

pork has continued to be slow, and the market quiet, with business dull. There has been a fair enquiry for lard in small lots, and a moderate business was accomplished at steady prices. Hams and bacon have been under fair enquiry. In the Liverpool market lard was weak and declined 3d. Pork was unchanged, as were also bacon and tallow. In the Chicago market a weak feeling prevailed and pork declined 15c. to 17½c. Lard was also easier and fell off 2½c., except in the July option which moved up 2½c. There was a weak tone to the hog market and prices fell off 5c. to 10c.

**BUTTER.**—Nothing new has transpired in the butter market, which has continued steady to firm, under a firm demand and light offerings. Receipts of new are commencing to show greater volume, but it will be some time before any accumulation of stock can be made, because the consumptive demand absorbs all that is now offered of prime quality.

**CHEESE.**—The cheese market has remained without life, there being no business outside of purely local requirements. Fine to finest September goods appear to be most in demand, and meet with moderately fair sale.

**POTATOES.**—Potatoes continue to be in liberal receipt from the country and are generally in excellent condition and of unusually good quality for the season of the year. The average price of prime goods is about 40c. to 50c. per bushel. This is no more than the same article would have brought last fall. Farmers who have held them through the winter have certainly gained nothing by doing so.

**SUGAR.**—The boom in the sugar market has continued and prices have steadily advanced. During the week refinery prices moved up to 6½c. for yellows; 6½c. for standards and 8½c. for granulated in round lots. The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* reports:—"The sugar market has ruled very strong again under a spirited demand on the part of dealers to anticipate future requirements, as they look for much higher prices. During the past few days sales of 500 and 1,000 bbl. lots of granulated have been made at 7½c. but prices have since advanced ½c., the lowest price at the refineries being now 7½c., a bid of 7½c. having been refused for a lot of 1,000 bbls. Yellows are strong at 6c. to 6½c. On Wednesday last considerable excitement was developed in the New York market where prices sprang ½c. per lb all round, with sales of granulated at 8c., and the same figure is consequently predicted in the near future for this market. The present strength of the market is backed by a large speculative interest, which, combined with the regular consumptive enquiry when stocks in the hands of refiners are comparatively small, renders the position exceedingly strong." A London cable of the 10th instant quotes:—Java cargoes afloat 19s. 3d.; best quiet at 18s. 9d.; cane steady; fair refining 17s. 9d.

**MOLASSES.**—The recent advance in Barbadoes has been well maintained and latest advices from the islands are firm. A fair volume of business has been transacted, but no large sales have been effected on account of light stocks.

**FISH OILS.**—A Montreal advice says: "Newfoundland cod oil is firm at 40c. to 42½c., Gaspe at 39c., and Halifax 37c. to 38c. In steam refined seal oil the market is quiet but steady for spot oil at 47½c. to 50c. New steam refined seal to arrive has been offered at 45c. Cod liver oil is firmer, Norway being quoted at \$1.20 to \$1.25, and Newfoundland 70c. to 75c., some asking as high as 80c. to 85c.

**FISH.**—Since our last writing the tone of the fish markets has decidedly improved. Not that quotations have at all advanced, but a quite unexpected improvement in most of the West Indian markets has been developed which inspires a better confidence in the immediate future on the part of holders. Besides this recent advices from Norway show that the catch to the 1st of April this year was only 440,000 qtls. against 740,000 qtls. to the same date last season—a shrinkage of 300,000 qtls. Returns from our own bankers are very discouraging, all reporting "no fish on the banks yet." There is an absolute dearth of bait on our own shores. Small vessels and boats are obliged to supply themselves from the small stocks of frozen herrings now in this city. Large quantities of ice are reported to have arrived on the Newfoundland coasts, which prevents the fishermen from putting out in quest of herrings. On the whole dealers seem to be justified in anticipating a profitable season. Our outside advices are as follows:—"Montreal, April 15.—"There is very little doing in fish, the market being about over. Green fish is about all sold out of first hands. Dry cod has been dealt in to a small extent at \$4 to \$4.50, as to lot. Herring are also about over, and prices are nominal. Sea trout quiet at \$10 to \$11. Newfoundland salmon \$13 to \$14, and British Columbia \$12 to \$13." Gloucester, Mass., April 15.—"We quote New Georges codfish at \$4.25 to \$4.37½ per qtl. for large, and small at \$3.50. Bank \$3 to \$3.40 for large, and \$3 for small, Shore \$4 and \$3 for large and small. Dry Bank \$4 and \$3.50. Newfoundland codfish \$6 to \$6.25. Flemish Cap \$3.50. Nova Scotia dry cured \$5; do. pickle cured \$4. Cured cusk at \$2.62 per qtl.; hake \$2.25; haddock \$2.50; heavy salted pollock \$2.50, and English cured do. \$3.25 per qtl. Labrador herring \$6 bbl.; medium split \$6; Newfoundland do. \$5; Nova Scotia do. \$6; Eastport \$3; split Shore \$4.75; pickled codfish \$6; haddock \$5.00; halibut heads \$3.50; sounds \$11; tongues and sounds \$9; tongues \$8; alewives \$5.00; trout \$15.00; Halifax salmon \$25; Newfoundland do. \$25. Clam bait \$7. Extra shore mackerel \$35 to \$35.50 per bbl. in jobbing lots; No. 1's \$26 and \$28; No. 2's \$22 to \$23; No. 3's \$19 to \$21; Bay 1's \$24 to \$25; Block Island 1's \$28 to \$29; Mess do., \$32; Best Irish \$22 to \$23; poor do. \$14 to \$16." Port of Spain, Trinidad, March 28.—"Consumption of codfish has been restricted owing to stocks being old and inferior, but the bulk of this having been bought up at \$10 tierces and \$2.50 boxes, our market has assumed a more healthy position. On the 25th inst. we sold the Lockport cargo per *Garnet* by wire from Barbadoes at \$16 tierces, \$17 drums, \$4.50 boxes, \$10 haddock, and this having nearly all been consumed we anticipate similar rates for next arrivals, the demand being on this increase. Pickled fish of all descriptions would meet a ready sale at our quotations."

## 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.....	8½ to 9
Granulated....	8½ to 8¾
Circle A.....	8
White Extra C.....	7½
Extra Yellow C.....	6½ to 7½
Yellow C.....	6½
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 to 38
Diamond N.....	45
Porto Rico.....	36 to 39
Cienfuegos.....	33
Trinidad.....	35
Antigua.....	35 to 38
Tobacco, Black.....	38 to 44
" Bright.....	42 to 58
Biscuits.	
Pilot Bread.....	3.25
Boston and Thin Family.....	7
Soda.....	7
do. in 1½ 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.....	11.50 to 12.00
" Am. Plate.....	12.00 to 12.25
" Ex. Plate.....	13.00 to 13.50
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.	
Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are liable to change daily.	

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## FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL—	
Extra.....	20.00
No. 1.....	19.00
" 2 large.....	16.00
" 2.....	15.00
" 3 large.....	11.00
" 3.....	11.00
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July.....	4.00 to 4.50
No. 1 August, Round.....	3.50 to 3.75
" September.....	3.50 to 3.75
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl.....	4.00 to 4.50
Bay of Islands, Split.....	2.50 to 2.75
" Round.....	2.00 to 2.25
ALEWIVES, per bbl.....	5.00
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore.....	3.25 to 3.50
Bank.....	2.50 to 2.75
Bay.....	2.50 to 2.75
SALMON, No. 1.....	15.50 to 16.00
HADDOCK, per qtl.....	2.00
HAKE.....	2.00
CUSK.....	1.50
POLLOCK.....	1.50
HAKE SOUNDS, per lb.....	30
COD OIL A.....	26 to 30

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

## WOOL, WOOL SKINS &amp; HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound.....	15 to 22
" unwashed.....	12 to 15
Salted Hides, No. 1.....	5
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs, No. 1.....	5½
" over 60 lbs, No. 2.....	4½
" under 60 lbs, No. 2.....	4
Cow Hides, No. 1.....	5
No. 3 Hides, each.....	3
Calf Skins.....	25
" Deacons, each.....	10 to 15
Lambskins.....	10 to 1.00
Tallow.....	3

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

## BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	30
" in Small Tubs.....	25
" Good, in large tubs.....	22 to 24
" Store Packed & oversalted.....	14
Canadian Township.....	22 to 27
" Western.....	17 to 20
Cheese, Canadian.....	10½

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

## BREADSTUFFS.

Since our last issue there has been but very little change in the condition of the market, the chief liquidation had already taken place and things are getting a little more settled. The whole line of breadstuffs and provisions, mill feeds, hay, oats and almost everything in that line are on a lower range of prices than at any prior time during the last six months. We give below current quotations for ear lots. In the present state of the market there are found those who will sell at less than cost, particularly if they can realise the cash, we may be subject to that oft impeachment ourselves sometimes, rather than see our neighbors doing business which ought not to go past our own doors.

Flour	
High Grade Patents.....	5.65 to 5.90
Good 90 per cent Patents.....	5.40 to 5.60
Straight Grade.....	5.30 to 5.55
Superior Extras.....	5.20 to 5.25
Good Seconds.....	4.65 to 4.75
Low grades.....	3.10 to 3.40
Graham Flour.....	5.65
American Supr. Extras, in bond.....	4.00 to 4.10
Oatmeal.....	4.20 to 4.30
" Rolled.....	4.35 to 4.50
Cornmeal, duty paid.....	2.70 to 2.80
Cornmeal, in bond, Boston.....	2.15 to 2.20
Rolls Wheat.....	5.50
Wheat Bran, per ton.....	17.50 to 18.50
Shorts.....	18.50 to 19.00
Middlings.....	20.00 to 21.50
Cracked Corn " including bags.....	26.50
Ground Oil Cake, per ton.....	35.00
Moulce.....	25.50
Split Peas.....	3.75 to 4.00
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.65 to 1.75
Pot Barley, per barrel.....	5.10 to 5.20
P. E. I. Oats.....	40 to 41
Canadian White Oats.....	41 to 42
Hay per ton.....	12.00 to 12.50
J. A. CHIPMAN & Co., Head of Central Wharf, Halifax, N. S.	

## LOBSTERS.

Per case 4 doz. 1 lb cans.	
Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing) 5.25 to 5.60	
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, per bbl.....	1.50 to 2.00
Oranges, per bbl, Jamaica (new).....	6.75 to 7.00
Valencia Oranges, per case.....	5.00 to 5.75
Lemons, per case.....	4.00 to 4.50
Cocoanuts, per 100.....	3.50 to 4.00
Onions.....	1½ to 2
" American Silver Skin.....	5½ to 6
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.....	5½ to 6
Bananas, per bunch.....	1.75 to 2.50
Foxberries.....	3.00 to 3.50

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

## POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound.....	15 to 16
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.....	4.25 to 4.50
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

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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 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.