

BREADSTUFFS.—Wheat and grain are fluctuating wildly for reasons that it is difficult to assign. The reports of the crops in different parts of the world are so conflicting that it is impossible to form any judgment on their accuracy. It may, however, be safely asserted that the probabilities favor higher than lower prices in this line.

PROVISIONS.—Prices continue without noteworthy change. The English market is dull and heavy, and that naturally reflects on ours to the extent of preventing large transactions from transpiring. In Chicago pork experienced a serious decline towards the end of last week, but it partially recovered afterwards. Beef is very weak, and holders of large stocks show considerable anxiety, as all their efforts to bull the markets have been without avail.

BUTTER.—The market is tame and uninteresting. The demand for shipment appears to have somewhat fallen off, while the volume of receipts seems larger. This, of course, occasions some weakness, though quotations remain the same.

CHEESE.—This commodity still advances in England, and that fact causes prices here to remain very firm at quotations. It is not probable that figures can be forced beyond what they now are, and producers will likely do better to close at once, instead of waiting for a break, which must be downwards, and not an advance.

TEA AND COFFEE.—The tea market has been steady, and a fair amount of business has developed. Yokohama cable advices show that the recent advances have been firmly maintained. Tea seems to be a good property to hold just now, as reports from all the primary points are favorable. The coffee market has a strong tone with active business, and prices have an upward tendency. In New York, prices have advanced 3½ cents from the lowest point last winter.

FRUIT.—The dried fruit market has been very quiet, pending the arrival of new fruit, which will meet a welcome, as the old stocks are literally sold out—especially in currants and raisins. Shipping apples are arriving very freely, and find ready, though low, markets.

LIVE STOCK.—The supply, both as to quantity and quality, has been excellent, but prices have been rather low relatively.

LUMBER.—Considerable activity exists, and the demand is quite equal to the supply. Very little has been shipped abroad, but repairs and now building operations create a steady and healthy consumption.

SALT is firmly held, as it is said that the West Indian yield will be very small this year, owing to the destruction of the pans by hurricanes.

REAL ESTATE has exhibited some life during the past week, though there have been more negotiations than actual transactions. It looks, however, that the long-continued depression in this line is passing away, and holders of land are more hopeful than they have been for a long time.

FISH.—There has been very little doing in the fish market since our last issue for want of stock. Codfish are not coming from the coast as at this time in other seasons, but now that the weather has got cool we look for large arrivals from the coast. Those that do come to market are meeting with ready sale at an advance on former prices. It is only the short arrivals that cause the advance. We are not aware of any advance in any of the West India markets that will warrant paying any advance in this market. The three cargoes of French codfish alluded to in our last issue as then being on the market, have since been placed at about \$1.90 per qtl.

Mackerel have advanced considerable since our last issue, and we may now look for a still further advance, as we think that the recent storm has broken up the schools in the North Bay, and there will be very few more to come from that quarter. We also think that the season has so far advanced there will be very few caught on the American coast. We hope our shore fishermen will be fortunate enough to secure a large catch of the late run of mackerel. Up to the present there are so few mackerel held on the coast that the advance is not felt. From all the information we can get there has not been a season for many years when there were so few mackerel held on the coast; and in this market there could not be had to-day 50 bbls., there being very few here indeed. The only quantity that we know of is one or two fairs of Bay mackerel which are stored and held for higher prices. All of the 1885 catch of mackerel that was held in this market for sale has been disposed of. We know of no late improvement in the West India markets.

Advices from Boston to 17th inst. are about as follows:—

Dealers have had a fair trade during the past week, and receipts have been light in all varieties of fish except mackerel, which continue to arrive from the Provinces in large quantities; the greater part of the receipts of late arriving from ports in Nova Scotia, 955 bbls. arriving this day from Lunenburg. The market remains about the same notwithstanding the large receipts.

The following are the quotations:—Bay 1's, \$16.00, 2's, \$10.00 to 12.00, 3's, \$8.00 to 10.00; Shore 1's, \$20.00, 2's, \$12.00; Nova Scotia 1's, \$16.00, 2's, \$10.00 to 12.00, 3's, \$7.00 to 8.00; P. E. Island 2's, \$11.00 to 12.00, and uncultured, \$10.00 to 12.00. Codfish are in light receipt. We quote large George's \$3.00, medium \$2.30; large Shore \$3.00 to 3.25; large dry Bank \$2.25 to 2.50, medium \$2.00; large pickled Bank \$2.37½, medium \$2.00 to 2.12½; Portland round Shore herring \$3.75. Very few fresh mackerel now arriving; vessels do not seem to catch as many in Massachusetts Bay. Some Shore mackerel are arriving at Portland nearly every day which are caught on the Maine coast. A sale of a trip of Bay mackerel at Boothbay at \$11.50 and \$20.00 packed.

Gloucester, Sept. 17.—Arrived schr. Nellie M. Davis from North Bay, 150 bbls. mackerel; schr. G. P. Whitman 300 bbls; schr. Rattler 450 bbls.; schr. Clara S. Cameron 200 bbls.

Below will be found a comparative statement of the catch of mackerel at U. S. Ports for the past four years, week ending Sept. 17.

1886	1885	1884	1883
51,259 bbls.	250,302 bbls.	291,090 bbls.	115,306 bbls.

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.

We intend devoting special attention to our Commercial and Financial Articles, and to our Market Quotations, and to this end have secured the co-operation of several persons thoroughly conversant with questions of finance and commerce.

GROCERIES.

SUGAR.	
Cut Leaf	8 to 8½
Granulated	6¼ to 6½
Circle A	6½ to 6¾
Extra C	5½ to 5¾
Yellow C	5½ to 5¾

TEA	
Congou Common	17 to 19
" Fair	20 to 23
" Good	23 to 25
" Choice	31 to 33
" Extra Choice	35 to 38
Oolong Choice	37 to 39

MOLASSES.	
Barbados	30 to 32
Demerara	30 to 35
Diamond N	42
Porto Rico	31
Tobacco—Black	37 to 46
" Bright	42 to 58

BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread	2.80 to 2.90
Boston and Thin Family	5¼ to 6
Soda	5¼ to 5½
do. in lib. boxes, 50 to case	7½
Fancy	8 to 15

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

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints	20 to 25
" " In Small Tubs	20 to 24
" Good, in large tubs	18 to 19
" Store Packed & oversalted	10 to 12
Canadian Creamery	22 to 24
" On Creamery the tone is firm	
" Township, finest	18 to 20
" " Finest Fancy pkgs.	19 to 22
" " fine	17 to 18
" Morrisburg and Brockville	18 to 17
" Western	13 to 16
Cheese, N. S.	10
" Canada	10 to 10½

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

FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL.	
No. 3 large, Catch 1886	5.00 to 5.25
" " " " 1886	4.75 to 5.00
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July 1886	4.75
(reported almost a total failure our shores.)	
ALBUQUERQUE, Catch, 1886, per bbl	none
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore, 1886, per qtl	2.50
Bank	1.80 to 1.90
Bay	none
SALMON, No. 1	15.00
HADDOCK, 1886, per qtl	1.50
HAKE	1.50
CUSK	none
POLLOCK	none
HAKE SOUNDS	45 to 50c per lb.
COD OIL A	29 to 30

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

LOBSTERS.

Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing).	
Tail Cans	4.75 to 5.25
Flat	6.00 to 6.50
Per case 4 doz. 1lb cans,	

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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 7.00
Hemlock, merchantable	7.00
Shingles, No 1, sawed, pine.	3.00 to 3.50
" No 2, do do	1.50 to 1.75
" Spruce, No 1 do	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.

PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE.

Our quotations below are our today's wholesale selling prices for car lots net cash. Jobbers' and Retailers' prices about 5 to 10 per cent advance on carload lots.

Flour.	
Graham	4.40 to 4.50
Patent high grades	4.40 to 4.60
" mediums	4.25 to 4.40
Superior Extra	4.00 to 4.15
Lower grades	3.00 to 3.85
Oatmeal, Standard	4.40 to 4.50
" Granulated	4.75
Corn Meal—Halifax ground	2.90 to 2.95
" —Imported	2.95 to 3.00
Bran per ton—Wheat	15.50 to 16.00
" —Corn	14.50 to 15.00
Shorts	17.50 to 18.00
Middlings	20.00 to 21.00
Cracked Corn	29.00 to 30.00
" Oats	25.00 to 30.00
" Barley	nominal 34.00
Feed Flour	3.25 to 3.50
" From Frozen Wheat, nominal	2.75
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs.	40 to 42
Barley " of 48 " nominal	75 to 80
" " of 60 " nominal	1.10
White Beans, per bushel	1.50 to 1.65
Pot Barley, per barrel	4.85 to 4.90
" " of 56 lbs.	80 to 85
Hay per ton	13.00 to 14.00
Straw	10.00 to 12.00

J. A. CHIPMAN & Co., Liverpool Wharf, Halifax, N. S.

PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid	11.00 to 11.50
" Am. Plate	11.50 to 12.00
" Ex. Plate	12.50 to 13.00
Pork, Mess, American	new 12.50 to 13.00
" " " "	old 11.50 to 12.00
" American, clear	15.00 to 15.50
" P. E. I. Mess	new 12.70 to 13.00
" " " "	old 11.50 to 12.00
" P. E. I. Thin Mess	10.50 to 11.00
" Prime Mess	9.50 to 10.00
Lard, Tubs and Pails	10 to 11
" Cases	12 to 12½
Hams, P. E. I.	19 to 19½
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	15 to 20
" unwashed	12 to 15
Salted Hides, No 1	7½
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No 1	7½
" " over 60 lbs., No 1	7½
" " over 60 lbs., No 2	6½
" " under 60 lbs., No 2	6
Cow Hides, No 1	6½
No 3 Hides	5
Calf Skins	8 to 10
" " " "	25 to 35
Woolskins, each	25 to 1.00
Lambskins	25 to 35

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

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

APPLES, (No. 1 Gravensteins) per bbl.	1.50 to 2.00
" Other No. 1 Varieties	1.10 to 1.60
Oranges, per bbl, Jamaica (new)	2.00 to 2.50
Lemons, per case, best quality	11.00 to 12.00
Cocoanuts, per 100	5.00 to 5.50
Onions, American, per lb.	2½ to 2¾
Foxberries, per bbl.	3.50
Bananas	2.00 to 3.00
Grapes, Almeria, kegs	7.00
Raisins, New Val.	9½

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

POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound	none
Geese, each	none
Ducks, per pair	60 to 80
Chickens	40 to 60

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Steers, best quality, per 100 lbs. alive	4.00
Oxen	3.50
Fat Steers, Heflers light weights	3.00
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs.	3.00 to 4.00
Lambs	3.00 to 4.00

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