

MARKET REPORTS.

St. John Wholesale Market.
Flour market quiet; Cornmeal too high prices steady and may decline; Sugar sales good prices very low; Beans firm at advance.

PROVISIONS	ex car	at wh
Am clear pork, per bbl	24 50	26 00
Pork, mess	22 50	23 00
P. E. prime mess	20 00	20 50
Plate lard	14 50	15 00
Extra plate lard	17 00	18 00
Choco, factory, new, lb	00 14	00 11
Butter, dairy, lb	00 18	00 18
Butter, creamery, lb	20	22
Lard, tubs, pure, lb	01 12	01 13
Lard, compound, lb	01 10	01 11
Eggs, per doz, fresh, lb	04 14	04 14
Beans, white, lb	1 50	1 60
Beans, Y. R., lb	1 50	1 60
Onions, per lb	0 03 1/2	0 03 1/2

FISH.	ex car	at wh
offish, medium, 100 lb	3 35	3 45
offish, large, 100 lb	3 50	3 60
offish, 100 lb	1 80	1 70
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GRAIN.	ex car	at wh
Wheat, Ontario, 0 57	0 58	
Provincial, 0 57	0 58	
Barley, 5 00	5 10	
Barley, 4 50	4 75	
Barley, 15 00	15 50	
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BIRTHS.

CORSE-In this city on July 27, to Mr. and Mrs. George S. Corse, a son.

IRVING-On the 28th inst., at Boleston, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Irving, a daughter.

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DEATHS.

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SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived, Friday, July 25.

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ESTHER LAURENCE.

By Hope Daring.

The square porch of the Laurence farm-house was littered with brilliantly tinted leaves from the maples that guarded the gate. Crimson and orange, saffron and maroon, pale yellow and brightest scarlet—these were but a few of the tints with which the greatest of all artists—Nature—had touched her work.

But to Marie Laurence, who opened the hall door, the leaves were only rubbish, and were soon cleared away. Marie was a tall, angular woman of thirty-five. Her face was darkened and roughened by exposure to sun and wind; her shoulders were stooped, her lips tightly compressed, yet the light in the kindly gray eyes was one that inspired immediate confidence—especially in children.

"Marie, Marie," called a nasal voice, "I say, how is Esther this mornin'?"

"Not so well," and Marie leaned for a moment on her broom. "She had a bad night."

"You don't say so?" Sarah Lane's tone expressed a curious mingling of sympathy and importance. "Say, Marie, come down here a minute; I've got something important to tell you."

Marie complied with the request, though rather ungraciously. She was in no good mood for Mrs. Lane's gossip.

"I'd come in," Sarah went on volubly, "but I want to get Miss Wheat's recipe for hooch, somehow I've had powerful bad luck with my yeast all summer. Say, who do you 'speak is married?"

"I'm sure I don't know," Marie answered. "Land sakes! I thought you'd know. It is Harold Vance, that artist fellow that was aboard here a year ago."

Marie's hands closed convulsively over the handle of the broom. It was the only sign she gave that she heard, and Mrs. Lane went on:

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