

DRY GOODS.—Little change has occurred in the situation, as business has continued quiet. Some travellers have gone out with samples of fall goods, but it is too early as yet to arrive at anything like an exact estimate regarding the fall movements, though present indications are that such will be considerable. The leading staples have undergone no fluctuation in values and the general tone is steady.

IRON, HARDWARE AND METALS.—The position, as a whole, has remained unchanged with trade in most varieties of iron and hardware, and has continued to be of satisfactory volume and prices steady. Advances are that the unusual and protracted heat has strengthened the prices of English manufactured iron. Cables quote Glasgow warrants at 42s. 4d., No. 3 foundry in Middlesbrough at 34s. 6d., and hematite pig in Workington at 14s. 6d. Pig iron in American markets has continued very quiet with little business in progress. The labor troubles in the west among foundrymen have greatly restricted movements. In finished iron, bars have been selling at 2c. Tin plates have been in fair request. Metals are steady to firm. Late London cables are: Tin, £102 7s. 6d.; soft Spanish lead, £12 5s.; best selected copper £44 10s.; soft English lead £12 10s.

BREADSTUFFS.—The grain markets in Chicago have been quiet and easier with wheat a shade lower. Reports of the American wheat crop are very conflicting, but there seems no reason now to doubt the earlier promise of a large yield. The British grain markets have ruled dull and slow in tone, although the weather has been dry and rain much needed. Wheat cargoes off coast were very dull and on passage or for shipment rather easier. In Liverpool wheat was slow and corn firm. In London mixed maize was quoted at 19s. 9d., and Minneapolis straight flour at 23s. 3d. In this market flour was quiet and nominally steady with little movement.

PROVISIONS have been quiet and unchanged with little or nothing doing, though a moderate jobbing trade was done at about steady prices. In Liverpool lard was easier and about 3d. lower. Pork was unchanged at about 66s. 6d., lard at 38s. 6d. and tallow at 22s. 6d. In Chicago lard was strong and advanced 15c. to 17c.; pork is not quoted; meats were stronger and advanced 10c.

BUTTER.—Creamery butter has shown a decided tendency to stiffen, but no real advance in prices has been attained. There is no shipping demand, but a good, new article is easy to place at full figures.

CHEESE continues to be inexplicably strong in the upper provinces and considerable excitement has been experienced in Brockville and other producing markets. English prices, however, do not warrant shipments at the figures at which cheese is now held on this side, so that no export business can be done.

APPLES.—Messrs McKittrick, Hamilton & Co., of Liverpool, have recently published their annual report on Canadian and American apples for the season of 1886-87, from which we take the liberty to transcribe the following, in the hope that the portion relating to Nova Scotia apples and their packing, may prove a useful lesson to our farmers and shippers:—"At the same time the character of the fruit has been a great improvement upon that of previous seasons, and the packing showed that shippers were realizing that to get good returns fine fruit well packed and carefully selected was a *quid pro quo*. Canada, as usual, has been to the fore, and we have had really perfect parcels landed here for which high prices have been obtained. * * * Nova Scotia had a very good crop this year and sent the bulk of the fruit to the London market. As a rule Nova Scotia fruit is very good and commands good prices, particularly Nonpareils. The packages, however, are smaller and more like drums and want greater bilge. The packing, too, leaves much to be desired. Scarcely 10 per cent. was landed here tight. If shippers would study the art of packing apples they would do much better and make more money on their shipments." New apples from Cincinnati have been received at Montreal and sold at \$6 to \$8 per barrel. Of course prices will drop rapidly as the supply increases. Our early supplies come from eastern points and will be due in a week or two.

OTHER FRUITS.—Large quantities of tropical fruits and of native strawberries are in receipt and the prevalent heat has caused an immense demand for them, especially lemons and oranges, which are unusually cheap and good. In dried fruit a fair business has been done at steady prices.

TEA AND COFFEE.—The tea market has been moderately active and steady, but without new feature. The *S. S. Parthia* (from Japan) arrived at Vancouver on Monday last with a cargo of 42,108 packages, of which 35,472 were tea. The Amoy market continues firm but dull and quotations are unchanged. The summer crop is reported by cable to be in good leaf and cup and generally of satisfactory quality. The coffee market has ruled firm, but owing to light stocks in first hands the movement has been limited to small jobbing lots.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—The market for refined sugar has been rather quiet, but appears to have developed renewed strength, and it is claimed that inside quotations would not be shaded even for round lots. Yellows have likewise grown firmer. The turnover in both has been fair. In molasses the outlook is encouraging to holders, and prices are firm. There is little to arrive offering.

FISH.—This market is virtually bare of shipping fish, though this does not greatly matter in the absence of demand from either the United States or the West Indies. In some of the latter markets a better feeling is reported, which, it is hoped, may develop into something like an active demand by the time that we are ready to supply it. Reports from Newfoundland are very discouraging so far, and appear to point to a strong probability that the catch this year will be below the average—perhaps a virtual failure. Some fair catches of cod are reported as having arrived at our western outposts, but most of the vessels in that line are not believed to have done well. The mackerel catch has also been very small this season, but several Gloucester mackerelers have returned home with very good fares.

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.	
Cut Leaf	7 1/2 to 8
Granulated	6 1/2 to 6 3/4
Circle A	6 1/2 to 6 3/4
White Extra C	5 1/2 to 5 3/4
Extra Yellow C	5 1/2 to 5 3/4
Yellow C	5 to 5 1/2
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	27 to 29
Demerara	30 to 34
Diamond N.	34 to 40
Porto Rico	28 to 30
Cienfuegos	26 to 27
Trinidad	26 to 27
Antigua	26 to 27
Tobacco—Black	37 to 44
" Bright	42 to 58
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread	2.60 to 2.90
Boston and Thin Family	5 1/2 to 6
Soda	5 1/2 to 5 3/4
do. in 1 lb. boxes, 50 to case	7 1/4
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 22
" " in Small Tubs	18 to 20
" Good, in large tubs	16 to 18
Store Packed & oversalted new	7 to 10
Canadian, Creamery, new	19 to 20
" Township, Fancy, new	17 to 19
" Old	7 to 10
Cheese, Canadian	10 1/2

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

FISH FROM VESSELS.

There are so few pickled or dry fish arriving from the coast that a quotation cannot be correctly given. The most of those that are arriving are consigned, and go into store.

MACKEREL.	
Extra	none
No. 1	"
" 2 large	"
" 3	"
" 3 large	"
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July	none
No. 1, August	none
" September	none
Round Shore	none
Labrador, in cargo lots, per 51	none
Bay of Islands, from store	2 1/2
ALBACORE, per bbl.	4.50
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore	3.00 to 3.10
New Bank	3.00 to 3.25
Bay	none
SALMON, No. 1	none
Haddock, per 100	2.00 to 2.25
Hake	2.10
Cusk	none
Pollack	1.00
Hake Sound	45 to 50c. per lb.
Cod Oil A	29 to 30

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

LOBSTERS.

Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing).	
Tail Cans	4.60 to 5.00
Flat	6.00 to 6.50
Per case 4 doz. 1 lb cans,	

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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 in.	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
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 net cash. Jobbers' and Retailers' prices about 5 to 10 cents per bbl. higher than car lots. Market quiet and weak. Breadstuffs are selling at current cost.

Flour.	
Graham	4.10 to 4.65
Patent high grades	4.10 to 5.00
" mediums	4.10 to 4.57
Superior Extra	4.10 to 4.16
Lower grades	3.80 to 3.90
Oatmeal, Standard	4.10 to 4.15
" Granulated	4.10 to 4.50
Corn Meal—Halifax ground	2.25 to 2.50
" Imported	2.90
Bran per ton—Wheat	19.00
" —Corn	17.00
Shorts	20.00 to 21.00
Middlings	22.00 to 23.00
Cracked Corn	27.00 to 28.00
" Oats	25.00 to 26.00
" Barley	nominal
Feed Flour	2.50 to 3.00
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs	3.40 to 3.55
Barley " of 48 "	nominal
" of 60 "	1.00 to 1.10
White Beans, per bushel	1.50 to 1.60
Potatoes, per barrel	4.85 to 4.90
Corn " of 54 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	12.50 to 13.00
" Ex. Plate, "	13.50 to 14.00
Pork, Mess, American	17.50 to 18.00
" American, clear	19.00 to 20.00
" P. E. I. Mess	16.50 to 17.00
" P. E. I. Thin Mess	14.00 to 15.00
" 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 & 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	6 1/2
" under 60 lbs., No 1	6 1/2
" over 60 lbs., No 2	6 1/2
" under 60 lbs., No 2	6 1/2
Cow Hides, No 1	6 1/2
No 3 Hides	5
Calf Skins	7 to 8
" Deacons, each	25
Lambskins	15 to 20

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 box	3.00
Oranges, per bbl. Jamaica (new)	10.00
" case, Valencia, repacked.	2.50
Lemons, per case	4.50 to 5.50
" boxes	3.25 to 3.50
Bananas, per bunch	3.00 to 4.00
Cocoanuts, per 100	5.50
Onions, Bermuda, per lb.	2 1/2 to 3
" Egyptian	2
Pine Apples, per doz.	2.00 to 3.00
Raisins, New Val	6 to 7
Figs, Eleme, small boxes	13 to 16
Prunes, Stewing, boxes	6 1/2
Dates, boxes, new	6 to 7

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	60 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 to 3.75
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs.	5.00 to 6.00
Lambs	none

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