

off. The demand for lard has been fair, but it is reported that in some cases prices have been shaded to effect sales. In other lines such as green hams and flanks no change has transpired. In the Liverpool market a strong feeling has prevailed and lard has advanced 6d. to 37s., and bacon 6d. to 34s. to 35s. Pork was steady at 71s. 3d., tallow at 31s. The Chicago provision market was decidedly weak, and pork broke 22½c. to 25c. to \$11.50 February, \$11.60 March, \$11.87½ May. Lard also was weak and declined 12½c. to 15c. to \$6.87½ February, \$6.90 March, \$7 May. The hog market there was steady and unchanged.

BUTTER.—No new features have developed in the local butter trade since our last report. Really choice qualities are rare and meet with ready sale. Inferior grades—which are chiefly butters held over by summer producers in the hopes of obtaining higher prices later on, and which certainly have not gained in flavor thereby—are freely offered, but find few takers. The *Montreal Trade Bulletin* remarks:—"Owing to a spell of cold weather throughout Great Britain, a considerable advance has lately been experienced in the price of butter there, which has resulted in the shipment of several thousand packages of Canadian butter during the past few weeks. The qualities that have gone forward consisted of Morrisburg and Eastern Townships, ranging from 20c. to 22c. as to quality, but the season is now too far advanced to make it safe to ship to England."

CHEESE.—Literally nothing is doing in the local cheese market, but, though the market is quiet, prices are firm. The public English cables show a drop of 1s. for finest September goods.

TEA.—The demand for teas, especially Japans, has been slightly better, but little business has been transacted, because holders are confident that better prices will soon rule than they can at present command. The New York market is quoted by the "Commercial Bulletin" as follows:—"Demand is a little careful for lines, and probably will be until after the auction sale; and there is also an inclination to approach invoices somewhat cautiously at the moment. It seems difficult to convince holders, however, that there is any chance against them at the moment, and offerings of pretty much all grades continue in the former moderate, careful form, with the limit of valuation kept well up. Previous rumor of quite a little deal in Pingsueys is confirmed to the extent of 4,000 packages sold on Saturday."

COFFEE.—The coffee market is dragging, the consumptive demand having fallen off considerably of late. Coffee is not a safe article in which to invest at present.

DRIED FRUIT.—The feeling in the fruit market is firm, owing to strong advices from abroad which quote an advance of 3s. to 4s. per cwt., and the market pretty bare of stock. The local demand has been slow, and the market has ruled quiet though at firm prices. There is very little enquiry for currants here, but New York advices show that the market there is strong, and prices have advanced ½c. per lb.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—Business in sugar has been quiet, the demand has been slow and only for small lots. In molasses the enquiry has been slightly better, but the feeling is weaker particularly for Barbadoes.

FISH OILS.—The Montreal market continues steady for Newfoundland cod oil, and prices are quoted at 39c. to 40c., smaller lots bringing more money. Halifax oil, 36c. Steam refined seal is steady at 48c. to 50c. and pale seal 42½c. to 45c. Cod liver oil 65c. to 70c. for Newfoundland, and 90c. to 95c. for Norway.

FISH.—Excessive dullness has been the characteristic of the Halifax fish market during the past week. Receipts are decreasing, as ruling prices are so low that they do not encourage along-shore holders to forward their fish to market. Some shipments to the United States and the West Indies have been made, but they were small and most of them were on speculation. None of them at present offer a probable prospect of profit. Perhaps when the Lenten season approaches there may be a better encouragement for hazarding the handling of fish, but at present there is none. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, February 5.—"Green codfish is quoted firm at \$4.90 to \$5 for No. 1 ordinary, \$5.12½ to \$5.25 for No. 1 large, and \$5.50 to \$5.75 for large draft. Dry Cod \$4.50 to \$4.75. Labrador herring \$5.25 to \$5.50. Sea trout is quoted at \$10 to \$11. Newfoundland salmon \$13.50 to \$14. No. 1 British Columbia \$12.50 to \$13." Another Montreal report of the same date says:—"The demand for all kinds of salt fish continues slow and the market has ruled quiet and steady with little business. Labrador herrings have been slow at \$5.50 to \$5.65. Cape Breton herrings are scarce and unchanged at \$6 to \$6.25. Green cod have ruled quiet and steady at the recent decline. The receipts of fresh fish have been large, for which the demand has been good, and a large amount of business has been transacted both on local and country account. Fresh haddock and cod have been moving freely at 3½c to 4c. Gloucester, Mass., February 5.—"We quote Georges codfish at \$5.00 per qtl for large, and small at \$4.25. Bank \$3.75 to \$4 for large and \$3.75 for small. Shore \$4.50 and \$4.12½ for large and small. Dry Bank \$4.50 and \$4.25. Newfoundland codfish \$6 to \$6.25. We quote cured cusk at \$3.50 per qtl, hake \$2.50 to \$2.62½, haddock \$3.25; heavy salted pollock \$2.50; and English cured do \$3.25 per qtl. Labrador herring \$7 bbl; medium split \$6; Newfoundland do \$5.50 to \$6; Nova Scotia do \$6; Eastport \$5; round Shore \$4; pickled codfish \$5.50; haddock \$4.50; halibut heads \$3; sounds \$12; tongues and sounds \$10; tongues \$8; alewives \$5; trout \$15. California salmon \$16; Halifax do. \$20; Newfoundland do \$18. Clam bait \$7 to \$7.50; slivers \$6.50; halibut fins \$13." Trinidad, January 18.—"We close out the *Maggie Payne's* cargo at \$20 tierces, \$5 boxes. The *Garnet* came down from Barbadoes with a Lockport cargo which we had to store, having failed to solicit any offer for it. With the present light consumption, caused principally by the generally poor quality of late receipts, dealers are buying very sparingly and any further immediate arrivals will cause a sharp decline. Old stocks ex-store are being forced off at \$15 to \$20; as the condition of the fish. There is no pickled fish in the market and all descriptions are coming into request."

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.

SUGARS.	
Cut Leaf	6½ to 8½
Granulated	7½ to 7½
Circle A	7½
White Extra C	6½ to 6½
Extra Yellow C	5½ to 5½
Yellow C	5½ 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	35
Demerara	36
Diamond N	45 to 46
Porto Rico	36 to 39
Cienfuegos	32
Trinidad	35
Antigua	35
Tobacco, Black	38 to 44
" Bright	42 to 58
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread	3.25
Boston and Thin Family	7
Soda	7
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.

PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid	12.50 to 13.00
" Am. Plate	13.00 to 13.50
" Ex. Plate	14.00 to 14.50
Pork, Mess, American	18.50
" American, clear	20.00
" P. E. I. Mess	18.00
" P. E. I. Thin Mess	16.00 to 16.50
" Prime Mess	14.50 to 15.50
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island	13 to 14
" American	12 to 13
" Cases	13.50 to 14.00
Hams, P. E. I., green	8 to 9
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef \$2.20 per bbl.	

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FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL.	
Extra	20.00
No. 1	19.00
" 2 large	16.00
" 2	none
" 3 large	11.00
" 3	11.00
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July	4.50 to 4.75
No. 1, August, Round	3.75 to 4.00
" September	3.75 to 4.00
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl.	4.00 to 4.50
Bay of Islands, Split	3.25 to 3.50
" Round	2.75 to 3.00
ALEWIVES, per bbl.	5.00
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore, new	4.25 to 4.50
New Bank	4.25
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	3.00
P. LOCK	2.25
HARK SOUNDS, per lb.	30
COD OIL A.	25 to 27

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

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound	15 to 25
" 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	6
" 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 75
Tallow	3

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

LUMBER.

Pine, clear, No. 1, per m.	25.00 to 28.00
" Merchantable, 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.	8.00 to 9.00
" Small, do.	6.50 to 7.00
Hemlock, merchantable	7.00
Shingles, No 1, sawed, pine	3.00 to 3.50
" No 2, 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.

The condition of the market remains very much the same, though the indications are even stronger of the coming corner. We have quotations under date Jan. 29th from Manitoba. "Patents \$6.55, strong bakors \$6.05 per bbl. in sacks, bran \$20.20, and shorts \$22.25 per ton, sacks extra for bran and shorts 10cts. each." These prices are cost and freight laid Halifax. Manitoba wheat is worth \$1.22 for No. 1 in Toronto, and \$1.24 in Montreal. Ontario wheat is higher than at the close of the year, and the millers in many sections say that farmers deliveries are about exhausted. Quite a number of mills are shut down, were only manufacturing at considerable loss, others have advanced their prices 5 and 10 cts. the last 24 hours. All concur in the opinion that markets have touched bottom.

Flour	
Graham Flour	5.75 to 6.10
Patent high grades	8.10 to 8.20
90 per cent. Patents	5.75 to 5.90
Superior Extra	5.60 to 5.75
Extras from Patents	5.25 to 5.50
Low grades in sacks	3.50 to 3.40
" barrels	3.65 to 3.80
Oatmeal, Standard	4.45 to 4.75
" Granulated	5.00 to 5.15
" Rolled	5.00 to 5.10
Corn Meal—kiln dried	3.00 to 3.10
Iran, per ton	21.00 to 22.00
Shorts	23.00 to 25.50
Middlings	21.50 to 26.00
Mill or Mixed Feed, per ton	23.00
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs.	43 to 45
Barley " of 48 "	nominal
" " of 60 "	1.00 to 1.10
White Beans, per bushel	1.80 to 2.00
Pot Barley, per barrel	5.65
Hay per ton	14.00 to 16.02
Straw "	11.00 to 12.00

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

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

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.

LOBSTERS.

Per case 4 doz. 1 lb cans.	
Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing)	5.00 to 5.40
" Fall Cans	4.80 to 5.00
" Flat	6.20 to 6.40
Newfoundland Flat Cans	6.35 to 6.50

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer.

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, No. 1, new, per bbl	1.50 to 2.75
Oranges, per bbl, Jamaica (new)	5.00 to 5.50
Lemons, per case	3.50 to 4.50
Cocoanuts, per 100	4.50
Onions	
" American Silver Skin	2 to 2½
Dates, boxes, new	6½ to 7
Raisins, Valencia, new	6½ to 7
Figs, Eleme, 5 lb boxes per lb	12
" small boxes	13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes and bags, new	6
Cranberries	7.00
Foxberries	4.00 to 4.50
Grapes, Almeria, kegs	6.50 to 7.00

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

POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound	13 to 14
Geese, each	50 to 72
Ducks, per pair	70 to 80
Chickens, "	40 to 53

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

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

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