs, No 2	5
" under 60 lbs, No 2	5
Cow Hides, No 1	5
No 3 Hides, each	4
Calf Skins	25
" Deacons, each	25
Lambskins	25 to 75
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 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 1.25
" 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.

It is always the case that the man who puts off buying until the markets get to bottom gets "left," as the Yankees call it, and so in this case there were lots of buyers of flour and breadstuffs who would wait until patents touched \$5.00. They did touch \$5.30 or \$5.35, and 90 per cents were bought in some few instances as low as \$5.20, but very few. The current asking rate to-day with the millers is \$5.65 to \$5.75 for 90 per cents, and \$6.00 for patents.

They are actually claiming a scarcity of wheat in the North-western States, and pretend they will have to draw some back from the East.

Oatmeal remains quiet, but will probably advance in sympathy with flour, particularly as oats are a turn dealer West.

We make no change in quotations.

Flour	
Graham Flour	5.75 to 6.10
Patent high grades	6.10 to 6.20
90 per cent. Patents	5.75 to 5.90
Superior Extra	5.60 to 5.75
Extras from Patents	5.25 to 5.50
Low grades in sacks	8.30 to 8.40
" " barrels	3.55 to 3.60
Oatmeal, Standard	4.65 to 4.75
" Granulated	5.00 to 5.15
" Rolled	5.00 to 5.10
Corn Meal—kiln dried	3.00 to 3.10
Bran, per ton	21.00 to 22.00
Shorts	23.00 to 23.50
Middlings	21.50 to 22.00
Mill or Mixed Feed, per ton	22.00
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs.	43 to 45
Barley " of 48 "	nominal
Peas " of 40 "	1.00 to 1.10
White Beans, per bushel	1.80 to 2.00
Pot Barley, per barrel	5.55
Hay per ton	14.00 to 16.00
Straw "	11.00 to 12.00

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

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints	30
" in Small Tubs	25
" Good, in large tubs	31
Store Packed & oversalted	14
Canadian Township	22 to 24
" Western	17 to 19
Cheese, Canadian	11 to 12

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer in Butter and Cheese.

LOBSTERS.

Per case 4 doz. 1 lb cans.	
Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing)	5.00 to 5.40
Tall Cans	4.80 to 5.00
Flat	6.20 to 6.40
Newfoundland Flat Cans	6.35 to 6.50

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer.

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, No. 1, new, per bbl	1.50 to 2.75
Oranges, per bbl, Jamaica (new)	6.00
Lemons, per case	3.50 to 4.50
Cocoanuts, per 100	3.00 to 4.00
Onions	
" American Silver Skin	2 to 2½
Dates, boxes, new	6½ to 7
Raisins, Valencia, new	6½ to 7
Figs, Elmer, 5 lb boxes per lb	12
" small boxes	13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes and bags, new	8
Cranberries	7.00
Foxberries	4.00 to 4.50
Grapes, Almeria, kegs	6.50 to 7.00
Fine Apples, per doz.	2.50 to 3.00

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

POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound	13 to 14
Geese, each	50 to 72
Ducks, per pair	70 to 80
Chickens	40 to 53

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Steers best quality, per 100 lbs. alive	4.00 to 4.25
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	4.00 to 5.00

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