SAINT JOHN PRICES CURRENT.

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FROM

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Importer of every description of

DRY GOODS—Staple and Fancy

READY-MADE CLOTHING,

HATS AND CAPS.

We have the pleasure of handing you herewith our Weekly Prices Current, showing the condition of our market for the past week. Our quotations, it should be understood, represent the *wholesale prices* generally. In the making up of small orders, higher prices have to be charged. All quotations are duty paid, unless otherwise stated.

Commercial Report.

BREADSTUFFS.—Flour is duller on a very light demand. The rivers are closed, and many of the schooners trading with outports are withdrawn; the demand is in consequence limited chiefly to the retail call of the city—no disposition is felt towards speculation, and it is impossible to effect sales in any large quantities, there being no buyers except for daily use. Arrivals keep pretty large, and flour is going into store, where it must remain until the demand overtakes the stock. Prices are $5.75 to $6, for common to good superfine, and 10c. to 25c. more for choice brands.

Corn meal unchanged.

FREIGHTS.—Our freight market for deals continues very inactive; so much so, that it is difficult to make quotations. The tendency however appears to be downward. The following are the only charters reported since our last: *Jones Brothers*, 174, Bristol Channel, 72s. 6d., with 2s. 6d. extra, if ordered to Bristol; *Clyde*, 719, Bristol Channel, 70s. 6d.

For the West Indies freights are about as last reported. Transactions have been moderate, at about previous rates. We hear of the following: *Abbey C. Titcomb*, 376, north side Cuba, shooks, 25c. and 26c.; *Alfaretta*, 228, same voyage, 25c., all under deck; *Java*, 162, Matanzas, 25c.; *Leona*, 300, Havana, 25c.; *Martha*, 131, Cardenas or Matanzas, boards, $7.50 under, $6.50 on deck, with 25c. additional for Havana; *Alice Woods*, 242, north side, 25c. under, 23c. on deck.

Coastwise freights are dull. We hear of the following transactions: *Addie Ryerson*, 176, laths, $1.20, and *R. A. Ford*, 114, at $1.30, both for Philadelphia; *Iris*, 237, New York, laths, $1.10; *Duke of Newcastle*, 86, Portland, shooks, 10c.; *Belle*, 98, and *Clara*, coals from Hillsboro' to Boston, $1.90, gold.

LIST OF LEADING ARTICLES IMPORTED IN THE WEEK.

From NEW YORK—

Ex *Leona*: 232 brls. flour, 3 brls. oil.

From PHILADELPHIA—

Ex *R. A. Ford*: 207 tons coal.

From PORTLAND—

Ex *Java*: 1500 brls. flour, 400 bags bran.

FROM BOSTON—

Ex *Duke of Newcastle*: 220 brls. corn meal, 10 brls. rye flour, 110 bags shorts, 10 tons feed, 1 organ, 1 saw mill, 133 pkgs sundries.

Ex steamer *New England*: 10 brls. pork, 7 brls. beef, 59 brls. sugar, 10 bales cotton, 2 bales hops, 5 coils rope, 60 rolls leather, 86 bdls. paper, 1 organ, 256 pkgs. sundries.

Ex steamer *New Brunswick*: 15 brls. pork, 119 pkgs. tea, 80 boxes tin, 85 bdls. paper, 1 horse, 378 pkgs. sundries.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

CANVAS.—DUTY: Free, when used for ships or vessels only; otherwise 15 ℘ cent.

Gourock, extra, No.1, per yard	$0 44
" bleached,	0 37
Gourock, boiled,	0 31
" grass bleached,	0 27
" duck,	0 25
Cotton " No. 1,	0 46

CORDAGE.—DUTY: Free, when used for ships or vessels only; otherwise, 15 per cent.

Gourock, hemp, per lb.	$ 0 11
" Manilla,	0 15
" wire-rope,	0 08 @ 0 12
" bolt rope, housline, &c.	0 13
Gourock sail twine, extra,	0 45
Domestic hemp,	0 09½
" Manilla,	0 15

CANDLES.—DUTY: 15 per cent.

Moulds, per lb.	0 14 @ 0 15

COALS.—DUTY Free.

English, per chald., retail,	0 00 @ 6 50
Scotch,	00 0 " 5 00
Sydney,	0 00 " 6 50
Grand Lake,	6 00 @ 5 00
Joggins,	5 00 @ 5 50
Anthracite, ℘ ton,	0 00 " 7 00

COFFEE.—DUTY: green 3c. per lb., roasted or ground, 4c. per lb.

Java, per lb.	0 24 @ 0 25
Ceylon,	0 22 " 0 24
Cape,	0 16 " 0 18
Porto Rico,	0 00 " 0 20
St. Domngo,	0 14 " 0 16
Jamaica,	0 18 " 0 19
Java, toasted,	0 28 " 0 30
Jamaica "	0 25 " 0 26

COTTONS.—DUTY: 15 per cent.

NEW BRUNSWICK COTTON MILLS.

Grey Cottons, ℘ yard,	0 6 @ 0 10
Cotton Warp, 5 lb bundle, warped and sized,	2 00
Do. do., unwarped,	1 50
Do. do., Blue,	2 00

DRUGS and DYES.—DUTY: senna, liquorice and arrow root, 15 per cent.; others free.

Borax, refined, per lb.	0 20 @ 0 25
Cream Tartar,	0 28 " 0 35
Senna, East India,	0 20 " 0 30
Liquorice, stick,	0 20 " 0 40
Alum,	0 03 " 0 04
Blue Vitriol,	0 10 " 0 11
Carb. Soda,	0 03¾ " 0 04¼
Crystals "	0 02 " 0 02½
Sulphur,	0 05 " 0 06
Epsom Salts,	0 03½ " 0 04
Saltpetre,	0 10 " 0 12
Arrow Root,	0 25 " 0 60
Cochineal, black	1 30 " 1 50
Cudbear,	0 20 " 0 30
Logwood,	0 00 " 0 01½
" Extract,	0 00 " 0 12
Redwood,	0 04 " 0 05
Fustic,	0 03 " 0 04
Indigo,	0 80 " 1 20
Castor Oil, ℘ gallon,	1 75 " 2 25

FISH.—DUTY: salted or smoked, 1c. per lb.; fresh, free.

Codfish, ℘ quintal,	3 50 @ 3 75
Pollock, "	1 75 " 2 00
Haddock, "	1 40 " 1 60
Ling, "	4 00
Shad, No. 1, ℘ hf. brl.	4 50 " 5 00
Herrings, Bay, ℘ brl.	3 25 " 3 50
" Split, "	0 00 " 3 50
" Shelburne,	4 00 " 4 25
" Labrador,	5 50 " 0 00
Oysters,	3 00 " 3 50

SMOKED HERRINGS:

No. 1 Digby, per box,	0 00 @ 0 75
No. 2 " "	0 00 " 0 45
Grand Manan, scaled, "	0 20 " 0 25
" No. 1, "	0 10 " 0 15

FLOUR and MEAL.—DUTY FREE, except oatmeal, 15 per cent.

Extra State, per brl.	5 75 a 6 00
Canada Superfine,	5 75 " 6 00
" Choice,	6 00 " 6 25
Family and Pastry,	7 00 " 7 50
Rye Flour,	none.
Oatmeal,	7 50 " 0 00
Corn Meal,	4 50 " 0 00

FRUITS.—DUTY: 15 per cent.

Raisins, bunch, per box,	none
" layers, new, "	2 30 @ 2 50
Currants, per lb.,	0 05½ " 0 07
Figs, "	0 12 " 0 18
Dried Apples, per lb.,	0 8½ " 0 12
Oranges, per box, (scarce)	8 00 " 0 00
Lemons, "	3 50 " 4 50
Apples, per brl.,	2 75 " 3 25
Tamarinds, per 100 lbs.,	6 00 " 9 00
Cocoa Nuts, per 100,	6 00 " 8 00

GRAIN.—DUTY FREE.

Corn, per bush.	1 10 @ 1 20
Oats,	0 52 " 0 00
" P. E. I.,	0 00 " 0 55
Barley,	none.

HAY.—DUTY Free.

Uncompressed, per 2,000 lbs.	12 00 @ 13 00
Beater press,	00 00 " 14 00

IRON &c.—DUTY: 5 per cent. ad val.; anchors, chains and metal, free (except chain under half of an inch, 15 per cent).

Refined, ℘ 112 lbs.,	2 40
Common, 112 lbs.	2 00
Scrap, wrought,	0 90 " 1 00
" cast,	0 60 " 0 70
Patent Metal, per lb.,	0 18
Anchors, per 112 lbs.,	5 75
Chain Cables, "	3 80
Rigging Chain, per lb.,	0 04½ " 0 06½

LEATHER.—DUTY: sole or upper, 10 per cent. sheep, calf &c., 15 per cent.; hides and skins, free.

American Sole, per lb.,	0 26 @ 0 27
Domestic " "	0 22 " 0 27
" " (imp. hd's) ℘ lb.	0 25 " 0 27
Domestic, waxed upper, ℘ side,	$3 25 @ 4 00
" grain, "	3 50 " 4 00
" kips, "	1 50 " 2 25
" calf, per lb.,	0 70 " 0 80
French calf, "	1 00 " 1 35
English " "	0 90 " 1 00
English, kips, per lb.	0 75 " 1 05
Splits, best, "	0 30 " 0 35
Hides, "	0 05½ 0 06
Calf Skins, "	0 12 " 0 14

LIME.—DUTY: 15 per cent.

Per cask,	$1 75

LUMBER.—DUTY: sawn, 15 per cent.; logs, free.

Logs, Spruce, per M.	5 00 @ 5 50
" Sapling Pine,	4 00 " 7 00
" " Box,	7 00 " 8 00
" Aroostook "	10 00 " 16 00
Spruce Deals,	7 00 " 8 00
Aroostook Pine Boards, Nos.	
1 and 2,	40 00
No. 3,	30 00
No. 4,	20 00