

houses until times improve. Cotton goods are steady and a good trade therein is confidently anticipated during the coming season. Woollens are quiet. Still a few more sorting requirements have been noticed of late, especially for Canadian cloths which are gradually supplanting foreign manufactures.

IRON, HARDWARE AND METALS.—The dull and easy feeling to the iron market is unaltered, and the only developments are in the way of lower values. With only a moderate jobbing movement in progress and very little business for forward delivery, the market is a very quiet one. The feeling is downward and, though no actual change can be cited in pig as far as stocks on hand here are concerned, lower figures for future delivery are confidently anticipated by the trade. In bar iron the weak tone that we noted as characterising the situation last week still continues, and from what we can learn values are shaping towards a lower basis, and a reduction of 10c. to 15c. is spoken of as a certainty.

BREADSTUFFS.—The flour market continues very strong with a fair local trade passing. Stocks here are reported to be very high. Beerholm's cable reports wheat firm and corn easier. On May 1st stocks of wheat and flour (in bbls.) were estimated to be the same as on April 1st, while there were 60,000 quarters less of corn on hand than on the 1st of the previous month. In Chicago wheat was very strong, and an advance has occurred of 3½c. for July and 4½c. for May. At New York wheat advanced 2½c. for May and 3c. for December options. At St. Louis wheat advanced 2c. for cash in May and 3c. for July and August. In Toledo wheat was active and advanced about 3c. Wheat in Duluth has advanced 5c.

PROVISIONS.—The local market continues without feature, only a small local trade being done at unchanged prices. The Liverpool provision market has developed no change, though prices are rather firmer. July pork at Chicago advanced another 30c. Hogs were stronger as were also cattle.

BUTTER.—The butter market remains the same, and we hear of no additional feature of importance. In new butter—which, by-the-way, comes in very slowly—there is a business moving in a jobbing way, such as a small lot placed here and there for immediate requirement. From Montreal it is reported that, now that the season of navigation is opened, there has been some enquiry on Newfoundland account for old butter, and purchases have been made of selections of Western at 11c., while several lots grading lower changed hands at 7c. to 8c. Now that this is commenced dealers there have hopes of disposing of the supplies, but buyers do all the dictation in the matter according to all accounts.

CHEESE.—The cheese market continues uninteresting, and there are no points on which to base anything. The cable is unchanged at 5½s. Very little new cheese has as yet come to hand, and what has arrived passed out of receivers' hands at once to local grocers.

FRUIT.—The fruit market has continued firm on the whole with a quiet movement in green, while dried has been somewhat restricted for the reason that it is firmly held and the demand is small at this season. The strong position that raisins have occupied for some time back is unaltered and they are as firm if not firmer than previously. The available stocks in London, New York, Montreal and elsewhere are very light. In currants there is nothing particular to note. Some new are daily expected but, owing to the high prices ruling in Greece, the consignments will be small. The California *Fruit Grower* says:—"Dealers and brokers are on the still hunt for dried fruit, price being a secondary consideration to quality and quantity. Choice stock when offered is snapped up at sellers' prices. Some stock remains in dealers' hands, but the lots are small and not of choice quality. The business for some weeks has been a pick-up one. Our attention has just been called to the statement made in last week's *Fruit Grower* that this market was well cleaned up of dried fruits, yet the railroad's report show a movement of 611,020 pounds in March. This may seem strange at first glance, but these are facts nevertheless. The bulk of these shipments reported on April 12th were made during the early part of March, some forty days ago, and include a large quantity of prunes, as well as ten or twelve cars of dried grapes. The freight rates on all these articles being \$1.40 per hundred pounds, very many shippers class entire shipment as dried fruit; hence their difficulty in trying to keep statistics regarding shipments straight."

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—A good steady business has been transacted during the week in sugar at firm prices for both yellows and granulated. Business in molasses has been quiet, as dealers are afraid to trade, owing to the fact that late advices from Barbadoes indicate a probable speedy declension in prices.

TEA.—The trade in tea has been quiet during the week and dealers report the market in good shape for the new crop which will shortly be here. Advices from London are that low grades have advanced ½d., owing to the increase demand for these grades since the repeal of the duty, and that Indian and Ceylon teas have been in large supply, but that the demand is equal.

COFFEE.—In coffee business is very quiet. The market is supposed to be slightly easier, though small lots—say five to ten bags—are unchanged. Advices from London state that since the recent resumption of public sales there has been a decline of 1s. to 2s. in the English market in Jamaica, plantation Ceylon, East Indian and Central America coffees, but that Mocha, being in small supply, fetched rather better prices, and Rio show an advance of from 2s. to 3s., principally for the better grades. At the last Government auctions in Holland the prices of Java showed a slight decline for all good descriptions.

FISH OILS.—Our Montreal correspondent writes as follows under date of the 5th instant:—"Market firm and tending upwards. Steam refined seal oil has been sold to arrive at 45c, but holders now ask 47½c. Cod oil supply limited, 35c. to 36c. for Newfoundland, and Gaspo, and 32c. for Halifax. Cod liver oil quiet at 45c. to 50c. for Nfld."

FISH.—Fresh herring, for which our bankers have waited for several weeks to use them as bait, have struck the eastern and Cape Breton shores in large numbers, and the fishing vessels are taking in full supplies and sailing for the banks as fast as they get what they need. As fish are reported to be plentiful on the banks it will not be long before the new catch will begin to pour in, and this may tend to brighten up the market. At present the fish trade continues very dull and shows no feature of interest. Foreign markets show little or no encouragement to shippers. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, May 5.—"Little offering. Dry cod is almost the only fish in the market and is slow of sale at \$3 75. Labrador herring nominally at \$3 to \$3.50 per bbl. There is nothing doing, as is usual at this season, and all prices are merely nominal." Gloucester, Mass., May 5.—"Last week the receipts were 567,200 lbs. codfish, 74,300 lbs. halibut, 99,450 lbs. haddock, 15,000 lbs. hake, 5,000 lbs. cusk, 40 bbls. alewives, 15 bbls. herring. We quote New Georges cod fish at \$4.75 a qtl. for large, and small at \$4.12½; Bank, \$1 50 for large and \$1 for small; no old Bank on the market. Shore, \$1.75 and \$1 for large and small; cured cusk at \$3.25 per qtl.; hake, \$2.50; haddock, \$2.75; heavy salted pollock, \$2.00, and English cured do. \$2.75 per qtl. Labrador herring, \$4.00 bbl.; med. split, \$4.50; Newfoundland do., \$4; Nova Scotia do., \$5; Eastport, \$4; split Shore, \$1 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, \$8.00; alewives, \$4.00; trout \$14.50; California salmon, \$15.00; Halifax do., \$23; Newfoundland do., \$16." Barbadoes, April 16.—"Sales of medium cod have been made at \$13.29 to \$14 and of large at \$18. Large, though in heavy supply, is all in one hand, so that efforts are being made to keep the price up. Nominal quotations are \$20. Nearly 1,400 barrels of herrings have recently been landed from two vessels and there have been other imports, but prices are not fixed. Salmon are enquired for and a few tierces sold at \$24.10."

MARKET QUOTATIONS.—WHOLESALE RATES.

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

GROCERIES.

SUGARS.	
Cut Loaf.....	7½ to 7¾
Granulated.....	6½ to 7
Circle A.....	6½
White Extra C.....	6½
Standard.....	5½ to 5¾
Extra Yellow C.....	5¼ to 5½
Yellow C.....	5¼ to 5½
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.....	37 to 38
Demerara.....	40 to 44
Diamond N.....	48
Porto Rico.....	36 to 39
Cienfuegos.....	33
Trinidad.....	31
Antigua.....	33 to 35
Tobacco, Black.....	38 to 44
" Bright.....	42 to 58
BRISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread.....	3.15
Boston and Thin Family.....	6½
Soda.....	6½
do in 1lb. 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 11.00
" 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.....	16.00
" P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	14.00
" Prime Mess.....	12.50 to 13.00
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island.....	12
" American.....	11 to 12
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.....	3.50 to 4.00
Oranges, Jamaica, per bbl., repacked.....	8.00
Lemons, per case.....	5.50 to 6.50
Cocoanuts, new, per 100.....	5.00
Onions, American, per lb.....	4c.
Dates, boxes, new.....	5½ to 6
Raisins, Valencia, new.....	11
Figs, Eleme, 5 lb boxes per lb.....	10 to 13
" small boxes.....	5½ to 6
Prunes, Stewing, boxes and bags, new.....	6.00
Foxberries.....	13.00
Cranberries, per bbl.....	13.00

C. H. Harvey, 12 & 10 Sackville St.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	25
" " in Small Tubs.....	22 to 25
" Good, in large tubs.....	20
" Store Packed & oversalted.....	14
Canadian Township.....	19 to 20
" Western.....	17
Cheese, Canadian.....	10
" Antigonish.....	10½

BREADSTUFFS.

Markets west have advanced about 30c. since our last, and wheat touched \$1.10 per bushel.

Millers claim we will pay \$6 00 for best grades before Autumn.

Oatmeal has also advanced some 25c. in sympathy with sharp advance in oats.

We quote as follows, subject to market changes:—

FLOUR.	
High Grade Patents.....	5.50 to 5.70
Good 90 per cent. Patents.....	5.00 to 5.10
Straight Grade.....	4.75 to 4.90
Superior Extras.....	4.60 to 4.85
Good Seconds.....	4.25 to 4.35
Graham Flour.....	5.00 to 5.25
American Supr. Extras, in bond.....	4.35 to 4.40
American 90 per cent, in bond.....	4.55 to 4.71
Pillsbury's Best, in half bbls.....	3.40
Oatmeal.....	4.20 to 4.40
Rolled.....	4.15 to 4.40
Kiln Dried Cornmeal.....	2.50 to 2.60
Rolled Wheat.....	5.50
Wheat Bran, per ton.....	18.00
Shorts.....	20.00
Middlings.....	22.00
Cracked Corn " including bags.....	24.00
Ground Oil Cake, per ton.....	35.00
Moulse.....	24.00
Split Peas.....	3.75 to 4.00
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.55 to 2.00
Port Barley, per barrel.....	4.00 to 4.75
Canadian Oats, choice quality.....	44 to 45
P. E. I. Oats.....	44 to 45
Hay per ton.....	10.75

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

FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL.	
Extra.....	11.00
No. 1.....	13.00
" 2 large.....	12.00
" 2.....	11.50
" 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 bbl.....	3.00 to 3.25
Bay of Islands, Split.....	none
" Round.....	none
Alewives, per bbl.....	3.00 to 3.25
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore.....	4.25 to 4.40
Bank.....	3.25 to 3.50
Bay.....	3.50 to 3.75
SALMON, No. 1.....	18.00 to 19.00
HADDOCK, per qtl.....	2.25
HAKE.....	2.00
CUSK.....	1.50
POLLOCK.....	1.50
HARKSOUNDS, per lb.....	12½
COD OIL A.....	24