

prices improved a little. In Detroit, Milwaukee and Toledo, wheat was very strong.

PROVISIONS.—There has been a good demand for pork and the market was fairly active with an increased volume of business. Lard has been in fair enquiry. Hams and bacon are steady and quiet. Green hams have been dull, there being but little enquiry. In the Liverpool provision market pork, lard and tallow were steady while bacon advanced 6d. In the Chicago market there was considerable activity though decided weakness prevailed, pork breaking 25c. to 27½c., and lard broke about 10c. The hog market there was strong and advanced 5c. to 10c.

BUTTER.—There has been a little better feeling in the market owing to the great scarcity of fine goods, which has compelled buyers to draw their supplies from the medium to the good solid qualities. The market has been fairly active in a local way, but has presented no new features. Stocks of all grades appear to be well under control, but the supply of finest is light.

CHEESE.—After a depression lasting for several weeks past cheese is now looking up and a healthier feeling has been experienced on both sides of the Atlantic. The public cables show an advance of 6d. to 10d. in England and this improvement has been fully met on this side. Stocks in Canada are well concentrated and are being steadily depleted.

APPLES held over this winter have kept very badly and holders cannot fail to be heavy losers. Though prices last fall were not very enticing, it would, as we warned them at the time, have paid producers better to have closed out for what was then obtainable than to wait in the hope of larger figures that never came. The *Montreal Trade Bulletin* reports:—"This market continues in a very unsatisfactory state owing to the large quantities pressing on the market both from the West and city cellars. A round lot of about 700 bbls. was sold a few days ago at \$1 per bbl. which cost laid down here in the fall about \$1.97. The owner of a cellar of apples is offering to sell the whole lot at 25c. per bbl. but cannot get it. Another lot was offered at 40c. without effecting business. We quote ordinary to good lots of sound fruit in round quantities at \$1 to \$1.50. Small retail lots of good choice fruit such as Northern Spies and Russets bring higher prices. A Liverpool cable said:—"Baldwins and Canadian Reds 12s. to 14s.; Greenings and Swans 12s. to 14s.; Russets 15s. to 17s.; Spies, Spitz and Seeks 9s. to 11s. Quality and condition are being well paid for, but lower grades and conditions are very weak."

DRIED FRUIT.—The fruit market has continued quiet owing to the slow demand, and the volume of business transacted has been small, with no present indication of immediate improvement. Valencia raisins have ruled quiet and steady at quotations. Currants have been slow and unchanged.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—There has been a better demand for sugar and the market has ruled active with a larger volume of business than for some weeks past. Granulated is firm while yellows have ruled stronger and have advanced as to quality. There has been a fair enquiry for molasses and sales have been made more freely. In Montreal the raw sugar market is firmer and higher all round, while the refined product is selling at about the price of raw—setting aside the cost of refining. Barbadoes molasses is quiet at 37c. to 38c. as to quality, and other grades in proportion.

FISH OILS.—In Newfoundland cod oil the Montreal market is steady at 40c. to 42½c. Halifax is quoted at 37c. to 39c. Steam refined seal oil is steady at 49c. to 50c. and pale seal 42½c. Cod liver oil is quiet at 60c. to 65c. for Newfoundland, and 90c. to 95c. for Norway.

FISH.—For the season of the year, when handlers naturally expect fish to be a little lively, nothing can be more disappointing than the present tone of the market. Stocks in hand are not unusually large, but the markets abroad appear to be practically stagnant. Any improvement towards remunerative prices is promptly checked by the forwarding of new supplies. The few cargoes of bank fish that have arrived from the Westward since our last writing have failed to meet ready sale. Some have been placed at \$2.75. Small lots of hard shore from vessel were sold at \$3.50. There have been no offerings of scale fish, and quotations are purely nominal. Very few mackerel are offering, and our outside quotations are realised. A considerable quantity of poor herrings are on the market, but there seems to be no disposition on the part of holders to press sales. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, March 12.—"The demand for fish has continued active, a brisk trade has been accomplished, and the market has ruled active and about steady. The stock has been well worked out of first hands, and the offerings are now light. The indications are that about the whole supply will be well consumed during the Lenten season, and that little will be left over. The demand for Labrador herrings has been good, and the movement large. A large volume of business has been done in green cod at from \$5.50 for No. 1 large to \$6 for drafts in small lots. Fresh fish have met with a big demand, and the bulk of the offerings has been taken." Gloucester, Mass., March 12.—"There is little change to note in the Fish Market. Most of the herring fleet have arrived home, and a slight improvement is noted in the Georges catch. Stocks are comparatively light, and a good trade is looked for during Lent. We quote new Georges codfish at \$4.75 to \$4.87½ per qtl for large, and small at \$3.50 to \$4.25. Bank \$3.37½ for large and \$3.25 for small. Shore \$4.50 and \$3.37½ for large and small. Dry Bank \$4.50 and \$4.25. Newfoundland codfish \$6 to \$6.25. Flemish Cap \$4.25. N. S. dry cured \$5.50. Cured cusk at \$3.25 per qtl; hake \$2.50; haddock \$3; heavy salted pollock \$2.50, and English cured do. \$3.25 per qtl. Labrador herring \$6.50 per bbl.; medium split \$6; Newfoundland do. \$4; Nova Scotia do. \$6.75; Eastport \$3.25; split shore \$4.75; pickled codfish \$6; haddock \$5.50; Extra shore mackerel are quoted at \$30 per bbl. in jobbing lots; No. 1's \$26 and \$27; No. 2's \$22 and \$23; No. 3's \$19 to \$21; Bay 1's \$25; Block Island 1's \$28 to \$29; Mess do., \$12." Havana, March 12.—"The market has a downward tendency, quotations being—Codfish \$6.25; haddock \$5; hake \$4.75."

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 Loaf.....	8
Granulated.....	7½
Circle A.....	7
White Extra C.....	6½ to 6¾
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 38
Oolong, Choice.....	37 to 39
MOLASSES.	
Barbadoes.....	35
Demerara.....	36 to 40
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 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.

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.....	17.50
" American, clear.....	19.00
" P. E. I. Mess.....	17.00 to 17.50
" P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	15.50 to 16.00
" Prime Mess.....	14.00 to 14.50
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 small.....	none
" 3 large.....	11.00
" 3 small.....	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
ALBIES, per bbl.....	6.00
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore, new.....	4.25 to 4.50
New Bank.....	4.25
Bay.....	4.12 to 4.20
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
POLLOCK.....	2.25
HAKE SOUNDS, per lb.....	30
COD OIL A.....	26 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 22
unwashed.....	12 to 15
Salted Hides, No 1.....	5 to 6
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs, No 1.....	5
" under 60 lbs, No 1.....	5
" over 60 lbs, No 2.....	5
" under 60 lbs, No 2.....	5
Cow Hides, No 1.....	4
No 3 Hides, each.....	25
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 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.....	1.00 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 advance is checked, the pool makers are evidently not yet fully agreed so that prices have taken a halt for the time, but still held by the miller at the advance recently obtained.

Oatmeal and oatmeal are easy and quiet. The weather has been against business since March came in though the volume of trade on the whole is still up to the average of the season.

We make no change in quotations.

FLOUR.	
Graham Flour.....	5.75 to 6.10
Patent high grades.....	6.10 to 6.20
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.....	3.30 to 3.40
" " barrels.....	3.55 to 3.60
Oatmeal, Standard.....	4.65 to 4.75
" Granulated.....	5.00 to 5.15
" Rolled.....	5.00 to 5.10
Corn Meal—kiln dried.....	2.85 to 2.95
Bran, per ton.....	21.00 to 22.00
Shorts.....	23.00 to 23.50
Middlings.....	24.50 to 26.00
Mill or Mixed Feed, per ton.....	29.00
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs.....	43 to 45
Barley " of 48 ".....	nominal
Peas " of 60 ".....	1.60 to 1.10
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.80 to 2.00
Pot Barley, per barrel.....	5.55
Hay per ton.....	14.00 to 16.00
Straw.....	11.60 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 49
" Western.....	17 to 12
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	
Tall 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).....	6.50
Lemons, per case.....	3.50 to 4.50
Cocoanuts, per 100.....	3.50 to 4.00
Onions.....	2 to 2½
" American Silver Skin.....	2 to 2½
Dates, boxes, new.....	5½ to 6
Raisins, Valencia, new.....	6½ to 7
Figs, Eleme, 5 lb boxes per lb.....	12
" small boxes.....	13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes and bags, new.....	5½ to 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 55

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 4.00
Fat Steers, Heifers, light weights.....	3.00 to 3.50
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs.....	4.00 to 4.50
Lambs.....	4.00 to 5.00

These quotations are prepared by a reliable victualer.