

DRY GOODS.—The dry goods trade here shows considerable activity, and a very satisfactory amount of business has been transacted. Respecting the English markets in this line, a recent issue of the *Manchester Guardian* says that transactions are there light in all departments. The tone was generally flat. Prices were, however, firm, and in some departments quotations were rather higher. The firmness does not proceed from the strength of the demand nor the condition of distributing markets. Indeed were these alone considered, the tendency would undoubtedly be downwards. Producers are so powerfully impressed with the narrowness of margins and the threatening appearance of the cotton market that they are constrained to hold rates, despite the fact that the practical business is trifling. Clearly therefore, the forces are tending toward the curtailment of production, either by the shortening of time, or the stopping of machinery, unless the price of cotton recedes noticeably.

IRON AND HARDWARE.—Late private advices from Ottawa regarding the proposed increase of duty on pig iron are to the effect that it is not probable that the Government will interfere with the present duty, as it would involve too radical a revision of the whole list of duties on cast iron goods. Regarding cast scrap iron the same advices say that it is thought improbable that it will be removed from the free list. Until the budget is brought down, however, the whole trade will be too unsettled and feverish to admit of any business of importance being done. Interviews with members of the trade indicate a unanimous opposition to any increase in the tariff, especially as the whole iron and hardware list would have to be revised. Industries which have flourished under the existing tariff would, it is claimed, be injuriously affected, and any increase in the tariff, which at the best can only be problematically beneficial to a limited extent, would not be treating present established industries in a satisfactory manner.

BREADSTUFFS.—The late dullness in the flour and wheat markets has been supplanted by an active enquiry for export, which has resulted in some extensive sales. Cable advices have been very strong, especially from Liverpool, where wheat has been in active demand at an advance of 1d. per cental. The wheat market in Chicago has also been strong and more active. In Montreal there has been a satisfactory demand for shipment since the opening of navigation. We note that, owing to the fact that recent low prices were below cost of production, quite a number of Ontario millers have closed down, and sold their wheat at a good profit, rather than turn it into flour. A Newmarket miller who bought in his wheat at 75c. to 78c. recently sold it to a Toronto firm at 84c., which paid very much better than grinding it would have done. A Brantford, Ont., miller has been shipping large quantities of low grade flour to Antwerp via New York and Baltimore, which have netted him 10 cents per bbl. more than he could have obtained for them in this country. It is believed that Antwerp and Hamburg will become important markets for Canadian low grade flours such as spring, extra, superfine and fine. The market is firm and brisk all around with excellent prospects for the future.

PROVISIONS.—In Chicago the hog products market has been firm and active with pork at about \$23 per bbl. The local provision market has been steady and unchanged, with a fair jobbing movement. In Liverpool, G. B. pork has been weak and has declined 1s. 6d. In Montreal, New York and other American centres, lard has been a shade firmer and higher under a good demand.

BUTTER.—The question is frequently asked, how it is that with comparatively light stocks in the hands of commission houses this spring they have been so difficult to sell. The reply is that last fall the principal retailers, anticipating higher prices and a good wind up similar to that of last year, laid in supplies in excess of their requirements. The consequence was that commission firms did literally nothing for a long time, and, to their surprise, they witnessed an increase instead of the expected decrease in stocks; and now, though the receipts of new butter are below the average for this season of the year, old butter is still a drag, although offered at very low prices.

CHEESE.—The Liverpool market is cabled weaker, and prices lower, being 62s. 6d., which is doubtless the beginning of a steady decline. Very little new cheese has yet been received, but Ontario advices are, that there are more milk cows than there were last year, and a larger make is consequently looked for. The English demand almost always falls off somewhat in the early summer, so that we expect prices will decline during the next three months.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—There has been an active trade in refined sugars at the late advance, and the turn over during the week has been quite large. Raw sugar has been quiet and steady. Molasses is easier, and sales are harder to effect.

TEA.—Cable advices from Japan quote an advance of \$2 per picul for choice to choicest teas, owing to large purchases. The opening figures for choice to choicest were \$33 to \$34. It is expected that prices will recede, as the advance was caused by the large purchases made for the first steamer, which has now sailed.

COFFEE.—The advance in coffee during the past few months has been very marked. Sales of Rio have been made in Montreal recently at 17c. to 17½c., which eight months ago it would have been difficult to have sold at 8c. Eight or nine months ago coffee was looked upon as one of those staple commodities which should be avoided for investing capital, but to-day it is thought good property, although it has advanced over 100 per cent in value. In this article it is the unexpected that has happened.

Fish continues quiet and unchanged, though the demand has somewhat improved in some of the West Indian markets. Our fishing vessels are busily engaged in preparing, fitting out, and shipping crews for their summer work.

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 Loaf	5 10 to 11
Granulated	5 10 to 11
Circle A	5 10 to 11
Extra Yellow C	5 10 to 11
Yellow C	5 10 to 11
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
Demerara	32 to 33
Diamond N.	10
Porto Rico	25 to 30
Cienfuegos	27 to 28
Trinidad	27 to 28
Antigua	27 to 28
Tobacco—Black	37 to 41
" Bright	42 to 44
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread	2.80 to 2.90
Hoston and Thin Family	3½ to 6
Soda	5½ to 3½
do. in 1lb. boxes, 50 to case	15
Fancy	8 to 12

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	16 to 18
Store Packaged & oversalted	10 to 14
Canadian Creamery, old	17
Township, Fancy, new	20
" " finest old	16 to 19
" " fine old	14 to 16
Morrisburg and Brockville	12 to 14
Western	8 to 12
Cheese, N. S.	12
" Canada, old	14
" New	13½

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

FISH FROM VESSELS.

There are so few pickled or dry fish arriving from the coast that a quotation cannot be correctly given. The most of those that are arriving are consigned, and go into store.

MAKRUHL.	
Extra	none
No. 1	"
" 2 large	"
" 3 large	"
" 3	"

HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July	none
No. 1, August	none
" September	none
Round Shore	none
Labrador, in cargo lots, per lb	none
Bay of Islands, from store	2½
ALASKA, per bbl.	none

CONSIGN.	
Hard Shore	3.00 to 3.10
Hank	none arriving
Bay	none
SALMON, No. 1	none
Haddock, per qt	2.00 to 2.25
Hake	2.10
Cusk	none
Pollock	none
Hake Sound	45 to 50c per lb.
COD OIL A	25 to 30

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

LOBSTERS.

Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing).	
Tail Can	4.00 to 5.00
Flat	6.00 to 6.50
Per case 4 doz. 1lb cans.	

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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 7.03
Hemlock, merchantable.	7.00
Shingles, No 1, sawed, pine.	5.00 to 5.50
" 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 net 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	4.40 to 5.00
" mediums	4.40 to 4.50
Superior Extra	4.10 to 4.30
Lower grades	3.80 to 3.90
Oatmeal, Standard	4.10 to 4.15
" Granulated	4.40 to 4.50
Corn Meal—Halifax ground	2.83 to 2.90
" Imported	2.00
Bran per ton	18.00
Wheat	18.00
Shorts.	
Middlings	20.00 to 21.00
Cracked Corn	27.00 to 28.00
" Oats	25.00 to 26.00
" Barley	nominal
Feed Flour	2.75 to 2.90
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs	35 to 36
Barley " of 48 "	55 to 60
Peas " of 40 "	1.00 to 1.10
White Beans, per bushel	1.50 to 1.60
" Pea Harley, per barrel	4.85 to 4.90
Corn " of 56 lbs.	45 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, "	13.00 to 13.50
" " " "	13.50 to 14.00
Pork, Mess, American " old	18.00 to 19.00
" " " " new	15.00 to 16.00
" American clear	19.00 to 20.00
" P. E. 1 Mess	11.00 to 12.00
" " " " old	11.00 to 12.00
" P. E. 1 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 13.00
Hams, P. E. 1	none
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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WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound	15 to 22
" unwashed "	12 to 15
Salted Hides, No 1	7
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
Lambskins	10 to 15

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

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

APPLES.	
No. 1 Varieties	3.50 to 4.00
Oranges, per bbl. Jamaica (new)	none
" " Valencia	6.50
Lemons, per case	5.00 to 5.50
" boxes	3.25 to 3.50
Bananas, per bunch	3.50 to 4.00
Cocoanuts, per 100	4.00 to 5.00
Onions, Bermuda, per lb.	5
Grapes, Almeria, legs.	none
Raisins, New Val	6 to 7
Figs, Elmer, small boxes	13 to 16
Prunes, Stewing, per lb.	6½
Dates, boxes, new	6 to 7

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	4.00
Fat Steers, Heifers light weights	3.50 to 3.75
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs.	5.00 to 6.00
Lambs	none

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