

Retailers seem to be just buying enough to supply the current demands of their customers. Cooking butter is scarce and bakers are forced to buy large dairy rolls, which sell at 16c. to 17c. Dairy tub is scarce, while pound rolls are plentiful at 18c. to 19c.

CHEESE.—The local cheese market has been very quiet with little change to note, except that the business was apparent. Old stock is about cleared out, while the new stock is coming in very slowly. Prices are unchanged at about 10c. to 11c. The English markets are easy, the Liverpool cable quoting white and colored at 49s.

EGGS continue in very free receipt, and, in the absence of any outside demand, together with the fact that "hen fruit" is pouring into the market from every direction, prices are quite depressed. Quotations are nominal for guaranteed case or barrel eggs at 10c. to 11c., but for quantities "shading" has been practiced from these figures even as low as 8c.

GREEN FRUIT.—As the season advances importations of green fruit increase in volume, and dealers say that the demand keeps fully space with the supply. Bananas, pineapples, oranges, strawberries, etc., are displayed on every hand at prices that would, only a few years ago, have been impossible. The taste for fresh fruit is evidently growing, and, as it is a healthful one, THE CRITIC is happy to note its advance. In this connection it is worth notice that the growing practice of tendering for sale in many shops of rotting or partially decayed fruit of several kinds at very low prices is extremely reprehensible. Sound, ripe fruit is the best diet on which to live in warm weather, but when decay sets in fruit becomes unwholesome and dangerous. It often so relaxes the system, giving it a tendency to summer complaints, and a predisposition to cholera or any similar disease that may be about. The health and police authorities should exercise special vigilance in this matter, and condemn and cause to be destroyed all tainted fruit that is displayed or offered for sale at suspiciously low prices.

DRIED FRUIT.—In this market there is practically nothing doing in dried fruit. It is true that stocks are small, but there is a very sluggish demand. Jobbers and retailers are now waiting for new crop, which will be along in a few weeks, and in the interim, green fruits satisfy to an almost exclusive extent the popular cravings in this direction. In fact, with the exception of requirements for special purposes such as certain classes of confectionery, pastries, etc., the demand for dried fruit has been largely reduced by fresh and canned fruit, which can in these modern days be obtained at cheaper relative prices and in a more wholesome condition than dried fruit ever was or will be.

SUGAR.—The sugar market holds very strong. Advances from primary markets are still very firm and a general improvement is noted in the situation in the past few days. Local and Canadian refiners are quoting granulated at 5 5-16c. to 5 1-2c., and yellow at 4 5-16c. to 4 3-8c., but they are not pushing business or making any large contracts.

MOLASSES.—A fair demand for molasses is noted, but the market does not show much change. The latest quotation from the Island is 12c.

TEA.—There is no special feature to note in teas. A good demand exists for medium grades of India, Ceylon and China congous. Low grade Japan and black teas show a stronger feeling. Nothing is doing in low grades excepting young Hysons, for which the demand is only moderate. The first consignments of new crop Japans are now en route and buyers are generally holding off until they arrive.

COFFEES continue to rule dull and slow, though holders are quite indifferent as to effecting sales. The forthcoming crops, it is now admitted, will be very small, and the supplies over from last year are very low—indeed they will be practically nearly exhausted before the new crop comes in. Of course at this season of the year the consumptive demand is comparatively light and prices remain steady to firm, but without advancing.

FISH.—There is not much change in the local market in the prices for pickled and dry fish. Small lots of newly caught and cured fish are beginning to arrive, but they are not in sufficient quantities to affect the market. In the early part of the week fresh salmon were brought to town in large numbers, and as the Boston market was reported to be so well supplied that sending them there packed in ice would not pay expenses and original cost, the few speculators who had brought them in threw them on this market for what they would fetch and prices rapidly fell from 12c. to 11c., 10c., 9c., and finally to 8c. Of course jobbers and retailers who bought at these figures charged a small margin over them to consumers but, at any rate, the people ate cheaper fresh salmon for a day or two than they have for several years. Outside markets are reported as follows:—In Montreal there is a good, steady demand for fresh fish but practically nothing is doing in cured and pickled fish. In Boston scarcely anything is doing in old mackerel. Prices are steady and unchanged. The quotations are:—Norway bladders \$35 to \$38; selected shore \$28; extra shore 1s., \$25; bay 1s., \$22 to \$23; large 2's \$19 to \$20, medium 2s., \$17 to \$18; large 3s., \$15.50. There is a steady market for codfish. Receipts are small, but the demand is light. Quotations by the jobbers and dealers range from \$6.75 to \$7 for large shore or Georges to \$4.50 to \$4.75 for the medium pickled bank. The market for barreled herring remains quiet, as it is not the season. Prices are nominally \$5 to \$5.50 for large split and \$3.50 to \$5 for bay shore gibbed.

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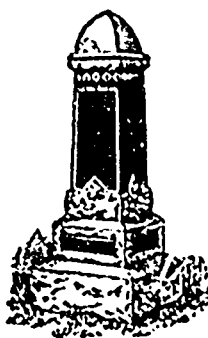
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MARKET QUOTATIONS.—WHOLESALE SELLING RATES.

Our Price Lists are corrected for as each week by reliable merchants.

GROCERIES.

SUGARS.		
Cut Leaf	6 1/2	6 1/2
Granulated	5 1/2 to 5 3/4	
Circle A	5	
White Extra C	4 1/2	
Standard	4 1/2	
Extra Yellow C	4 1/2 to 4 3/4	
Yellow C	4 1/2	
TEA.		
Congou Common	17 to 18	
" Fair	20 to 22	
" Good	25 to 29	
" Choice	31 to 33	
" Extra Choice	35 to 38	
Oolong Choice	37 to 39	
MOLASSES.		
Barbados	31	
Demerara	35 to 38	
Diamond N	47	
Porto Rico	25	
Cienfuegos	none	
Trinidad	30	
Antigua	30	
Tobacco, Black	45 to 47	
" Bright	47 to 55	
BISCUITS.		
Pilot Bread	8.00	
Boston and Thin Family	6 1/2	
Soda	6 1/2	
do in 1 lb boxes, 50 to case	7 1/2	
Fancy	8 to 15	

BREADSTUFFS

We have but little to say with reference to the breadstuff markets. They are extremely dull, and if anything lower on flour and cornmeal. Our quotations are more nominal than real, as purchasers have it nearly all their own way. Neither miller nor dealer can make any money whilst markets remain as they are. Corn and cornmeal are slightly easier. We have changed our quotations to meet the slight reduction in prices. Oats are very firm and scarce, and are worth 30c. in a jobbing way. Oatmeal is in small demand as prices are very high and likely to continue so.

FLOUR.		
Manitoba Highest Grade Patents	4 75 to 4 85	
High Grade Patents	3 95 to 4 00	
Good 90 per cent. Patents	3 70 to 3 85	
Straight Grade	3 55 to 3 60	
Good Seconds	3 25 to 3 35	
Graham Flour	3 75	
Oatmeal	4 50	
" Rolled	4 50	
Kilo Dried Cornmeal	2 70 to 2 80	
" In Bond	2 15 to 2 40	
Roller Wheat	4 00 to 4 25	
Wheat Bran, per ton including bags	1 50 to 2 00	
Middlings	22.00 to 23.00	
Shorts		
Cracked Corn	28.00 to 28.50	
Ground Oil Cake per ton	30.00 to 31.10	
Moulou	22.00 to 23.00	
Split Peas	3 75	
White Beans, per bushel	1 75 to 1 90	
Pot Barley, per barrel	8 20 to 4 65	
Canadian Oats, choice quality	47 to 48	
P. K. Island Oats	46 to 48	
Hay	18.00 to 14 25	

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PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex Mess, duty paid	13.00 to 14.00
" Am. Plate	14.00 to 15.00
" Ex. Plate	15.00 to 16.00
Pork, Mess, American	23.00
" American, clear	23.00
" P. E. I. Mess	21.00 to 22.00
" P. E. I. Thin Mess	19.00 to 20.00
" Prime Mess	16.00 to 17.00
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island	14 to 15
" American	18 to 19
Hams, P. E. I., green	11

Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are liable to change daily.

BUTTER AND CHEESE

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints	24
" " In Small Tubs	20
" Good, in large tubs, new	19 to 20
Store Packed & over salted	18 to 20
Canadian Township	25
" Western	18 to 19
Cheese, Canadian	11
" Antigonish	none

SALT.

Factory Filled	\$3.01
Fine Liverpool, bag, from store	15
Liverpool, whhd.	1.70
Cadiz	
Turks Island	1.20
Lisbon	
Coarse W. I.	1.40
Trapan	1.15

FISH.

	Ex Vesse.	Ex Store
MACKEREL.		
Extras		
No. 1		
" 2 large		
" 2		
" 3 large, Reamed		
" 3, Reamed		
" 3 large, Plain		
" 3 Plain		
HERRING.		
No. 1 C. B. July	4 75	
" 1 Fall Split	8 75	
" 1 Fall Round	8 25	
" 1 Labrador		
" 1 Georges Bay		
" 1 Bay of Islands		
ALMONDS, No 1		
SALMON.		
No. 1, W. brl.		
No. 2, W. brl.		
" 3		
Small		
CODFISH.		
Hard C. B.	4 75	5 50
Western Shore	4 25	5 00
Bank		
Bay		
Newfoundland		
Haddock	3.00	
Bank & Western	8.50	
Hake	3.75	
Hake	3.00	
Pollock	2.50	
Hake Sound, per lb.		
699 Qls per gal.	35c.	