

by an over abundance in other quarters. Except in time of war, England never need see any fear of a failure in her foreign wheat supplies.

PROVISIONS.—Owing to the absence of cold weather the enquiry for pork has been slow both from country and local dealers, and little business has been accomplished, though prices have remained steady. There has been a fair demand for lard and sales have been effected quite freely. A moderate trade was transacted in smoked meats at steady prices. The inquiry for tallow—which is scarce and firm—continues to be fair. There has been no change in the Liverpool provision market, prices being steady all around. Pork was at 81s. 3d.; lard at 46s. 9d., and bacon at 45s. to 45s. 6d. The Chicago pork market was fairly active and stronger, and prices advanced 5c. to \$13.55 January, \$13.97½ May. On the other hand lard was weaker and declined 5c. to \$7 95 January and February, \$8.02½ May. The feeling in the hog market was stronger and prices advanced 5c.

BUTTER.—The market has continued quiet but steady, with trade limited to local wants, which were of the usual volume. Prices were steady and unchanged.

CHEESE.—The market for cheese is quiet but firm. Cables are firm and unchanged at 58s. The next question that statisticians will have to figure on will be the visible supply on January 1st, which promises to show a materially smaller total than a year ago. Receipts in New York from May 1st to December 11th, show a decrease of \$2,000 boxes, and exports a decrease of 7,227,000 pounds.

DRIED FRUITS.—The only feature of importance has been shown in currants, in which a depressed feeling has developed, owing to unfavorable cables, which state that France has definitely decided to take measures against the unrestricted manufacture of currant wine, which will henceforth be sold under that name, each cask to be branded as such. This decision has greatly depressed the Greek market, as it removes, or at least limits, one of the largest consumers of low grade fruit. Cables quote 11s 9d. f. o. b., which is about the lowest figure on record. In Valencia raisins the large quantity of off grade fruit coming into the market has to some extent affected the value of better grades.

TEA.—The tea market has ruled more active of late, there being a better enquiry for all grades, resulting in a fair volume of business at firm prices. Orders from the country have been more numerous, and also call for larger quantities. Stocks here and throughout the country are reported to be moderate, and holders generally are confident that higher prices will be attained.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—Granulated sugar has remained steady and in fair request. Yellows, however, have shown indications of weakness, and prices have eased off somewhat. There has been a fair demand for molasses at steady prices.

FISH OILS.—In Montreal the stock of Newfoundland cod oil is well concentrated, and prices are firm at 38c. to 48c., some holders asking 40c. Halifax oil 35c. to 36c. Cod liver oil 60c. to 65c. for Newfoundland, and 85c. to 95c. for Norway. Steam refined seal oil is firm at 48c. to 50c.

FISH.—The market has remained without any marked features. The arrivals of bank fish have been quite free, and most of the receipts have gone into store. In the holiday season little business in the line of fish is ever transacted, and this year forms no exception to the prevailing rule in this respect. Scale fish are still very scarce, and any coming forward are readily sold at our figures. We can note no change in either herring or mackerel. Stocks continue to be exceedingly small, in fact barely sufficient to meet the regular local consumptive demand. Our outside reports are as follows:—
Montreal, December 18.—“There has been more activity in the fish market of late, owing to the fact that the demand has improved considerably since the cold weather set in, and a larger volume of business has been transacted in all lines. There is a good supply offering, and the prospects are that trade will steadily improve. Labrador herrings have been in fair demand, and sales of small lots have transpired at \$5.65 to \$5.75, while round lots are quoted at \$5.25 to \$5.50, but we do not hear of any sales at these figures. Cape Breton herrings have ruled steady and quiet at \$6 to \$6.25. Dry cod has changed hands at \$4.75 per 100 lbs. A fair jobbing trade has been done in green cod at \$5 to \$5.25 for No. 1. Salmon has met with slow demand at unchanged prices. The demand for finnan haddies has been good, and prices have advanced from 7c. to 7½c. The receipts of fresh haddock and cod have been larger, which have met with good demand at 4c. Smelts have been arriving in fair quantities, and met with a good demand at 5c. Fresh herrings have ruled steady, with a good demand at \$1.50 per 100.” Gloucester, Mass., December 18.—“Trade is fairly active for the season, with only small stocks to draw on, and a good outlook for trade the coming year. We quote large Georges codfish at \$4.75 per qtl., and small at \$4.25; Bank, \$4.25 and \$4, Shore, \$4.50 and \$4.12½ for large and small, Dry Bank, \$4.75 and \$4.50; Newfoundland codfish, \$6 to \$6.25; cured cusk, \$3.50 per qtl., hake, \$2.25; haddock, \$3.25; heavy salted pollock, \$2.50; and English-cured do., \$3 per qtl., Labrador herring, \$7 per bbl.; medium split, \$6, Newfoundland do., \$6.50; Nova Scotia do., \$6; Eastport, \$5, round Shore, \$4.25, pickled codfish, \$5.50, haddock, \$4.50, halibut heads, \$3, sounds, \$12, tongues and sounds, \$10; tongues, \$8; alewives, \$5; trout, \$14.50, California salmon, \$16, Halifax do., \$20, Newfoundland do., \$18; clam bait, \$7 to \$7.50; slivers, \$6.50; halibut fins, \$14.” Chicago, December 18.—“We are selling smelts at 7c. to 8c. per pound, and the demand is very brisk. Brook trout are in good demand at 18c.; salmon at 18c. to 20c., eels at 10c. to 11c.” Havana, December 18 (per cable via New York).—“We quote codfish at \$7 per 100 lbs., haddock, \$6.25 per do., hake, \$5.25 to \$5.50 per do.” Barbados, November 24.—“The S. S. *Orinoco* brought from New York 215 casks of cod, and 40 of haddock. The former is being lotted at \$22 for medium and \$23 for large, and the haddock sold at \$18.07. Last sales of herring at \$4, and pickled salmon at \$12.”

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.

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| SUGARS. | |
| Cut Leaf | 84 |
| Granulated | 8 to 8½ |
| Circle A | 7½ |
| White Extra C | 7 to 7½ |
| Extra Yellow C | 6½ to 6¾ |
| Yellow C | 6 to 6½ |
| 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 | 35 |
| Demerara | 36 |
| Diamond N | 43 |
| Porto Rico | 2½ to 39 |
| Cienfuegos | 32 |
| Trinidad | 31 to 35 |
| Antigua | 31 to 35 |
| Tobacco, Mark | 38 to 41 |
| “ Bright | 42 to 58 |
| BISCUITS. | |
| Pilot Bread | 3 25 |
| Boston and Thin Family | 7 |
| Soda | 7 |
| do in 11b boxes 50 to 75 | 7½ |
| Fancy | 8 to 15 |

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

PROVISIONS.

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| Beef, Am. Ex. Mess. duty paid | 12 00 to 13 00 |
| “ Am. Plate | 13 50 |
| “ Ex Plate | 14 00 to 14 50 |
| Pork, Mess. American | 18 50 |
| “ American, clear | 20 00 |
| “ P. E. I. Mess | 18 50 |
| “ P. E. I. Thin Mess | 15 50 to 16 00 |
| “ Prime Mess | 11 50 to 15 10 |
| Lard, Tubs and Pails | 13 |
| “ Cases | 13 50 to 14 00 |
| Hams, P. E. I. green | none |
| Duty on Am. Pork and Beef \$2.20 per bbl. | |

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These quotations are prepared by a reliable wholesale house.

FISH FROM VESSELS.

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| MACKEREL. | |
| Extra | 20 00 |
| No. 1 | 19 00 |
| “ 2 large | 16 00 |
| “ 2 small | 15 00 |
| “ 3 large | 11 00 |
| “ 3 small | 11 00 |
| HERRING. | |
| No. 1 Shore, July | 4 75 to 5 00 |
| No. 1 Aug. St. Round | 4 75 to 4 90 |
| “ September | 3 75 to 4 00 |
| Labrador, in cargo lots, per bbl. | 4 50 to 5 00 |
| Bay of Islands, Split | 3 25 to 3 50 |
| “ Round | 2 50 to 2 75 |
| ALBIES, per bbl. | 5 00 |
| CODFISH. | |
| Hard Shore, new | 4 25 to 4 50 |
| New Bank | 3 80 |
| Bay | 4 12 to 4 25 |
| SALMON, No. 1 | 15 50 to 16 00 |
| HADDOCK, per qtl | 3 00 to 3 25 |
| HAKE | 2 50 to 2 75 |
| CUSK | 1 75 |
| POLLOCK | 2 25 |
| HAKK SOUNDS, per lb. | 30 |
| COD OIL A | 26 to 27 |

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

LOBSTERS.

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| Per case 4 doz. 11b cans. | |
| Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing) | 5 00 to 5 40 |
| Tall Cans | 4 50 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.

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| 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.

Flour and cornmeal are quiet, but steady. No advance here on flour, but a firmer tendency West, ten to fifteen cents higher prices asked, probably without much trade resulting. Cornmeal continues to be in request. Oatmeal is a little easier.

We make no changes in quotations.

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| FLOUR. | |
| Graham Flour | 5 75 to 6 20 |
| Patent high grades | 6 10 to 6 20 |
| 90 per cent Patents | 5 85 to 6 05 |
| Superior Extra | 5 75 to 6 00 |
| Extras from Patents | 5 50 to 5 60 |
| Low grades in sacks | 3 30 to 3 40 |
| “ barrels | 3 55 to 3 60 |
| Oatmeal, Standard | 4 65 to 4 75 |
| “ Granulated | 5 00 to 5 15 |
| “ Rolled | 5 00 to 5 10 |
| Corn Meal—kiln dried | 3 10 to 3 25 |
| Iran, per ton | 21 00 to 22 00 |
| Shells | 23 00 to 23 50 |
| Middlings | 21 50 to 22 00 |
| Mix or Mixed feed, per ton | 29 00 |
| Oats per bushel of 34 lbs | 40 to 42 |
| Barley | nominal |
| Peas | 1 00 to 1 10 |
| White Beans, per bushel | 1 05 to 1 20 |
| Pot Barley, per barrel | 5 55 |
| Hay per ton | 14 00 to 16 00 |
| Straw | 11 00 to 12 00 |

J. A. CHIPMAN & Co., Head of Central Wharf, Halifax, N. S.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

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| Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints | 30 |
| “ In Small Tubs | 25 |
| “ Good, in large tubs | 21 |
| Store Packed & oversalted | 14 |
| Canadian Township | 22 to 24 |
| “ Western | 17 to 19 |
| Cheese, Canadian | 11 to 12 |

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

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

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| Wool—clean washed, per pound | 15 to 20 |
| “ unwashed | 12 to 15 |
| Salted Hides, No 1 | 5 to 6 |
| 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 |
| Latow | 2 |

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

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

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| Cravenstein | 2 50 to 2 75 |
| Apples, No. 1, new per bbl | 1 75 to 2 75 |
| Oranges, per bbl. Jamaica (new) | 5 00 to 5 50 |
| Lemons, per case | 4 00 to 5 00 |
| Cocoanuts, per 100 | 5 00 |
| Onions | |
| “ American Silver Skin | 2 to 2½ |
| Dates, boxes, new | 7 to 7½ |
| Raisins, Valencia, new | 7 to 7½ |
| Figs, Elme, 5 lb boxes per lb | 12 |
| “ small boxes | 13 |
| Prunes, Stewing, boxes and bags | 6 |
| Cranberries | 7 00 |
| Foxberries | 4 50 |
| Grapes, Almeria, kegs | 4 50 to 5 50 |

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

POULTRY.

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| Turkeys, per pound | 13 to 14 |
| Geese, each | 50 to 75 |
| Ducks, per pair | 70 to 80 |
| Chickens, | 40 to 60 |

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

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| Steers best quality, per 100 lbs. alive | 4 00 to 4 25 |
| Oxen | 3 50 to |
| Fat Steers, Heifers, light weights | 3 00 to |
| Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs | 4 00 to 4 50 |
| Lambs | 4 00 to 5 00 |

These quotations are prepared by a reliable victualer