

the Chicago stock yards have hardened the prices without stimulating the demand. The future of provisions is, to say the least, dubious. A quiet trade is reported in hams, pork and lard, but the business is devoid of any interesting features.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.—The market for these articles has been without any noteworthy features. Stocks in England and the continent are reported to be unusually small, but shipments from this side are very much less in volume than they have been for several past seasons. The production, both in the United States and Canada is comparatively but little more than sufficient to supply local demands, so that it is not surprising that figures should be firmly held.

VEGETABLES.—Potatoes are in full supply, and of excellent quality as a rule. There is an active movement in them at 30 to 32 cents for round lots. Other vegetables are plentiful, and the demand for them is quite active.

FRUIT.—The demand for dried fruits is quite brisk, and the country is taking considerable quantities at what are reported to be satisfactory figures to importers and dealers. The shipping of native fruits from this Province continues in large volume, and the English markets are firm with an advancing tendency.

LIVE STOCK.—The quality of both neat cattle and sheep coming to this market is better this year than usual, and prices generally are reasonable. The supply is ample for all demands.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—These articles are rather weak and inactive, but a fair amount of business has been transacted.

TEA AND COFFEE.—The demand has been fair, but not specially lively, and the situation and prices are unchanged.

LUMBER.—The erection of new buildings makes the demand for all kinds of lumber good, and considerable business is done.

COAL.—Many people are now putting in their winter supply. Our mine owners are careful not to overstock the market, so that prices are firmly maintained; but they do not advance, as has been customary at this season in the past.

FISH.—The fish market remains quite active for all description of fish except No. 3 large mackerel, which are not so much enquired for; but we think all that are held here will be wanted. We did hope, from the report of mackerel on the coast some days ago, east and west of Halifax, that the fishermen would secure quite a quantity, but we think now such is not the case. At many parts of the coast, east and west of Halifax, fishermen have not taken a barrel; others have been more fortunate; but the whole quantity taken is quite small. All the fish arriving have found purchasers at fair prices, except No. 3, large mackerel, which are off a shade since our last issue. Small arrivals of French codfish have taken place, which have been placed at about \$2.05 per qtl. We think we are correct in stating that the quantity of French codfish arriving at this market this fall is about 30,000 qtls., which has kept out of this market the same quantity of the catch of our own fishermen; but perhaps later on, prices may have advanced, and if so, they will benefit by it. We think the quantity of hard cured Shore codfish arriving is about the same as last season; and we are informed that generally the fish are better made than usual, the weather being very suitable all the season for making fish. The catch of mackerel is now quite over for this season; and the quantity taken on this coast is, we are informed, less than for some years past. We have no way of getting at the quantity, no record being kept of the catch.

Herring.—The catch of rose Shore herring appears to be very short this fall, and prices have advanced considerably.

The fact is, all fish but really large fat mackerel are higher in this market than any other market we know of. There is a slight advance in the Jamaica and Porto Rico markets, but the present quotations will not yet pay. If shippers will hold back from shipping, or ship small quantities, both these markets will advance.

Boston advices to 5th inst., are about as follows:—"There has been a fair trade in fish during the past week; but in mackerel there is but little doing, owing to the scarcity of cheap grades. A cargo of 2,000 qtls. French codfish now offering and reported sold, at \$3.25 per qtl, and three more cargoes are reported on the way."

Below will be found a statement of the New England catch of mackerel for past four years, week ending Nov. 5th:—

1886.	1885.	1884.	1883.
78,703 bbls.	327,005 bbls.	415,993 bbls.	198,290 bbls.

Advices from New York fish market to 5th inst., are about as follows:—"The trade for mackerel has been fair this week for 2's and 3's, and market about bare of these. There are several lots of No. 1 mackerel on the market, but they are down, and but few are selling. As 2's are scarce, it looks as though they would have to use No. 1 more freely soon. Last sale Shore 2's \$16.50; 3's \$11.50; small 3's \$8.50; Bay 2's \$13.00; 1's held all the way from \$16.00 to \$18.00; Shore 1's \$22.00. No P. E. Island or Nova Scotia mackerel to speak of on the market. Codfish dull, at \$3.50 for best George's."

Gloucester, Nov. 5.—The fish business this week has been fair, although bad weather for making fish has caused some orders to lay over until the last two days. Not many mackerel moving,—not any sales of packed trips. Western Bank fishermen doing well. Not much doing on George's. Prices remain about the same. Mackerel catchers fast hauling up. Five more to arrive from the North Bay, and 20 to 25 on our own Shore. Stock of green George's on hand very much smaller than previous years. Shore boats have been doing well the past week, as fresh fish has brought good prices. Nov. 6.—Arrived from North Bay, schr. *Lizzie M. Cruter*, with 325 bbls. mackerel. Nov. 8.—Arrived from North Bay, schr. *Fanny W. Freeman*, with 40 bbls. mackerel; two trips of Shore mackerel, 158 bbls.; and 6 Western Bankers with 200,000 pounds codfish.

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. We intend devoting special attention to our Commercial and Financial Articles, and to our Market Quotations, and to this end have secured the co-operation of several persons thoroughly conversant with questions of finance and commerce.

GROCERIES.

SUGAR.	
Cut Leaf.....	8 to 8 1/2
Granulated.....	8 1/2 to 8 3/4
Circle A.....	8 3/4 to 8 1/2
Extra C.....	8 1/2 to 8 3/4
Yellow C.....	8 3/4 to 8 1/2
TEA.	
Congou, Common.....	17 to 19
" Fair.....	20 to 23
" Good.....	25 to 29
" Choice.....	31 to 33
" Extra Choice.....	35 to 36
Oolong—Choice.....	37 to 39
MOLASSES.	
Barbados.....	30 to 32
Demerara.....	30 to 35
Diamond N.....	41
Porto Rico.....	41
Tobacco—Black.....	37 to 40
" Bright.....	42 to 48
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread.....	2.90 to 2.90
Boston and Thin Family.....	5 1/2 to 6
Soda.....	5 1/2 to 5 1/2
do. in 1 lb. boxes, 50 to case.....	7 1/2
Fancy.....	8 to 15

The above quotations are carefully prepared by a reliable Wholesale House, and can be depended upon as correct.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	20 to 25
" " in Small Tubs.....	20 to 24
" " Good, in large tubs.....	19 to 20
" " Store Packed & oversalted.....	10 to 12
Canst. Creamery.....	24
" " Township, finest.....	22 to 23
" " Finest Fancy pags.....	22
" " fine.....	17 to 18
" " Morrisburg and Brockville.....	17 to 18
" " Western.....	13 to 14
Cheese, N. S.....	12
" Canada.....	13

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

FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL.	
No. 1.....	12.50 to 14.50
" " 2 large.....	7.50 to 9.00
" " 2 large.....	6.50 to 8.00
" " 3 large.....	5.75
" " 3 large.....	5.50 to 5.75
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July.....	4.75
No. 1, August.....	4.00 to 4.25
" " September.....	4.00 to 4.25
Round Shore.....	3.50 to 3.60
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl.....	4.50
ALBANY, per bbl.....	none
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore.....	2.50 to 2.80
Bank.....	1.95 to 2.10
Bay.....	none
SALMON, No. 1.....	16.00
HADDOCK, per qtl.....	1.95 to 2.15
HAKE.....	1.50
CUSK.....	none
POLLOCK.....	none
HARE SOUNDS.....	45 to 50c per lb.
COD OIL A.....	29 to 30

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

LOBSTERS.

Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing).	
Tail Cans.....	4.00 to 5.00
Flat.....	6.00 to 6.50
Per case 4 doz. 1 lb cans,	

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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.....	9.50 to 14.00
Spruce, dimension good, per m.....	9.50 to 10.00
" Merchantable, do do.....	2.50 to 3.00
" " Small, do do.....	6.50 to 7.05
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 do.....	2.25 to 2.50

The above quotations are prepared by a reliable firm in this line.

BREADSTUFFS.

PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE.

Our quotations below are our today's wholesale selling prices for car lots not cash. Jobbers' and Retailers' prices about 5 to 10 per cent advance on carload lots.

FLOUR.	
Graham.....	4.00 to 4.50
Patent high grades.....	4.40 to 4.60
" " mediums.....	4.30 to 4.50
Superior Extra.....	3.90 to 4.10
Lower grades.....	3.10 to 3.50
Oatmeal, Standard.....	4.10 to 4.15
" Granulated.....	4.30 to 4.40
Corn Meal—Halifax ground.....	2.75 to 2.80
" —Imported.....	2.75 to 2.80
Brwn per ton—Wheat.....	15.50 to 16.50
" " —Corn.....	14.50 to 15.00
Shorts.....	17.50 to 18.50
Middlings.....	19.00 to 21.00
Cracked Corn.....	26.00 to 29.00
" Oats.....	26.00 to 28.00
" Barley.....	nominal
Feed Flour.....	9.10 to 9.50
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs.....	34 to 36
Barley " of 48 ".....	55 to 60
" " of 60 ".....	1.10 to 1.10
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.40 to 1.50
Potatoes, per barrel.....	4.50 to 4.70
Corn " of 56 lbs.....	75 to 80
Hay per ton.....	13.00 to 14.00
Straw.....	10.00 to 12.00

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

PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....	11.00 to 11.50
" " Am. Plate.....	11.50 to 12.00
" " Ex. Plate.....	12.00 to 12.50
Pork, Mess, American.....	12.00 to 13.50
" " old.....	11.50 to 12.00
" " American, clear.....	15.00 to 15.50
" " P. E. I. Mess.....	none
" " old.....	12.50 to 12.75
" " P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	10.50 to 11.00
" " Prime Mess.....	9.50 to 10.00
Lard, Tubs and Pails.....	10 to 11
" Cases.....	12 to 13 1/2
Hams, P. E. I.....	none
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef \$2.50 per bbl.	

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

These quotations are prepared by a reliable wholesale house.

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound.....	15 to 20
" " unwashed.....	12 to 15
Salted Hides, No 1.....	7 1/2
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No 1.....	7 1/2
" " under 60 lbs., No 1.....	7
" " over 60 lbs., No 2.....	6 1/2
" " under 60 lbs., No 2.....	6
Cow Hides, No 1.....	6 1/2
No 2 Hides.....	5
Calf Skins.....	8 to 10
" " Deacons, each.....	25 to 35
Lambskins.....	25 to 35

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

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, (No. 1 Gravensteins) per bbl.....	2.25 to 2.50
" " Other No. 1 Varieties.....	1.50 to 2.25
Oranges, per bbl, Jamaica (new).....	6.00 to 7.00
Lemons, per box, best quality.....	4.50 to 5.00
Cocoanuts, per 100.....	5.00 to 5.50
Onions, American, per lb.....	3 1/2 to 3 3/4
Foxberries, per bbl, new.....	3.75
Grapes, Algeria, kegs.....	5.00
Raisins, New Val.....	7 1/2

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

POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound.....	none
Geese, each.....	none
Ducks, per pair.....	60 to 80
Chickens.....	40 to 60

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Steers, best quality, per 100 lbs. alive.....	4.00
Oxen.....	3.50
Fat Steers, Heifers, light weights.....	3.00
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs.....	2.75 to 3.25
Lambs.....	2.25 to 3.50

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