

Steamship Co. and White Cross Line. She is also increasing her trade with Newfoundland, besides attracting considerable tonnage to her port from the United Kingdom, and we learn from Montreal houses that their goods received and shipped by the Intercolonial route have, on the whole, given great satisfaction. Green fruit arriving from Halifax has been delivered in good order, notwithstanding the extreme cold. It seems to us that the great bulk of the trade now being done via Portland should be transferred to the Intercolonial and Halifax route."

We cordially endorse every word of the above, and are much pleased to note that the superior advantages and facilities offered by our noble harbor are—though tardily—receiving due recognition from Upper Province shippers.

In connection with the Newfoundland trade we may mention that one Montreal firm, (Messrs. James Lord & Co.), have recently chartered five vessels to load 12,000 bbls. of flour, besides butter and provisions, at this port for St. John's. Some of them have already loaded and sailed, while the others will soon follow.

The possibilities that the future holds forth to Halifax as a great trade and shipping emporium—especially after our dry dock is completed—are simply incalculable.

BREADSTUFFS.—The visible supply of wheat continues to increase at a rate of nearly half a million of bushels per week in the United States, and the gross aggregate there exceeds that of last year at this date by about five millions of bushels. Still British dealers continue to cable firm offers which is an indication that the decreased supplies in Great Britain and the continent more than offset the increased stocks on this side. The general credit given to the belief that the early spring will see a war in which several, if not all, the great European powers will be engaged, undoubtedly has a large influence in keeping prices steady with an upward tendency. In Western markets flour has already advanced ten to thirty cents per bbl. from the lowest prices.

PROVISIONS.—Pork, lard, etc., is steady to firm, though actual transactions reported have not been large. The local market is quiet and unchanged. In the West holders are not at all inclined to push sales, believing firmly in future prices. Other preserved and cured meats are also firm.

BUTTER.—There has been nothing unusual in the butter market, which remains steady to firm. Trade has been rather light, being mostly confined to domestic demand, though some shipments are making to Newfoundland and the West Indies.

CHEESE.—Nothing new has transpired in the cheese markets during the past week. The visible supply everywhere is much smaller than it was last year at this time, while the English demand is greater. Still, figures are probably as high now as purchasers will pay, and though present prices may be firmly held, we see no reason to anticipate much, if any further advance.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—Several cargoes of Brazil sugar have recently arrived, or are on their way to this port. The markets are dull, and prices favor buyers' interests. Very little is, however, doing. Molasses is quiet, but firm, though beyond supplying a small domestic demand, no movement is made.

FRUITS.—Apples still continue to meet ready sales at good prices in England. Dried fruits are without life, and figures have a drooping tendency.

TEA AND COFFEE.—A further sharp advance in Young Hyson has taken place in London, and in New York and Montreal the tea market has a strong, firm undertone that may lift prices at any moment. Coffee is steady at unchanged prices.

LIVE STOCK.—The wretched condition of the country roads considerably restricts the forwarding of live stock to this market, and the supply is, in consequence, meagre, and the quality of what does come is indifferent. Some lambs were sold at auction a few days since for \$3.05 apiece—a very good figure in view of their poor condition. At private sale, a lot of sheep and lambs were disposed of at \$4.00 for the former and \$3.25 for the latter.

POULTRY is plentiful, in excellent condition, and at reasonable prices.

VEGETABLES are in abundant supply, and prices continue quite low. On Tuesday last, choice hand picked potatoes were auctioned at Liverpool wharf at 23c. per bushel, and sound, good turnips at 28c.

REAL ESTATE SALE.—The congregation of Chalmers' church have long been hampered for room for their Sunday School, session house, etc. On Tuesday last the property on the corner of Barrington and Duke Streets, adjoining the church, and comprising the building known as "Whitehall," and a boot and shoe store west of it, was offered for sale at auction under mortgage, and was bought by the church trustees for the low price of \$6,315. It is intended to tear down the present session house and the boot and shoe shop and to erect on their site a two-story brick edifice which will give ample room for all church purposes other than divine services. It has not yet been definitely decided what to do with the balance of the property thus acquired. All are agreed that the church should be moved to the corner some day. One party is in favor of at once tearing down "Whitehall," moving the church there, and erecting a manse where the church now stands. Another favors leaving this work to be done by a succeeding generation, and meanwhile letting "Whitehall." Two desirable tenants, it is understood, have already tendered for a lease at figures that will pay the interest on the purchase and leave a surplus of \$50 per year. A small faction is in favor of selling the corner, but it is to be hoped that this idea will not prevail, because the church will have to be moved some day, and if the property in question is alienated it can never again be secured on equally favorable terms, and, under existing circumstances, it will be no burden for the church to carry.

FISH.—No demand, no sales. Market in same position as last issue. West India and United States markets about the same.

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.

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| SUGAR. | |
| Cut Loaf..... | 8 to 8 1/2 |
| Granulated..... | 6 to 6 1/2 |
| Circle A..... | 5 1/2 to 6 |
| Extra Yellow C..... | 5 1/2 to 5 3/4 |
| Yellow C..... | 5 1/4 to 5 |
| TEA. | |
| Congou Common..... | 17 to 19 |
| " Fair..... | 20 to 23 |
| " Good..... | 25 to 28 |
| " Choice..... | 31 to 33 |
| " Extra Choice..... | 35 to 36 |
| Oolong-Choice..... | 37 to 39 |
| MOLASSES. | |
| Barbadoes..... | 28 to 30 |
| Demerara..... | 30 to 35 |
| Diamond N..... | 39 |
| Porto Rico..... | 31 |
| Tobacco-Black..... | 37 to 46 |
| " Bright..... | 42 to 58 |
| BISCUITS. | |
| Pilot Bread..... | 2,60 to 2,00 |
| Boston and Thin Family..... | 5 1/2 to 6 |
| Soda..... | 5 1/2 to 5 3/4 |
| do in lb boxes, 50 to case..... | 7 1/2 |
| 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.

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| NOVA SCOTIA CHOICE FRESH PRINTS..... | 20 to 25 |
| " " " in Small Tubs..... | 20 to 24 |
| " " " Good, in large tubs..... | 19 to 20 |
| " " " Store Packed & oversalted..... | 10 to 12 |
| Canadian, Creamery..... | 21 |
| " " Township Fairy..... | 22 to 23 |
| " " " Finest..... | 20 to 22 |
| " " " Fine..... | 18 to 20 |
| " " Morrisburg and Brockville..... | 17 to 19 |
| " " Western..... | 13 to 16 |
| Cheese, N. S..... | 12 |
| " Canada..... | 11 |

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

FISH FROM VESSELS.

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| MACKEREL. | |
| Extra..... | 15 00 |
| No. 1..... | 12 00 |
| " " " 2 large..... | 9 00 |
| " " " 3 large..... | 7 50 to 8 00 |
| " " " 3..... | 6 00 |
| " " " 3..... | 5 50 to 5 75 |
| HERRING. | |
| No arrivals. No sales. Quotations nominal. | |
| No. 1 Shore, July, very scarce..... | 5 00 |
| No. 1, August..... | none |
| " " " September..... | none |
| Round Shore..... | 3 75 |
| Labrador, in cargo lots, per lb..... | none |
| Bay of Islands..... | 3 75 to 4 00 |
| ALASKA, per bbl..... | none |
| CODFISH. | |
| Hard Shore..... | 3 00 |
| Bank..... | 2 10 |
| Bay..... | none |
| SALMON, No. 1..... | 18 00 |
| HADDOCK, per qtl..... | 2 00 to 2 25 |
| HAKE..... | 2 10 |
| CUSK..... | 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.

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| NOVA SCOTIA (Atlantic Coast Packing). | |
| Flat Cans..... | 4.00 to 5.00 |
| Flat..... | 6.00 to 6.50 |
| Per case 4 doz. 1lb cans, | |

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer.

LUMBER.

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| 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 11.00 |
| 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 1.50 |
| 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.

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| Flour. | |
| Graham..... | 4.40 to 4.50 |
| Patent high grades..... | 4.65 to 5.00 |
| " " mediums..... | 4.35 to 4.50 |
| Superior Extra..... | 4.35 to 4.40 |
| Lower grades..... | 3.30 to 3.80 |
| Oatmeal, Standard..... | 4.20 to 4.35 |
| " " Granulated..... | 4.30 to 4.40 |
| Corn Meal-Halifax ground..... | 2.85 to 2.95 |
| " " Imported..... | 2.85 to 3.00 |
| Bran per ton-Wheat..... | 17.50 to 18.00 |
| " " -Corn..... | 15.00 |
| Shorts..... | 10.00 to 12.00 |
| Middlings..... | 20.00 to 22.00 |
| Cracked Corn..... | 28.00 to 29.00 |
| " " Oats..... | 25.00 to 30.00 |
| " " Barley..... | nominal |
| Feed Flour..... | 3.30 to 3.60 |
| Oats per bushel of 34 lbs..... | 34 to 38 |
| Barley " of 48..... | 33 to 38 |
| " " of 60..... | 1.10 to 1.10 |
| White Beans, per bushel..... | 1.50 to 1.60 |
| Red Barley, per barrel..... | 4.85 to 4.90 |
| Corn " of 56 lbs..... | 78 to 80 |
| Hay per ton..... | 13.00 to 14.00 |
| Straw..... | 10.00 to 12.00 |

J. A. CHIPMAN & Co., Liverpool Wharf, Halifax, N. S.

PROVISIONS.

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| Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid..... | 11 00 to 11 50 |
| " " Am. Plate..... | 11 50 to 12 00 |
| " " Ex. Plate..... | 12 50 to 13 00 |
| Pork, Mess, American..... | 15 00 to 15 70 |
| " " " old..... | 13 50 to 14 00 |
| " " American clear..... | 16 00 to 16 50 |
| " " P. E. I. Mess..... | 14 50 to 15 00 |
| " " " old..... | 13 50 to 14 00 |
| " " P. E. I. Thin Mess..... | 12 00 to 12 50 |
| " " Prime Mess..... | 10 00 to 10 50 |
| Lard, Tubs and Pails..... | 11 to 12 |
| " " Cases..... | 12 50 to 13 00 |
| Hams, P. E. I..... | none |
| Duty on Am. Pork and Beef \$2.20 per bbl. | |
| Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are liable to change daily. | |

These quotations are prepared by a reliable wholesale house.

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

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| Wool—clean washed, per pound..... | 15 to 20 |
| " " unwashed..... | 12 to 15 |
| Salted Hides, No 1..... | 7 1/2 |
| Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No 1..... | 7 1/2 |
| " " under 60 lbs., No 1..... | 6 1/2 |
| " " over 60 lbs., No 2..... | 6 1/2 |
| " " under 60 lbs., No 2..... | 6 |
| Cow Hides, No 1..... | 6 1/2 |
| No 3 Hides..... | 5 |
| Calf Skins..... | 8 to 10 |
| " " Deacons, each..... | 25 to 35 |
| Lambskins..... | 25 to 75 |

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

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

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| APPLES, (No. 1 Gravenstein) per bbl..... | 2.50 to 3.00 |
| " " Other No. 1 Varieties..... | 1.75 to 2.00 |
| Oranges, per bbl. Jamaica (new)..... | 7.00 |
| " " " Valencia..... | 6.00 to 6.25 |
| Lemons, per box..... | 3.50 to 3.75 |
| Cocoanuts, per 100..... | 5.00 to 5.50 |
| Onions American, per lb..... | 2 to 2 1/2 |
| Foxberries, per bbl new..... | 4.00 |
| Grapes, Almeria, keg..... | none |
| Raisins, New Val..... | 6 to 7 |
| Figs, Erome, small boxes..... | 12 to 17 |
| Prunes, Stewing, per lb..... | 6 1/2 |
| Dates, boxes, new..... | 7 1/2 |

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

POULTRY.

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| Turkeys, per pound..... | 11 to 14 |
| Geese, each..... | 10 to 16 |
| Ducks, per pair..... | 60 to 70 |
| Chickens..... | 39 to 60 |

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

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| Steers, best quality, per 100 lbs. alive..... | 1.50 |
| Oxen..... | 3.00 |
| Fat Steers, Heflers light weights..... | 3.00 |
| Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs..... | 2.75 to 3.20 |
| Lambs..... | 2.25 to 3.50 |

These quotations are prepared by a reliable victualer.