

n quotations. The meal markets are little changed with barrel cornmeal at \$2 15 to \$2 20. Oatmeal is very quiet at \$3.50 to \$3.90. Oats are firmer, especially in the spot market. To arrive are quoted at 50¢. Hay is very steady with little change. Straw is dull and easy. The Cincinnati *Price Current* says the drought in the corn belt is unbroken and that the crop is irreparably shortened. The surplus States are expected to produce about the same aggregate quantity as last year with a small supply of previous growth. The latest advices from Chicago say that London quotes No. 2 red and No. 1 Northern wheat one shilling cheaper than it can be put aboard at New York. The Liverpool public cable reports wheat firm with moderate demand; holders offer moderately. Corn firm, demand fair.

PROVISIONS.—The local provision market does not show any change. The movement is still slow but prices hold steady. Hog products are unchanged in tone and business in all lines is quiet, cut meats and lard receiving most attention. Pork is dull. In Boston there is little change to note on pork and lard. Packers are calling the market firm. Quotations are not changed. The market on fresh beef is looking firmer in the west with light receipts of beef.

BUTTER.—The local butter market remains much the same. The business doing is not large, and quotations are unchanged. Still, receipts are rather light. Jobbers are paying 17¢. to 18¢. for choice butters, and are getting 18¢. to 20¢. For good store-packed they are paying 16¢. to 16¢., and getting 16¢. to 18¢. Dairy pound rolls are scarce, and are wanted at 20¢. to 22¢. There is also a good demand for pound prints, for which jobbers pay 23¢. and get 24¢. to 25¢. There is nothing new to note in the foreign butter markets, which continue to rule quiet.

CHEESE.—In this market cheese continues to hold its own. Buyers and sellers are still apart in their views, and as both are awaiting some indication as to the probable future of outside markets, prices remain nominally unchanged. The supply for actual consumption is quite equal to the demand.

EGGS.—Fresh stock meets with a fairly active demand at steady prices. The supply is comparatively small, and dealers are trying to push prices up, so that while figures remain quite firm they are not noticeably changed from 11¢. to 11½¢. for really good boiling eggs.

GREEN FRUIT.—A good, seasonable trade continues to be done. The demand for oranges is light, and lemons are not selling as well as they might, while bananas and pineapples are much in demand. In fact exotic fruits have temporarily given precedence in popular favor to the domestic article. Pears, apples, grapes and other native fruits attract most of the attention of buyers at the moment.

DRIED FRUIT.—There has been no striking change in the actual spot position of the market, for the very good reason that there is little goods here to do business in. Advices from Denia and in stock *via* British ports indicate a softer feeling. No direct shipments of new fruit are anticipated to arrive here for three or four weeks, and they will not be heavy. For all that lower offers are being received for off stalk at ship in Denia on the basis of 13s. 9d., but buyers are reluctant. In currants the general expectation is for easier prices also, and quotations for actual business on spot are nominally unchanged. Quotations over the cable are from 12s. 6d. to 13s. 9d., cost and freight, according to quality, but, in spite of these low figures, very little is doing. The decision of the Dominion Government to prohibit the importation of dried fruits from Smyrna, while it will undoubtedly cause some inconvenience to the trade, is not likely to seriously do so. Prices will be higher. That is a foregone conclusion. The fruits that we principally get from Smyrna are figs and Sultana raisins. As far as the latter are concerned, the trade does not seem to have much anxiety. Stocks in hand are fairly good, and as the Sultana keeps better than any other raisin, it is expected that there will be enough to meet the demand till after the cholera epidemic is passed. With figs, however, the case is different. For some time this market has been bare of them, and from present indications it looks as if figs will be marked by their absence this season. For the step that the Canadian Government had taken it had a precedent in that of the United States, the latter having previously ordered its ports to be shut against Smyrna dried fruits. The reason assigned for the taking of this extreme step is that the fruit cannot be effectively disinfected. In consequence of the decision of the Government, wholesale grocers in Canada have cabled to Smyrna cancelling all orders. A deputation from Toronto will visit Ottawa to ascertain if cargoes already on the way will be allowed entry.

SUGAR.—Some improvement in business has transpired, but prices remain much as before. Granulated, especially, has been in demand. Prices for all grades of sugar are unsettled. Willet & Grey's weekly statistical, New York, says that raws and refined are unchanged. A cable reports stock in Havana and Matanzas 109,000 against 112,000 last week and 113,246 tons last year. The six principal ports of Cuba give for the week:—Receipts none; exports 5,000 tons; stock 159,000 tons against 164,000 tons last year. Total stock in all the principal countries 654,807 tons against 735,329 at the same dates last year.

TEAS.—The tea market rules moderately active in so far as Japan teas are concerned, and there has been a fair volume of business in these. In blacks there is the same scarcity of low grades mentioned before, and this class of stock is consequently fetching better prices. Late mail advices from London say that the market has been dull during the past week and that low grades of all kinds are cheaper except Ceylons which have advanced slightly. Cable advices from Shanghai quoted an advance of 2c. per pound from lowest price of low grade Monings.

COFFEES.—Locally there is nothing special to note. Business continues to be of the same ordinary character that has been noted for some weeks. The market for Rio coffee in the United States has again shown that condition which has been peculiar to itself for a long time past. There were at times quite favorable indications for the jobbing trade and increased move-

ment actually reached in the invoice deal. But, just about the time that many operators were settling to the conviction that a little animation was at hand, buyers seemed to become indifferent again. On the whole, however, there is a better feeling in the market and prices are fractionally higher.

FISH.—As far as the local market is concerned there is little news worthy of note. Bait along the shore appears to be ample for requirements, and deep-sea fishermen are making fairly satisfactory catches. There are practically no mackerel on our coasts at present. Herring are in fair supply, but the large fall runs will not be due for two or three weeks yet. In Boston mackerel are still scarce—so scarce as to seriously impede trade by prices that are too high for the general trade to pay. Indeed mackerel can hardly be less than a luxury at the present rate of values. They are shut out from being the common article of food that they should be by the high cost. This high cost is purely legitimate, being the result of lack of supply. The quotations on mackerel are firm. From vessels they are sold at \$12 to \$13 for North Bay, and at \$12 to \$14 for large shore. In the vicinity of Block Island some are being taken, and are sold at \$13.50 for large and \$11.50 for small. The jobbers are quoting the market steady at:—Medium 3's \$12.50; large 3's \$12; new 3's \$18 to \$20, 1's and extra 1's \$18 to \$22; bloater 1's \$30. The codfish market is firmer so far as the fish in the butts are concerned, but dealers are selling at a little easier prices. Barrel herring are very steady. At Gloucester the demand for fish of all kinds is improving, and prices show a sharp advance. Present indications point to a light supply to the close of the season and a firm market for a fair winter's trade.

WORTH READING.

MR. WM. McNEE, of St. Ives, Ont., had eleven terrible running sores and was not expected to recover, all treatment having failed. Six bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters completely restored him to health. Druggist Sanderson, of St. Mary's, Ont., certifies to these facts.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.—WHOLESALE SELLING RATES.

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

GROCERIES.		BREADSTUFFS	
STOARS.		Markets are advancing. Wheat has advanced from 55¢ on the first of August to 69¢. Canadian millers are already feeling the improved tone in the market, and are asking for an advance of 15 to 25¢. They say that a further advance will take place, as farmers will no longer sell wheat at feed prices. It is reasonable to expect an advance as prices are still below the possible cost of production. We find by telegrams just received that oats are advancing, export demand heavy; consequently oatmeal will not go lower as we thought it would. Cornmeal is likely to tend upwards. Mill-feeders are firmly held at old prices. Hay and straw are slightly easier. We make some changes in quotations, outside quotations must be taken on flour.	
Cut Loaf.....	5½ to 5¾	Manitoba Highest Grade Patents.....	475 to 4.85
Granulated.....	5	High Grade Patents.....	3.90 to 3.95
Circle A.....	4½	Good 90 per cent. Patents.....	3.45 to 3.55
White Extra C.....	4½ to 4¾	Straight Grade.....	3.35 to 3.40
Standard.....	4½ to 4¾	Good Seconds.....	2.95 to 3.10
Extra Yellow C.....	4½ to 4¾	Graham Flour.....	4.50 to 4.65
Yellow C.....	4½	Oatmeal.....	4.15 to 4.25
TEA.		Rolls.....	2.70 to 2.75
Congou Common.....	17 to 19	Kiln Dried Cornmeal.....	2.15 to 2.20
“ Fair.....	20 to 23	“ In Bond.....	2.00 to 2.05
“ Good.....	25 to 29	Rolls.....	4.00 to 4.25
“ Choice.....	31 to 33	Wheat Bran, per ton including bags.....	19.50 to 20.00
“ Extra Choice.....	35 to 38	Middlings “ in store.....	23.00 to 23.25
Oolong Choice.....	37 to 39	Shorts “ in bags.....	28.00 to 28.50
MOLASSES.		Cracked Corn.....	22.00 to 22.50
Barbadoes.....	32	Ground Oil Cake per ton.....	30.00 to 31.10
Demerara.....	35 to 38	Moules.....	22.00 to 22.50
Diamond N.....	none	Split Peas.....	3.75
Porto Rico.....	32 to 33	White Beans, per bushel.....	1.45 to 1.55
Cienfuegos.....	none	Pot Barley, per barrel.....	3.55 to 3.65
Trinidad.....	28	Canadian Oats, choice quality.....	44
Antigua.....	28	P. E. Island Oats.....	none
Tobacco, Black.....	45 to 47	Hay.....	14.25 to 15.00
“ Bright.....	47 to 55	J. A. CHIPMAN & Co., Head of Central Wharf, Halifax, N. S.	
BISCUITS.		PROVISIONS.	
Pilot Bread.....	8.00	Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....	13.00 to 14.00
Hoston and Thin Family.....	6½	“ Am. Plate.....	13.50 to 14.00
Soda.....	6½	“ Ex. Plate.....	14.00 to 15.00
do in 1 lb. boxes, 50 to case.....	7½	Pork, Mess, American.....	21.00
Fancy.....	8 to 15	“ American, clear.....	23.00
HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.		“ P. E. I. Mess.....	21.00 to 22.00
Apples per barrel, new.....	2.00 to 2.50	“ P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	19.00 to 20.00
Oranges, Jamaica, brls., New.....	7.00	“ Prime Mess.....	16.00 to 17.00
Oranges, per box.....	5.50	Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island.....	14 to 15
Lemons, per case.....	4.50 to 5.50	“ American.....	13 to 14
Cocoanuts new per 100.....	5.00	Hams, P. E. I., green.....	11
Onions, Amn.....	3	Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are liable to change daily.	
Dates boxes.....	5½	BUTTER AND CHEESE	
Raisins, Valencia.....	5 to 6½	Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	24
Figs, Eleme, 5 lb boxes per lb.....	11	“ In Small Tubs.....	18 to 23
“ small boxes.....	11	“ Good, in large tubs, new.....	15
Prunes Stewing, boxes.....	8	“ Store Packed & overvalled.....	18
Bananas.....	2.00 to 2.50	Canadian Township.....	20
C. H. Harvey, 12 & 10 Sackville St.		“ Western.....	18
FISH.		Cheese, Canadian.....	18
Ex Vesse. Ex Store		“ Nova Scotia.....	10
MACKEREL.		SALT.	
Extras.....		Factory Filled.....	\$1.70
No. 1.....		Fine Liverpool, bag, from store.....	55
“ 2 large.....		Liverpool, whhd., afloat.....	1.25
“ 3.....		Cadiz.....	
“ 4 large, Reamed.....	9.50	Turks Island.....	1.35
“ 5, Reamed.....	9.50	Lisbon.....	
“ 6 large, Plain.....	9.00	Coarse W.....	1.25
“ 7 Plain.....	9.00	Trapan.....	1.25
HERRING.			
No. 1 July.....	4.25		
“ 1 Fall Split.....	3.25		
“ 1 Fall Round.....	2.75		
“ 1 Labrador.....			
“ 1 Georges Bay.....	1.50		
“ 1 Bay of Islands.....	2.50		
ALGIVES, No 1.....	3.75		
SALMON.			
No. 1, W. brl.....	16.00		
No. 2, W. brl.....	14.00		
“ S.....	13.00		
Small.....			
Codfish.....			
Hard C. B.....	4.25		
Western Shore.....	4.75		
Bank.....	4.00		
Bay.....			
Newfoundland.....	4.75		
Haddock.....	3.00		
Bank & Western.....			
“ Lake.....	2.50		
“ Locke.....	1.75		
“ Lake, S. brl, per lb.....	30		
Low Oil, per gal.....			