next few weeks. Just what the result will be it is impossible to predict, but it is safe to state that many of the figures who have played an important part in the legislature just closed will not again be seen in their places. Such is political life, in which there is no more assurance of existence than there is in the life of the body.

COMMERCIAL.

The general features of trade since our last have undergone no change, and existing conditions are essentially unaltered. The uncertainty about values consequent upon the revision of the tariff is the question that stands most prominent, engaging all the attention of those particularly interested. All entries are now passed subject to amendment, and importers in consequence do not know yet exactly where they stand. But they are working together, so that for such branches as are effected business is quiet. These remarks apply more particularly to dry goods, some lines of chemicals and wines and liquors, all of which the revision has subjected to radical change in some particular or other, checking business in them to a sensible degree. Outside of this a quiet trade is moving, giving nothing particular to comment upon; but the volume is sufficient to show fair requirements on the part of consumers. The recent bad weather has slightly checked the country movement, but is looked upon as only temporary, as the indications point to a fully average demand.

It seems that the demand for ice from the United States is almost unlimited, large quantities being shipped from all points in Canada to all the great centres south of the border line. Prices have advanced considerably of late. Enquiries from leading points in the States for large quantities of clear block ice induce the fear that, owing to this increased foreign demand, the cost of ice for local consumption will be high. Ice is an article for which no substitute is possible, and it is probable that every ton will

be required before another crop can be harvested.

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DRY ODS.—A fair jobbing movement is in progress, although there has been no change in this branch of trade. The uncertainty about the effect of the recent changes in the duties acts at present as a bar to trade. The expectations, however, lean to a good, fair movement into consumers' hands this season. Importers speak of very strong markets for fall supplies, and show letters from their buyers in support of this. Just now travellers are soliciting sorting orders, but it is reported that they are not meeting with much success. Remittances have improved somewhat since the opening of this month. Although buyers have been holding off all round the advancon some lines is stated to have been fully equal to 50 per cent, and there is no talk of concession.

IRON, HARDWARE AND METALS .- This market continues rather quiet, and. outside of moderate, steady jobbing movement, there is nothing particular to note, the business is chiefly confined to small lots from stocks in store for immediate requirement. Advices from England state that the speculative branch of the market has improved since the Easter holidays. Scotch warrants have advanced Is. 6d., and Middlesborough 3s. 4½d., but this is believed to reflect the relation of "longs" to "shorts" rather than any change in the character of legitimate business. The very easy feeling on American pig, of course, tends to confirm this theory, as it proves that the visible and prospective supply on this side of the water will be fully equal to any probable demand. Therefore it is not at all probable that the recent rise in Great Britain will be maintained, despite the fact of the settlement effected by the coal miners in the Midland districts of England, by which they received an immediate rise in their wages of 5 per cent., and a promise of a further increase of 5 per cent. in August next, thus materially enhancing the cost of iron production. It is maintained by some that prices cannot go much lower. However, prices will depend chiefly upon the actual supply which is bound eventually to regulate the market. Should it transpire that there is a surplus of iron, values cannot, of course, be expected to improve, while if they are really short of requirements prices must necessarily go higher. Supply and demand are bound to assert their relative positions in the end.

BREADSTUFFS.—The local market is in a peculiar position. In Chicago wheat suddenly went up about 9 cents on Monday without assignable cause. This amounts to about 50 cents per barrel on flour, and, as dealers here are uncertain as yet whether this is an advance that has "come to stay" or merely a temporary flurry, they are undecided whether to continue to sell at the old figures goods that they may not be able to replace, or to take advantage of the advance and run the risk of possibly alienating their patrons. Anyway it does not matter much here as nothing but a very quiet jubbing business is doing. The general tone is firm. In Liverpool cargoes of corn and wheat on passage and for shipment are firmer, while both those articles "spot" are improving, though the demand is only moderate.

Provisions.—This market has not developed any special feature, as the actual consumptive demand just at this time is small. An advance of \$3 in pork was achieved at Chicago on Monday, but it is doubtful whether that can be maintained, as no reason therefor appears. The Liverpool markets are unchanged.

BUTTER.—It is too early in the season to expect much business to be done in this line, and therefore the butter market continues quiet and unchanged, with very little doing. The feeling is as weak as ever, and we hear of no trading of any account outside of the ordinary jobbing run.

CHRESE.—The cheese market is not changed. Only a small jobbing

movement to local grocers can be noted. The cable has not deviated from its quotations of 54s.

FRUIT .- Trade in dried fruit has been rather quiet and dull than otherwise, but the feeling remains unchanged and steady in touch with other lines of grocery specialties. There has not been much doing in raisins or other lines of dried fruit. Currants are firmer and advices from primary sources

do not show any reason to expect lower prices in the near future.

SUGAR.—There has not been much doing in sugars during the past week

and refiners are not pressing husiness.

TEA —The enquiry his been more free, and a fair local trade in teas was done during the past week. Stocks are reported to be, generally, in good shape. Private advices from Japin indicate that the season is likely to be an early one, owing to the mild winter and early spring An English house states that trade in black teas is extremely quiet for this sesson of the year, dealers buying only in a hand-to-mouth manner.

Coffee. No change has occurred in the position of colles since our last report. The stock is very light, and holders are very firm in their views. But little business has moved during the past week, and quotations are unchanged. At New York there has been little change in coffee, but there is an evident and comparatively general determined effort to force a fuller line of values. The decrease of the world's supply for the month is estimated at 125,000 to 175,000 bags, as compared with last year at the same period. The present suggestion is that whatever may be the extent or the character of the new crop there must be an interval of comparative scarcity. more especially of the fine and attractive grades.

Fish.-Nothing worth noting has transpired in our fish markets during the past week Advices from abroad are not encouraging, and receipts are practically nil In Havana latest advices report a bricker traffic and firmer prices under a nearly bare market, but as considerable shipments were known to be on their way it is likely that the market will "flatten out." Quotations from Gloucaster, Mass., show no change in figures.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.—Wholesale Rates.

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

GROCERIES.		ı
Sugars.		١
Cut Loaf	734 10 734	ł.
Granulated	614 to 7	п
Circle A	634	1.
White Extra C	636	ľ
Standard	5% to 5%	Ш
Extra Yellow C	871 10 876	U
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** Fair	20 to 23	
" Good	25 to 29	
' Choice	31 to 33	Ŧ
" Extra Choice	351036	1.
Oolong, Choice	37to39	L.
MOLASSES.		11
Barbadoes	37 to 38	ı.
Demerara	40 to 44	1.
Diamond N	46	1
Porto Rico	36 to 89	L.
Cienfuegos	33	
Trinidad	34	10
Antigua	33 to 35	١,
Tobacco, Black	38 to 44	•
" Bright	42105h	١.
BISCUITS.		١.
Pilot Bread	3.15	
Boston and Thin Family	634	
Soda	6%	
do in 11b. boxes, 50 to case	13	
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PROVISIONS.

No change in value, but the proposed duty is not yet established.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid	14.CO to 14.2
' Am, Plate,	14.50 to 15.0
	15.50 to 16.0
Pork, Mess, American "	15 50 to 18.0
" American, clear	
" P. E. I Mess	15.0
P. E. I. Thin Mess	
Prime Mess	12.50 to 13.0
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Isla	
4 American	11 to 1
Hams, P. E. I., green	8 to
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HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, No. 1, per bbl Oranges, Jamaica, per bbl., repacked.	.3.50 to \$.00
Oranges, Jamaica, per bbl., repacked.	8.00
Lemons, per case	5.50 to 6.50
Cocoanuts, new, per 100	5.00
Onions, American, per lb	4c,
Dates, boxes, new	51/2 106
Raisins, Valencia, new	7
Figs. Eleme, Bil boxes per ib	11
small boxes	10 to 13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes and bags, new	534 to G
Foxberries	6 00
Cranberries, per bbl	13.00
C. H. Harvey, 12 & 10 Saci	

DITTER AND CHEESE

ł	DOLLER WAY OFFICE.	
Ð	Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints	2:
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χİ	Cheese, Canadian	10 %

"Wild and excited" may be the terms applied to Breadstuffs at the moment of going to press. Farmers have put wheat up 15c. a bushel, and millers have put up flour about \$1.00 a bbl. The contention is that the poverty of the farmers in Ontario and Canada compelled them to market heir grain during the winter. Somf millers contend that we shall see \$6.00 the ruling price before the end or May. Prices are still relatively lower han at the mills. Cornmeal and oatmeal are both higher. Also oats. We are obliged to raise our quotations s per memo, at foot.

i f Lour.	
High Grade Patents	5.25 to 5 50
Good 90 per cent Patents	5.05 to 5.10
Straight Grade	4.76 to 4.90
Superior Extras	
Cool Coords	4 60 to 4.65
Good Seconds	4.25 to 4 35
Graham Flour	4.25 to 4 50
American Supr. Extras, in bond.	4.35 to 4.40
American 90 per cent, in bond,	4.66 to 4.75
Pillsbury's Best, in half bbls.	3.50
Oatmeal	4.10 to 4.25
" Rolled	4.20 to 4.30
Kiln Dried Cornmeal	2.50 to 2.60
Rolled Wheat	5.50
Wheat Bran per ton	18.00
Wheat Bran, per ton	20.00
Middlings	22.00
Middlings "	
Cracked Corn "including bags Ground Oil Cake, per ton, "Moulee"	24.00
Ground Oil Cake, per ton,	35 (0
	24.00
Split Peas	3.78 to 4.10
White Beans, per bushel	1,55 to 2.00
Pot Barley, per barrel	4.00 to 4 f 0
Canadian Oats, choice quality	40 to 42
P. E. I. Oats	42 to 44
Hay per ton	10.10
J. A. CHIPMAN & Co.,	77 3 -4
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FISH FROM VESSELS.

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MACKEREL-	
Extra	14.00
No. 1	13.00
" 2 large	12.00
'' 2	11.20
' 3 large	11.50
44 3	11.50
HERRING.	
No.1 Shore July	3.25 to 3.50
No. 1 August, Round	2.50
" September	3.50
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl.	3.00 to 3.25
Bay of Islands, Split	none
" Round	none
ALEWIVES, per bbl	3.00 to 8.25
Confish.	
Hard Shore,	4.25 to 4.40
Bank	3.25 to,3 50
Bay	3.50 to 3.75
SALMON, NO. 1	18.00 to 19.00
HADDOCK, per qtl	· 2. 25
HAXE	2.00
Cusx	1.50
Pollock	1.50
HAKE Sounds, per th	1214
COD OIL A	26