

pective of the dull cables, which in some cases quote down to 45a, is a seriously weak spot—indeed unless a really active demand arises, which at the moment does not look likely, it is becoming time that factorymen should consider the advisability of meeting the market as it is. The goods must be moved some time or other, and if held much longer it is probable that the accumulation will have an even greater depressing effect later, whereas with the July make out of the way, makers would be in a vastly better position to secure more profitable prices for the fall production."

**POTATOES.**—The July report of the United States Department of Agriculture says:—The condition of potatoes is generally good, and with two exceptions all the States and Territories show an increase of area. Delaware reports the same area as last year and Nevada a reduction. In many of the other States there are reductions of area in certain counties, scarcity of seed or bad weather for planting being most commonly assigned as the reason in such cases. The largest increments are in the Western States and Territories, and immigration and the extension of cultivation in general will account for a large part of the increase, though the scarcity last year, and high prices resulting, had everywhere a stimulating effect upon the extension of area. The development of truck farming, and the demand for potatoes for shipment, or the opening of mines and furnaces, or the building of railroads, are specified to the various Southern correspondents as causes of the increase. The only States and Territories where an average condition of potatoes falls below 90 are Kentucky, Arizona and Dakota, and in more than two-thirds of the remainder it ranges from 96 to 99.

**SUGAR AND MOLASSES.**—The demand for refined sugar has been good, and a large volume of business has been done in granulated. Raw sugar is firmly held. New York quotes granulated easier at 7½c. It is, however, thought that the marking down of refined sugar there was done more to influence the raw market than because of the slow outlet for refined, for there is at present no evidence of weakness among holders. Cables from London quote:—"Beet, prompt delivery, 14s. 1½d. Java cargoes, afloat, 16s. Cane sugar quiet, no change. Beet sugar firm, but demand light. Stock of all kinds in the four ports, 277,000 tons." The molasses market continues very firm under a good demand, but as the quantity that is yet to come forward from producing points is very uncertain, no advance can be looked for at the present at least.

**FISH OILS.**—Our Montreal correspondent reports:—"The market is unchanged, a few small sales of steam refined being reported at 42½ to 43c., larger lots being shaded. Cod oil quiet, but steady at 32 to 33c. for Newfoundland, and 29 to 30c. for Halifax. Cod liver oil, 65c."

**FISH.**—Receipts of fish during the past week have rather improved in quantity, especially as regards dry fish, salmon and mackerel. The price of dry fish has slightly fallen off under slack demands and unfavorable advices from abroad. About 500 barrels of salmon, arriving from the Labrador, caused prices to drop from \$4 to \$5 and we accordingly make the necessary change in our quotations. Reports thence are that the salmon catch promises to be quite a fair average; and if these reports are borne out by facts, a return to former figures is hardly to be expected. The high prices ruling attracted during the week about 2,500 bbls. of mackerel to this market. Consequently, for a while, prices weakened about \$1, but at present writing, they have stiffened, and as high as \$13 has been offered for a lot of Bay mackerel uncured. Reports from all along the shore are not in any way favorable to anything like an average catch of mackerel this season. Nearly all the spring fish that have been taken are already marketed, and only a few small, straggling barrels probably remain in first or second hands. The season for July herring being now over, the result can be calculated, and it does not amount to over ten per cent of the average catch. Our outside reports are as follows:—Montreal, August 6.—"Large dry codfish is scarce, sales have been made at \$4.60 to \$4.75 for round lots of Gaspe fish, and consignments would at present meet a good market. There have been no arrivals of new Cape Breton herring as yet, although there has been some enquiry for them. The first new British Columbia salmon in barrels is now on the way, and is due here next week; holders ask \$13 for it. Canned mackerel, only about 100 cases of new have so far been received here, and were sold at \$4.85 to \$5. Agents say they could get same price for 500 cases or more. Lobsters are wanted at \$5.50 to \$5.60. Consignments are taken off the market as soon as they arrive." Gloucester, Mass., August 6.—"The fish receipts at this port last month were only about half as large as in July last year, and there is no present indication of such improvement as will make up for the deficiency. The high prices for mackerel make buyers careful, for fear of a break in the market, should there be any marked improvement in the catch. The supply is still short, with some improvement in the prospect all along the line, but no very reliable indication of a large fall catch. Last week the receipts were 555,200 lbs. codfish, 118,400 lbs. halibut, 583 bbls. mackerel, 40 bbls. pogies, and 14,000 lbs. hake. Cured Georges codfish are firm at \$5 and \$4.25 to \$4.50 per qtl. for large and small, and Bank at \$4.50 and \$4.25. We quote cured cusk at \$3.25, lake \$2.25, haddock \$2.75, heavy salted pollock \$2.25, and English cured do. \$2.75 per qtl. Labrador herring \$5 to \$5.25 per bbl.; medium split \$4.50; Newfoundland do. \$5; Nova Scotia do. \$5 to \$5.50; Eastport \$3; pickled codfish \$6.50; haddock \$5.50; halibut heads \$3.25; tongues \$6; sounds \$11; tongues and sounds \$8; alewives \$4.75; trout \$14.50." Boston, August 3.—"Mackerel continues scarce, and prices are extremely high. The sales of large No. 3's have been at \$16 to \$16.50. The Island mackerel sold principally at \$18. We consider it very risky holding mackerel when there is a prospect of obtaining these prices, and we advise holders to make immediate shipment. There has been some enquiry this week for large, choice split herring, and a few could be sold at \$6.25. Some small sales of salmon have been made at \$23. The tendency is downward, and the price will soon touch \$20. Codfish are firm at unchanged prices." Havana, Aug. 4 (cable).—"Codfish \$6.87½; haddock \$5.75; hake \$4.62½. Market dull."

## 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.

SUGARS.	
Cut Leaf	8½
Granulated	7½ to 7¾
Circle A	7½
White Extra C	6½ to 6¾
Extra Yellow C	6 to 6½
Yellow C	6 to 6½
TEA.	
Longou Common	17 to 19
" Fair	20 to 23
" Good	23 to 29
" Choice	31 to 33
" Extra Choice	35 to 36
Obong, Choice	37 to 39
MOLASSES.	
Barbadoes	35 to 37
Demerara	36
Diamond N	43
Porto Rico	35 to 36
Cienfuegos	30 to 31
Trinidad	31
Antigua	31
Tobacco, Black	34 to 44
" Bright	12 to 58
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread	2.60 to 2.90
Boston and Thin Family	5½ to 6
Soda	6½ to 5½
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	11.00 to 11.60
" Am. Plate	11.60 to 12.00
" Ex. Plate	12.00 to 12.60
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	4 to 8½
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef	\$2.20 per bbl.

Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are liable to change daily.

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## FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL—	
Extra	none
No. 1	none
" 2 large	none
" 2	none
" 3 large	12.00 to 12.50
" 3	11.00 to 11.50
HERRING	
No. 1 Shore, July	4.50 to 5.00
No. 1 August	none
" September	none
Round Shore	nominal
Labrador, in cargo lots, per 50	nominal
Bay of Islands, Split	2.25 to 2.50
" Round	2.00 to 2.25
ALBACORE, per bbl	5.00
COUSQUET	
Hard Shore, new	4.00
New Bank	1.15
Bay	none
SALMON, No. 1	15.50 to 16.00
HADDOCK, per qtl	2.75
HAKE	2.25
CUSK	1.75
POLLOCK	1.25
HAKE SPINUS, per lb	30
COD OIL A	21 to 23

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)	5.00 to 5.40
Tail Cans	4.80 to 5.00
Flat	6.20 to 6.40
Newfoundland Flat Cans	6.25 to 6.50

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer.

## 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	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 1.01 cash. Jobbers' and Retailers' prices about 5 to 10 cents per bbl. higher than car lots. Markets quiet and steady. Breadstuffs are sold firm. Cornmeal easy and lower; Oats higher. Flour steady and firmer.

Flour	
Graham	4.00 to 5.00
Patent high grades	5.25 to 5.50
" mediums	4.50 to 5.10
Superior Extra	4.50 to 4.60
Lower grades	3.00 to 4.00
Oatmeal, Standard	4.00
" Granulated	6.35
Corn Meal, Halifax ground	3.30 to 3.35
" Imported	3.30 to 3.35
Wheat, per ton	20.00 to 21.00
" Corn	14.00
Shorts	21.00 to 23.00
Middlings	26.00 to 27.00
Cracked Corn	32.00 to 31.00
" Oats, per ton	32.00 to 31.00
" Harley	nominal
Feed Flour	3.50 to 3.60
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs., retail	50 to 55
Harley of 48	nominal
" of 60	1.10 to 1.16
White Beans, per bushel	2.40 to 2.45
Pot Harley, per barrel	5.40 to 5.50
Corn of 66 lbs.	85
Hay per ton	14.00 to 14.50
Straw	9.00 to 12.00

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

## BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints	22 to 25
" in Small Tubs	22 to 24
" Good, in large tubs	19 to 20
Store Packed & oversalted	12 to 15
Canadian Township, new	20
" Western	18 to 19
Cheese, Canadian	19 to 10½

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

## WOOL, WOOL SKINS &amp; HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound	15 to 20
" unwashed	12 to 15
Salted Hides, No 1	6 to 8
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	5
No 3 Hides, each	4
Calf Skins	25
" Deacons, each	25
Lambskins	25 to 30
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, new, per bbl	4.25 to 5.00
Oranges, per bbl, Jamaica (new)	none
" per case Valencia	none
Lemons, per case	5.50 to 6.50
Cocoanuts, per 100	5.00
Onions, Egyptian, new, per lb.	2½
Dates, boxes, new	5½
Raisins, Valencia	6½
Figs, Eleme, 5 lb boxes per lb	12
" small boxes	14
Prunes, Stewing boxes and bags	6
Bananas, per bunch	2.00 to 3.00
Pine Apples, per doz	2.00 to 3.00

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 5.0
Oxen	3.50 to 4.00
Fat Steers, Hefers, light weights	3.00 to 4.00
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs	4.00 to 4.50
Lambs	3.50 to 4.00

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