

\$1.35 to \$1.40 for spring, and \$1.40 to \$1.45 for midge proof. Coarse grains are nominal. Barley being of fine quality and in good demand, prices of small lots have ranged as high as 70c. to 72c. Oats are wanted at 50c. to 52c. Peas nominal, at 65c. to 68c.

PROVISIONS.—Mess pork firm and nominal, at \$18½ to \$19. Stocks of barreled pork are very light. Butter is dull. Late shipments have in general resulted unfavorably. Exporters are careless about offering; a really fine article can be easily placed at remunerative prices. We notice that there is a good demand for shipment to California, and that large consignments have been made thither from New York during the past few weeks. Cheese continues dull, and nothing beyond a retail business is done. Liverpool market is freely supplied with American cheese, and prices there have no improvement. A reduction on the prices at present asked for Canada cheese will have to be conceded in order to render shipment profitable to the exporter. Lard is in light stock, and dull at 9c. to 9½c.

WOOL.—The market is rather easier, and though no sales are reported, buyers demand a concession of one cent on the rates. Holders ask 29c. to 29½c. for round lots.

Our Halifax correspondent writes as follows:—

Business has been more active during the week. Fish has come in pretty freely, and the improvement in trade is quite perceptible. The Exports, also, are much in excess of former weeks.

BREADSTUFFS.—Flour—We have no change to note since our last. The market is firm at \$9 50 for fresh ground No. 1 Canada. Good grades are scarce and wanted, the supply being inadequate to the demand. Prices will rule high for some time, as we cannot expect more than a limited supply. Old, unchanged; Sour and Inferior, \$6 and upwards, according to quality. Rye Flour has improved, and holders are firm at \$5 75 @ \$6. Corn Meal in good demand, and firm at \$5 for Brandywine; Fresh ground, \$4.50. Oatmeal unchanged, at \$6 75 for Canada. Imports for the week, from Canada, 1200 bbls. flour.

FISH.—Receipts have come in freely. Prices generally have undergone no change. Cod—we have no change to note; rates are not so firm, as the supply is large. We quote prime large hard cured at \$3 75, prime small \$3 50, good Talqual \$3 20. We do not count on these quotations being sustained, should the fishing prove as successful as is anticipated. Salmon quiet, with limited demands, and likely to rule low. We still quote No. 1 \$15, No. 2 \$13, and No. 3 \$10. Mackerel in good demand, and may be quoted a shade higher. Receipts come to hand sparingly. We count upon an advance. No. 3 large \$6 @ \$6 25; No. 3 small, \$5 50.

OILS.—Coal, quiet, with a downward tendency. We quote Labrador at 45 cts., Shore 43c. Large receipts will cause prices to drop. Kerosene still continues dull, with limited demand, at 28c. Other descriptions unchanged. Receipts for the week, 99 bbls. and 2260 galls. Cod Oil. Exports, to Canada, 140 casks Cod.

PRODUCE quiet. The demand is limited, and will continue so until new crop. Potatoes, old, not inquired for; new in good supply for local requirements, at 55c. @ 60c. Butter—There is a slight advance in new for town consumption; old, dull and unchangeable.

PROVISIONS.—Pork—Mess in fair request, without change of rates. We still quote at \$18 @ \$19. Prime and Prime Mess we quote at \$14 @ \$17, according to quality. Beef—Mess in demand; the supply is limited. A good article is worth from \$13 to \$14 50. Lard quiet at 12c.

WEST INDIA PRODUCE.—We have no material change to note since our last. The tone of the market is firm, and present rates are likely to be sustained. Exports to Canada still continue, which relieves the market of any overstock. We quote Vacuum Pan at 7c. @ 7½c.; Porto Rico at 6½c. @ 6¾c.; Barbadoes at 5½c. @ 6c.; good Cuba at 5½c. @ 6c. Molasses firm, without change. Good Cienfuegos, 29c. @ 30c.; Br. Island, 25c. @ 28c. for fair to choice. Rum in fair demand, and holders are firm at 48c for Demerara and 45c. for St. Jago. Exports to Canada—100 hhds. Sugar, 20 puns. Molasses.

Mr. W. B. Dawson, a tanner of Charlottetown, P. E. Island, in a letter addressed to one of the Island papers, asserts that since the 1st of May last, he has exported three thousand seven hundred sides of leather to Montreal.

STATEMENT OF BANKS

ACTING UNDER CHARTER, FOR THE MONTH ENDED JULY 31, 1897, ACCORDING TO THE RETURNS FURNISHED BY THEM TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

NAME OF BANK.	CAPITAL.			LIABILITIES.					ASSETS.						
	Capital authorized by Act.	Capital paid up.	Promissory Notes in circulation not bearing interest.	Balances due to other Banks.	Cash Deposits not bearing interest.	Cash Deposits bearing interest.	TOTAL LIABILITIES.	Coin, Bullion, and Provincial Notes.	Landed or other Property of the Bank.	Government Securities.	Promissory Notes, or Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Notes and Bills Discounted.	Other Debts due to the Banks not included under the foregoing heads.	TOTAL ASSETS.
ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.															
Montreal.	6,000,000	6,000,000	755,724	1,409,534	5,136,027	4,884,489	12,185,766	1,888,948	350,000	3,313,405	375,354	2,892,558	10,404,377	462,287	19,680,882
Quebec.	2,000,000	1,476,750	529,769	44,468	640,466	578,553	1,275,382	333,846	92,371	148,433	32,791	152,883	2,366,709	330,615	3,457,646
Commercial.	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,270,010	64,968	1,079,099	1,075,456	4,689,563	917,615	277,338	400,000	156,869	582,884	2,023,554	499,784	9,166,814
City.	1,000,000	1,200,000	305,647	104,183	600,324	601,088	1,411,223	270,906	38,000	158,969	99,686	17,596	2,023,864	156,102	2,765,165
Gore.	1,000,000	809,280	540,580	25,536	416,156	641,925	1,623,898	431,512	81,778	82,733	112,580	32,454	1,599,890	244,967	2,685,902
British N. A.	1,000,000	1,000,000	64,358	44,085	374,769	190,210	682,423	190,294	50,647	100,364	37,416	6,782	1,989,938	62,931	2,498,375
B'que du Peuple.	1,000,000	279,008	155,287	57,750	137,440	114,737	401,518	40,442	42,515	46,730	22,515	40,107	550,570	52,057	765,293
Niagara District.	1,000,000	1,000,000	92,357	92,773	407,049	511,527	914,514	243,380	96,440	107,553	65,284	279,525	2,827,145	18,577	3,645,678
Toronto.	2,000,000	1,000,000	868,821	9,900	347,338	1,394,399	2,590,560	309,040	46,819	99,266	65,284	279,525	2,827,145	18,577	3,645,678
Ontario.	2,000,000	1,968,540	1,064,017	213,855	1,245,452	787,708	2,251,034	882,226	147,694	186,892	119,418	251,617	3,755,793	110,011	5,483,650
Eastern T'ps.	1,000,000	370,230	95,231	6,832	55,032	60,233	223,130	20,915	4,500	67,833	84,018	47,024	1,259,509	5,000	1,708,344
B'que Nationale.	1,000,000	1,000,000	133,788	119,918	179,788	168,233	698,728	165,314	24,213	143,680	101,226	19,609	1,775,948	13,786	1,996,337
B'que Jacques C.	1,000,000	969,685	60,302	37,395	291,093	538,153	938,577	74,698	13,800	101,226	148,233	96,987	1,600,620	32,000	2,389,746
Merchants.	2,000,000	1,113,640	71,792	133,250	259,434	715,425	1,159,371	343,431	60,153	80,300	112,203	275,360	2,032,720	32,000	3,006,447
Royal Canadian.	2,000,000	829,082	902,832	12,673	732,381	459,552	2,098,439	466,424	179,716	83,809	14,583	39,546	1,602,702	1,239	3,006,447
Union B'k of L.C.	2,000,000	771,812	101,715	192,708	240,692	129,415	696,527	170,716	28,612	87,273	32,814	10,769	1,002,702	1,239	3,006,447
Mechanics.	1,000,000	229,820	79,839	76,900	79,829	83,310	163,216	31,479	5,250	53,533	32,010	57,062	896,061	70,904	1,475,583
Bank of Commerce.	1,000,000	421,166	211,471	30,558	354,062	505,645	1,151,534	321,059	5,250	53,533	32,010	57,062	896,061	70,904	1,475,583
NOVA SCOTIA.															
Bank Yarmouth.	200,000	128,000	155,020	6,137	6,996	16,481	180,914	10,543	1,050	504	504	5,403	231,257	319,662	319,662
Merchants' Bank.															
People's Bank.															
Union Bank.															
B'k Nova Scotia.															
NEW BRUNSWICK.															
B'k New Brunswick.															
Commercial B'k.	600,000	600,000	443,815	7,412	322,111	479,028	1,244,308	215,511	17,455	85,337	85,337	158,396	1,607,733	78,059	2,113,484
St. Stephen's B'k.															
People's Bank.															
Totals.															

* Commercial Bank includes Cash Credit with "Bills Discounted."