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PROVISIONS.—The local demand for provisions has been slow, and the market was quiet, with only a small volume of business at steady prices. The movement of pork was light, only a few small sales being effected. Lard has been quiet and steady. English, European, and American markets are quiet and unchanged.

BUTTER.—The condition of the butter market has not undergone any visible alteration, trade having continued quiet, and prices easy, with a downward tendency, as the only outlet offered is on local account. It would seem that production so far this year has exceeded that of last year to this date, which is doubtless due to the season being several weeks earlier, but, as the market has been better than then, there has been no perceptible accumulation of stock. The make of creamery throughout Canada promises to be larger, as the factories that were closed last year have resumed operations, but, so far, little business has been done except in a jobbing way. In the country prices have a tendency to decline, but farmers have not as yet held back.

CHEESE.—A better feeling in regard to cheese has obtained in the local market, and about all the goods offered found takers. The situation, however, undoubtedly favors a lower range of prices, as private advices universally impress the opinion on operators that speculation will receive no encouragement from abroad. The conditions for a heavy make throughout Canada could not well be more favorable than they are; in fact, it is believed that the last half of the May production is the largest on record. At the same time, the volume of goods presented for sale is considerably less than that of last year at this date. Even though the season has been so much earlier, the market shows no animation. It may, however, be noted that the trade has not developed that short-selling fever that prevailed in some quarters a year ago, and, so far as reported, nothing has been accomplished in the way of selling goods ahead. This is all the better for a healthy trade.

FRUIT.—The demand for fruit may be classified as fairly good, and the market has ruled active with a considerable volume of business. Oranges, lemons and pine-apples have been presented in good condition, and have met sale at firm prices. Strawberries were imported per *S.S. Halifax* by a few fruiterers, but they spoiled on the passage and were not offered for sale. Plums, peaches, and small fruits and berries of the various kinds promise a large yield this season. It is the "off year" for apples, pears, etc., and small crops of them are now looked for. Much, however, depends on the weather during the coming six or eight weeks, which if favorable may develop a very respectable crop of good fruit. Valencia raisins have continued quiet and steady under only a small jobbing trade. Currants are unchanged. A fair amount of business has transpired in nuts.

SUGAR.—The market is firmer for both raw and refined sugar. Granulated has advanced about $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per pound.

MOLASSES.—The position of molasses has unquestionably developed great strength both at consumptive and at productive points. Advices from Barbadoes quote an advance of fully 1 c. per gallon. It is said that there are limits at the islands at 20c. to 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. without any business being reported. A Montreal paper says:—"As regards this market, all the Barbadoes molasses so far known to be purchased is about 3,500 puncheons, against 10,000 puncheons at this time last year. French houses which last year bought freely in the islands have done little or nothing this year. We hear of no transactions since the sales we reported last week at 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 44c., but it is doubtful if Barbadoes could be bought even in cargo lots at under 45c. The general impression now is that a high range of values will rule during the coming season. The sharp advance in the price of raw sugar at the commencement of the season had the effect of turning less of the product into molasses than usual, and both importers and dealers here do not expect to see lower prices in Barbadoes this year. It is not expected that the usual quota of Porto Rico, St. Kitts, St. Vincent, St. Croix, Antigua and Trinidad grades will be available this year, as the supply is believed to be short."

FISH.—Receipts of fish of all kinds continue nil. In consequence holders of old stock are considerably firmer in their figures. The market, though not active, is very firm, and stocks that were thought a few weeks ago to be excessive, are being rapidly depleted by shipments to the West Indian markets. No new codfish have as yet reached this market. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, June 4.—"There is nothing new in this line, the only business reported being in dry codfish, which has been sold in lots at \$4 to \$4.25 per qtl." Gloucester, Mass., June 4.—"We quote new Georges codfish at \$4 per qtl. for large, and small at \$3.50. Bank \$2.75 to \$3 for large, and \$2.50 for small. Shore \$3.75 and \$3.25 for large and small. New Western Bank \$3.50. New Kench cured Bank \$4.12. Cured cusk at \$2.62 per qtl.; hake \$2.25; haddock \$2; heavy salted pollock \$2.12, and English cured do. \$3 per qtl. Labrador herring \$6 bbl.; medium split \$6; Newfoundland do. \$5; Nova Scotia do. \$6. Eastport \$3; split Shore \$4.75; pickled codfish \$6; haddock \$5. Halifax salmon \$25; Newfoundland do. \$25. No number 2 or 3 mackerel in first hands. We quote Bay 1's \$22, and Bloaters \$29 per bbl." Port of Spain, Trinidad, May 10.—"The *Florida* from Yarmouth direct, *Josephine* from Lockport via Barbadoes, and *Annie A.* from Halifax via St. Kitts, have all appeared during the fortnight; besides which a quantity of Newfoundland cure has come on from Barbados. The two former cargoes were sold outright at \$23 11 for large and medium fish in drums, \$5.77 boxes, and \$13 haddock, and \$23.06 tierces, \$24.06 drums, \$5.77 boxes, and \$13.10 haddock, respectively. The small assortment per *Annie A.* turned out soft, and was sold at \$19 tierces, \$5.25 boxes, and \$10 haddock. These imports have given our market a very ample supply, and anything like liberal receipts would cause a sharp decline. For pickled fish of all kinds there is now but a very limited enquiry."

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	10
Granulated	9
Circle A	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
White Extra C	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Extra Yellow C	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Yellow C	7 $\frac{1}{2}$

TRA.	
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.	
Barbadoes	42
Demerara	38 to 40
Diamond N.	47
Porto Rico	40 to 42
Clenfuogos	38 to 39
Trinidad	40
Antigua	38 to 40
Tobacco, Black	38 to 44
" Bright	12 to 58

BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread	3 25
Boston and Thin Family	7
Soda	7
do. in lb. boxes, 50 to case	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
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 ..	11 50 to 12 00
" Am. Plate ..	11 50 to 12 00
" Ex. Plate ..	11 50 to 13 00
Pork, Mess. American ..	16 50
" American, clear ..	19 00
" P. E. I. Mess ..	16 50 to 17 00
" P. E. I. Thin Mess ..	15 50 to 16 00
" Prime Mess ..	14 00 to 14 50
Lard, Tubs and P. S. P. E. Island ..	11 to 12
" 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.	

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FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL—	
Extra ..	20.00
No. 1 ..	19.00
" 2 large ..	16.00
" 2 ..	none
" 3 large ..	11.00
" 3 ..	11.00
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July ..	4.00 to 4 50
No. 1, August, Round ..	3 50 to 3 75
" September ..	3 50 to 3 75
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bbl. ..	4 00 to 4 50
Bay of Islands, Split ..	2 00
" Round ..	1 75
ALBUQUERQUE, per bbl. ..	5 00
COMPASS.	
Hard Shore ..	3 25 to 3 50
Bank ..	2 50 to 2 75
Bay ..	2 50 to 2 75
SALMON, No. 1 ..	16 50 to 16 00
Haddock, per qtl.	2 00
Hake ..	2 00
CUSK ..	1 50
POLLOCK ..	1 50
HACK SOUNDS, per lb.	30
COD OIL A ..	26 to 30

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
" 2 ..	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No 1 ..	5
" under 60 lbs., No 1 ..	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
" 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 ..	10 to 15
Lambskins ..	10 to 15
Tallow ..	3

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

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints ..	25
" in Small Tubs ..	18 to 20
" Good, in large tubs ..	18 to 20
" Store Packed & oversalted ..	14
Canadian Township ..	20
" Western ..	18
Cheese, Canadian ..	10 $\frac{1}{2}$

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

BREADSTUFFS.

In our last report a typographical error occurred. "Exceptionally flattening outlook" should have read "exceptionally flattering outlook." We presume that the majority of our readers understood what was meant. Markets still remain easy.

Some of our correspondents West report rather severe frosts in portions of Ontario, whether they extended to Manitoba or not, we are not aware. We fancy the wheat plant would be too strong to be effected, though the frost was severe enough to stiffen the earth.

As we can say about quotations is, that whilst we don't change them, if you are in want of flour, shop round, don't take these printed quotations as the best thing you can do with us. Some millers are willing to sacrifice their stocks, and we may be found anxious to help them do so. Try us.

FLOUR.	
High Grade Patents ..	5 45 to 5 60
Good 90 per cent Patents ..	5 10 to 5 20
Straight Grade ..	4 90 to 5 05
Superior Extras ..	4 75 to 4 85
Good Seconds ..	4 05 to 4 25
Low grades ..	3 10 to 3 40
Graham Flour ..	5 50
American Super Extras, in bond ..	4 60 to 4 70
American 90 per cent, in bond ..	4 60 to 4 70
Oatmeal ..	4 20 to 4 30
" Rolled ..	4 25 to 4 35
Cornmeal, duty paid ..	2 70 to 2 80
Cornmeal, in bond, Boston ..	2 15 to 2 20
Relined Wheat ..	5 20
Wheat Bran, per ton ..	16 00 to 16 25
Shorts ..	17 00 to 17 50
Middlings ..	18 00 to 18 50
Cracked Corn, including bags ..	26 50
Ground Oil Cake, per ton ..	35 00
Moulée ..	26 50
Split Peas ..	3 75 to 4 00
White Beans, per bushel ..	1 60 to 1 65
Pot Barley, per barrel ..	4 85
P. E. I. Oats ..	28
Hay per ton ..	12 00 to 12 50

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 25 to 5 60	
Tall Cans ..	4 80 to 5 00
Flat ..	6 20 to 6 40
Newfoundland Flat Cans ..	6 35 to 6 50

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, No. 1, per bbl.	1 50 to 2 50
Oranges, per bbl, Jamaica (new) ..	3 00 to 3 50
Valencia Oranges, per case, repacked ..	8 50
Lemons, per case ..	5 00 to 5 50
Cocoanuts, per 100 ..	3 50 to 4 00
Onions, New Egyptian ..	3c. per lb
" New Bermuda, per crate ..	1 25 to 1 50
Dates, boxes, new ..	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6
Raisins, Valencia, new ..	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7
Figs, Eleme, 5 lb boxes per lb.	11
" small boxes ..	13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes and bags, new ..	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6
Bananas, per bunch ..	1 75 to 2 50
Foxberries ..	3 00 to 3 50

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

POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound ..	15 to 16
Geese, each ..	none
Ducks, per pair ..	70 to 80
Chickens ..	50 to 70

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, 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