

\$1.50 to \$1.70 has taken place in Chicago during the past week. The hog and pork markets both at Chicago and Montreal have not been so excited for a long time as during the past week. Prices here, however, have not advanced at anything like the ratio that they have in the West. Smoked meats have been steady with a fair demand in this market, but they are steadily advancing in all the western centres.

BUTTER.—In the local market butter is quiet but firm. Stocks of both creamery and dairy are not excessive, and the consumptive demand here is equal to absorbing all that there is, so that holders are quite well satisfied of the value of their property. A good demand is experienced for roll butter, which sells at 24c. to 26c. for good to fine in small lots. In London holders of Danish butter, have become frightened at the prospects of large receipts of Colonial butter, and prices of that article have suddenly dropped 2s. per cwt.—an unprecedented fall at this season of the year. We may note that this butter is now 12s. lower in London than it was last year at this time. A rather discouraging fact to those who have been contemplating shipping from this country to England at present.

CHEESE.—This article is firm in the local market, but business is narrow on account of a small consumptive demand. Holders continue to be very sanguine, and present indications in outside markets certainly appear to justify their confidence. Prices in England are steadily advancing, the situation there being much stronger than buyers care to admit, and we should not be at all surprised to see prices go up to 60s. and over. The public cable has moved up to 54s., but it has got to move up higher still. In fact a private letter from London states that buyers have been running round trying to buy September makes at 54s., but without success, and further asserts that sales have been effected at 58s. Right round the markets there the report is that there is no retrocession, and that when business picks up again there is every prospect of a steady advance.

APPLES.—There is nothing new to say respecting apples in the local market, as nothing is doing in them now. In London there is a great run on oranges, which have completely supplanted apples in popular favor for the present. When Valencia and Denia are offering at 5s. per case of 450, as they now are, there is always a poor demand for apples, and they have to go low or remain unsold. How the future will go no one can prophesy, but lower levels cannot be reached with Canadians few in supply selling at no more than 10s. to 11s. both in London and Liverpool for primo fruit. It appears that the great mistake was made in shipping such immense quantities of fall fruit early in the season, thus glutting the market and knocking the bottom clean out of it, leaving no chance for the later and better keeping varieties. Of course we cannot expect our farmers to cut down their early-bearing trees, but it would pay them better to do so and raise later varieties than to ship again such large quantities of early fruit as they did this year.

DRIED FRUIT.—There is still a little life left in the dried fruit trade. The stock of Valencia off-stalk raisins is very light, some houses being bare of supplies. Valencia layers are in very small compass and the demand has not revived since Christmas. Of blue fruit there is enough left to compensate buyers for the cutting that they did before the close of the old year's trade. Of the remnant of the better class of this fruit there is a firmer feeling, but London layers do not quote materially higher. Currants are not in strong request, but, as they are not plentiful, the price is unchanged. Good Patras currants are quite scarce.

SUGAR.—A problem on which a good many heads are now engaged is the future price of sugar. The present state of the market warrants the view that the price will not be lower before March. The statistical position appears to support the theory that there will be a further advance, but there does not seem to be a sufficiently strong and wide-spread conviction that the latter view is correct to lead to any heavy buying movement on the part of either wholesalers or retailers. The wholesalers would have bought liberally before the late advance, but their offers since are not said to be very numerous. Speculation in sugar has never, we believe, brought much money to any house that tried it. Either the market takes a reverse or the necessity or policy of making a cut have usually caused such ventures to turn out disappointingly. There is, therefore, not so much keenness to take risks this year as there was last.

TEAS.—Purchasers are not coming forward as freely with orders as might be expected, the low state of retail stocks and the scarcity of the best selling grades being considered. A lively movement is, however, one of the early certainties. The wholesalers are now giving attention to stocks and tasting is now very generally observing in the sample rooms. Dealers state that country orders are beginning to show better volume, and from the number of enquiries received during the week it is evident that stocks in retailers' hands are running pretty low.

COFFEE.—There is a good demand for coffee, stocks of which are quite limited at the moment, but as holders' ideas are higher than those of buyers the amount of business is small. The market, however, is strong, and it looks as if buyers will have to give in.

FISH.—An improved outside enquiry for all kinds of fish is noted, but it has not resulted in much increase in the volume of business transacted. Very little, if any, fish is now coming in from the outports and alongshore, but the stocks on hand of all sorts except mackerel and herring are quite large enough to meet all probable demands. The season for catching fish is now practically over, as the seas are too boisterous for small boats to venture out, and we have very few vessels who try their fortunes on the Grand Banks, especially in winter. In St. John, N. B., the fish market is reported dull, with not much prospect of improvement. Quotations there are virtually about the same that they are here. In Montreal the demand for fish is good, and dealers report an unusually active business. No. 1 Halifax green cod to arrive have been sold at \$5.75, while spot transactions have transpired at \$5.50. At Gloucester, Mass., frozen herring are now in fair supply,

so that no difficulty is experienced in securing bait. A few fares of salt herring have been received from Newfoundland. It is anticipated that the advent of intense cold and the closing of the lakes will cause an improvement in the salt fish trade there. No. 1 mackerel are jobbing there at \$25 to \$38 for No. 1's and ex cas, large codfish \$7 and small at \$5; Newfoundland herring \$3, Nova Scotia large split \$0.50; medium \$4.50; Cape Breton \$7.10, large round \$3.75; medium \$3.

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MARKET QUOTATIONS.—WHOLESALE SELLING RATES.

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

GROCERIES.

SUGARS.	
Cut Leaf	53 1/2
Granulated	43 1/2 to 44
Circle A	4 1/2
White Extra C	37 1/2 to 38
Standard	37 1/2 to 38
Extra Yellow C	37 1/2 to 38
Yellow C	37 1/2 to 38
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	20
Demerara	35 to 38
Diamond N.	47
Porto Rico	33
Cienfuegos	none
Trinidad	28
Antigua	28
Tobacco, Black	47 to 48
" Bright	47 to 48
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread	3.00
Boston and Thin Family	6 1/2
Soda	6 1/2
do in lib. boxes, 50 to case	7 1/2
Fancy	8 to 15

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples per bbl., No. 1	2.00 to 2.75
Oranges, Jamaica, bris., New	6.00 to 6.50
Lemons, per case	4.00 to 5.00
Cocoas, new per 100	5.00
Onions, cribs	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, Elms, 5 lb. boxes per lb., new	9 to 10
" small boxes	8
Prunes Stewing, boxes	2.00 to 2.50
Bananas	2.00 to 2.50

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FISH.

MACKEREL—	
Ex Vesse.	Ex Stor.
No. 1	13.00
No. 2	14.00
" 1 Large	11.50
" 2	8.00
" 1 Large, Reamed	7.00
" 3, Reamed	7.00
" 1 Large, Plain	6.75
" 3 Plain	7.10
HERRING.	
No. 1 C. B. July	5.10
" 1 Fair Split	3.25
" 1 Fair Round	3.00
" 1 Labrador	0.00
" 1 Georges Bay	0.04
" 1 Bay of Islands	0.00
ALXWIVES, No 1	4.10
SALMON.	
No. 1, W. brl.	16.00
No. 2, W. brl.	14.00
" 3, W. brl.	12.00
Small	14.00
COUPFISH.	
Hard C. B.	3.75
Western Shore	3.50
Bank	3.50
Bay	3.10
Zewfoundland	3.75
Haddock	2.50
Bank & Western	0.00
Hake	1.75
Pollock	1.75
Hake Sound, per lb.	7 1/2
CRY OIL 24 gal.	28

BREADSTUFFS

Markets remain fairly steady at the late advance, which may be placed at about 15 to 20 cents.

It is scarcely likely that prices will go off much from the present quotations. Oats and mill-feeds are higher too.

FLOUR	
Manitoba Highest Grade Patents	5.00 to 5.10
High Grade Patents	4.15 to 4.25
Good 90 per cent. Patents	4.10 to 4.15
Straight Grade	3.90 to 4.00
Good Seconds	3.80 to 3.90
Graham Flour	3.90 to 4.00
Oatmeal	4.10 to 4.15
Rolls	4.10 to 4.25
Kila Dried Cornmeal	2.50 to 2.55
" 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	25.00 to 25.50
Ground Oat Cake per ton	30.00 to 31.15
Moulce	22.00 to 24.00
Split Peas	4.10
White Beans, per bushel	1.35 to 1.40
Pot Barley, per barrel	3.80 to 4.05
Canadian Oats, choice quality	40 to 41
P. E. Island Oats	39 to 40
Hay	13.00 to 15.75

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PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid	12.50 to 13.00
" Am. Plate	13.00 to 13.50
" Ex. Plate	13.50 to 14.50
Pork, Mess, American	18.50 to 19.00
" American, clear	20.00 to 21.00
" P. E. I. Mess	18.00 to 19.00
" P. E. I. Thin Mess	16.00 to 17.00
" Prime Mess	16.00 to 17.00
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island	50
" American	12 to 15
Hams, P. E. I., green	11
Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are liable to change daily.	

BUTTER AND CHEESE

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints	25
" " in Small Tubs	12 to 14
" Good, in large tubs, new	15 to 20
" Store Packed & oversalted	14
Canadian Township	21 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, 44 lb.	1.50
Capla	none
Turks Island	1.45
Lisbon	1.40
Coarse W. I.	1.50
Trepan	1.50