

BREADSTUFFS.—The flour market has shown no signs of life, the demand having continued slow, and buyers manifest no interest whatever. The volume of business transacted has been merely of a jobbing character and, consequently small. The tone of the market was easy but values are unchanged. English cables report wheat and corn dull and a shade cheaper. French country markets slow. Weather in England cold and wet. There was considerable activity and decided strength in the Chicago wheat market and prices advanced 2c. to 3c. on the first two options while July only improved $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Corn was quiet and firmer and moved up about $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Oats also advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ c. There was a strong tone to the New York wheat market and prices advanced 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Corn and oats were unsettled. At Toledo, Detroit and Milwaukee wheat was stronger and moved up a little.

PROVISIONS.—Business has continued quiet with no important feature in the market. The demand for short cut pork was slow and few sales were effected at steady prices. Offerings are light, as packers generally are holding and do not seem to be inclined to offer round lots at present quotations. The demand for lard has been fair and some small sales are reported. Hams and bacon have been steady but quiet. Green meats have met with slow demand.

BUTTER.—Although trade has ruled quiet the tone of the market has continued firm. All new goods coming forward have met a ready sale, but receipts of such are confined to a few packages. Finest old goods are very scarce. Country advices from here to Ontario indicate that there are practically no reserve supplies to draw upon.

CHEESE.—The cheese market has been dull and uninteresting. Holders are very confident of better prices in the future and show no disposition to force sales. The English and New York markets are quiet but very firm.

TEA AND COFFEE.—Business in tea has been quiet and of a jobbing character, both on local and country account, and altogether the volume of trade transacted has been small. Advices from New York and Montreal continue firm, and there is a firm feeling among holders here. Prices are well maintained, but we do not hear of any large transactions taking place. In coffee a fair volume of business has been accomplished in a small way, but an easier feeling has prevailed and prices of some grades are a little off from those of last week.

APPLES.—The market for choice, sound fruit is firmer but the supply of such is very small. A late report from Liverpool says:—"Arrivals are steadily decreasing and there being a good demand, prices keep up. Much of the fruit this week is badly frosted and some very spotty; therefore buyers are very cautious and avoid any but bright and sound parcels, which have sold at about same rates as last week, although the market closes a little weaker in consequence of bad weather. The bulk of our supplies come from Maine and generally made paying prices, although some lots were very spotty. Boston shipments are now very small, and we understand they are very nearly through. What have come were very good and the Bulgarian sold quickly up to 12s. 9d. New York apples show a good deal of waste. Canadian fruit is scarce and all landed here this week have made long prices and are wanted."

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—The feeling in the sugar market has been firm and the recent advance in prices has been well maintained. The demand has continued good and the market has ruled fairly active with a fair volume of business doing. In molasses the feeling has been weaker and prices are shaded. There has been a fair demand for small lots and, on the whole, a passably active trade has been transacted.

FISH OILS.—There is no change in the Montreal market, the demand being firm and prices steady. Newfoundland cod oil is firm at 40c. to 42 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. as to quantity, and Halifax at 37c. to 38c. The sale of 100 bbls. of Halifax oil was made at 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Steam refined seal oil is also steady at 48c. to 50c. as to quantity. Cod liver oil, 60c. to 65c. for Newfoundland, and 90c. to 95c. for Norway.

FISH.—There is really nothing new to report respecting the fish situation in this market. The outside demand is nil, and the home consumption is too small to relieve dealers of any appreciable portion of the stocks that they have carried through the fall and winter. Receipts are very meagre, only a few small, stray lots coming in, and these are difficult to place. A prominent fish merchant remarked a few days ago:—"We might as well shut up shop as far as business doing is concerned." Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, Mar. 25.—"The fish market has been quiet, owing to the fact that the Lenten season is well advanced, and retail dealers have ample supplies on hand. The supply generally has been well cleaned up, and the offerings of most kinds of fish now are light. The demand has been slow, and the volume of business transacted has been small. In Labrador herrings a weak feeling has prevailed, and round lots have been offered at \$4 50 to \$4 75, but we do not hear of any sales. New green cod have been well cleared up, and the market is about bare of stock outside of a lot of old, which has been repackaged and is now offering at lower prices than we quote. Salmon have been quiet and steady. In fresh fish business has been quiet. Fresh haddock are scarce and firm at 4c. to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., and cod at 3c. to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Fresh herrings are in good supply and offering in round lots at 65c. per 100." Gloucester, Mass., March 25.—"Labrador herrings \$6.50 bbl.; medium split \$6; Newfoundland do. \$4; Nova Scotia do. \$6.75; Eastport \$3.25; split Shore \$4 75; pickled codfish \$6; haddock \$5.50; halibut heads \$3.00; sounds \$12; tongues and sounds \$10; tongues \$8; alewives \$5; trout \$15; California salmon \$16; Halifax do. \$20; Newfoundland do. \$20; Clam bait \$7 to \$7.50; slivers \$6.50; halibut fins \$13. Extra Shore mackerel are quoted at \$30 to \$35 per bbl. in jobbing lots; No. 1's \$26 and \$30; No. 2's \$22 and \$23; No. 3's \$19 to \$21; Bay 1's \$25 to \$26; Block Island 1's \$28 to \$29; Mess do. \$32; best Irish \$22 to \$23; poor do. \$14 to \$16." Boston, March 25.—"Nova Scotia extra, large split herring are quoted at \$6.75 to \$7; good N. S. large split herring \$6.25 to \$6.50."

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 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9
Granulated.....	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8
Circle A.....	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
White Extra C.....	7
Extra Yellow C.....	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6
Yellow C.....	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 $\frac{3}{4}$
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.	
Barbadoes.....	35
Demerara.....	36 to 44
Diamond N.....	45
Porto Rico.....	36 to 39
Cienfuegos.....	32
Trinidad.....	33 to 34
Antigua.....	32 to 33
Tobacco, Black.....	38 to 44
" Bright.....	42 to 58
RISQUITS.	
Pilot Bread.....	3.25
Hoston and Thin Family.....	7
Soda.....	7
do. in lib. boxes, 50 to case.....	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pancv.....	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.....	17.50
" American, clear.....	19.00
" P. E. I. Mess.....	17.50 to 18.00
" 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
" Cases.....	12 to 13
Hams, P. E. I., green.....	13.50 to 14.00
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef \$2.20 per bbl.	8 to 9
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.....	15.00
" 3 large.....	11.00
" 3.....	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 3.00
ALEWIVES, per bbl.....	5.00
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 qtl.....	3.00 to 3.25
Hake.....	2.50 to 2.75
Cusk.....	3.00
POLLOCK.....	2.21
Hake SOUNDS, per lb.....	30
Cod Oil A.....	26 to 29

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
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No 1.....	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
" under 60 lbs., No 1.....	5
" over 60 lbs., No 2.....	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
" under 60 lbs., No 2.....	4
Cow Hides, No 1.....	5
No 3 Hides, each.....	3
Calf Skins.....	25
" Deacons, each.....	25
Lambskins.....	25 to 1.00
Tallow.....	3

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

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	30
" in Small Tubs.....	25
" Good, in large tubs.....	21
" Store Packed & oversalted.....	14
Canadian Township.....	22 to 27
" Western.....	17 to 20
Cheese, Canadian.....	11 to 12

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

BREADSTUFFS.

May wheat in Chicago has advanced the last week from about 94 to \$1.04 per bus., which has made a decided change in the tone of the flour market, and millers west have advanced prices from 10c. to 20c. bbl.

We have consignments still on hand and will give our customers benefit of advance and make no change in our quotations.

FLOUR.	
Graham Flour.....	5.50 to 5.75
Patent high grades.....	5.80 to 6.00
90 per cent. Patents.....	5.50 to 5.75
Superior Extra.....	5.40 to 5.60
Extras from Patents.....	4.75 to 5.00
Low grades in sacks.....	3.30 to 3.40
" " barrels.....	3.55 to 3.60
Oatmeal, Standard.....	4.30 to 4.40
" Granulated.....	4.60 to 4.75
" Rolled.....	4.40 to 4.60
Corn Meal—kiln dried.....	2.75 to 2.85
Bran, per ton.....	21.00 to 22.00
Shorts.....	21.50 to 22.00
Middlings.....	22.00 to 23.00
Mill or Mixed Feed, per ton.....	23.00
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs.....	41 to 43
Barley " of 48 ".....	nominal
Pear " of 60 ".....	1.00 to 1.10
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.70 to 1.80
Pot Barley, per barrel.....	5.50
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.

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).....	7.00
Valencia Oranges, per case.....	5.50 to 6.00
Lemons, per case.....	3.50 to 4.50
Cocoanuts, per 100.....	3.50 to 4.00
Onions.....	
" American Silver Skin.....	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2
Dates, boxes, new.....	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6
Raisins, Valencia, new.....	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7
Figs, Elmer, 5 lb boxes per lb.....	12
" small boxes.....	13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes and bags, new.....	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6
Bananas, per bunch.....	3.00
Foxberries.....	3.50 to 4.00

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 55

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

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.....	4.00 to 5.00

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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.....	8.00 to 14.00
Spruce, demension, 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