

to catch on to them, and it is so difficult to get the retailers to fasten on that holders have been hawking about limed stock this season at very low prices, and have still failed to effect sales. I understand that more systematic efforts than have hitherto been made, are in progress to place Canadians on the London market, we may expect when the season begins again for fresh stock, to see them established here, though it is not to be expected that they will so soon assert their right to stay here as they have at the port on the Mersey. Those selling in London now are mostly transfers from receivers in Liverpool, but I understand that arrangements are making for extensive shipments direct as soon as navigation re-opens. In Liverpool this week business has looked up for Canadian eggs, owing to the bitter spell, the frost and snow having been material aids in the disposition of the rather heavy stocks arriving. Over 2,200 cases were shipped last week, this week's arrivals being nearly 1,000 cases up to yesterday. Prices have kept steady, and a fair clearance has been made. One receiver informed me that his brand was all cleared and that he is sold forward for next week. One importer complains very bitterly of the practice I recently wrote on. He says he got a lot of small cases this week purporting to be fresh in which there was a large percentage of limed eggs. He asks:—"Is this straight dealing?" And I should be inclined to say decidedly not, especially as he is at a loss, owing to his making a practice of buying all his goods on the other side. This is about one of the worst things that shippers could do if they are desirous of fostering a trade which has such splendid prospects before it. There is nothing which so disgusts merchants as this kind of game carried on at long distances; as it is almost impossible to recover at law with so many miles of ocean between buyer and seller."

APPLES.—There has been nothing new to note regarding the local apple market since our last. In London "the customary lull has taken place in sales of apples after X'mas, but what have been sold have been at very good prices, especially considering the condition in which they have come. Shipments on the way and advised are small, and better rates even than now ruling are looked for, which has already made itself felt in the fine qualities. Some of the Canadian russets sold this week were splendid and realized prices they deserved. 963 bbls. ex Nesmore sold at Monument Buildings on Tuesday, at a range of prices up to 17s. 6d. per bbl, the latter for Spitzenbergs; Baldwins, 16s.; Wagner, 11s. 6d.; N. Spy, 13s. 6d.; Greenings, 10s. 316 bbls. Nova Scotian ex Inchulva also went at good prices, the top figure being 17s. for Russets; No. 1 Baldwins, 12s. 6d. to 14s.; Ben Davis, 11s., and N. Spy, 14s. 6d. per bbl. In Liverpool higher prices have been ruling, choice Canadians having advanced, while Americans are firmer. Of course just now the run is on oranges, and things must necessarily be quiet for apples for a bit; though our consumptive capacity in this respect is a quite ungugable quantity. Total arrivals to 2nd inst. at Liverpool:—608,061 bbls., against about 190,000 same date last year."

SUGAR.—There is very little to note in our local sugar market, for while there is a fair consumptive demand, business is not on the whole as good as it was a week ago, as the wholesale men have fair stocks on hand which do not move out very freely. The raw sugar market continues firm and refiners are not pushing sales to any great extent. Cables from London state that beet sugar stood at 14s 7d for January and 14s 9d for February on 18th inst., which shows a decline of 3d for January for the highest figure that has been reached lately, but the market is in a fluctuating condition, and the tendency appears to be upward. In New York, the excitement has subsided somewhat, and it is stated on good authority that the refiners there have purchased 65,000 bags of Cuba, which will keep them forward. Refined in New York is very dull at 4c. The American Sugar Trust at its recent meeting asked and obtained the power of issuing twenty-five millions more of stock, but would not say for what the money was needed; it is generally believed, however, that it is provided for the purpose of buying up the Philadelphia refineries.

TEAS.—The market generally is not very active, except that there is a good demand for medium Japans at about 18c to 21c, but the stocks of such teas are very light and the demand cannot be met. Of low grades the stocks are large but there is but little demand for them. The market is quite bare of fine grades and here there is a lively demand. Blacks are very quiet and but little is doing in greens.

COFFEE.—There is nothing doing in coffees, which rule dull, but values are essentially firm under an extremely light supply. The New York market for Brazils shows a rather light demand, but as the quantity in hand is only moderate, prices are keeping firm; in mild grades there is an active demand for recent arrivals and for good Catuta Maracibo sales by invoices have been made at 20½c. All mild coffees are scarce, and a letter received from London by last mail states that all fine coffees are very scarce there and stand at very high prices with the exception of Mocha, which is a little easier.

FISH.—The fish market here continues extremely dull. It is now rumored that, owing to the alarming prevalence and spread of La Grippe, the rules of Lent may be relaxed this year as they were a couple of years ago. If this is done it will further depress the fish trade—if this is possible—as it will curtail the demand for that species of food. The *Montreal Trade Bulletin* says:—"Contrary to expectations the demand for fish, especially pickled herrings, has set in before February, and as all jobbers were completely out of stock we look for stocks here to be greatly diminished by the end of the month. The quality this year is much better than last, and the quantity in sight just about one-tenth of that of a year ago. The supply of herring in this city is estimated to be under 1,000. It is thought that the large crop of potatoes and high price of butter will stimulate a brisker demand. By the way some doctors are prescribing fish diet as an antidote to grippe, which should induce quite an extra demand for this description of food. Prime French shore herrings are quoted at \$5.25, and Labrador herrings \$5.75 in lots of 30 and up. There is no B.C. Salmon to speak of in the market, Labrador salmon is held at \$20 to \$19.50 for No. 1 for tierces, and \$13 to \$12.50

for No. 1 brls. Lake trout \$4.50 half brls. Green cod \$5.50 No. 1, \$6 large and \$6.25 for Large D.R." Our outside advices are as follows.—Montreal, Jan. 27,—"The fish market continues quiet with some business in fresh trout and white fish, but nothing particularly important. Owing to the weather we have had recently and the great prevalence of the grippe dealers do not anticipate much of a winter demand for fish this season. We quote No. 1 green cod \$5.50 per bbl. small lots being quoted at \$5.75. Large is scarce and quoted at \$6 to \$6.50. Dry cod quiet at \$4.25 to \$5.50 Newfoundland salmon is unchanged at \$19 to \$20 per tierce as to quality, and in bbls. at \$13.50 to \$14. Labrador herring have sold at \$6 for choice, and at \$5.50 to \$5.75 for French shore. The market for smoked fish remains about as last quoted. Yarmouth bladders, \$1.25 to \$2 per 100, S. John bladders, \$1.55, boneless cod, large boxes 6s. do small boxes, 7c." Gloucester, Mass., Jan. 27,—"But is still scarce, but news comes of frost at Newfoundland, and two cargo s of frozen herring are already on the way from the Bay of Islands. The receipts of salt bloater herring continue liberal, and the smokers are busy. Other receipts light with only a moderate trade. We quote mackerel, jobbing: Small 3s, \$8.50 and \$9; medium 3s, \$10.50 and \$11; large 3s, \$14; medium 2s, \$13 and \$14; large 2s, \$17 and \$18; bay 1, \$21, shore 1s, \$24; extra shore 1s, \$20; extra bladders, \$30; New Georges codfish at \$7.50 per qtl. for large, and small at \$5.50; Bink \$6.75 to \$7.25 for large and \$4.50 to \$5 for small; Shore \$7.25 and \$5.25 for large and small. Dry Bink \$7.25, medium \$5.50. Cured cusk at \$5.50 per qtl.; hake \$3; haddock \$4.12 to \$4.50; heavy salted pollock \$3 and English cured do \$3.75 per qtl. Labrador herring \$6.50 per bbl.; Newfoundland do \$7; Nova Scotia do 7.50, Export \$3.50, split shore \$4; round do \$4; round Export \$4; pickled codfish \$6; haddock \$5; halibut heads \$3.50; sounds \$13; tongues and sounds \$12, tongues 11; alewives \$3.50; trout \$14; Halifax salmon \$23; Newfoundland do \$16."

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 5½
Circle A.....	4½
White Extra C.....	4½
Standard.....	3½ to 3½
Extra Yellow C.....	3½
Yellow C.....	3½
TEA.	
Congou, Common.....	17 to 19
" Fair.....	20 to 23
" Good.....	25 to 28
" 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.....	31 to 35
Cienfuegos.....	none
Trinidad.....	32½ to 33
Antigua.....	33 to 34
Tobacco, Black.....	45 to 47
" Bright.....	47 to 55
BISCUITS.	
Plat Biscuit.....	3.00
Boston and Thin Family.....	6½
Soda.....	6½
do in 1/2 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.....	5.50 to 7.00
Lemons, per case.....	5.00 to 6.00
Cocoanuts, new per 100.....	5.00
Onions Am. per lb.....	2½ to 2½
" Canadian, per lb.....	2½ to 2½
Dates boxes, new.....	6½ to 6
Raisins, Valencia.....	6 to 7
Figs, Elme, 5 lb boxes per lb, new.....	16 to 11
" small boxes.....	9 to 10
Prunes, Stewing, boxes.....	5½ to 6
Bananas.....	1.50 to 2.00
Cranberries, per bbl.....	1.50 to 2.00

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

FISH.

	Ex Vessel.	Ex Store.
MACKEREL.		
Extras.....	60.00	22.00
No. 1.....	00.00	19.00
" 2 large.....	00.00	15.00
" 2.....	00.00	12.00
" 3 large, Reamed.....	00.00	9.00
" 3, Reamed.....	00.00	8.00
" 3 large, Plain.....	00.00	8.00
" 3 Plain.....	00.00	7.00
Small.....	00.00	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
ALEWIVES, No. 1.....	0.00	5.50
SALMON.		
No. 1, 2 brls.....	00.00	16.00
No. 2, 2 brls.....	00.00	11.00
" 3.....	00.00	13.00
Small.....		
CODFISH.		
Hard C. B.....	0.00	4.75
Western Shore.....	0.00	4.75
Bank.....	0.00	4.75
Bay.....	0.00	4.25
Newfoundland.....	0.00	none
Haddock.....	0.00	3.75
Barks & Western.....	0.00	3.75
Hake.....	0.00	3.00 to 3.25
POLLOCK.....		4.00
Hake Sounds, per lb.....	2½	
Con Oil per gal.....	29	32c.

BREADSTUFFS.

We have but little to add to our remarks of last week, concerning the trade which still continues very quiet although somewhat improved. Good dry weather with frost and snow, would make quite a change for the better. There is however, a great scarcity of money apparently in the country evidently we are still feeling the effects of the two years partial failure of the crops amongst the farmers in Nova Scotia. We make no changes in our quotations but we correct some few that are in error.

WHEAT.	
Manitoba Highest Grade Patents.....	5.75 to 6.10
High Grade Patents.....	5.10 to 5.20
Good 90 per cent. Patents.....	4.90 to 5.00
Straight Grade.....	4.80
Good Seconds.....	4.40
Graham Flour.....	4.60 to 4.75
Oatmeal.....	4.35 to 4.40
" Rolled.....	4.45
Kiln Dried Cornmeal.....	3.10
" In Bond.....	2.90
Rolls Wheat.....	5.65
Wheat Bran, per ton.....	21.00 to 21.50
Middlings.....	23.50
Shorts.....	22.50
Cracked Corn " including bags.....	35.00
Ground Oil Cake, per ton.....	36.00 to 38.00
Moulse.....	24.00 to 28.00
Split Peas.....	4.10
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.50 to 1.55
Potatoes, per barrel.....	3.90 to 4.00
Canadian Oats, choice quality new.....	43 to 45
P. E. Island Oats.....	41 to 45

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

PROVISIONS.

cef. Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....	11.00 to 14.50
" Am. Plate.....	15.00 to 15.50
" 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.....	15.00 to 15.50
" P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	14.00 to 14.50
" Prime Mess.....	11.50 to 12.00
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island.....	12
" American.....	10 to 11
Hams, P. E. I., green.....	9
Prices are for wholesale lots 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 18
" Store Packed & oversalted.....	15
Canadian Township, new.....	20 to 22
" Western.....	18
" old.....	12
Cheese, Canadian.....	12
" Antigonish.....	12½

SALT.

Factory Filled.....	\$1.50
Fine Liverpool, bag, from store.....	60
Liverpool, 1/2 hhd.....	1.25
" Afloat.....	
Capiz.....	none
Turks Island.....	none
Libon.....	none
Coarse W. I.....	none
Trapan.....	1.40
" Afloat.....	1.25