

[FOR THE CRITIC.]

EVENTS AND COMMENTS.

The recent death of General Hancock leaves but two of the Union Generals of prominence in the late American war—Generals Sherman and Sheridan. McDowell, Grant, McLellan, and Hancock, have all died within the past twelve months. Grant's reputation will make his book-publishers rich; McLellan, the beau-ideal of a soldier will not soon be forgotten; but Hancock's name and fame will live securely and absolutely in the hearts of his countrymen, North as well as South, by the promulgation of his order, after the close of the war when the South was rendered a pandemonium of lawlessness by an unscrupulous administration at Washington. The order referred to reads as follows: "In war it is indispensable to repel force by force, to overthrow and destroy opposition to lawful authority; but when insurrectionary force has been overthrown, and peace established, and the civil authorities are ready and willing to perform the duties, the military powers should cease to lead, and the civil administration resume its natural and rightful domain. Solomnly impressed with these views, the General announces that the great principles of American liberty are still the inheritance of this people, and ever should be. The right of trial by jury, the *habeas corpus*, the liberty of the press, the freedom of speech, the natural rights of persons, and the rights of property must be preserved."

VETERAN.

THE CHINESE QUESTION.

A language which has "only 400 and odd distinct sounds" with which to express "10,000 words" would appear at first sight to be in a very anomalous condition. And, as a matter of fact, many of these words are homophonous, although, by an ingenious system of inflections of the voice, the number of separate sounds—to a Chinese ear, at least—is more than trebled. These inflections are the tones. In Peking there are only four of them; but in the south those who are knowing in such matters declare there are twelve or more. It is obvious that where the sense of a word depends on such a nice distinction as the tone of the voice in which it is uttered, the opportunities for making blunders become boundless.—*London Athenaeum*.

COMMERCIAL.

FISH.—The fish trade in this city during the past week has been unusually dull. We think there has not been a sale of a single barrel of fish. There have been no arrivals from the coast, and it is impossible to give quotations; as far as we can learn the position of the West India markets are no better than some days ago. Quite large quantities are going forward almost daily from here and the Western shore ports.

Advices from Boston fish markets for week ending Feb. 12, are as follows:—

The fish trade during the past week has been fair, but has been badly effected by the continuous poor weather. The fresh fish trade has been active all the week. Plenty of haddock and cod arriving every day from Georges' Bank. Mackerel move very slowly, being held for higher prices. Sales of a few choice lots at \$5.50 to \$6.00 for 3's; \$8.00 for 2's; and \$20.00 for 1's. There is a slight advance we note on Dry Bank cod, sales have been made during the week at \$3.25 for large; Pickled Bank remain about the same, and considerable quantities are being moved at \$2.50 per qt. for both medium and large. Georges' cod are being sold as fast as they arrive at about \$2.50 for early, and from \$3.00 to \$3.50 for late caught. The warm weather of the past week has given the frozen herring business a set-back, they have been selling during the week at 50 cents per hundred. There were in the port of Boston at the T., Commercial, and Lowie wharves, on Thursday last, 11th inst., 52 sail of vessels from Georges' Banks and Ipswich Bay with over 2,000,000 pounds of fresh fish, sending down the price from \$2.50 to 60 and 75 cents per 100 pounds.

Below will be found a comparative statement of arrivals of mackerel at the port of Boston, for week ending Feb. 12, during the past four years:—

	1886	1885	1884	1883
2446 Bbls.	3311 Bbls.	6866 Bbls.	6408 Bbls.	

Advices from the port of Gloucester for week ending Feb. 12, are as follows:—

There arrived at this port the previous 48 hours 8 sail from Georges, and this a.m. 16 sail, all with good fares of cod and halibut. There has been more enquiry for fish the past week with quite large sales of cod and mackerel. The market remains steady with no change of importance. Bank Cod \$2.50 to \$2.75, large sales at \$2.62; medium \$2.25; Georges \$3.25 to \$3.75; medium \$2.75; shore \$3.50; mackerel, shore 3's. \$5.50; 2's. \$6.50; extra 2's. \$8.00; 1's. \$20.00. Two cargoes of frozen herring arrived yesterday from Fortune Bay and one from Eastport, selling at 85 cents per 100, Georges halibut selling this a.m., fresh, 6 and 4 cents.

The arrivals at the port of Gloucester for the week ending February 12, were as follows:—

Fares.	From.	Cod. pounds	Halibut pounds	Haddock pounds.	Frozen Herring Count.
27	Georges	699,000	83,300	16,000	
2	Browns	52,000	6,000		
7	Grand Banks		198,000		
3	Fortune Bay				1,180,000
1	Eastport				220,000
10	Ipswich Bay	143,000			
50		894,000	287,300	16,000	1,400,000

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

WHOLESALE RATES.

The following Price-Lists have been corrected up to the time of going to press and are thoroughly reliable and accurate.

GROCERIES.

SUGAR.		
Cut Leaf	.....	8 to 8 1/2
Granulated	.....	7 to 7 1/2
Circle A	.....	6 1/2 to 6 3/4
Extra C	.....	5 1/2 to 6
Yellow C	.....	5 1/2
Yellows	.....	5 1/2
TEA		
Congou, Common	.....	17 to 19
" Fair	.....	20 to 23
" Good	.....	25 to 28
" Choice	.....	31 to 33
" Extra Choice	.....	35 to 38
Oolong—Choice	.....	37 to 39
MOLASSES.		
Barbadoes	.....	30 to 32
Demerara	.....	30 to 35
Diamond N	.....	43
SOAPS.		
Ivory bar, 1 lb, 2 lb and 3 lb.	.....	0 1/2
Erasive	.....	6
Domination	.....	6
Surprise	.....	6 1/2
Tiger	.....	6 1/2
Extra Pale, 1 or 5 lb.	.....	6
"Linen Towel" for 30 bars, and 30 towels	.....	6.00
Canada	.....	4
Imperial	.....	4
No 1 Family	.....	4
Hermine	.....	3 1/2
Brand	.....	3
Brown	.....	2
Toilet 15 to 60c. per doz.	.....
CANDLES, 6s and 8s.	.....	11 1/2
Do., Paraffine	.....	10 to 20c
DISCOUNTS.		
Pilot Bread	.....	2.65 to 2.90
Boston and Thin Family	.....	6 1/2 to 7 1/2
Soda	.....	8 to 7
do. in 1 lb. boxes, 50 to case.	.....	7
Fancy	.....	8 to 15
CONFECTIONERY.		
Assorted in 30 lb Pails	.....	12
Royal Mixture	.....	11 to 20
Loranges	.....	12 to 15
1 cent goods, 144 in a box.	.....	95 to 110
Toys per hundred	.....	65 to 75
Clear Candy Toys	.....	18
Brooms	.....	1.60 to 3.25
Starch, Blue and White	.....	7
" Lilly White	.....	9
Prepared Corn	.....	9
BUTTER.		
Canadian	.....	16 to 20
N. S.	.....	15 to 20
CHIEFS	.....	9 to 10
Eggs	.....	19 to 20
Tobacco—Black	.....	39 to 46
" Bright	.....	42 to 58
Blacking, per gross	.....	3.00 to 4.00
Blacklead	.....	2.00 to 10.00
Pink Blue	.....	2.50 to 3.00

The above quotations are corrected by Mackintosh & Co., Jericho Warehouse.

FISH FROM VESSELS.

Prices nominal. No arrivals. No sales.	
MACKEREL.	
Extra	10.50 to 11.00
No. 1	9.00 to 9.50
No. 2 large	3.75 to 4.00
No. 2	3.25
No. 3 large	3.00 to 3.25
No. 3	3.00
Small	1.00
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July. No sales.	2.75 to 3.00
August and Sept.	2.25 to 2.50
No. 1 Round Shore, Scarce.	8.00
No. 1, Labrador	none
ALSKWIVES, very scarce	2.75
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore tolqual	none
Link	..00 to 2.25
Bay	none
SALMON, No. 1	none
No. 2	none
No. 3	none
HADDOCK.	none
HARK	none
CUSK	none
POLLOCK	none
FISH OILS.	
Cod A	.35 to .36
Dog A	.25 to .29
Pale Seal	none
HARK SOUNDS	45 to 50c per lb.

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

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

APPLES, No. 1, per bbl.	2.00 to 2.75
Oranges, per bbl. Jamaica (new)	.00 to 6.50
case, Valencia	5.50 to 6.00
Lemons, per box	3.50 to 5.50
Cocoanuts, per 100	4.50 to 5.50
Onions, (barrels) per lb.	2 1/2 to 3 1/2
Grapes, Almeria, kegs	6.50 to 7.00
Foxberries, per bbl.	3.60 to 3.85
Cranberries	6.00 to 6.50
Figs, 1 lb bxs.	10 to 18c
Dates, layer	7 to 8c

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

BREADSTUFFS.

PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE.

Our quotations below are our today's wholesale selling prices for cash within ten days after shipment.

FLOUR.		
Graham	.....	5.25 to 5.50
Patent high grades	.....	6.35 to 6.00
" mediums	.....	4.75 to 5.00
Superior Extra	.....	4.50 to 4.85
Lower grades	.....	3.50 to 4.45
Oatmeal, Standard	.....	4.50 to 4.75
" Granulated	.....	5.00 to 5.50
Rolls Oats	.....	5.50 to 6.00
Corn Meal—Halifax ground	.....	3.00 to 3.25
" Imported	.....	2.00 to 3.00
Wheat per ton—Wheat	.....	20.00 to 22.00
" Corn	.....	18.00 to 20.00
Shorts	.....	22.00 to 24.00
Middlings	.....	25.00 to 28.00
Cracked Corn	.....	29.00 to 30.00
" Oats	.....	25.00 to 30.00
" Barley	.....	34.00
Pea Meal per bbl.	.....	3.75
Feed Flour	.....	3.25 to 3.50
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs	.....	42 to 45
Barley " of 48 "	.....	75 to 80
Peas " of 60 "	.....	1.10
Corn " of 56 "	.....	88 to 85
Hay per ton	.....	14.00 to 18.00
Straw	.....	9.00 to 10.00

A. GUNN & Co., 253 Barrington Street, Halifax, N. S.

PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid	13.00 to 13.50
" Am. Plate	13.50 to 14.00
Pork, Mess, American	14.00 to 14.50
" "	old 13.50 to 14.00
" American, clear	15.00 to 15.50
" P. E. I. Mess	new 14.00 to 14.50
" "	old 13.00 to 14.00
" P. E. I. Thin Mess	12.00 to 12.50
" Prime Mess	11.00 to 11.50
Lard, Tubs and Pails	11 to 12
" Cases	12 to 12 1/2
Hams, P. E. I.	12 to 13c
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	20
" unwashed	18
Green Hides—Ox, inspected, No 1	7 1/2
" Cow	7
Salted Hides—Ox in Lots, No 1	7 1/2
" Cow	7 1/2
Calf Skin	8 to 10
" Deacons, each	30 to 35
Woolskins	25 to 30

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

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 7.05
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	1.20
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.

POULTRY.

Fowls, per pair	40 to 50
Turkeys, per pound	11 to 13
Geese, each	65 to 70
Ducks, per pair	55 to 70

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK.

Steers, best quality, per lb.	4.50 to 5
Oxen	3 1/2 to 4
Fat Steers, Heifers, light weights	3 1/2 to 3 3/4
Wethers, best quality, per lb.	55 to 70
Lambs, (70 lbs. and upwards)	4

These quotations are prepared by a reliable victualer.