

owners of property have now discovered. Scores of tenants have given their landlords notice that, unless rents are materially reduced, they will have to give up their holdings. And this not only in places hitherto occupied as liquor saloons, but in others which are used as residences or as stores. This, together with the decrease in the city revenues of some \$5,000 for licenses, and of say \$2,000 on taps in bar-rooms, which must be made up by taxes in other directions, render real estate anything but desirable or profitable property to hold.

The non-arrival of the mails circumscribes our view of the general markets of the Dominion, and we are obliged to confine our notes mainly to the consideration of the condition of local trade.

**Dry Goods.**—This trade continues to be of satisfactory volume, and to promise well. Prices maintain their firmness. Country merchants probably owe smaller accounts than has been the case for several years, and the slowness of recent remittances has been due more to the difficulty of communication, owing to bad roads, than to inability or unwillingness to pay up on the part of country debtors. All textile goods are in fair demand, and a satisfactory distribution is making.

**IRON AND HARDWARE.**—There has been no change in the market, though a little new business is doing. The tone of the market for foreign pig iron is weaker, but there is a moderate demand for bar iron.

**BREADSTUFFS** are steady at about last week's quotations. Wheat is somewhat firmer, but no tangible advance has been achieved. In Great Britain our advices report wheat, corn and flour dull and little doing, though quotations are nominally unchanged.

**Provisions.**—The pork market is somewhat easier, but a good business is doing. March killings have been large, and have somewhat made up the deficiency of supply that exists, but a large portion of the animals slaughtered were relatively small ones. Lard is weak, and prices have a downward tendency. The tone of the beef market is steady under a moderately fair demand. In hams, the demand for home consumption is small, but values are well sustained. Tallow is dull and depressed.

**BUTTER.**—A good deal of butter that has been withheld during the winter is now coming in, and fair prices, though not fancy prices, are obtained for all that is offered, especially of the finer grades. Butter that is poorly made and packed is, however, hard to sell. The present outlook is, that at the close of the season there will be no stock to speak of to carry over into the summer.

**CHEESE.**—The western factories have begun to make and put upon the market early or "fodder" cheese. This, though far inferior to the product of grass-fed milk, meets sale at remunerative figures. We are inclined to strongly deprecate this course on the part of the manufacturers, as they are apt to make more than enough to supply the current demand, in which case some remains over and injures the market for the better cheese when it comes along. The semi-famine in cheese that prevailed during the past winter, and the active demand for any sort of cheese that now exists, are temptations to the factories; and if they have the moderation and sense not to overdo the thing, no harm will be done. The fear is, that they will not be satisfied with merely supplying present pressing wants.

**SUGAR** continues firm and in good demand, both for raws and refined. The *Havana Weekly Report* of the 12th instant, says of the Cuban sugar crop, that "according to recent reports received from all the most important producing districts, it seems probable that the production this year will not go above 500,000 to 550,000 tons, the drought reducing the yield daily, thus making the prospects look more and more gloomy. Another cause that has contributed in no small degree to reduce the production, is the frequent fires that have taken place this year on sugar estates, some of which have been unprecedentedly large, destroying no less than 3 to 40 caballerias (1,000 to 1,340 acres) of standing cane and, in some cases, burning the buildings to the ground. All the sugar producing localities have suffered more or less heavily in this way, and large fires are being daily reported from all parts."

**MOLASSES.**—Barbadoes are rather easier, but other kinds are unchanged. The demand is merely nominal and, though stocks held are small, enquiry is still smaller.

**TEA.**—The market is still quiet, but a slightly improved enquiry has developed of late. Large sales are reported to have been made in New York at firm prices.

**COFFEE** is advancing under an alleged short supply. The Brazil crop is reported to be an unpromising one, and fears are expressed that it will be far below the average.

**FRUIT.**—Choice apples are becoming scarce, and command excellent prices in both the British and the United States markets. Tropical fruit—orange, lemons, etc., are in ample supply, and prices rule remarkably low just now. Some small consignments of early southern fruits and vegetables are beginning to arrive.

**FISH.**—Our Boston advices show that the market for salt fish is very dull and weak. Prices of mackerel have declined fully \$1 per barrel, and are now so low that some business should be done at present ruling figures. Values for codfish are maintained, but the market is so dull that, if stocks were not so low as they are, a decline would undoubtedly have to be noted. The demand for herrings is light, and some dealers are inclined to make concessions in order to reduce their stocks. Advices from Newfoundland report the seal fishery, as far as heard from, to be fairly successful. There are no changes to note in the West Indian fish markets. According to private cable advices, the Norwegian cod fishery is seriously short. The catch up to a late date was nine millions, against twenty-five millions last year—a shortage of sixteen millions which cannot be recovered. Although last year's catch was a heavy one, this shortage is expected to have a beneficial effect on the Newfoundland trade in codfish and oil.

## 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.

We intend devoting special attention to our Commercial and Financial Articles, and to our Market Quotations, and to this end have secured the co-operation of several persons thoroughly conversant with questions of finance and commerce.

## GROCERIES.

SUGAR.	
Cent. Leaf.....	7 1/2 to 8
Circle A.....	8 1/2
Circle B.....	8
Extra Yellow C.....	5 1/4 to 5 1/2
Yellow C.....	5 1/2 to 5
TEA.	
Congou, Common.....	17 to 19
" Fair.....	20 to 23
" Good.....	25 to 29
" Choice.....	31 to 33
" Extra Choice.....	35 to 36
Oolong—Choice.....	37 to 39
MOLASSES.	
Barbadoes.....	30 to 32
Demerara.....	32 to 35
Diamond N.....	40
Porto Rico.....	30 to 32
Cienfuegos.....	27 to 28
Trinidad.....	27 to 28
Antigua.....	27 to 28
Tobacco—Black.....	37 to 44
" Bright.....	42 to 58
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread.....	2.60 to 2.90
Boston and Thin Family.....	5 1/4 to 6
Soda.....	5 1/4 to 5 1/2
do. in 1 lb. boxes, 50 to case.....	7 1/2
Fancy.....	8 to 15

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

## BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	20 to 25
" in Small Tubs.....	20 to 24
" Good, in large tubs.....	18 to 20
" Store Packed & overalted.....	15 to 17
Canadian, Creamery.....	30
" Township, Fancy.....	23 to 25
" Finest.....	21 to 22
" Fine.....	18 to 20
" Morrisburg and Brockville.....	17 to 19
" Western.....	15 to 17
Cheese, N. S.....	12
" Canada.....	14

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

## FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL—	
No arrivals. Prices Nominal.	
Extra.....	10 00
No. 1.....	9 00
" 2 large.....	8 00
" 3 large.....	6 50
" 3.....	6 50
HERRING.	
No arrivals. No sales. Quotations nominal.	
No. 1 Shore, July, very scarce.....	5.00
No. 1, August.....	none
" September.....	none
Round Shore.....	3.75
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl.....	none
Bay of Islands.....	3.75 to 4.00
ALBACORE, per hbl.....	none
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore.....None Arriving	
Blank.....	2.25 to 2.30
Hay.....	none
SALMON, No. 1.....	none
HADDOCK, per qtr.....	2.00 to 2.25
HARK.....	2.10
CUSK.....	none
POLLOCK.....	none
HARK SOUND.....	45 to 50c per lb.
" Oil A.....	29 to 30

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

## LOBSTERS.

Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing).	
Tall Cans.....	4.00 to 4.50
Flat.....	6.00 to 6.50
Per case 4 doz. 1 lb cans.	

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer.

## LUMBER.

Pine, clear, No 1, per m.....	27 10 to 28 00
" Merchantable, do do.....	14 00 to 17 00
" No 2, do do.....	10 00 to 12 00
" Small, per m.....	8 00 to 14 00
Spruce, dimension good, per m.....	9 50 to 10 00
" Merchantable, do do.....	8 00 to 9 00
" Small, do do.....	6 50 to 7 00
Hemlock, 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
" spruce, No 2.....	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 net cash. Jobbers' and Retailers' prices about 5 to 10 cents per bbl. higher than car lots. Markets quiet and steady.

Flour.	
Graham.....	4.40 to 4.50
Patent high grades.....	4.60 to 4.80
" mediums.....	4.25 to 4.40
Superior Extra.....	4.00 to 4.10
Lower grades.....	3.30 to 3.80
Oatmeal, Standard.....	4.05 to 4.15
" Granulated.....	4.30 to 4.40
Corn Meal—Halifax—round.....	2.80 to 2.90
" —Imported.....	2.80 to 2.90
Bran per ton—Wheat.....	18.00 to 18.50
" —Corn.....	15.00
Shorts.....	19.00 to 19.50
Middlings.....	20.00 to 22.00
Cracked Corn.....	27.00 to 28.00
" Oats.....	21.00 to 23.00
" Barley.....nominal	
Feed Flour.....	3.75
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs.....	35 to 36
Barley " of 48 ".....nominal	
Peas " of 60 ".....	1.10 to 1.10
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.50 to 1.60
Port Barley, per barrel.....	4.85 to 4.90
Corn " of 56 lbs.....	65 to 70
Hay per ton.....	14.00 to 15.50
Straw.....	10.00 to 12.00

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

## PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....	12.00 to 12.50
" Am. Plate.....	13.00 to 13.50
" Ex Plate.....	13.50 to 14.00
Pork, Mess, American.....	18.00 to 19.00
" American, clear..... old	15.00 to 16.00
" P. E. I. Mess.....new	17.00 to 17.50
" P. E. I. Thin Mess.....old	14.00 to 14.50
" Prime Mess.....	12.00 to 12.50
Lard, Tubs and Pails.....	11 to 12
" Cases.....	12.50 to 13.00
Hams, P. E. I.....	none
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef \$2.20 per bbl.	
Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are liable to change daily.	

These quotations are prepared by a reliable wholesale house.

## WOOL, WOOL SKINS &amp; HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound.....	15 to 22
" unwashed.....	12 to 15
Salted Hides, No 1.....	7 1/2
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs. No 1.....	7 1/2
" under 60 lbs. No 1.....	6 1/2
" over 60 lbs. No 2.....	5 1/2
" under 60 lbs. No 2.....	5
Cow Hides, No 1.....	5 1/2
No 3 Hides.....	5
Calf Skins.....	7 to 8
" Deacons, each.....	25 to 30
Lambskins.....	25 to 35

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

## HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

APPLES.	
No. 1 Varieties.....	2.50 to 3.00
Oranges, per hbl. Jamaica (new).....	none
" Valencia.....	0.00
Lemons, per case.....	6.00 to 6.50
Cocoanuts, per 100.....	4.75 to 5.20
Onions, American, per lb.....	2 1/2
Foxberries, per hbl.....	none
Grapes, Almeria, per lb.....	0.00
Raspberries, New Val.....	0 to 7
Figs, Flame, small boxes.....	15 to 17
Prunes, Stewing per lb.....	6 1/2
Dates, boxes, new.....	7 1/2

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

## POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound.....	12 to 15
Geese, each.....	40 to 60
Ducks, per pair.....	50 to 75
Chickens.....	30 to 60

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

## LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Steers, best quality, per 100 lbs. alive.....	5.00
Oxen.....	4.00
Fat Steers, Heifers light weights.....	3.50
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs.....	4.00 to 4.50
Lambs.....	none

These quotations are prepared by reliable victualer.