

the mills have closed indicates a reduction in supplies which may prove considerable. A number of new brands of inferior finish are coming in. Copper is firmer. A block of 700,000 lbs. copper was recently sold in New York at 15c. Canada plate are unchanged.

BREADSTUFFS.—The local market continues without any special feature, but the flour market still rules firm. Business rules firm. Beerbohm's cable reports wheat firm and corn steady. English country markets firm. Wheat in Paris rather easier. In Chicago, New York and other grain-trade centres prices generally have shown a marked tendency to advance, but the markets are rather sluggish and reported transactions are comparatively small. Corn and oats remained unchanged.

PROVISIONS.—There is nothing new to note in the local market concerning pork or lard. The trade just now is of a hand to mouth character, and jobbers are only buying enough to supply immediate wants. The only change in provisions in Liverpool was a drop of 3d. in lard. In Chicago hogs were stronger but packed provisions were stationary.

BUTTER.—A considerable volume of butter that has been kept over from last summer is coming in, but it does not appear to attract the attention of purchasers to any great extent. New made butter is arriving more freely and, when perfectly sweet and fresh, is readily taken up at 20c. to 25c. per lb. It may be that some day our butter producers will take to heart the lesson that we have so often inculcated that keeping butter until it becomes stale in hope of securing a better price necessarily and invariably entails a loss. But they appear wonderfully oblivious to the facts that consumers always will prefer a fresh article and that the demand never over-runs the supply. The proverb says that experience teaches fools, but it does not appear to teach the majority of our farmers who are butter-makers.

CHEESE.—The local cheese market is characterized by dullness, and only a very small jobbing business is doing. But little new is in receipt owing to the backwardness of the present spring. There is nothing in the fields as yet to make them a feeding ground for cattle, and in this respect we are considerably behind last year. The rain that has fallen has been apparently offset by the frosty nights, thus retarding the growth of vegetation.

FRUIT.—Business is reported brisk in oranges and lemons, and the market is pretty well cleared up. Bananas are plentiful, recent receipts having been quite large. Raisins are very firm, the stock in hand being small, and a sharp advance has taken place during the past week. The apple market for this season is virtually over. Quotations are merely nominal. Some New York strawberries have been received, but the prices asked for them are so high as to put them out of the reach of most people.

SUGAR.—The sugar market has been quiet but steady, and quotations have been unchanged. Nothing beyond a small jobbing trade has been accomplished in this line during the past week.

MOLASSES. has been quiet with nothing doing except supplying a meagre consumptive demand. New molasses will soon be in receipt, when it is probable that prices will be fixed on some recognizable basis.

TEA.—The market is nearly bare of all grades at present, though a good many orders have come in for new crop. Indian teas are reported very scarce in England and have advanced 1d. during the last few days. Cable advices from Japan state that sales have been made of garden pickings on Canadian account at reasonable prices.

COFFEE.—Owing to the high prices the trade in coffee continues of a hand-to-mouth character. The English market has recovered from its recent decline and dealers are very conservative, and are only buying what they need for actual use.

FISH OILS.—Our Montreal advices are that the market is firm and tending upwards. Steam refined seal has been sold there to arrive at 48c., but holders' ideas have firmed, and they are now stiff at 50c. The supply of cod oil is limited, and trade is dull at 35c. to 36c. for Newfoundland and Gaspe, and 32c. for Halifax. Cod liver oil is quiet at 45c. to 50c. for Newfoundland.

FISH.—There is no change to note in the general situation. The extreme dullness that prevailed all the winter still continues and really nothing is doing. A number of our along-shore fishing vessels are fitting out to go in quest of mackerel which may now be daily expected. No returns have been as yet received from the bank fishermen, but they will doubtless report in a few days. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, May 13.—

"This being between seasons the trade is lifeless, demand being almost nil. Prices are unchanged, but quotations are merely nominal. Dry cod \$3.75. Labrador herring \$3 to \$3.50 per barrel." Gloucester, Mass, May 13.—

"We quote New Georges codfish at \$4.87 a qtl. for large, and small at \$4.12; bank \$4.50 for large and \$4 for small; shore \$4.75 and \$4 for large and small; cured cusk at \$3.25 per quintal; hake at \$2.38; haddock \$2.50; heavy salted pollock \$2, and English cured do. \$2.75 per qtl; Labrador herring \$4 bbl.; medium split \$4.50; Newfoundland do. \$4; Nova Scotia do. \$5; Eastport \$4; split shore \$4.25; round do. \$3.50; round Eastport \$3.25; pickled codfish \$6; haddock \$5; halibut heads \$3; sounds \$11; tongues and sounds \$9.50; tongues \$8; alewives \$4; trout \$14.50; California salmon \$15; Halifax do. \$23; Newfoundland do. \$16."

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Our Price Lists are corrected for us each week by reliable merchants.

GROCERIES.

SUGARS.	
Cut Leaf	7½ to 7¾
Granulated	6½ to 7
Circle A	6½
White Extra C	6½
Standard	5½ to 6½
Extra Yellow C	6½ to 6¾
Yellow C	6½ to 6¾

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.	
Barbados	37 to 38
Demerara	40 to 41
Diamond N.	48
Porto Rico	36 to 39
Cienfuegos	33
Trinidad	34
Antigua	33 to 35
Tobacco, Black	38 to 44
" Bright	42 to 58

BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread	3.15
Boston and Thin Family	6½
Soda	6½
do in lb. boxes, 50 to case	7½
Fancy	8 to 15

PROVISIONS.

No change in value, but the proposed duty is not yet established.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid	12.50 to 13.00
" Am. Plate	13.00 to 14.00
" Ex. Plate	15.50 to 16.00
Pork, Mess, American	16.50 to 17.00
" American, clear	18.00 to 19.00
" P. E. I. Mess	17.00
" P. E. I. Thin Mess	14.00
" Prime Mess	12.50 to 13.00
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island	11 to 12
" American	8 to 9
Hams, P. E. I., green	8 to 9

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

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, No. 1, per bbl	5.00
Oranges, Jamaica, per bbl., repacked	5.50 to 6.50
Lemons, per case	5.00
Cocoanuts, new, per 100	4½
Onions, Egyptian, per lb.	2½
" Bermuda, per crate	5½ to 6
Dates, boxes, new	9
Raisins, Valencia, new	11
Figs, Elme, 5 lb boxes per lb.	10 to 13
" small boxes	6 to 7½
Prunes, Stewing, boxes, new	none
Foxberries	none
Cranberries, per bbl.	none

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BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints	25
" in Small Tubs	22 to 25
" Good, in large tubs, new	20
" old	10 to 15
" Store Packed & oversalted	10
Canadian Township, new	19 to 20
" old	8 to 12
" Western, rolls	18 to 20
" old	7 to 10
Cheese, Canadian, new	11½
" Antigua	none

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat is growing decidedly scarce throughout Canada. As we have before said in these issues, the farmers of Canada were compelled to market their wheat during the winter in order to meet current expenses and interest on mortgages. Thus, outside of Waterloo County, Ontario, there is but little wheat, excepting in the hands of a few millers and speculators who know how to turn it to the best possible account. The outlook is for \$6.25 flour, but it will not come until July, the price fluctuating between \$5.50 to \$6 until June. Cornmeal is higher.

FLOUR.	
Manitoba Highest Grade Patents	6.40 to 6.50
High Grade Patents	5.50 to 5.75
Good 90 per cent. Patents	5.30 to 5.40
Straight Grade	5.10 to 5.15
Superior Extras	4.90 to 5.00
Good Seconds	4.60 to 4.70
Graham Flour	5.00 to 5.25
American Supr. Extras, in bond	4.35 to 4.40
American 90 per cent. in bond	4.30 to 5.00
Pillsbury's Best, in half bbls.	3.40
Oatmeal	4.30 to 4.40
" Rolled	4.40 to 4.50
Kiln Dried Cornmeal	2.35 to 2.65
Rolls Wheat	5.50
Wheat Bran, per ton	18.00
Shorts	20.00
Middlings	22.00
Cracked Corn	24.00
Ground Oil Cake, per ton	35.00
Moulte	24.00
Split Peas	3.75 to 4.00
White Beans, per bushel	1.55 to 2.00
Pot Barley, per barrel	4.00 to 4.50
Canadian Oats, choice quality	45 to 48
P. E. I. Oats	41 to 46
Hay per ton	10.50

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FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL.	
Extra	14.00
No. 1	13.00
" 2 large	12.00
" 2	11.25
" 3 large	11.50
" 3	11.50
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore July	3.25 to 3.50
No. 1 August, Round	2.50
" September	2.50
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl.	3.00 to 3.25
Bay of Islands, Split	none
" Round	none
Alewives, per bbl.	3.00 to 3.35
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore	4.25 to 4.40
Bank	3.25 to 3.50
Bay	3.50 to 3.70
SALMON, No. 1	18.00 to 19.00
HADDOCK, per qtl	2.25
HACK	2.00
CUSK	1.50
POLLOCK	1.50
HACKSOUNDS, per lb.	12½
COD OIL A	24