

PROVISIONS.—Trade in this line is very quiet. There is a steady country demand for both beef and pork, but figures remain unchanged.

BUTTER.—An active demand exists for choice qualities, which are scarce. Ordinary and inferior brands are slow and hard to sell.

CHEESE is very firm and in good call. The world's supply of this article is evidently far below the average and fancy prices are imminent.

SUGARS AND MOLASSES.—The sweet market continues to be very sluggish. Large cargoes are held in importers' hands and difficulties are experienced in disposing of them at paying figures. It is hard to believe that better prices than now prevail can be reasonably anticipated. The production of both cane and beet sugars has this year been so enormous, and the improved processes of refining are so cheap that the probabilities are largely in favor of a further reduction.

TEA AND COFFEE.—The demand has been active and prices have ruled firm. In England and New York an advance has been made in teas. Coffee is difficult to secure at quoted prices in central markets, owing to the fact that the product this year is not much more than half the average of preceding seasons.

LIVE STOCK.—A large quantity of neat cattle has arrived from Antigonish and Cape Breton since our last report. Most of it has been slaughtered and sold at auction at very low prices. Still, as the care of these animals involves a merely nominal expense, their raisers find money in sending them here.

REAL ESTATE.—Only two or three transfers of real property have transpired during the week. Several others are pending and may be closed any day. The divergence in the views of buyers and sellers prevents the consummation of many proposed contracts. It seems hard to persuade holders of building lots that the prices that they paid for land some years ago, when there was a "boom" in real estate, are not those that prevail now. In time it is possible that figures may recover, but meanwhile the interest on investments in this line piles up, and it is not at all probable that it can be met by sales in the future.

FISH.—Our fish market seems to be in a strange kind of a way, particularly for mackerel. We are quite certain that the catch of mackerel is very short of previous years, both on the U. S. coast and our own. We also know that the stock of mackerel in the U. S. markets is much less than at any time for many years. Yet there seems to be no sale for certain kinds of mackerel, and some of the reasons that are put forth for no sale are the following: Consumers in the United States are looking for cheap fish. Pork and beef are very low and likely to remain so for some time. The frozen codfish and frozen herring season is now about commencing, those being so much cheaper than No. 1 mackerel that the latter are almost unsaleable.

Good extra 1's and also good No. 2 large can be sold. Another reason is that according to our fish inspection law a No. 1 mackerel is really a third-class fish—as first comes mess, then extra, then No. 1, then No. 2 large. The No. 1's are culled too closely to get all out of them that can possibly make an extra mackerel, then the No. 2 large are culled too closely to get all the No. 1's that can be possibly got out of them, making those inspected No. 1 and No. 2 large look too poor; they are so much alike that in the American markets No. 1 and 2 large are only about the same price. There seems to be little or no enquiry for mackerel in this or the American markets at the present time. We hope that later on there may be some more in them, but we do not expect to see high prices for fat mackerel again this season.

We think there are very few fish of any kind now on the coast to come to market except bank codfish. Hard shore codfish of really good quality have advanced and have been sold readily at an advance of last sales.

Some herring are coming in from the Bay of Islands, Newfoundland, which will help to fill the gap made by the short catch of fall herring on our coast. There are but few mackerel selling in our market at present, on account of the recent dullness and decline in the U. S. markets. Those that have any still on hand prefer holding for a while expecting an advance later on, but we think the prospect for the large advance that some holders are looking for will not come, and particularly for No. 1 and 2 large mackerel. Any that are now sold is because holders are not in a position to hold. Fat split July herring are about cleaned out of the market, and very few fall split remain unsold.

There have been no alewives offering for some time, and this description of fish seems very scarce indeed, we think much more so than for quite a number of years.

Late advices from the Boston fish market are about as follows:

"The fish trade during the past week has been very light, what there is doing is mostly in codfish and herring. Mackerel continue dull and prices remain firm. Dealers are not anxious to buy, while holders do not seem anxious to sell. There is at present more mackerel in Boston than at all the rest of the New England ports combined, and they still continue to arrive quite freely from Nova Scotia, a cargo of about 300 bbls. having arrived this day (10th inst.) from Port LaTour. Herring are arriving more abundantly, the bulk of the receipts during the week consisting of Eastport round which are selling about \$2.75 per bbl. Other varieties of barrel herring are in light receipt, and prices remain firm at last quotations. A limited quantity of frozen herring are arriving—last sales \$1.50 per 100 fish. It is now about time for them to arrive fast enough to supply the demand. In codfish there is a better trade than usual at this time of the year. Receipts continue large and dealers are now supplied with both dry and pickled. There are now from 10,000 to 12,000 qtls. afloat here, the largest proportion of which are dry. Quotations are as follows: Large dry Bank \$2.50 for Quereaux, and \$2.75 for Grand Bank, medium \$2.25. Large Bank pickled \$2.25 for Quereaux, and \$2.37 for Grand Bank, medium \$2.12. Fresh fish have been scarce, and are now selling 4 to 6 cts. for haddock, 4 to 5 cts. for cod and 10 to 13 cts. for halibut."

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 Leaf.....	8	10 8 1/2
Granulated.....	6	10 0 1/2
Circle A.....	5 1/2	10 5 1/2
Extra C.....	6 1/2	10 5 1/2
Yellow C.....	1 1/2	10 3
TEA.		
Congou, Common.....	17	10 10
" Fair.....	20	10 2 1/2
" Good.....	25	10 2 1/2
" Choice.....	31	10 3 1/2
" Extra Choice.....	35	10 3 1/2
Oolong—Choice.....	37	10 3 1/2
MOLASSES.		
Barbadoes.....	30	10 3 1/2
Demerara.....	30	10 3 1/2
Diamond N.....	40	
Porto Rico.....	31	
Tobacco—Black.....	37	10 4 1/2
" Bright.....	42	10 5 1/2
BISCUITS.		
Pilot Bread.....	2.60	to 2.90
Boston and Thin Family.....	5 1/2	to 6
Soda.....	5 1/2	to 5 1/2
do in 11b boxes, 30 to case.....	7 1/2	
Fancy.....	8	to 15

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.....	10	to 20
" Store Packed & oversalted.....	10	to 12
Canadian Creamery.....	22	to 23
" Township, Fancy.....	20	to 22
" " Finest.....	18	to 20
" " Fine.....	17	to 19
" Morrisburg and Brockville.....	18	to 16
" Western.....	13	to 16
Cheddar, N. S.....	12	
" Canada.....	13	

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

FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL.		
Extra.....	16	00
No. 1.....	14	00
" 2 large.....	9	00
" 2.....	7.50	to 8.00
" 3 large.....	5.75	
" 3.....	5.50	to 5.75
HERRING.		
No. 1 Shore, July.....	5.00	
No. 1, August.....	none	
" September.....	4.00	to 4.25
Round Shore.....	3.75	
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl.....	4.50	
Alewives, per bbl.....	none	
CODFISH.		
Hard Shore.....	2.80	to 3.00
Bank.....	2.10	
Bay.....	none	
SALMON. No 1.....	16.00	
Haddock, per qt.....	2.00	to 2.25
Hake.....	2.10	
Cusk.....	none	
Pollock.....	none	
Hake Sounds.....	15	to 50c per lb.
Cod Oil A.....	29	to 30

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

LOBSTERS.

Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing).		
Tall Cans.....	4.00	to 5.00
Flat.....	6.00	to 6.50
Per case 4 doz. 11b cans,		

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer.

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 7.05
Hemlock, merchantable.....	7.00	
Shingles, No 1, sawed, pine.....	3.00	to 3.50
" 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.

PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....	11.00	to 11.50
" Am. Plate.....	11.50	to 12.00
" Ex. Plate.....	12.50	to 13.00
Pork, Mess, American.....	new	13.50 to 14.00
" " " " " " " "	old	12.00 to 12.50
" American, clear.....	15.00	to 15.50
" P. E. I. Mess.....	new	13.00 to 13.50
" " " " " " " "	old	12.50 to 13.00
" P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	10.50	to 11.00
" Prime Mess.....	9.50	to 10.00
Lard, Tubs and Pails.....	10	to 11
Cases.....	12	to 12 1/2
Hams, P. E. I.....	none	
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef \$25 per bbl.		

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

These quotations are prepared by a reliable wholesale house.

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound.....	15	to 20
" unwashed.....	12	to 15
Salted Hides, No 1.....	7 1/2	
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No 1.....	7 1/2	
" " " " " " " "	under 60 lbs., No 1.....	5 1/2
" " " " " " " "	over 60 lbs., No 2.....	6
" " " " " " " "	under 60 lbs., No 2.....	6 1/2
Cow Hides, No 1.....	8	to 10
No 3 Hides.....	8	to 10
Calf Skins.....	25	to 35
" Deacons, each.....	25	to 35
Lambskins.....	25	to 70

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

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, (No. 1 Gravensteins) per bbl. 2 5/4 to 2 7/5		
" Other No. 1 Varieties.....	1 7/5	to 2 2/5
Oranges, per bbl. Jamaica (new).....	6.00	
" " Valencia.....	6.00	to 6.25
Lemons, per box.....	3.50	to 3.75
Cocoanuts, per 100.....	5.00	to 5.50
Onions, American, per lb.....	2 1/4	to 2 1/2
Foxberries, per bbl. new.....	3.90	to 4.00
Grapes, Almeria, kegs.....	5.75	
Raisins, New Val.....	6	to 7
Figs, Elene, small boxes.....	12	to 15
Prunes, Stewing, per lb.....	6 1/2	
Dates, boxes, new.....	7 1/2	

The above quotations are furnished by C. H. Harvey, 10 & 12 Sackville St.

POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound.....	11	to 15
Geese, each.....	40	to 65
Ducks, per pair.....	60	to 90
Chickens.....	40	to 60

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Steers, best quality, per 100 lbs. alive.....	4.00	
Oxen.....	3.50	
Fat Steers, Heifers light weights.....	3.00	
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs.....	2.75	to 3.25
Lambs.....	2.25	to 3.00

These quotations are prepared by a reliable victualer.