

lard. The amount of business accomplished in hams and bacon was moderate, but prices have been steady. In the Liverpool provision market the only change was in lard, which has been weaker and declined 3d. Pork, bacon and tallow remained unaltered as to quotations, though with a weaker tone. In Chicago the provision market was quiet with inactive trading. The first option moved up 5c., while others eased off 2½c. Lard fell off 2½c. Ribs were quiet and steady. The hog market was weak and declined 5c. to 15c. The cattle market was fairly active.

BUTTER—The supply of butter has been quite sufficient to meet all local demands and as there is no export enquiry stock are beginning to accumulate. On the whole the market for butter has a rather steady tone, though prices cannot advance materially unless some marked change from existing conditions occurs.

CHEESE is unchanged. The factories are turning out large quantities, but they are obliged to wait for a market which is willing to take their offerings at the exalted figures that they place upon them. Really good cheese will improve in value, of course, with age and should command on that account enhanced prices later in the season. But, in the meanwhile, it seems wise for holders to ask themselves whether any probable advance will be sufficient to cover the loss in shrinkage, handling, insurance, interest and other incidentals. We doubt whether it will—especially in view of the fact that Great Britain does not seem as yet to hanker after Canadian and United States cheese to the extent that they did last year. They, as well as ourselves, are promised an enormous yield during the current season, and appear in consequence comparatively indifferent to what we offer and are, evidently, much disinclined to pay fancy prices therefor.

DRIED FRUITS.—This market has been entirely cleared of Valencia raisins from first hands, but jobbers are closing a fair though very moderate business. Private intelligence from what is alleged to be high authority regarding the approaching currant crop is unfavorable, and the information gathered indicates a shortage of 25 to 30 per cent., owing to cold winds that have prevailed. Of course these advanced reports coming so early in the season are not to be implicitly relied upon, but must be accepted with a considerable cautionary margin—in other words with the proverbial "grain of salt." The yield may yet turn out to be a fairly average one.

GREEN FRUIT.—Under good demand the market has been fairly active and a large volume of business has been accomplished. Oranges, lemons, bananas, pineapples, and other semi-tropical fruits have vied against berries of various sorts, green apples, etc., and all have met with a ready call. The taste for fresh fruits evidently grows among people as the opportunities for gratifying it are more liberally afforded.

SUGAR.—Owing to the continued quiet advices from abroad on raw sugar the market for refined has been quiet but firm and prices have been well maintained. The demand has been rather slow and the volume of business transacted small, owing greatly, no doubt, to the fact that jobbers are well filled up, and until present stocks are worked off refiners do not anticipate much activity.

MOLASSES.—Our importers do not evince any desire to sell, owing to comparatively small stocks on hand and on the way. In Montreal the market has been more active under a better demand, and some large sales are reported to have been effected. The feeling there is strong and prices have an upward tendency, owing to the fact that the stock is now concentrated in a few hands, who are very strong and holding for 50 cents. A sale of 1,500 puncheons of Barbados was made last week and we understand the price was 48½c. A bid of 49c. was made for 250 puncheons and upwards. A lot of 125 puncheons of Porto Rico was placed at 45c. and some small lots of St. Kitts at 42½c. These parcels were about all that were in the market and were bought by wholesale grocers. This season so far about 5,000 puncheons have passed through leading Montreal brokers' hands and each sale was an advance in price.

TEA.—The tea market has a decidedly quiet tone with no business of importance, being confined to small parcels. There has been no movement of account in either blacks, greens, or Japans. Cables from Yokohama report the market weak and declining, choicest 24c, choice 20c., finest 18c., fine 17c., medium 14c., and good common 12½c.—all f. o. b.

COFFEE.—The market is very quiet, it being difficult to inspire confidence in buyers since the late severe break in Rio. Consequently business continues to drag. It is thought, however, that for some time prices have seen bottom, although buyers refuse to order beyond the bare necessities of present wants.

FISH.—The fishing season has thus far been disappointing. The catch of all kinds of fish continues to be much smaller than usual and at the same time the demand—except for mackerel—practically does not exist. Receipts are only in small lots that come along scatteringly. There is said to be but little old dry and pickled cod and scale fish now held in first hands, while new catch comes forward very slowly. It is reported that large quantities of mackerel have been seen at different points to the northward but they do not "school" and are very shy and wild very rarely rising to the surface, so that nets cannot be effectively used. Some have been taken with jig and line but not in paying numbers. Our outside advices are as follows:—
Montreal, July 16—"New dry cod quoted at \$4.50 to \$4.75 to arrive, and old \$4 to \$4.25; sea trout at \$9 to \$10. British Columbia salmon \$6.50 for half-barrels and \$12.50 to \$13 in barrels." Gloucester, Mass., July 16—"New Georges codfish are quoted at \$4.75 to \$5 per qtl. for large and \$3.75 for small; bank at \$3.75 for large and \$3 for small; shore at \$4 and \$3.75 for large and small respectively. Old bank \$3.50. New Kench cured bank \$4.50 for large and medium. Cured Cusk at \$2.50 per qtl. Hake \$2.25. Haddock \$2.50. Heavy salted pollock \$2.25. English cured cod \$2.75 per qtl. Labrador herring \$6 per bbl.; medium split \$6; Newfoundland do \$5; N. S. do \$6; Eastport \$3; split shore \$4.75; pickled cod \$6; haddock \$5; Halifax salmon \$25; Newfoundland do \$25."

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	10½
Granulated	9½ to 9¾
Circle A	9½
White Extra C	8¾ to 9
Extra Yellow C	8¾ to 8½
Yellow C	7¾ to 8¾
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	45
Demerara	42 to 44
Diamond N.	48 to 50
Porto Rico	43 to 45
Cienfuegos	41
Trinidad	42
Antigua	42 to 43
Tobacco, Black	38 to 44
" Bright	42 to 58
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread	3.25
Boston and Thin Family	7
Soda	7
do. in 1lb. 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	11.50 to 12.00
" Am. Plate	11.50 to 12.00
" Ex. Plate	12.50 to 13.00
Pork, Mess, American	16.50
" American, clear	19.00
" P. E. I. Mess	16.10 to 16.50
" P. E. I. Thin Mess	15.00 to 15.50
" Prime Mess	14.00 to 14.50
Lard, Tubs and Pails, 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.	
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	none
" 3 large	11.00
" 3 small	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
ALBIES, per bbl.	5.00
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore	3.25 to 3.50
Bank	2.50 to 2.75
Bay	2.50 to 2.75
SALMON, No. 1	15.50 to 16.00
HADDOCK, per qtl.	2.00
HAKE	2.00
CUSK	1.50
POLLOCK	1.50
HARK 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
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No 1	5½
" under 60 lbs., No 1	5
" over 60 lbs., No 2	4½
" under 60 lbs., No 2	5
Cow Hides, No 1	5
No 3 Hides, each	25
Calf Skins	10 to 15
" Deacons, each	15 to 20
Lambskins	3
Tallow	2

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

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints	23
" " in Small Tubs	18 to 20
" Good, in large tubs	18 to 19
" Store Packed & oversalted	14
Canadian Township	18
" Western	17
Cheese, Canadian	10½

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

BREADSTUFFS.

We scarcely know what to say about the breadstuffs market. The difference of opinion and the unsettled state of the market keeps one in constant doubt what to do, whether to put prices up higher and wait, or to reduce them and sell out. Canada is virtually without wheat, the United States' new crop is coming in and will more or less—both in the shape of wheat and flour—find its way to the Canadian market if Canadian prices go any higher. Then on the other hand the amount of wheat in sight on this continent is so much smaller than it has been for many years, and the reports from Russia, Hungary and some of the German states are so unsatisfactory, that the contention is by many that we shall see no lower prices under any circumstances.

Flour	
High Grade Patents	5.45 to 5.75
Good 80 per cent Patents	5.25 to 5.40
Straight Grade	5.10 to 5.20
Superior Extras	4.90 to 5.00
Good Seconds	4.22 to 4.40
Graham Flour	5.40
American Supr. Extras, in bond	4.15 to 4.25
American 80 per cent, in bond	4.65 to 4.85
American Patents	5.15
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
Rolls Wheat	5.20
Wheat Bran, per ton	16.00 to 16.25
Shorts	17.10 to 17.25
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	2.00 to 2.50
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 6.00
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, American, per bbl	3.50 to 4.00
Oranges, boxes (new)	6.50
Valencia Oranges, per case, repacked	11.50 to 12.00
Lemons, per case	6.00
Cocoanuts, per 100	3.50 to 4.00
Onions, New Egyptian	2½c. per lb.
" New Bermuda, per crate	1.00
Dates, boxes, new	5½ to 6
Raisins, Valencia, new	7 to 7½
Figs, Elme, 6 lb boxes per lb	11
" small boxes	13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes and bags, new	5½ to 6
Bananas, per bunch	1.75 to 2.50

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 do	10.00 to 12.00
" Small, per m.	8.00 to 14.00
Spruce, dimension, good, per m.	2.50 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 2.45