

feeling amounts almost to excitement. In Glasgow the price has run up to 60s., and a very firm trade has been done during the week. Mr. Houston writes me from Glasgow that there is a good demand for good Canadian cheese, which is scarce, and 60s. is readily paid. From all appearances there will again be a warm finish to the season, with every probability of higher prices than last year, which should allow the first consignments of the next season's crop to play. It must not be forgotten, however, that buyers have to contend against the unwillingness of retailers to go above a certain value, and with the necessities of cutting a low figure the 60s. limit is not easily passed. A large wholesale house here who also retail tell me their counter customers are kicking because they have been compelled to raise prices to 1s. per lb. f. Canadian cheese, which even then does not leave them much margin."

Eggs are still rather scarce here, and the local demand for good, fresh near-country produce in this line is brisk. A Montreal report is—"The movement in eggs was only fair. Montreal timed at steady at 14c. to 15c. The Eastern American markets held up well to the great advantage of this market, as many of the Western eggs now going to New York and Boston would, under ordinary circumstances, come to Montreal to compete with local stocks. Shipments are still being made from here to Boston." A London writer says—"Eggs are a better trade this week, supplies being shorter and demand awakening. Rates range from 5s. for German up to 10s. 6d. for ex-selected French per 120. Canadians are quiet in Liverpool and Manchester at 5s. to 8s. A little while back I had something to say about the difficulty of disposing of pickles, buyers hawking them about at ridiculous prices, and still failing to effect sales. The condition now is even worse than when I wrote, and will, if possible, be more so with the advent of fresh stock in quantity. It is said that contracts at 8s. to 8s. 6d. still in force are bringing ruin on the contractors, who, on the outside, do no better than 7s. 6d. for their best lots, while rough stuff is being given away as low as 3s. 6d. This is simply terrible, and it is doubtful whether contractors ever before in the history of the trade met with such disastrous reverse. The lesson to be drawn from this is a serious one for Canadians, who should pause before they embark on the pickling business for export on the scale which I understand is contemplated for next season in Ontario. Eggmen here weep at the word pickles."

SUGAR has been a slow market here during the past week owing to the great uncertainty that prevails as to price in the future. A war has been organized in Montreal, Quebec, Toronto and other Canadian cities between the "grocers' guilds," who are united to advance the prices of manufactured sugar, and independent wholesalers who have combined to knock them down. Both sides are reported to be well prepared for the fight, which the general public will watch with much interest. Meanwhile the Montreal *Trade Bulletin* reports as follows:—"Some heavy transactions have of late taken place in raw sugar for account of Montreal refiners, the total value of which is estimated at within the vicinity of \$2,000,000. The purchases consist of East India, Java, Brazil and beet produce, part of which has been bought in the English market and part direct from points of production. Considerable beet and Java sugars have been contracted for, as well as Cuba centrifugals, which latter are largely used in the manufacture of granulated, but comparatively little Brazil, owing to the short crop of the latter and the fact that the Brazilians now refine much of their raw product, leaving them comparatively little to export. The trade here anticipated a largely increased consumptive demand during the coming season, owing to the low price of the refined article, and consequently a heavy importation of raw, both beet and cane, may be looked for. There appears to be a complete absence of speculation in this market, although a fair movement is in progress, sufficient to supply legitimate requirements; but beyond this dealers do not feel inclined to go at present."

MOLASSES.—The local demand for molasses continues slow and the supply is small—in fact it is said that there is little or none now in first hands. Of the new crop the Montreal *Trade Bulletin* reports as follows:—"The season for Barbadoes molasses opened on Monday last at the Island at 20c. f.o.b. or equal 15½c. per gallon first cost and about 35½c. laid down here. The opening price last year was 15c. first cost. The new season opens with comparatively light stocks in Montreal, although it is claimed that they will be ample for all consumptive wants between now and the arrival of the new product. Considering the low prices of American syrups, the value of Barbadoes molasses has kept up remarkably well, which demonstrates that French consumers will have the genuine Barbadoes, despite the cheapness of substitutes. It would therefore seem that Barbadoes molasses may always be depended upon as a staple article of consumption in this Province, the cheaper imported substitutes such as New Orleans and other kinds, being used chiefly in Ontario. Advices from the Islands indicate a fairly good crop of both sugar and molasses in contradistinction to the short yield of last year, and consequently prices should be reasonable."

TEA.—The market here remains in pretty much the same condition as last week and there is nothing of interest to report. Still there has been a rather improved enquiry which will probably develop into business.

COFFEE.—There is very little locally to report, but certain lines have a little higher tendency. In the London and New York markets, all coffees have advanced since last week from ½c. to 1c. per lb., No. 7 Rio spot being now held at 14½c. to 15c. in New York, and Santos sympathizing with it. Maracibos have advanced ½c. since the previous steamer, good Cucuta being sold in invoice lots at 21½c. Mochas are also held at about ½c. higher. Advices from Rotterdam state that an advance of 3 pennings per kilo (equal to 1½c. per lb.) has taken place in Javas in that market.

FISH here remains in the same lifeless state as before. There is no speculation and no demand either home or outside. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, Feb. 24—"The market for sample fish is quiet, and we quote Yarmouth bloaters per 60 box \$1.10 to \$1.25; Saint John's

bloaters per 100 box 90c. to \$1.10, boneless cod, large boxes, 6c. to 7c.; do. small boxes 7c. to 8c. No. 1 Green cod continues firm at \$5.50 to \$5.75, large 26, dry cod \$5.25, Newfoundland salmon \$18 to \$19 per tierce and \$12 to \$11 per bbl., Labrador herrings \$5.25, and French shore \$4.85 to \$5." Gloucester, Mass., Feb. 24—"With the near approach of Lent (March 3) trade in cured fish is looking up and prices continue firm with an upward tendency. Fresh herring sell very slowly in New York on account of the full supply of other fish. The receipts at this port the past week have been very light in everything except frozen herring, of which over a dozen firms have come forward from Fortune Bay. Mixed fish for curing, large cod, \$2.75, small do. \$1.80, cusk \$1.90, hake \$1.20, haddock \$2.25. Fair sales of Georges cod \$5 and \$3.75. Last fair sale of Bank halibut 13c. and 10c. per lb. for white and gray. Salt herring \$3 per bbl. in bulk, cargo lots. Jobbing prices for mackerel as follows: Small plain 3's 39 per bbl., small rimmed do. \$10, medium rimmed 3's \$13, medium shore 2's, scarce, \$18.50 to \$19, large shore 1's \$24, bloaters \$30. New Georges codfish at \$7.50 per qtl. for large, and small at \$5.25 to \$5.50, Georges-cured do. \$7 to \$7.13, Bank \$6.75 for large and \$5 to \$5.13 for small, Shore \$7.25 and \$5.25 for large and small, dry Bank \$7.25, medium \$5.50, cured cusk at \$5.75 per qtl., hake \$2.75 to \$3, haddock \$4.25, heavy salted pollack \$3.25, and English-cured do. \$3.75 per qtl. Labrador herring, split, \$5 per bbl., round \$4, Shore round \$3.50, Newfoundland 2's \$3, pickled codfish \$6, haddock \$5, halibut heads \$3.50, sounds \$13, tongues and sounds \$13, tongues \$11, slowives \$3.50, trout \$14, Halifax salmon \$23, Newfoundland do. \$16."

JOHN O'BRIEN, Esq., Antigonish writes:—"I have been a sufferer from dyspepsia for some years, and got so bad it was impossible to attend to my work, vomiting almost everything eaten. Having heard of K. D. C. I was induced to make a trial of it, and was astonished to find that after a few doses food could be retained on my stomach and after following the directions carefully for a few weeks the pain and distress known to well by dyspepsia, gradually left me. Am now able to attend to my work, and in good health."

MARKET QUOTATIONS.—WHOLESALE SELLING RATES.

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

GROCERIES.

SUGARS.	
Cut Loaf	5½
Granulated	4½ to 4¾
Circle A	4½
White Extra C	4¾
Standard	3½ to 3¾
Extra Yellow C	3½
Yellow C	3¼ to 3½
TEA.	
Congou, Common	17 to 19
" Fair	20 to 22
" Good	25 to 29
" Choice	31 to 33
" Extra Choice	35 to 36
Oolong, Choice	37 to 39
MOLASSES.	
Barbadoes	35
Demerara	35 to 38
Diamond N.	48
Porto Rico	34 to 35
Cienfuegos	none
Trinidad	32½ to 33
Antigua	32 to 34
Tobacco, Black	45 to 47
" Bright	47 to 50
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread	3.00
Boston and Thin Family	6½
Soda	6½
do in lib. boxes, 50 to case	7½
Fancy	8 to 15

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, per bbl., N. S.	2.00 to 3.00
Oranges, Jamaica, brls.	6.50 to 7.00
Lemons, per case	4.75 to 5.00
Cocoanuts, new per 100	5.00
Onions Am per lb.	2½ to 2¾
" Canadian, per lb.	5½ to 6
Dates boxes, new	6 to 7
Raisins, Valencia, new	10 to 11
Figs, Elme, 5 lb boxes per lb., new	9 to 10
" small boxes	8½ to 9
Prunes Stewing, boxes	1.50 to 2.00
Bananas	1.50 to 2.00
Cranberries, per bbl.	1.50 to 2.00

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

FISH.

	Ex Vesse.	Ex Store
MACKEREL—		
Extras	00.00	22.00
No. 1	00.00	19.00
" 2 large	00.00	15.00
" 2	00.00	12.00
" 3 large, Reamed	0.00	9.00
" 3, Reamed	0.00	8.00
" 3 large, Plain	0.00	8.00
" 3 Plain	0.00	7.00
Small	0.00	6.00
HERRING.		
No. 1 C. B. July	0.00	5.50
" 1 Fall Split	0.00	4.25
" 1 Fall Round	0.00	3.75
" 1 Labrador	0.00	6.25
" 1 Georges Bay	0.00	2.25
" 1 Bay of Islands	0.00	3.50
ALEXANDER, No. 1	0.00	5.50
SALMON.		
No. 1, brl.	00.00	16.00
No. 2, brl.	00.00	14.00
" 3	00.00	13.00
Small		
CODFISH.		
Hard C B	0.00	6.00
Western Shore	0.00	5.75
Bank	0.00	4.75
Bay	0.00	4.25
Newfoundland	0.00	none
Haddock	0.00	3.75
Hanks & Western	0.00	3.75
Hake	0.00	3.00 to 3.25
POLLACK		
Hake Sounds, per lb.	12½	4.00
God Oil per gal.	29	3½c.

BREADSTUFFS.

The improvement noted in our last week's report has virtually been maintained and whilst we look for no boom in prices, we certainly think we have reached the bottom prices until next harvest.

FLOUR.	
Manitoba Highest Grade Patents	5.75 to 6.00
High Grade Patents	5.10 to 5.30
Good 90 per cent. Patents	4.90 to 5.00
Straight Grade	4.80
Good Seconds	4.48
Graham Flour	4.60 to 4.75
Oatmeal	4.35 to 4.4
" Rolled	4.48
Kilo Dried Cornmeal	3.10
" In Bond	2.80
Roll'd Wheat	5.58
Wheat Bran, per ton	21.00 to 21.50
Middlings	28.50
Shorts	22.50
Cracked Corn including bags	25.00
Ground Oat Cake, per ton	38.00 to 39.00
Moules	24.00 to 25.00
Salt Peas	4.10
White Beans, per bushel	1.50 to 1.75
Port Baxley, per barrel	3.90 to 4.00
Canadian Oats, choice quality new	45 to 48
P. E. Island Oats	41 to 45
Hay	13.00 to 14.00

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

PROVISIONS.

ceef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid	12.50 to 14.0
" Am. Plate	14.00 to 15.00
" Ex. Plate	15.00 to 15.50
Pork, Mess, American	15.00 to 15.50
" American, clear	17.50 to 18.00
" P. E. I. Mess	15.50 to 16.00
" P. E. I. Thin Mess	14.00 to 14.50
" Prime Mess	13.50 to 14.00
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island	10 to 11
" American	10 to 12
Hams, P. E. I., green	9
Prices are for wholesalers only, and are liable to change daily.	

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints	25
" " in Small Tubs	25
" Good, in large tubs, new	17 to 20
" Store Packed & overmalted	15
Canadian Township, new	20 to 25
" Western	18
" old	15
Cheese, Canadian	12
" Antigonish	12½

SALT.

Factory Filled	\$1.50
Fine Liverpool, bag, from store	60
Liverpool, whhd.	1.50
" Adont	none
Capls	none
Turks Island	none
Lisbon	none
Coarse W. I.	none
Trapan	4.40
" Adont	4.75