

others. The result is that the business on spot is small and prices are hard to fix but it appears that 11½c. to 11½c. is about the idea. We do not hear of much more cold storage cheese moving and are given to understand that a good proportion of it is being held for shipment in January and February. There is some enquiry in this connection for summer cheese from across the water but holders are not offering at present.

DRY FRUIT.—The bulk of the trade is over and arrivals by steamers from Boston are becoming quite small. Apples are in comparatively small receipt as the larger portion of this season's crop is being held for shipment later on when prices are expected to be better than they now are, as in Great Britain and on the Continent the yield has been far below the average. Oranges are higher but the demand is still light. There is a fair enquiry for lemons at advanced prices. Bananas continue to occupy but little attention. Tomatoes are good sellers. Watermelons are now practically out of the market. Cranberries are in good supply from Cape Cod.

DRYED FRUIT.—There is not much doing in Valencia raisins nor is there likely to be until the arrival of fruit by direct shipments. Sultana raisins continue quiet and the little enquiry there is principally for fine. Malaga raisins are not as yet in much demand and sales are chiefly confined to connoisseurs at \$3.25 to \$3.75 and London buyers at \$2.50 to \$3.75. Samples of new season's currants have come to hand. The fruit is of good quality—better than last year's crop. The demand for this fruit, especially of the better grades, promises to be brisk. Old fruit is pretty well cleaned out and what little is left is selling very low to make room for the expected new crop.

SUGARS.—The local demand for sugar continues to be still very active, but business in this line begins to show signs of slackening off. The enquiry now is principally for small lots. The supply has improved, the refiners having overtaken the demand. Stocks are, however, as yet light. Willott & Gray of New York in their *Weekly Statistical* say:—"Raws and refined are unchanged. Total stock in all the principal countries 438,669 tons against 453,401 tons at same date last year. Alfoats to the United States from all countries estimated 89,000 tons against 116,000 tons last year. Beet sugar quotation, cost and freight, 14½c. 3d. per cwt. for 'first.' The business of the week in raws has been limited to small dealings in Centrifugal sugars for the Canadian market at 3½c. for 96° test. No Muscovado have been sold with the exception of a cargo of Brazil's. The almost entire absence of stocks in importers' hands is the cause of the small local business. Receipts have been 26,418 tons and the melting 35,000 tons, and stocks have declined 8,582 tons to 41,669 tons, which are almost all in refiners' hands. While local quotations are unchanged and unchangeable till sugars begin to arrive, to importers it is a noticeable feature that we have passed over from one sugar campaign to another commencing Oct. 1 and that the sugar of the new crops available for shipment can be bought at 10c. per lb. lower than the present local quotations. The sugar world enters the new campaign with comparatively small stocks in hand and a bare sufficiency of supplies in sight for the present month's requirements. After this month, however, there promises to be available for the 12 months a beet crop of about the same size as last year and cane crops that may exceed those of last year by, possibly, 300,000 tons. On the other hand from unusual causes the consumption of sugar this year has been kept at the lowest possible limit (being in the United States scarcely larger than last year) so that the coming year should require the natural increase of two years in consumption or say 10 per cent. increase (200,000) for the United States alone unless the result is interfered with by a government tax on the consumer through a sugar tax which is now threatened."

TEAS.—The tea market is quiet and dull. Buyers are holding off, being apparently afraid to buy, owing to the fact that cable offers are coming in hand which are lower than the price paid for goods now en route. Still brokers report prospects favorable for a fair business in all kinds of teas. Young Hysons are scarce and dealers find it difficult to obtain a fair assortment of samples. Japans continue strong and sellers have been better able to obtain their ideas.

COFFEE.—There is not much change in this market. Stocks of Rio coffee in the local market are practically exhausted and it is not known when they can be replenished on account of the revolution in Brazil. The one or two houses that have any Rio coffee are holding it for their retail customers. If the coffee was on hand a good trade could be done in it. On account of the scarcity of the Rio article that of Samos is receiving more attention than usual and it is also now getting scarce.

FISH.—The local fish market continues dull and inactive. Receipts and shipments are small relatively, and there is absolutely no life or activity about the business. Inclement weather and scarcity of bait at most points render it difficult, in fact nearly impossible, for fishermen along our shores to prosecute their avocations with any success. The Montreal fish market is quiet—pickled, smoked and dried fish meeting with a fair demand. Quotations are:—Portland mackerel haddies 7½c. to 8½c.; St. John bloaters \$1.50; kippered herring \$1.75 per box; green cod \$5.25 to \$5.50 per hbl.; large No. 2 mackerel, half bbls., \$8.50; Labrador salmon \$12 to \$14 per bbl.; C. B. herring \$5.50; Labrador do. \$5. At Boston the receipts from the mackerel fleet have been light during the week and the market, though still quiet, is firmer. Fresh mackerel have also been in lighter supply and prices have advanced. At Gloucester the receipts have been moderate during the past week except in mackerel which have been fair for the season, and fresh halibut which have been in very light supply. The market is buoyant and there will be no stocks of consequence to carry over to another season.

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| GROCERIES. | | BREADSTUFFS | |
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| SUGARS. | | Trade has been quiet for the past week, so far as our knowledge goes. Prices of almost everything in the way of breadstuffs are easy, very easy, and flour stands to-day at the lowest point that it ever has touched; not very much difference between flour and feed in the cost. | |
| Cut Leaf..... | 6½ | As before noted, all our quotations are outside rates. | |
| Granulated..... | 6 | FLOUR. | |
| Circle A..... | 4½ | Manitoba Highest Grade Patents..... | 4.65 to 4.75 |
| White Extra C..... | 4½ | High Grade Patents..... | 3.75 to 3.85 |
| Standard..... | 4½ | Good 90 per cent. Patents..... | 3.80 to 3.85 |
| Extra Yellow C..... | 4½ | Straight Grade..... | 3.20 to 3.30 |
| Yellow C..... | 4½ | Good Seconds..... | 2.90 to 3.10 |
| TEA. | | Graham Flour..... | 3.80 to 3.50 |
| Congou Common..... | 17 to 19 | Oatmeal..... | 4.30 to 4.45 |
| Fair..... | 20 to 23 | Rolled..... | 4.30 to 4.35 |
| Good..... | 25 to 29 | Kila Dried Cornmeal..... | 2.70 to 2.75 |
| Choice..... | 31 to 33 | In Bond..... | 2.65 to 2.60 |
| Extra Choice..... | 35 to 36 | Rolled Wheat..... | 4.00 to 4.25 |
| Oolong Choice..... | 27 to 39 | Wheat Bran, per ton including bags..... | 19.50 to 20.00 |
| MOLASSES. | | Middlings..... | 23.00 to 23.25 |
| Barbadoes..... | 32 | Shorts..... | 22.00 to 22.25 |
| Demerara..... | 35 to 38 | Cracked Corn..... | 28.00 to 28.50 |
| Diamond N..... | none | Ground Old Cake per ton..... | 30.00 to 31.10 |
| Porto Rico..... | 32 to 31 | Moules..... | 22.00 to 22.25 |
| Cienfuegos..... | none | Split Peas..... | 3.75 |
| Trinidad..... | 28 | White Beans, per bushel..... | 1.40 to 1.45 |
| Antigua..... | 28 | Pot Barley, per barrel..... | 8.55 to 8.60 |
| Tobacco, Black..... | 45 to 47 | Canadian Oats, choice quality..... | 43 to 44 |
| Bright..... | 47 to 65 | P. E. Island Oats..... | 40 to 41 |
| DISCOUNTS. | | Hay..... | 13.50 to 14.00 |
| Pilot Bread..... | 8.25 | J. A. CHIPMAN & Co., Head of Central Wharf, Halifax, N. S. | |
| Boston and Th. mly..... | 6½ | PROVISIONS. | |
| Soda..... | 6½ | Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid..... | 13.00 to 14.00 |
| do in lb. boxes, 50 to case..... | 7½ | " Am. Plate..... | 13.50 to 14.70 |
| Fancy..... | 8 to 15 | " Ex. Plate..... | 11.00 to 15.00 |
| HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS. | | Pork, Mess, American..... | 25.00 |
| Apples per barrel, new..... | 2.10 to 3.00 | " American, clear..... | 22.00 |
| Oranges, Jamaica, brls. New..... | 6 50 | " P. E. I. Mess..... | 19.00 |
| Lemons, per case..... | 4.50 to 5.50 | " P. E. I. Thin Mess..... | 15.00 |
| occasional new per 100..... | 5 00 | " Prime Mess..... | 16.00 to 17.00 |
| Onions, Am..... | 2½ | Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island..... | 14 to 15 |
| Onions, Canadian..... | 2 | Canadian..... | 13 |
| Dates boxes..... | 5½ | Hams, P. E. I., green..... | 11 |
| Raisins, Valencia, new..... | 6 to 6½ | BUTTER AND CHEESE | |
| Figs, Klamo, 5 lb boxes per lb..... | 8 | Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints..... | 24 |
| Prunes Stewing boxes..... | 8 | " in Small Tubs..... | 20 to 22 |
| Bananas..... | 2.00 to 2.50 | " Good, in large tubs..... | 18 |
| Grapes, Alameda, per box..... | 3.50 | " Store Packed & oversalted..... | 15 |
| C. H. Harvey, 12 & 10 Sackville St. | | Canadian Township..... | 20 |
| FISH. | | " Western..... | 18 |
| MACKEREL— | | Cheese, Canadian..... | 10½ to 11 |
| EXTRAS..... | | " Nova Scotia..... | 11½ to 11 |
| No. 1..... | | SALT. | |
| " 2 Large..... | | Factory Filled..... | \$1.70 |
| " 2..... | | Fine Liverpool, bag, from store..... | 1.75 |
| " 3 Large, Keamed..... | 10.00 | Liverpool, ½ hhd.,..... | 1.55 |
| " 3, Keamed..... | 10.00 | " Cadiz..... | 1.50 |
| " 3 Large, Plain..... | 9.50 | " Turks Island..... | 1.50 |
| " 3 Plain..... | 9.50 | " Lisbon..... | 1.50 |
| HERRING. | | " Course W. I..... | 1.75 |
| No. 1 July..... | 5.00 | " Tispan..... | 1.85 |
| " 1 Fall Split..... | 5.25 | | |
| " 1 Fall Round..... | 2.25 | | |
| " 1 Labrador..... | 2.75 | | |
| " 1 Georges Bay..... | 1.50 | | |
| " 1 Bay of Islands..... | 2.00 | | |
| ALEWIVES, No 1..... | 3.75 | | |
| SALMON. | | | |
| No. 1, ½ brl..... | 15.00 | | |
| No. 2, ½ brl..... | 14.00 | | |
| " 2..... | 11 00 | | |
| Small..... | | | |
| CODFISH. | | | |
| Hard C B..... | 4.25 | | |
| Western Shore..... | 4.75 | | |
| Bank..... | 4.00 | | |
| Bay..... | 4.25 | | |
| Newfoundland..... | 4.25 | | |
| HADDOCK..... | 3.00 | | |
| Bank & Western..... | 3.00 | | |
| HAKE..... | 2.50 | | |
| " 2..... | 1.75 | | |
| HAKE SOUNDS, per lb..... | 28 | | |
| COD OIL, per gal..... | 30 | | |