

red fruit, they are firm and cannot be bought under about \$3, and holders are not anxious to sell at that. Some ordinary fruit remains unsold. Small apples and stock not suitable for holding has to be shaded. Very fair to good apples of this class are quotable at \$2 to 2.50 per bbl., and off or common fruit sells within the range of \$1 to 1.75 per bbl. A Montreal paper remarks, in speaking of the apple trade this season:—"If large sums of money have been made in handling apples this season, considerable losses have also been sustained by those who stored large quantities throughout the winter, owing to the poor keeping qualities of the fruit. We have repeatedly referred to this subject before, but we had no idea that the damage was as great as it is. Dealers inform us that it is positively grievous to see the quantities of rotten apples that are being carted to the dumping grounds. As an instance of what the losses have been through decay alone, one of our dealers admitted that he dropped \$150.00 on a single car load. Slack and wasty fruit is being pushed off at \$1 to 2.00 per bbl., as to the extent of the damage, whilst better qualities are slow of sale at \$2.15 to 3.00. Selected fruit in single barrels command slightly better figures. The reason of the unusually large proportion of fruit going to decay is said to be owing to the hot and dry summer, which caused it to ripen prematurely. Holders in the West have great difficulty in getting offers from dealers here, in consequence of the distrust manifested in regard to the quality offered."

**DRIED FRUITS**—There has been more enquiry for dried fruits, and the market has been fairly active, a reasonable amount of business being transacted at about steady prices. Valencia raisins have met with a good demand, and a number of small sales are reported. Currants have ruled firm. There has been a stronger feeling in dates, which, after touching a very low figure, have advanced 2s, and are now considered good property at present prices.

**FISH**—There has been no change in the local market, the prominent characteristic of which has been dullness. Despite the Lenten season, which has caused a steady enquiry, especially from abroad, the very small stocks of all kinds of fish have made it impossible for any volume of business to be transacted. The few merchants who hold small quantities are not disposed to entice purchasers by making any concessions. Our Montreal advices date to the 21st inst. One report from that city is as follows:—"In green codfish the market is completely bare, large having been sold at \$6.50 to 6.75, and draft at \$7 in drums. No. 1 is now quoted at \$4.75 to 5.00, and No. 2 at \$3.50. In dry fish the sale is reported of 100 qtls. at \$4.25. There has been some enquiry for salmon from the States, but no business has as yet resulted. Newfoundland salmon is quoted at \$3 in tierces, and at \$14 in bbls. British Columbia is quoted at \$12 in bbls. and at \$6.50 to 7.00 in half barrels. Labrador herrings are quiet at \$4.00 to \$4.25 per bbl. A good demand has been experienced for tommy cods, with sales of 3 to 4 cars reported at \$1.85 to 2.00 per bbl, smaller lots selling at \$2.25 to 2.50. Fresh herring are scarce, and sales to arrive have been made at \$1, holders now asking \$1.10 per 100 for round lots. The market is completely bare of fresh cod, and no quotations can be given. Haddock is quoted at \$3.25 to 3.75." Another report reads:—"There has been a brisk demand for fish, and the market has continued active, with a large business, which will likely continue, as the Lenten season has set in. The stock of fish generally is out of first hands, and dealers are fairly well supplied, but some lines are very scarce, and well enquired for. Some arrivals of fresh salmon have been received and sold at 14c. to 15c. per lb. The demand for green cod has been good, and some fair-sized sales have been made at the recent advance. The receipts of haddock have been large, which met with good demand, but prices are lower at 3½c. Fresh cod are scarce at 3½c. to 4c. Labrador herrings have been changing hands in small lots, at \$4.25 to 4.50. Nova Scotia cod oil is quoted firm at 30c. to 31c., and Newfoundland at 34c. to 35c., the last sale of 150 bbls. being reported at 32½c. In steam refined seal oil the market is firm at 48c. to 50c., and straw seal is quoted at 35c. to 37c. Cod liver oil is steady at 70c. to 75c. for new." Gloucester, Mass., Feb. 21.—"George's codfish are selling from the vessel at \$3.25 per cwt. Mackerel in light stock. We quote bloaters at \$25, 1's at \$18.50, 2's at \$15.50, and 3's at \$13.25 to 13.50. Bull's Eyes \$15; Nova Scotia 2's \$14.50; 1's \$15.50 to 16.00; extras \$17 to 18.00. Prime George's codfish are selling at \$5 per qtl. for large and \$3.75 for small; Trawl Bank \$4 for large and \$3.62½ for small; Hand line Western Bank \$4.62½ and 3.75; Shores \$4.50; Large dry bank \$4.75, medium \$3.75. Large Nova Scotia pickle-cured \$5. Large fresh codfish sold at Boston to day at 4c. per lb; haddock 11c. to 12c.; halibut 22c. Cusk \$3.25; pollock \$2.25, slack-salted do. \$3; haddock \$3, and hake \$2.50. Sales of fresh cod have been made at \$4.25, and fresh haddock at \$2.25. Boneless and prepared fish 3½c. to 5c. per lb. for hake, haddock and cusk, and 5c. to 6½c. for codfish, as to style and quality. Smoked halibut 6c. to 9c. per lb; smoked salmon 15c. per lb; haddock 6c. per lb. Medium herring 17c. per box; tucks 13c.; lengthwise 16c.; No. 1's 12c. Bloaters 75c.; Smoked mackerel 11c. per lb. Canned do, fresh, \$1.50 per doz; canned trout \$1.50; fresh halibut \$1.25; salmon \$1.75; lobsters \$1.75; clams \$1.75. Labrador herring \$5 to 5.25 per bbl; medium split \$4.50; Newfoundland do \$5; Nova Scotia do. \$5 to 6.00; Eastport \$3.50; pickled codfish \$5; haddock \$4; halibut heads \$3.25; tongues \$6; sounds \$12; tongues and sounds \$8.50; alewives \$3.25; trout \$14.50; California salmon \$14.50; Halifax salmon \$19, Newfoundland do. \$18. Clambait \$7 to 7.50; slivers \$7." Havana, Feb. 1.—"Unsold stocks last night were about 700 drums of codfish, 600 do. haddock, and 600 do. of hake. Codfish have advanced to \$7.12½ to 7.25, closing at outside figures, as none have arrived this week, and stocks are reduced. The demand is good, due partly to the approaching Lenten season, and the price ought to be \$7.50. Haddock have participated in the improved demand, and liberal sales have been made at \$6.37½ to 6.50 closing firm at the latter price. Hake have followed the course of the other classes, and after sales at \$5.87½ to 6.00, close at \$6 with good demand."

## 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 .....	8½ to 8¾
Granulated .....	7½ to 8
Circle A .....	7½
White Extra C .....	7
Extra Yellow C .....	6½
Yellow C .....	6¼
TEA.	
Congbu, Common .....	17 to 18
" Fair .....	20 to 23
" Good .....	25 to 29
" Choice .....	31 to 33
" Extra Choice .....	35 to 38
Oolong—Choice .....	37 to 39
MOLASSES.	
Barbadoes .....	33 to 34
Demerara .....	34 to 36
Diamond N .....	42 to 43
Porto Rico .....	33 to 34
Cienfuegos .....	none
Trinidad .....	31
Antigua .....	31
Tobacco—Black .....	35 to 44
" Bright .....	42 to 58
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread .....	2.60 to 2.90
Boston and Thin Family .....	5½ to 6
Soda .....	5½ to 5¾
do. in lib. 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 .....	10.50 to 11.00
" Am. Plate, " .....	11.50 to 12.00
" Ex. Plate, " .....	12.50 to 13.00
Pork, Mess, American " .....	17.50 to 18.00
" American, clear .....	18.00 to 18.50
" P. E. I. Mess .....	17.00 to 17.50
" P. E. I. Thin Mess .....	15.00 to 15.50
" Prime Mess .....	14.00 to 14.50
Lard, Tubs and Pails .....	11 to 12
" Cates .....	12.50 to 13.50
Hams, P. E. I., green .....	8 to 8½
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef \$2.20 per bbl.	

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## FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL—	
Extra .....	14.50
No. 1 .....	13.50
" 2 large .....	12.50
" 2 .....	12.00
" 3 large .....	9.50
" 3 .....	9.00
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July .....	4.25 to 4.50
No. 1, August .....	3.25 to 3.50
" September .....	3.25 to 3.50
Round Shore .....	3.50
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl .....	3.25 to 3.50
Bay of Islands, from store .....	2.75 to 3.00
ALEWIVES, per bbl. .....	4.75 to 5.00
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore .....	4.00 to 4.15
New Bank .....	4.00
Bay .....	4.00
SALMON, No. 1 .....	14.00
HADDOCK, per qtl .....	3.00 to 3.25
HAKE .....	2.50 to 2.75
CUSK .....	2.75 to 3.00
POLLOCK .....	2.25 to 2.50
HAKE SOUNDS, per lb. .....	30 to 35c
COD OIL A .....	22 to 25

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

## LOBSTERS.

Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing), 4 70 to 5 25	
Tall Cans .....	4.60 to 5.00
Flat .....	6.00 to 6.25
Newfoundland Flat Cans .....	6.25 to 6.50

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer.

## LUMBER.

Pine, clear, No. 1, per m .....	25.00 to 28.00
" Merchantable, do do .....	4.00 to 17.00
" No 2 do .....	10.00 to 12.00
" Small, per m .....	8.00 to 14.00
Spice, dimension good, per m .....	9.50 to 10.00
" Merchantable, do do .....	8.00 to 9.00
" Small, do do .....	0.50 to 7.05
Hemlock, merchantable .....	7.98
Shingles, No 1, sawed, pine .....	3.00 to 3.50
" No 2, do do .....	1.00 to 1.25
" spruce, No 1 .....	1.15 to 1.30
Lath, 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 our lots not cash. Jobbers' and Retailers' prices about 5 to 10 cents per bbl. higher than our lots. Markets quiet and steady. Breadstuffs are sold fine. Cornmeal quiet; Oats, higher; Flour, quiet.

FLOUR.	
Graham .....	4.00 to 5.00
Patent high grades .....	4.00 to 5.00
" mediums .....	4.40 to 4.55
Superior Extra .....	4.25 to 4.50
Lower grades .....	3.25 to 3.95
Oatmeal, Standard .....	5.75
" Granulated .....	6.00
Corn Meal—Halifax ground .....	3.35
" —Imported .....	3.25
Bran per ton—Wheat .....	25.50
" —Corn .....	21.00
Shorts .....	24.00 to 25.00
Middlings .....	26.00 to 28.00
Cracked Corn .....	
" Oats, per ton .....	28.00 to 30.00
" Barley .....	nominal
Feed Flour .....	3.35 to 3.50
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs., retail .....	45 to 48
Barley " of 48 " .....	60
" " of 60 " .....	nominal
Pear .....	1.00 to 1.10
White Beans, per bushel .....	2.30
Pot Barley, per barrel .....	4.90 to 5.00
Corn " of 55 lbs. .....	75 to 85
Hay per ton .....	13.00 to 14.00
Straw .....	8.00 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 .....	20 to 22
" Store Packed & oversalted new .....	12 to 15
Canadian, Creamery, new .....	23 to 25
" Townsherry .....	22 to 24
" Western .....	19 to 20
Cheese, Canadian .....	13

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

## WOOL, WOOL SKINS &amp; HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound .....	15 to 20
" unwashed .....	12 to 15
Salted Hides, No 1 .....	6
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No 1 .....	7
" under 60 lbs., No 1 .....	6
" over 60 lbs., No 2 .....	6
" under 60 lbs., No 2 .....	5
Cow Hides, No 1 .....	6
No 3 Hides, each .....	4
Calf Skins .....	25
" Deacons, each .....	25
Lambskins .....	25 to 75
Tallow .....	2

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 .....	4.00 to 4.25
Oranges, per bbl; Jamaica (new) .....	6.00
Lemons per box .....	4.50
Cocoanuts, per 100 .....	5.50
Onions, American, per lb. .....	4 to 4½
Dates, boxes, new .....	5½ to 6
Raisins, Val. .....	6½ to 7½
Figs, Elise, 5 lb boxes per lb. .....	13
" small boxes .....	11 to 14
Prunes, Stewing, boxes .....	7
Grapes, Almeria, kegs .....	4.50 to 5.20

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

## POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound .....	12 to 15
Geese, each .....	40 to 66
Ducks, per pair .....	60 to 75
Chickens .....	30 to 60

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

## LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Steers best quality, per 100 lbs. alive .....	4.25
Oxen .....	3.50
Fat Steers, Heifers light weights .....	2.50 to 3.00
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs. .....	4.00 to 4.50
Lambs .....	2.50 to 3.00

These quotations are prepared by a reliable victualer.