

Besides the importations into that country, a considerable quantity of margarine is manufactured there, so it is evident that the consumption is increasing in proportion as the demand for poor stale butter is decreasing. It would seem, however, that the people of Newfoundland have been overdoing their importations, as one lot has been thrown on the market and sold at auction at pretty low figures, said to be from 8½c to 9½c per lb. The evident moral to be deduced from these facts is that our butter producers must take the greatest care to manufacture a prime article only, and to market as soon after making as circumstances will permit if they would reap the due reward of their labors.

CHEESE.—There has been no change in this market, the tone being easy and prices nominal, though May receipts have been lighter than was expected. Liverpool was cabled at 48s. to 52s. The New York *Commercial Bulletin* says:—"Of the combination cheese factories sales have been—Springville 8½c; Marshfield 8½c; Cloverfield 8½c—all colored stock and said to average about 1200 boxes to each mark."

FRUITS.—The season for apples is almost over, but there is a fair demand for choice varieties such as spies, etc. Common stock is not desired and is difficult to sell. Southern fruits and vegetables are beginning to arrive quite freely by the weekly boats from Boston, but they are, as a rule, too dear for the majority of consumers to indulge in. There is a fair consumptive demand for dried fruits at unchanged prices. Still little actual trade in them has been accomplished, but more activity is anticipated when direct importations now on their way arrive.

LIVE STOCK.—Good beef is scarce and dear, as is usually the case at this season of the year. Stall-fed animals are hardly to be obtained, and several weeks must elapse before those fattened on grass will be in a marketable condition. A few spring lambs are coming forward, but they are not as good as they would be if the season was more forward. They sadly feel the want of young, fresh grass on which to feed. A few weeks hence they will be in better order.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—Refined sugar has continued very steady and fairly active, both granulated and yellows being in good demand. Raw sugars are very quiet and easier. In the local market very little is doing in molasses. A Montreal advice says:—"In molasses there have been sales of Barbadoes at 35c on spot, with single puncheons quoted higher. To arrive new Barbadoes are quoted at 30c. to 31c. One firm here has 100 puncheons on the way. As low as 11c. has been quoted on the Islands, but it is said they cannot be bought for that figure."

TEA AND COFFEE.—There has been only moderate distribution of tea, chiefly on country jobbing account. There is no life in the business, as purchasers seem inclined to wait for arrivals of new, and even the low price at which old is offered, does not tempt them to invest to any great extent. Montreal and other upper Province dealers will not probably import anything like the quantity that they did last year. Brokers tell them that they will regret later on not having ordered more freely than they have, but the reply is that they have the large New York market to fall back upon in case of shortage, and many of them were severely bitten by ordering too liberally last year. They found that they could not corner even the Canadian market. Coffee has been steady with little doing. The world's product is reported to be about an average one.

FISH OILS.—Our Montreal advice reads:—"In seal oil a lot was sold on spot a few days ago at 42c, and we hear of the sale of 100 bbls. of new to arrive on p.t., but the figure is believed to be in the vicinity of 42½ or 43c. We quote new steam refined 42½c. Cod oil is unchanged at 34c to 33c for Newfoundland, and at 30c to 31c for Halifax. Cod liver oil is quiet at 70c to 75c.

FISH.—No change has occurred in our fish markets, the only notable receipts being within 500 barrels of herring, and perhaps 1000 quintals of old codfish. In the absence of supply enquiry is useless. No improvement has transpired respecting the catch of bait on our coast, but bait is reported to be plentiful along the Newfoundland shores. The local market is practically cleaned out of old stock of all kinds of fish, and no change can be effected till new catch begins to come in. It is expected that when new fish do arrive it will command favorable prices at the opening. The *Cape Ann Advertiser* says:—"At this season new mackerel are beginning to arrive at Boston and Gloucester, the marketing of fresh mackerel at New York and Philadelphia being practically over. This season the law forbids the catching of mackerel until after June 1. Reports show that the mackerel are schooling in their usual haunts, and fears are felt that they will have passed to the northward before our vessels are allowed to capture them. It is nearly time for the schools to strike the Nova Scotia shores, when they can be taken in traps freely and marketed to Boston fresh without paying duties, while the hands of our fishermen remain idle. Already there have been small receipts from the Yarmouth weirs. Our fleet are sitting away in order to be on the grounds as soon as the close season has passed. Much dissatisfaction is expressed at the ruling that no mackerel can be taken on the first day of June, strict orders have been issued to enforce the law against any vessel known to have taken mackerel before June 2. The fleet must be on the grounds, and if the fish are there one day may make an immense difference in the results of the voyage. The halibut fleet bring in very light fares, and are far from paying expenses. They report an unprecedented scarcity of halibut in all directions. Arrivals from Grand Banks report that the cod-fishing fleet there are doing very poorly. One halibuter failed to get enough to bait her trawls. One Nova Scotia vessel was spoken which had a bait supply of 80 bbls. herring and took only 40,000 lbs. codfish. One vessel hauled 2 trawls and took only a tub and a half of fish. Gloucester quotations are practically unchanged, and the fish business there is, according to our advices, very dull. Havana, 29 May, (cable).—"Codfish \$7 per 100 lbs.; haddock \$5.25; hake \$6.

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.

GROCERIES.

SUGAR.	
Cut Loaf	7½
Granulated	6½ to 6¾
Circle A	6
White Extra C	5½ to 5¾
Extra Yellow C	5½ to 5¾
Yellow C	5½ to 5¾
TEA	
Ceylon, 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 to 33
Demerara	31 to 32
Diamond N.	42 to 43
Porto Rico	31 to 35
Clunfuegos	30 to 31
Trinidad	30 to 31
Antigua	30 to 31
Tobacco, Black	38 to 44
" Bright	42 to 58
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread	2.60 to 2.90
Hotton and Thin Family	5½ to 6
Soda	5½ to 5¾
do. in lib. boxes, 50 to case	7½
Fancy	8 to 15

The above quotations are carefully prepared by a reliable Wholesale House, and can be depended upon as correct.

PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess. duty paid	10.50 to 11.00
" Am. Plate	11.00 to 11.50
" Ex. Plate	12.00 to 12.50
Pork, Mess. American	18.00 to 18.50
" American, clear	19.00 to 19.50
" P. E. I. Mess	17.00 to 17.50
" P. E. I. Thin Mess	15.50 to 16.00
" Prime Mess	13.00 to 13.50
Lard, Tubs and Pails	11 to 12
" Cases	12.50 to 13.00
Hams, P. E. I. green	8 to 8½
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef \$2.20 per bbl.	

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FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL—	
Extra	14.50
No. 1	13.00
" 2 large	12.50
" 2 small	12.00
" 3 large	9.50
" 3 small	9.00
HERRING	
No. 1 Shore, July	4.25 to 4.50
No. 1 August	3.25 to 3.50
" September	3.25 to 3.50
Round Shore	3.50
Labrador, in cargo lots, per lb	3.25 to 3.50
Bay of Islands, from store	2.75 to 3.00
ALBUQUERQUE, per bbl.	4.75 to 5.00
CODFISH	
Hard Shore	4.00 to 4.15
New Bank	4.00
Bay	4.00
SALMON, No. 1	14.00
Haddock, per qt	1.00 to 1.25
Hake	2.50 to 2.75
Cusk	2.75 to 3.00
Pollock	2.25 to 2.50
Hake SOUNDS, per lb.	30 to 35
COD OIL A.	22 to 25

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

LOBSTERS.

Per case 4 doz. 1 lb cans.

Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing)	4.75 to 5.40
Tail Cans	4.60 to 5.00
Flat	6.00 to 6.40
Newfoundland Flat Cans	6.25 to 6.50

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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.	3.50 to 10.00
" Merchantable, do do	8.00 to 8.00
" Small, do do	6.50 to 7.00
Heimlock, 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

BREADSTUFFS.

PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE.

Quotations below are our to-day's wholesale prices for car lots not cash. Jobbers' and Retailers' prices about 5 to 10 cents per bbl. higher than car lots. Markets quiet and steady. Breadstuffs are sold fine. Cornmeal quiet; Oats quiet. Flour strong and dearer.

Flour	
Graham	4.60 to 5.00
Patent high grades	5.00 to 5.25
" mediums	4.75 to 4.90
Superior Extra	4.35 to 4.50
Lower grades	3.60 to 4.00
Oatmeal, Standard	6.00
" Granulated	6.25
Corn Meal—Halfway ground	3.55 to 3.65
" Imported	3.65 to 3.75
Bran, per ton—Wheat	20.00
" —Corn	21.00
Shorts	25.00 to 26.00
Middlings	26.00 to 28.00
Cracked Corn	28.00 to 30.00
" Oats, per ton	28.00 to 30.00
" Barley	nominal
Feed Flour	3.35 to 4.50
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs., retail	43 to 45
Barley " of 60 " nominal	60
" " of 60 " nominal	1.00 to 1.10
White Beans, per bushel	2.45 to 2.55
Pot Barley, per barrel	5.40 to 5.50
Corn " of 56 lbs.	85 to 90
Hay per ton	13.00 to 14.00
Straw	9.10 to 12.00

J. A. CHIPMAN & Co., Liverpool Wharf, Halifax, N. S.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints	22 to 24
" " in Small Tubs	22 to 24
" Good, in large tubs	20 to 22
" Store Packed & oversalted	12 to 15
Canadian Township, new	21 to 23
" Western	20 to 21
" old	15
Cheese, Canadian	11

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

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound	15 to 20
" unwashed	12 to 15
Salted Hides, No 1	5 to 6
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No 1	6
" under 60 lbs., No 1	5
" over 60 lbs., No 2	5
" under 60 lbs., No 2	5
Cow Hides, No 1	3
No 3 Hides, each	4
Calf Skins	25
" Deacons, each	25
Lambskins	25 to 75
Tallow	2

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

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, No. 1 Varieties, new, per bbl.	5.00
Oranges, per bbl. Jamaica (new)	8.00
" per case, Valencia	7.00
Lemons per case	5.00 to 5.50
Cocoanuts, per 100	5.50
Onions, Egyptian, new, per lb.	2½ to 3
Dates, boxes, new	5½
Raisins, Valencia	6½
Figs, Elmer, 6 lb boxes per lb.	13
" small boxes	11 to 14
Prunes, Stewing, boxes and bags	5½ to 6½
Grapes, Almeria, kegs	none

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

POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound	16 to 18
Geese, each	none
Ducks, per pair	none
Chickens	none

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Steers best quality, per 100 lbs. alive	4.25 to 5.00
Oxen	3.50 to 4.50
Fat Steers, Hotters, light weights	3.00 to 4.00
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs.	4.50 to 6.00
Lambs, scarce	3.50 to 4.00

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