

The following are the list of assignments and business changes in this province during the past week: McDougall & Cook, auction and commission, Halifax, assigned to Wm W. Foster; Amos H. Hubley, shoemaker, Hubbards Cove, assigned to Henry A. Shatford; Matheson, Harley & Co., dry goods, Halifax, assigned to Thomas Bayne and John S. Macleod; Watson & Son, commission and produce, Halifax, sold out to Bremner Bros.; John Fraser, general store, Hopewell, asks extension of time.

THE GOODS.—This trade has labored under the disadvantage of continued bad weather, and a quiet week has in consequence been experienced. A good, steady business is, however, predicted with the advent of better weather. Some merchants have already begun to place orders with manufacturers for fall goods. We think this is a mistake, and that no orders should be given before the first of May for fall goods, or before the first of December for spring goods. If this rule was adopted the wholesale houses would then have two extra months in which to sell their stocks of spring and fall goods. This would in turn bring about shorter terms of credit both by manufacturers and by wholesale houses.

IRON AND HARDWARE.—Values have undergone no modification that can be quoted, the whole list showing a steady tone. Glasgow warrants have somewhat declined. On every hand a large and healthy volume of business is expected.

BREADSTUFFS.—Owing to the near approach of the opening of navigation on the St. Lawrence, both buyers and sellers are holding off. Shipments of flour via Boston have been stopped, owing to the coming into force of the Inter-State Commerce law on the 5th instant, and as those via Halifax have been virtually put an end to by the action of the I. C. R. managers, already referred to in these columns, both dealers and shippers from the Upper Provinces appear willing to await open water before contracting, as freights are rather uncertain. Business in this line is very quiet.

PROVISIONS.—The hog-products market is dull and quiet, though prices are well sustained. In Chicago the prices of regular pork keep up well, but are shaded for export to Canada. It now looks as if pork was likely properly to sell short. Other provisions are dull, but steady.

BUTTER.—Very little new butter is coming in, which gives a good opportunity for holders to work off the old stocks that they have carried through the winter. The market is quiet and dull for the general run of stock, but strictly fine, fresh goods are readily sold.

CHEESE.—There has been no especial change in this staple, last week's condition being duplicated. It appears that the demand in England has fallen off in a very marked degree. High prices have driven many to substitute other and cheaper articles of food for this. The Liverpool cable is, however, steady at 55s.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—There has been more activity in refined sugars, and the late advance is well held, though it has not improved. Raws are reported to have advanced in Montreal in sympathy with figures at points of production, and if refiners are to make a living profit on their operations they must obtain higher prices than they now command. New molasses is firm, and many anticipate that better prices will shortly rule, as it is reported that the production is a short one. Several vessels hailing from this port returning from the West Indies, have recently been ordered to land their cargoes at Boston, where better prices are realized than are offered here just now.

TEA.—The tea market has been quiet and about steady. A fair ordinary shipping distribution has been effected, but the market has been almost really featureless. The Boston *Commercial Reporter* says that "there seems to be an impression in the trade that values will shortly advance."

COFFEE.—In outside markets coffee has been strong. Fair Rio has advanced in New York to 15½ cts. The stock of Rio in Montreal is reported to be cleared out, and prices there are stated to be higher.

FRUIT.—The market for dried fruit has ruled quiet, and there has been no animation in any line and prices have undergone no change. Valencia raisins, currants and prunes are steady. The stock of raisins remaining in buyers' hands in Spain consists chiefly of fruit out of condition, and, therefore, instead of being packed for export, will probably be used in that country for distilling purposes. A prominent shipper in Denia writes:—"Farmers are now preparing the ground for the next crop, and we are forced to report the prospects for raisins of better quality are so far encouraging, there having fallen just sufficient rain necessary for the cultivation of the vines."

WOOL.—The market is by no means buoyant. A letter from Calgary is:—"The Province of Alberta will place on the market this year between 100,000 and 200,000 lbs merino wool, the quality of which may be known as Montana medium. The Association will meet the sheep owners at Calgary after the clip, when the samples will be seen."

FISH.—There is little or no change to note in either the home or foreign markets. Considerable quantities of fresh cod and halibut were brought in during the week, and a large portion of it was packed in ice for shipment to the States. This proves that the fish are beginning to congregate in numbers on the banks near our shores. Montreal quotations are as follows: Green cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; dry cod, \$2.60 to \$2.75; Labrador herring, \$3.00 to \$5; N. F. and French shore herring, \$1 to \$4.25. Boston advices:—"Owing to there being a small supply of mackerel on hand prices are rather firmer. The majority of the fleet has started for the southern mackerel grounds. Stocks of codfish on hand are very light, and prices are firm. There are said to be no pickled fish at Gloucester or Provincetown. The catch of George's this spring is the smallest for twenty-five years. The herring trade continues unusually light. There are no genuine codfish in first hands, but Newfoundland split are largely branded as such, and are of very good quality. Round shore are arriving in small lots, and are selling at \$3.75 to \$4. The trade in salt fish continues dull, and the market is much easier."

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.....	7½ to 8
Granulated.....	6½
Circle A.....	6
Extra Yellow C.....	6½ to 6¾
Yellow C.....	1½ to 5
TEA.	
Congou, Common.....	17 to 19
" Fair.....	20 to 23
" Good.....	23 to 25
" Choice.....	31 to 33
" Extra Choice.....	35 to 38
OOLONG.—Choice.....	37 to 39
MOLASSES.	
Barbadoes.....	30 to 32
Bonetera.....	32 to 35
Diamond N.....	10
Porto Rico.....	30 to 32
Cienfuegos.....	27 to 28
Trinidad.....	25 to 28
Antigua.....	27 to 28
Tobacco—Black.....	37 to 41
" Bright.....	42 to 58
DISCOUNTS.	
Pilot Bread.....	2.60 to 2.90
Boston and Thin Family.....	5½ to 6
Soda.....	5½ to 5¾
do. in 1 lb. 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.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	20 to 25
" " in Small Tubs.....	20 to 24
" Good, in large tubs.....	18 to 20
" Store Packed & oversalted.....	15 to 17
Canadian, Creamery Fancy.....	23 to 25
" Township.....	23 to 25
" Finest.....	20 to 22
" fine.....	18 to 20
" Morrisburg and Brockville.....	17 to 19
" Western.....	10 to 15
Cheese, N. S.....	12
" Canada.....	14

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

FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL.—	
No arrivals. Prices Nominal.	
Extra.....	10 00
No. 1.....	9 00
" 2 large.....	8 00
" 3 large.....	6 50
" 3 large.....	6 50
" 3 large.....	6 50
HERRING.	
No arrivals. No sales. Quotations nominal.	
No. 1 Shore, July, very scarce.....	3 00
No. 1, August.....	none
" September.....	none
Round Shore.....	3 75
Labrador, in cargo lots, per 1.....	none
Bay of Islands.....	3 75 to 1 00
ALASKA, per bbl.....	none
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore.....None Arriving	1 00
Blank.....	2 25 to 2 50
Bay.....	none
SALMON, No. 1.....	none
HADDOCK, per lb.....	2 00 to 2 25
HARK.....	2 10
COD.....	none
POLLOCK.....	none
HARK 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).	
Tall Cans.....	4.60 to 5.00
Flat.....	6.00 to 6.50
Per case 1 doz. 1 lb cans,	

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LUMBER.

Pine, clear, No. 1, per m.....	23.00 to 28.00
" Merchantable, do do.....	11.00 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 7.05
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 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 car lots not cash. Jobbers' and Retailers' prices about 5 to 10 cents per bbl. higher than car lots. Markets quiet. Breadstuffs are selling below current cost.

Flour,	
Graham.....	4.40 to 4.50
Patent high grades.....	4.60 to 4.80
" mediums.....	4.25 to 4.40
Superior Extra.....	4.00 to 4.10
Lower grades.....	3.30 to 3.40
Oatmeal, Standard.....	4.05 to 4.10
" Granulated.....	4.30 to 4.40
Corn Meal—Halifax ground.....	2.80 to 2.85
" Imported.....	2.80 to 2.90
Wheat—Wheat.....	18.00 to 18.50
" Corn.....	16.00
Shorts.....	19.00 to 19.50
Middlings.....	20.00 to 22.00
Cracked Corn.....	27.00 to 28.00
" Oats.....	24.00 to 25.00
" Barley.....	nominal
Feed Flour.....	2.75
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs.....	35 to 36
Barley " of 48 ".....	55 to 60
" " of 60 ".....	1.10 to 1.10
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.60 to 1.60
Potatoes, per barrel.....	4.85 to 4.90
Corn " of 56 lbs.....	65 to 70
Hay per ton.....	14.00 to 15.50
Straw.....	10.00 to 12.00
J. A. CHIPMAN & Co., Liverpool	
Wharf, Halifax, N. S.	

PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....	12.00 to 12.50
" Am. Plate.....	11.00 to 13.50
" Ex. Plate.....	13.50 to 14.00
Pork, Mess, American.....	18.00 to 19.00
" " old.....	15.00 to 16.00
" American, clear.....	19.00 to 20.00
" P. E. I. Mess.....new	17.00 to 17.50
" " old.....	14.00 to 14.50
" P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	14.00 to 15.00
" Prime Mess.....	12.00 to 12.50
Lard, Tubs and Pails.....	11 to 12
" Cases.....	12.50 to 15.00
Hams, P. E. I.....	none
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef \$2.20 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 22
" unwashed.....	12 to 15
Salted Hides, No 1.....	7½
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No 1.....	7½
" under 60 lbs., No 1.....	6½
" over 60 lbs., No 2.....	6½
" under 60 lbs., No 2.....	6
Cow Hides, No 1.....	6½
No 3 Hides.....	5
Calf Skins.....	7 to 8
" Deacons, each.....	25 to 30
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 Varieties.....	2.50 to 3.00
Oranges, per bbl. Jamaica (new).....	none
" Valencia.....	6 00
Lemons, per case.....	5 75 to 6 00
Cocoanuts, per 100.....	4.50 to 4.75
Onions American, per lb.....	2½
Foxberries, per bbl.....	none
Grapes, Almeria, kegs.....	6 00
Raisins, New Val.....	6 to 7
Figs, Elmer, small boxes.....	15 to 17
Prunes, Stewing, per lb.....	6½
Dates, boxes, new.....	7½

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

POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound.....	12 to 15
Geese, each.....	40 to 60
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.....	5 00
Oxen.....	4 10
Fat Steers, Heifers light weights.....	3.50 to 3.75
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs.....	5.00 to 5.50
Lambs.....	none

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