

vessels went in search but did not get any. The fine weather we are now having may have its effect, and those vessels which missed them on Monday may yet be successful in taking some. We think that poor mackerel have seen their highest price for at least some time. The demand has dropped off for the present. They have got so far above the selling price in the West Indies that there is no inducement to ship there. It is possible that later on there may be more enquiry, and if so we think that there will be a further advance.

Our fish market has been quite lively since our last issue. All kinds of fish that have been arriving have been quite readily placed, and in some cases at an advance on sales the week previous. We hope those that have fish on the coast will get them to market in season, and not hold them back until they cannot be sold. From all the information we can get there are now no vessels in the Bay, and no mackerel seen around P. E. Island. There have been some showing in Chodabucto Bay and along the eastern shore about Whitehead and Torbay, which looks as if they have about all left the North Bay, and we do hope that our shore fishermen will be successful in making good hauls before the close of the season. We think there is no doubt that good fat mackerel, well taken care of and well cleaned, will bring full prices, and we would recommend our shore fishermen to soak and clean well any they may get. The difference in price will more than compensate for the time and trouble in soaking and cleaning.

Late Montreal advices state that—Labrador herring are quiet and prices slightly easier. Quotations ranging from \$6.00 to \$6.25 per bbl., and for a round lot \$6.00 was refused. Several lots are being shipped to Chicago and Milwaukee. Cape Breton herring are quiet; \$5.50 to 5.75 per bbl. for No. 1 large. Green cod have been sold at \$3.25 to 3.50 per bbl., and dry cod at \$2.75 to 2.90 per qtl. Salmon scarce; No. 1 Newfoundland \$16.00 to 17.00 per bbl., and British Columbia \$14.00 per bbl. Cod oil is dear; puns. Newfoundland quoted at 42c, but the regular run of offerings range from 37c to 40c. per imp. gal.; Nova Scotia is quoted at 33c. to 37c., and new cod liver oil 70c. Good sweet oil can be had at 60c. to 65c.

Boston advices to 16th inst. are about as follows:—The jobbing trade continues pretty active for about all varieties of fish except mackerel. The trade from first hands has been more quiet. Prices remain with few changes, as follows:—Extra Bay mackerel, No. 1, \$31 to 32; 1's, \$17 to 18; 2's \$11.25 to 13, according to quality and lateness of catch. Sales of 1885 Shore 2's at \$8.50 per bbl.; Nova Scotia and P. E. Island mackerel remain the same as last quoted, at \$15 to 16 for No. 1; \$11.50 to 12.50 for 2's; \$8 to 10 for 3's; \$11 to 12 for uncullied; dry Bank cod, \$2.50 to 2.25 for large and medium; pickled Bank. \$2.37 to 2.12 for large and medium; large shore, \$3.00 to \$3.25; medium \$2.25.

Below will be found a comparative statement for four years of mackerel landed at the New England fishing ports for week ending October 15th:—

1886.	1885.	1884.	1883.
69,776	287,239	389,437	162,966

which shows a very large deficiency between the years 1885 and 1886, and it is now very doubtful if this quantity can be made up from this summer's catch, and looks very favorable for any large fat, new cured fish our fishermen may be fortunate in securing. We would again remind our fishermen that they must not be led away, expecting fabulous prices for what fat mackerel they may have. When the price gets to a certain point, the demand will become less; and again beef and pork are so cheap, and likely to be, that those articles will have their effect in keeping the prices of fat mackerel down.

Portland advices to 14th inst., are about as follows:—Stocks of barrel fish now running here are about 1,000 bbls. new herring, which are held at \$3.00; 1500 bbls. 1885 Bay and Shore 2's held at \$9.00; and 500 bbls. new mackerel held at \$11.00 and \$18.00. No new Shore mackerel. Late arrivals from North Bay, schr. M. Smith, 400 bbls.

Gloucester advices to 15th inst. report arrived the past 24 hours the following:—

Fares.	From.	Cod. Pds.	Hallbut. Pds.	Hake. Pds.	Haddock. Pds.	Pollock. Pds.	Mackerel. Bbls.	Herring. Bbls.
2	Brown's Bank,	70,000						
9	Western "	480,000						
8	George's "	101,000		20,000	20,000			
8	Shore,					17,000		50
1	Danversau,	25,000						
7	North Bay,						1313	
1	Shore,						13	
36		631,000	25,000	20,000	28,000	17,000	1336	50

One vessel had been hooking all the season around the Magdalen Islands and caught only 60 bbls. mackerel.

Boston, Oct. 18;—The fish trade remains the same. Receipts of fish since Friday have been as follows:—

From Foreign Ports.—1738 bbls. mackerel, 126 bbls. herring, 1400 qtls. codfish, 165 qtls. pollock, 416 cases mackerel, 384 cases lobsters, 40 cases haddies.

From Domestic Ports.—66 bbls. mackerel, 2810 bbls. herring, 342 qtls. codfish, 2000 qtls. hake, 4379 bxs. herring, 222 bxs. boneless fish, 107 bbls. fresh mackerel.

New York, Oct. 16.—Trade has been very fair this week for mackerel, and receipts have been well taken, but very few are afloat unsold and not many in store. Nova Scotia and P. E. Island mackerel sold at \$12.50 to \$13.50 uncullied, \$16 to \$18 for 1's, and \$13.25 to \$14.50 for 2's. Extras, \$20 to 25 as to quality. Bay 1's dull and but few selling at \$16 to 18.50 for 1's, and \$13 to 13.50 for 2's. Shore, 1's sells slowly at \$23 to 25, 2's, 14.50 to 15. Block Island 1's \$25 to 26, 2's \$13 to 13.50, 3's \$11.50 to 12. Lobsters, \$35 to 40. Round Shore Herring, \$3.25 to 3.50. Bank Cod held at \$2.50. Georges, \$3.62½ to 3.75 per qtl.

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 L. f.	8 to 8½	
Granulated	8½ to 9	
Circle A	8 to 8½	
Extra C	8½ to 9	
Yellow C	8½ to 9	
TEA.		
Congou, Con. min.	17 to 19	
" Fair	20 to 23	
" Good	25 to 29	
" Choice	31 to 33	
" Extra Choice	35 to 36	
On Long—Choice	37 to 39	
MOLASSES.		
Barbadoes	30 to 32	
Demerara	30 to 35	
Diamond N.	42	
Porto Rico	37 to 41	
Tobacco—Black	37 to 38	
" Bright	42 to 58	
BISCUITS.		
Pilot Bread	2.60 to 2.90	
Boston and Thin Family	5½ to 6	
Soda	5½ to 5½	
do. in 1 lb 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	19 to 20
" Store Packed & oversalted	16 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	16 to 17
" Western	13 to 16
Cheese, N. S.	10
" Canada	12

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

FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL.		
No. 1 large	Catch 1886	5.50 to 5.75
" 3	" 1886	5.25 to 5.50
HERRING.		
No. 1 Shore, July	1886	4.75
No. 1, August		4.00 to 4.25
" September		3.50 to 3.75
Round Shore Herring		3.50
ALMUVES	Catch, 1886, per bbl	none
CODFISH.		
Hard Shore, 1886, per qtl		2.50 to 2.65
Bank	1886	1.95 to 2.10
Bay		none
SALMON, No. 1		13.00
HADDOCK, 1886, per qtl		1.90 to 1.95
HAKE		1.30
COD		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).	
Tall Cans	4.75 to 5.25
Flat	6.00 to 6.50
Per case 4 doz. 1 lb 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 7.05
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.

PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE.

Our quotations below are our today's wholesale selling prices for car lots not 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	4.30 to 4.50	
Superior Extra	3.85 to 3.90	
Lower grades	3.10 to 3.60	
Oatmeal Standard	4.20 to 4.30	
" Granulated	4.40 to 4.50	
Corn Meal—Halifax ground	2.80 to 2.90	
" Imported	2.85 to 2.90	
Brans per ton—Wheat	15.50 to 16.50	
" —Corn	15.50 to 16.00	
Shorts	17.50 to 18.00	
Middlings	20.50 to 22.00	
Cracked Corn	25.00 to 30.00	
" Oats	25.00 to 30.00	
" Barley	nominal	34.00
Feed Flour	3.10 to 3.60	
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs	75 to 80	
Harley of 48	nominal	38 to 40
" of 60	nominal	1.10
" White Beans, per bushel	1.50 to 1.55	
" Pot Harley, 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	10.50 to 11.00
" Am. Plate	11.00 to 11.50
" Ex. Plate	12.00 to 12.50
Pork, Mess, American	12.00 to 13.00
" new	11.50 to 12.00
" old	15.00 to 15.50
" American, clear	15.00 to 15.50
" P. E. I. Mess	12.50 to 13.00
" new	11.50 to 12.00
" old	10.50 to 11.00
" P. E. I. Thin Mess	9.50 to 10.00
" Prime Mess	10 to 11
Lard, Tubs and Pails	12 to 12½
" Cases	12 to 13c
Hams, P. E. I.	12 to 13c
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef \$2.20 per bbl.	

Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are liable to change daily.

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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
" under 60 lbs, No 1	7
" 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
" Deacons, each	25 to 35
Woolskins	25 to 1.00
Lambskins	25 to 45

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.	2.25 to 2.50
" Other No. 1 Varieties	1.25 to 1.75
Oranges, per bbl, Jamaica (new)	0.50 to 7.00
Lemons, per box, best quality	4.00 to 4.50
Cocoanuts, per 100	5.00 to 5.50
Onions American, per lb.	2½ to 4
Foxberries, per bbl. new	3.25 to 3.50
Raspberries	none
Grapes, Almeria, kegs	5.50
Raisins, New Val.	8½

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 90
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, Heifers light weights	3.10
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs.	2.75 to 3.25
Lambs	2.25 to 3.25

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