

The Social Session Co. appeared at the Academy on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Those who enjoy a good laugh should not fail to attend. In addition to the comedies introduced, a good orchestra and a splendid cornet solo will be heard.

## COMMERCIAL.

The trade situation invites no special comments, being substantially the same as at our last report.

Public and private picnics, yachting, boating, ball games and other outdoor amusements and recreations, together with visits by many to various parts of the country, and the fact that the agricultural portion of the community are engaged in caring for their ripening crops; all these causes combine at this season to produce a dullness in the general state of trade. Still the prospects continue to be very favorable for a large volume of fall business being accomplished. However, it will probably be two or three weeks before all are ready to resume the active duties and labors of everyday life.

Payments continue to gradually improve, and this, with the fact that our wholesale dealers generally maintain the conservative policy of discouraging as far as possible the creation of new debts on the part of retailers, proves that trade is assuming by degrees a stronger position than heretofore.

Bradstreet's report of the week's failures:—

	Week Prev.	Weeks corresponding to	Failures for the year to date.
	Aug. 29, week.	Aug. 29	
United States.....	1890 1890 1889 1888 1887	1890 1889 1888 1887	1890 1889 1888 1887
Canada.....	134 160 176 136 143	6797 7003 6721 6112	1080 1076 1151 887

DRY GOODS.—A more cheerful feeling pervades this market, which is induced by an improvement in the demand, several houses reporting good orders for fall goods from customers who have been holding back, while travellers now out on the road are satisfied that there will be a good turn-over this fall. English agents now in Canada also report a freer desire towards ordering spring lines than was manifested at the same time last year. So that, taken altogether, the outlook appears good. With the return of temporary urban residents from the country the city trade has experienced some accession.

IRON, HARDWARE AND METALS.—The past week has witnessed a marked stiffening of ideas as to values on the part of holders. An advance of 50c to 75c. has occurred. This has been expected for some time under the influence of the fact that in the primary markets a gradual process of strengthening has been in progress. When the cables noted on the 25th ultimo that Scotch warrants had advanced to 50s. 3d. and the day after that the price of all grades of pig iron had been marked up 1s. per ton an advance was a natural and logical result, and the outlook points to still higher prices with ocean freights as well as the material itself advancing. Tinplates show no change; firmness being unabated with a continued activity in Great Britain. Agents will not talk business except on outside figures, unless they are allowed time for consultation with their principals. Business in shelf hardware has not opened out as yet, but the outlook is for a good movement this fall and the various wholesale houses appear to be preparing for it. Other lines of metals show a steady feeling on the whole.

BREADSTUFFS.—The local flour market rules firm and, although there is a fair demand, buyers are not so eager as they were, still they are taking a fair quantity. On strong bakers and patent spring holders are very independent and will hear of no concession. Beerbohm's cable reports wheat cargoes off coast quiet but firm corn do., do, nil; do on passage and for prompt shipment, wheat fair but less active; corn very strong; Liverpool spot corn and wheat rather easier. French country markets easier. The New York wheat market declined 2½c. The decline at St. Louis was 1½c. to 3½c. At Toledo wheat was quiet and easier; corn was dull. Oats nominal. At Duluth wheat was easier.

PROVISIONS.—In this market pork continues to move in a jobbing way, but in a manner that dealers say is satisfactory to them. Smoked meats are also meeting with considerable attention. There has been no change in the prices or position of provisions in the Liverpool market except tallow, which advanced 3d. In Chicago hogs and hog products were strong, but no actual gain in prices appears to have been made. The cattle market there was firm.

BUTTER.—There has been no change in the market—a steady, quiet business in a jobbing way being the order of the day. Stocks in the country have not been touched to any appreciable extent, as holders generally ask too much. Cables from Great Britain offer no encouragement to hope for better prices than at present obtain. With the prospect—we may say the certainty of advancing ocean freights—the buyer who buys according to holders' ideas to ship cannot possibly reap any profit, but rather is almost sure to lose money by the transaction.

CHEESE.—We have nothing new to add regarding the cheese market. Spot business is not by any means brisk, and whatever activity there is to note is confined to buying operations in the country. This state of affairs is due to the unresponsiveness of the English market, which persistently refuses to follow the position here, and it would seem from some cables recently received that some operators there are inclined to "bear" the markets still further. As to actual business we do not hear of much doing.

EGGS.—Considerable large quantities of eggs are in constant receipt but, owing to a supposed large American demand, the producers have so far succeeded in pushing prices and keeping them at very high prices for this season of the year. From 20c. to 22c. are asked and obtained for lots of 15 to 40 dozen. As a food article in comparison with poultry, meat, fish, etc., eggs are not worth more than half that price.

FRUIT.—Although there is not much doing at present in dried fruits, the outlook is favorable for a good movement this fall with old stock well in hand, so that the market is in a generally healthy state to receive fresh

supplies. No business is reported in new crop raisins or currants, but with the stock of old well reduced the prices are expected to open favorably. Still, so far, no facts are available on which to base a spot price for new crop.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—A good active trade is being done in sugars. Cables are to the effect that beet and cane are firm on the other side, but the prices of refined here are unchanged though steady. Molasses is very strong but no large transactions are reported.

TEA AND COFFEE.—Japan teas are in very active demand, and medium grades are almost unobtainable. New York houses have instructed their agents throughout Canada to withdraw all teas for the present. Blacks are very firm, and have advanced 1c. to 1½c. Coffees are very firm, but the demand continues light. The New York and Montreal markets are firm on all grades.

FISH OILS.—Our reports from Montreal, Boston, Gloucester, and other points are to the effect that those markets are quiet with little or nothing doing, but that prices are firm and unchanged.

FISH.—A considerable quantity of herring that will average about No. 2's have been taken during the past fortnight along our immediate shores, boats taking from five to ten barrels each. Mackerel are very scarce just now. The last draft of these fish taken a few weeks ago were small ones—what the Americans call "tinkers"—which brought \$7 to \$7.50 per bbl. But they made up in numbers what they lacked in size, and we are pleased to know that those who captured them have, on the whole, done well. The weather has been rather too boisterous and uncertain for deep-sea fishermen to make any considerable catches of cod, hake, haddock, halibut, etc., but they appear to have made the most of their opportunities and to have done fairly well. The local market continues to be depressed, owing to the absence of an outside demand, and nearly all fish that arrive go at once into store. Under date of September 1 we received the following advice from Gloucester, Mass.:—"We quote new Georges codfish at \$5.25 a qtl. for large, and small at \$4.50; Bink \$4.75 to \$5 or large and \$4 for small; Shore \$5 and \$4.25 for large and small. Dry Bink \$5.50, medium \$4.75. Cured cusk at \$4 per qtl; hake \$2.62; haddock \$3; heavy salted pollock \$2.25, and English cured do. \$2.87 per qtl. Liberator herring \$4.50 bbl; med. sp'it \$4; Newfoundland do. \$5; Nova Scotia do. \$5.50; Eastport \$4; split Shore \$4.25; round do. \$3.50; round Eastport \$3.25; pickled codfish \$7; haddock \$6; halibut heads \$3; sounds \$11; tongues and sounds \$3.50; tongues \$8; alewives \$3.50; trout \$14.50; California salmon \$15; Halifax do. \$23; Newfoundland do. \$16."

## MARKET QUOTATIONS.—WHOLESALE RATES.

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

### GROCERIES.

SUGARS.		
Cut Leaf.....	8	
Granulated.....	6½ to 6¾	
Circle A.....	6½	
White Extra C.....	6	
Standard.....	5½ to 5¾	
Extra Yellow C.....	5½ to 5¾	
Yellow C.....	5½ to 5¾	
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.....	34 to 35	
Demerara.....	32 to 36	
Diamond N.....	47	
Porto Rico.....	33 to 35	
Cienfuegos.....	32	
Trinidad.....	32 to 33	
Antigua.....	32 to 33	
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, 70 to case.....	7½	
Fancy.....	8 to 15	
SALMON, No. 1.....	18.00 to 19.00	
HADDOCK, per qtl.....	2.75 to 3.00	
HAKE.....	2.00 to 2.25	
COD.....	2.00 to 2.50	
POLLOCK.....	1.50	
HAKE SOUND, per lb.....	12½	
COD OIL A.....	25	

### BREADSTUFFS.

FLOUR.		
Manitoba Highest Grade Patents.....	6.40 to 6.50	
High Grade Patents.....	6.00 to 6.75	
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.....	5.00	
Pillsbury's Best, in half bbls.....	3.50	
Oatmeal.....	5.00	
" Rolled.....	6.00	
Kila Dried Cornmeal.....	3.00 to 3.20	
Rolls Wheat.....	7.50	
Wheat Bran, per ton.....	18.00	
Shorts.....	23.00 to 25.00	
Middlings.....	26.00 to 28.00	
Cracked Corn.....	32.00	
Ground Oil Cake, per ton.....	35.00	
Moulce.....	28.00	
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.....	85 to 60	
P. E. I. Oats.....	56 to 60	
Hay per ton.....	10.80	

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

### HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, per bbl., N. S.....	2.50 to 3.00	
anges, new Jamaica.....	9.00	
Lemons, new case.....	8.00	
Cocoanuts, new, per 100.....	4.20	
Onions, American, per lb.....	3½	
Dates, boxes, new.....	5½ to 6	
Raisins, Valencia.....	8½ to 9	
Figs, Eleme, 5 lb boxes per lb.....	11	
" " small boxes.....	10 to 13	
Prunes, Stewing, boxes.....	7	
Pineapples, per doz.....	2.50	
Bananas, per bunch.....	2.00 to 2.50	

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

### BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	25	
" " in Small Tubs.....	20 to 22	
" " Good, in large tubs, new.....	18	
" " " old.....	10 to 15	
" " Store Packed & oversalted.....	10	
Canadian Township, new.....	18	
" " old.....	8 to 10	
" " Western.....	16 to 17	
" " " old.....	7 to 10	
Cheese, Canadian, new.....	10	
" " Antigonish.....	10½	

### FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL—		
Extra.....	14.00	
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 4.50	
Bank.....	4.00 to 4.25	
Bay.....	4.00 to 4.25	