

York, owing to the arrival of 100,000 boxes on that market, but fruit of a first class quality has remained steady, although the demand for it has been light.

SUGAR.—Our local market is quiet with unchanged values. The reports of the London market are duller, and Java and fair refining are each down 3d. to 16s. and 14s. respectively, after remaining unchanged for a long time. Beet is quiet, but quotations are nominally unchanged from last week at 13s. 10d for December and 14s. for January. There is no further estimate from Licht about the beet crop, and no special news about the crops of Cuba and Louisiana. In New York there is an active demand for refined at last week's price of 4 11 16c. Willet & Gray, in their "statistical" say: "Rates.—There have been no features of interest during the week, and the market is entirely unchanged at the Four Points. At New Orleans an advance of 1c. has been made, owing to unfavorable reports as to yield of the cane, which may prove of importance to the market soon, as the expectation up to this time has been that the Louisiana crop would largely exceed last year's, and cover the space for supplies between other cane crops, which may not now be the case. There is a strengthening tendency to the market which does not yet show itself in higher prices. The European markets have remained barely steady through the week, and show no particular tendency. Millings are reduced this week by one holiday, and will be larger again next week if present demand continues. *Lighted.*—The demand has increased considerably for all descriptions, and particularly for the low grades, as is usual on the approach of the Christmas holidays. Prices of hards remain unchanged, but a number of the low grades have advanced 1-16 to 3c. Market closes firmer with a better feeling throughout. Buyers should take notice that on the 8th instant a general advance in freights will be made of about 2c. to 5c. per 100 lbs."

TEA.—The tea market has been quiet during the week, but this is the result of the strong position and not of weakness. One important feature is the entire absence this year of consignments of Japan tea, which were so large last season and which broke down prices so completely. A few consignments of small amount have been made this year to Montreal, but these have all been absorbed and now nothing remains but the ordinary stocks, which are not too heavy.

COFFEE.—The Rio coffee market has fluctuated a few points downward in New York, but the change is insignificant, and is not unlikely to be followed by a recovery. Local prices are ruled by the influence that controlled the market when the outside prices were the highest, as local stocks were bought then. Jobbers this week paid 3c more than they did for any former purchases. The jobbing price is stiff at 20c. to 22c.

FISH.—Though there is no present activity in the local fish market, yet holders are firmer in their ideas. The official intimation that the rules of Lent will be rigidly enforced upon the faithful this year causes dealers to anticipate an enlarged demand from all Catholic countries. This, with the small catch of all kinds of fish this season, renders it probable that prices will advance before long, and that a brisk trade will be accomplished. Some small catches of herring are being made along the eastern shores, including P. E. Island, but they aggregate very little. Only a very few straggling mackerel are being taken now and then, but their numbers are so small that they are not worth curing, and they go into immediate consumption in a fresh state. Our outside advices are:—Montreal, Dec. 14—"The fish market holds in very good shape. The demand is good and prices hold firm, haddock being particularly strong at 4 1/2c. to 4 3/4c. We quote: Labrador herring \$5 to \$5.50; Cape Breton salmon \$13 to \$15; green cod, No. 1, \$5; No. 2 \$4.25; No. 2 mackerel \$19; No. 1 sea trout \$10 per bbl., \$5.25 per half-bbl.; Nova Scotia herring \$5 per bbl.; haddock 3 1/2c. to 4c.; cod 3c. to 4c." Another report of the same date from Montreal says:—"It being now known that the fasts of the Catholic church will be rigidly observed in the absence of any epidemic raid on the health of humanity, a much better feeling has been imparted to the fish trade. The sale of a round lot of green cod was made at \$4.50 for No. 1, which it is said cannot now be had under \$4.62 1/2, and we quote \$4.62 1/2 to \$4.75. Large is quoted at \$5 to \$5.25, and draft \$5.25 to \$5.75. Dry cod is firmer at \$4.50 to \$4.75. Herring are very quiet, fine Canse and Cape Breton August and September catch being quoted at \$4.50. Genuine Labrador are all gone. Yarmouth bloaters \$1.25 per box of 60; smoked herring 12 1/2c. per box; boneless codfish 5 1/2c. to 7c., and fish 3 1/2c. to 4c." Toronto, Dec. 14—"The announcement of the Archbishop that Lent would be strictly observed has induced more activity in fish, and as supplies of the leading lines are light the market rules very firm, while the receipts that come from the coast are generally absorbed. We quote: Labrador herring \$5 to \$5.50; Cape Breton and British Columbia salmon \$13 to \$15; green cod \$4.50; haddock 3 1/2c. to 4c., and cod 3c. to 4c." Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 14—"Light receipts have been the rule the past week. Fresh halibut have been very scarce and in demand; small Georges lots have sold as high as 20c. per lb., with last sales at 18c. The mackerel fleet are all in, but the market is not active. There is no recent news from Newfoundland, but the herring prospect is thought to be favorable. We quote latest fare prices as follows: Last sales Georges halibut 18c. per lb. Georges cod from vessel \$4.50 and \$4.37 for large, \$2.62 and \$2.75 for small; Bank \$3.62 and \$2. New Georges codfish at \$7 per qtl. for large, and small at \$5; Bank \$5.50 to \$6 for large and \$3.25 for small; Shore \$6.50 and \$4.50 for large and small; dry Bank \$6; medium \$3.50. Cured cusk at \$5 per qtl.; hake \$2; haddock \$2.50; heady salted pollock \$2.62, and English-cured do. \$3.75 per qtl.; Newfoundland herring \$4 per bbl.; pickled codfish \$4; haddock

\$3.75, halibut heads \$3.50, sounds \$13, tongues and sounds \$12; tongues \$11, slowives \$3.50, trout \$14, Halifax salmon \$23, Newfoundland do. \$16."

SUBSTITUTION.

It is universally conceded that when a manufactured article has been a standard and staple for many years amongst the trade the profit thereon through competition simmers down to almost a cash discount, of which there are comparatively few who can avail themselves; therefore other brands than those that are standard and staple are substituted in their stead, upon which there is considerable margin. Competition has increased to such an enormous extent amongst wholesalers and retailers that a great many of them consider it necessary and advisable to substitute other brands that seemingly produce large profits. Some are of the opinion that by so doing they benefit thereby. Others prefer to handle standard and staple lines, upon which, although the profit is small, the turnover is much greater; and in the aggregate, profit larger; not taking into consideration the fact that it is much easier and less expensive, and more satisfactory to sell staple lines than those that are unknown. The consumer unfortunately does not understand that when he enquires for a certain class of goods and is informed that they "have none in stock," or "are just out," or "we don't handle them" (which are remarks frequently made by dealers), that their object is to get him to buy a brand that pays a larger profit. To the thinking public it is obvious that the consumer is a loser thereby, and that in order that he should get the best value obtainable for his money, he should insist upon having standard and staple lines. It is a well-known and indisputable fact that the celebrated brands of cigars "La Cadena," "La Flor," "Cable Extra" (our new line), "Kickers," and "Mungoes" are standard and staple goods; and are manufactured under conditions which for the production of a first-class article in every respect are unequalled. Therefore it behooves them for their own sake to insist upon having these brands; thereby insuring to them a reliable smoke, and full value for their money. The cry that is repeatedly heard that "it is difficult to obtain a good cigar" will be unnecessary and uncalled for if they insist upon having the brands mentioned. For nearly half a century we have endeavored to place before the public the best value obtainable consistent with the prices charged; and it is well known that our goods are staple, and reliable; and that the demand for same is increasing. We therefore respectfully beg to state that when our brands are enquired for, and the answers above mentioned are given, we will upon application to us undertake to deliver, in small or large quantities, any of our brands that are desired. Our goods are better than ever. Our aim has always been to produce nothing but fine goods, which the public have shown their appreciation of by the enormous quantities that are sold annually. We aim to protect the consumer as well as the dealer, and by his enquiring for our goods, he protects himself.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.—WHOLESALE SELLING RATES.

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

GROCERIES.

BREADSTUFFS

SUGARS.		
Cut Leaf.....	5 1/2	
Granulated.....	4 1/2 to 4 3/4	
Circle A.....	4	
White Extra C.....	3 1/2	
Standard.....	3 1/2	
Extra Yellow C.....	3 1/2	
Yellow C.....	3 1/2	
TEA.		
Congou Common.....	17 to 19	
" Fair.....	20 to 23	
" Good.....	25 to 29	
" Choice.....	31 to 33	
" Extra Choice.....	35 to 38	
Oolong Choice.....	37 to 39	
MOLASSES.		
Barbadoes.....	32	
Demerara.....	35 to 38	
Diamond N.....	47	
Porto Rico.....	33 to 32	
Cienfuegos.....	none	
Trinidad.....	28	
Antigua.....	28	
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	

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, per bbl., Gravensteins.....	2.50 to 3.00
" " No. 1 Fall.....	1.50 to 2.00
Oranges, Jamaica, brils., New.....	6.50 to 7.00
Lemons, per case.....	6.00
Coccon, new per 100.....	5.00
Onions, crib.....	2 to 2 1/2
per lb., Canadian.....	5 to 5 1/2
Dates, boxes, new.....	5 1/2 to 6
Raisins, Valencia, new.....	10 to 11
Figs, Elmo, 5 lb boxes per lb., new.....	8 to 10
" small boxes.....	8 to 10
Prunes, Stewing, boxes.....	8
Bananas.....	2.00 to 2.50

C. H. Harvey, 12 & 10 Sackville St.

FISH.

	Ex Vesse.	Ex Store
MACKEREL.		
Extras.....	16.00	
No. 1.....	14.00	
" 2 large.....	11.50	
" 2.....	10.00	
" 1 large, Reamed.....	7.00	8.00
" 3, Reamed.....	7.10	7.50
" 3 large, Plain.....	6.75	7.50
" 3 Plain.....	6.75	
HERRING.		
No. 1 C. B. July.....	5.10	5.50
" 1 Fall Split.....	2.50	3.25
" 1 Fall Round.....	2.00	3.00
" 1 Labrador.....	6.00	6.00
" 1 Georges Bay.....	0.00	2.00
" 1 Bay of Islands.....	0.00	3.00
ALWIVES, No 1.....	4.10	5.50
SALMON.		
No. 1, per bbl.....	16.00	18.00
No. 2, per bbl.....	14.00	16.00
" 3, per bbl.....	12.00	14.00
Small.....		
Codfish.....		
Hard C. B.....	3.75	4.25
Western Shore.....	3.60	4.00
Bank.....	3.60	
Bay.....	2.75	
Newfoundland.....	3.75	
Haddock.....	2.50	
Bank & Western.....	0.00	
Hake.....	1.75	2.50
Pollock.....	1.75	2.25
Hake Sounds, per lb.....	12 1/2	
Con Oil per gal.....	38	13c

Markets are without change in prices. Flour is weak at previous rates, although there is no further decline. Millers losing on their output is most cause. Cornmeal, oatmeal, oats and mill feeds are steady at old figures. There has been some activity in business for the past ten days, but as the middle of December has been reached, we may look for dull trade in the wholesale breadstuffs and provisions after this week until well into January.

Flour.	
Manitoba Highest Grade Patents.....	5.00 to 5.10
High Grade Patents.....	4.15 to 4.25
Good 90 per cent. Patents.....	4.00 to 4.15
Straight Grade.....	3.90 to 4.00
Good Seconds.....	3.30 to 3.40
Graham Flour.....	3.00 to 4.00
Oatmeal.....	4.00 to 4.10
" Rolled.....	4.10 to 4.25
Klin Dried Cornmeal.....	2.85 to 2.95
" In Bond.....	2.80 to 2.90
Rolls Wheat.....	4.00 to 4.25
Wheat Bran, per ton including bags.....	18.75 to 19.00
Middlings.....	20.50 to 21.00
Shorts.....	18.75 to 19.00
Cracked Corn.....	28.00 to 29.00
Ground Oil Cake per ton.....	30.00 to 31.10
Moulée.....	22.00 to 24.00
Split Peas.....	4.10
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.85 to 1.90
Pot Barley, per barrel.....	3.90 to 4.15
Canadian Oats, choice quality.....	40 to 41
P. E. Island Oats.....	39 to 40
Hay.....	13.00 to 13.75

J. A. CHIPMAN & Co., Head of Central Wharf, Halifax, N. S.

PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....	12.50 to 13.00
" Am. Plate.....	13.00 to 13.50
" Ex. Plate.....	13.50 to 14.00
Pork, Mess, American.....	16.50 to 17.00
" American, clear.....	16.00 to 16.50
" P. E. I. Mess.....	16.50 to 17.00
" P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	15.00 to 15.50
" Prime Mess.....	11.50 to 12.50
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island.....	52
" American.....	10 to 11
Hams, P. E. I., green.....	19

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

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	25
" " in Small Tubs.....	52 to 54
" " Good, in large tubs, new.....	18 to 20
" " Store Packed & oversalted.....	14
Canadian Township.....	22 to 24
" Western.....	18 to 20
Cheese, Canadian.....	10 1/2
" Antigonish.....	11

SALT.

Factory Filled.....	\$1.50
Fine Liverpool, bag, from store.....	60
Liverpool, 1/2 bbl., ".....	1.50
Capiz.....	none
Turks Island.....	1.45
Lisbon.....	none
Coarse W. I.....	none
Trapan.....	1.40

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