

whether our butter shall step into the first rank which is open to it, or whether we shall be content to pose in the second, third or a lower place.

CHEESE.—Business moves along quietly and no pronounced change can be cited. Just sufficient is doing to indicate that values are firmly held, but trading cannot be called general.

DRIED FRUIT.—The dried fruit market has in the past few days given some indication of returning business. Buyers are beginning to realize that the position of Valencia raisins is tending to increased firmness. Advice from England and Spain lend strength to the position, and importers here have been advised by their agents at Valencia that bids will be refused, as the stock of fruit is so small that the bulk of it will be required on continental account. In currants also the feeling is firm here, and holders freely say that they intend to hold on for a while longer.

APPLES.—Although some shipments of apples from this side to the English markets have shown a loss, the majority have proved more remunerative than for a number of years past, so that on the whole Canadian exporters have had nothing to complain of up to the present. Certain western shippers have done remarkably well, and the following account sales recently received from the other side by a Montreal firm is referred to as being one of the most satisfactory of the season. The shipment consisted of 233 bbls. of winter varieties which sold for £371 14s. 3d, which after deducting freight, commission, &c, amounting to £67 12s. 4d, leaves £304 1s. 11d. net, at point of shipment in the west, or about \$6.25 per bbl. The following were the sales of this lot of apples:—20 bbls. at 25s.; 14 bbls. do., 20s.; 7 bbls. do., 17s.; 1 bbl. 16s.; 1 bbl. 15s. 9d.; 40 bbls., 38s.; 50 bbls., 37s.; 57 bbls., 30s.; 1 bbl., 27s. 6d.; 10 bbls., 28s. and 31 bbls. 36s. The varieties consisted of Kings, Spies, Russetts, Baldwins, Greenings, &c., most of which were well packed and arrived on the other side in good condition. The season of 1890 and '91 has been an exceptionally good one up to date of writing, and it has proved that receivers on the other side have done their best in obtaining the highest figures the market would stand. This would seem to refute the theory often advanced by shippers on this side, to the effect that English consignees did not always handle the fruit to best advantage. In a bad market it is impossible for receivers on the other side to give satisfaction, and when shippers make losses they are apt to impute all manner of reasons to account for their apples not making profitable returns. Those consignments that have arrived on the other side in good condition have made money this season."

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—Raw sugars have advanced sharply during the past week, particularly in the Brazils, and it is difficult to buy at the moment. The local market for refined sugar is still very quiet, being of a hand-to-mouth character. In fact to induce trade refiners have marked down prices ½c. in granulated, but yellows are steady and unchanged. Advice just received from Barbadoes state that an early opening of the new season for molasses is expected, but that the crop will be far short of that of 1890. The yield during the coming season is estimated at 30,000 to 33,000 puncheons, against 54,000 puncheons last year, which shows the large decrease of 17,000 to 20,000 puncheons, providing of course that the estimate for this season is not under stated. Drought prevailed throughout Barbadoes during the last six months of 1890, and one reliable authority in that island says that the yield for 1891 cannot exceed 50,000 to 55,000 hhd. of sugar and 30,000 to 33,000 puncheons of molasses, against 90,000 hhd. of sugar and 54,000 puncheons of molasses last year. The same authority says.—This drought has ripened up the canes to such an extent that reaping will commence early, in some instances during the first fortnight of January, and we look for grinding operations to become general during the month of February, or at the latest, early in March. The unfavorably dry weather experienced not only at this Island but throughout the West Indies, places it beyond doubt that short crops must be looked for in 1891. At the same time, we have every reason to believe that the demand for this Island's produce of sugar and molasses will be most active, and orders should be placed in our hands at an early time, with full limits to work on, if the early lots of sweets are to be secured. It is premature to express an opinion as to opening prices, but we think they will be about 14c to 15c. per gallon and puncheons \$1.00 each for molasses, and \$2.00 per 100 lbs. and hhd. \$5.00 each for refining grades of sugar."

TEA AND COFFEE.—All grades of black teas are very strong and are moving out fairly well. There is a good all round enquiry for Japans, especially for the better class worth 25 cents and upwards. The tone of the coffee market is a good deal better now for all kinds. Maracaibo has advanced in New York from 1c. to 1½c. per lb. The rumor that has been going the round of the papers in regard to the Jan. crop is incorrect, as it was the last crop that was short, the coming one will be a good one. However the short age of the last crop is beginning now to fill in the press, and the coming one will not be marketed for a few months yet. All mild coffees are better, and Rios are also firmer. We have no local transactions to note this week. There has been a great scarcity of Maracaibo lately, very little coming in New York, owing to the views of the planters in Maracaibo being above the ideas of New York. Statistics are, stock in Rio 186,000 bags, same time last year 181,000 bags. Total visible supply 453,545 bags, same time last year 438,081. Total receipts in crop to Jan. 8, 1,331,000 bags, same time a year ago, 1,200,000 bags.

FISH OILS.—In Montreal the market for Newfoundland cod oil is quiet but steady at 36c. to 37c. There is more enquiry for steam refined seal oil, and the market is firm at 51c. to 52½c. as to quantity. Norway cod liver oil is steady at 80c. to 85c. In Gloucester, Mass., the quotations are:—Cod oil 27c. to 30c. per gal.; medicine oil 60c.; blackfish oil 35c.; Menhaden oil 23c.; livers 50c. per bucket.

FISH.—No change can be noted either in prices, receipts or shipments of fish. The market is perfectly flat and absolutely nothing is doing here. No movement can be expected for several weeks to come, or until an outside

demand springs up. Starfish, the greatest enemy of the oyster, are now caught by sending to the bottom a big mop, made of long cotton thread fastened to a frame of iron. This mop is drawn slowly over the beds of oysters, and without disturbing the crop, entangles the starfish, which cling to it until they are brought to the surface. When the dredge, full of stars, is taken on board the dredging steamer, it is immersed in hot water, and the dead stars drop. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, Jan. 21.—"There is no movement to note yet in fish, but some change in this respect is expected within a week or two. The firm feeling is fully maintained, and with stocks of dry fish in their present small compass there is not much probability of any lower prices for some time; in fact it is unlikely that there will be any till next season. The demand shows no activity, a few lots of Labrador herring being placed at \$5 to \$5.25 as to quantity, shore herring as low as \$4.50, but good stock is held at \$4.75. Cape Breton steady at \$5.25 to \$5.40 for No. 1, \$5.50 to \$5.55 for large, and \$6 for draft. Sea trout is steady at \$5 to \$5.50 per bbl. Newfoundland salmon \$18 to \$20 per tierce, and \$12 to \$13 per bbl. The market for frozen fish has been quite active, and large sales have been made of herring at \$1.50 per 100. Tommy cods have sold in round quantities at \$1.40 per bbl., and haddock at 4½c. to 5½c. per lb. The weather has been all that could be desired for hauling, and the steady cold has increased the demand. The market is about steady with a moderate trade passing. We quote:—Yarmouth bloater \$1.25 per 100, boneless cod 7c. to 8c. per lb; boneless hsh 4½c. to 6c.; finnan haddies steady at 7½c." Gloucester, Mass., Jan. 21.—"New Georges codfish at \$6 a qtl. for large, and small at \$5; Bank \$5.25 for large and \$4.50 for small. Shore \$5.50 and \$4.50 for large and small. Flemish Cap \$5.50. Dry Bank \$5.75, medium \$5. French codfish \$6 per qtl. Phillips beach codfish \$7 per qtl. Cured cusk at \$4.50 per qtl.; hake \$2.25; haddock \$3.25, heavy salted pollock \$2.25; and English-cured do. \$2.75 per qtl. Labrador herring \$6 bbl.; medium split \$5; Newfoundland do. \$5.50; Nova Scotia do. \$5.50, Eastport \$4; split Shore \$4.25; round do. \$3.50; round Eastport \$3.25, pickled codfish \$7; haddock \$6; halibut heads \$3.50; sounds \$15; tongues and sounds \$11; tongues \$10; alewives \$3.50; trout \$14, California salmon \$13; Halifax do. \$23; Newfoundland do. \$16."

MARKET QUOTATIONS.—WHOLESALE RATES.

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

GROCERIES.

SUGARS.	
Cut Leaf.....	7 ½
Granulated.....	6 ½ to 6 ¾
Circle A.....	6 ½
White Extra C.....	5 ½ to 6 ½
Standard.....	6 ½ to 6 ¾
Extra Yellow C.....	5 ½ to 6 ½
Yellow C.....	5 to 5 ½
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 to 38
Demerara.....	41 to 42
Diamond N.....	48
Porto Rico.....	31 to 35
Cienfuegos.....	33
Trinidad.....	32 to 33
Antigua.....	32 to 33
Tobacco, Black.....	38 to 44
" Bright.....	42 to 58
RESISTS.	
Pilot Bread.....	3.15
Boston and Thin Family.....	0 ¾
Soda.....	6 ½
do in lb. boxes, 50 to case.....	7 ½
Fancy.....	8 to 15

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apple, per bbl. N. S.....	2.00 to 5.00
Oranges, new Jamaica.....	8 00
Lemons, per case.....	5.00
Cocoanuts, new, per 100.....	5.00
Onions, American, per lb.....	3 ½
" Canadian.....	3 to 3 ½
Dates, boxes, new.....	6
Raisins, Valencia, new.....	7 to 8
Figs, Elme, 5 lb boxes per lb, new.....	12
" small boxes.....	11 to 13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes.....	10
Bananas, per bunch.....	2.00 to 2.50

C. H. Harvey, 12 & 10 Sackville St.

FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL.	
Extra.....	15.00 to 16.00
No. 1.....	11.00 to 11.50
" 2 large.....	13.00 to 13.50
" 2.....	12.00 to 12.50
" 3 large.....	12.00 to 12.50
" 3.....	12.00 to 12.50
Small.....	7.00 to 7.50
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore July.....	4.50 to 4.75
No. 1, August, Round.....	2.75 to 3.00
" September.....	2.75 to 3.00
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bbl.....	none
Bay of Islands, Split.....	2.25 to 2.50
" Round.....	none
Alewives, per bbl.....	3.00 to 3.25
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore.....	4.00 to 4.25
Bank.....	4.00 to 4.25
Bay.....	4.00 to 4.25
SALMON, No. 1.....	18.00 to 19.00
Haddock, per qtl.....	2.75 to 2.85
Hake.....	2.00 to 2.20
Polk.....	2.00 to 1.50
Collo.....	1.50
Hake rounds, per lb.....	12 ½
Cod Oil A.....	25

BREADSTUFFS.

Business is of course slackening off. February is recognized as being the duller month of the year. Prices however are well maintained west. Flour has advanced 10 and 15 cents a barrel.

We make no change in our quotations.

FLOUR.

Manitoba Highest Grade Patents.....	6.10 to 6.25
High Grade Patents.....	5.10 to 5.20
Good 90 per cent Patents.....	5.00 to 5.10
Straight Grade.....	4.50 to 4.60
Superior Extras.....	4.80 to 4.90
Good Seconds.....	4.25 to 4.35
Graham Flour.....	4.10 to 4.40
Oatmeal.....	5.20 to 5.35
" Rolled.....	5.30 to 5.40
Kiln Dried Cornmeal.....	3.25 to 3.35
Roller Wheat.....	5.40
Wheat Bran, per ton.....	21.50 to 22.50
Shorts.....	23.00 to 25.00
Middlings.....	26.00 to 28.00
Cracked Corn " including bags.....	34.00 to 35.00
Ground Oil Cake, per ton.....	35.00
Moulce.....	31.00 to 32.00
Split Peas.....	3.75 to 4.00
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.60 to 2.00
Pot barley, per barrel.....	3.90 to 4.10
Canadian Oats, choice quality.....	53 to 54
P. E. I. Oats.....	53 to 54
Hay per ton.....	12.50 to 13.50

J. A. CHIPMAN & Co., Head of Central Wharf, Halifax, N. S.

PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....	12.50 to 13.00
" Am. Plate.....	12.50 to 13.00
" Ex. Plate.....	13.50 to 14.00
Pork, Mess, American.....	16.00 to 16.50
American, clear.....	16.00 to 16.50
P. E. I. Mess.....	16.00 to 16.50
P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	15.00 to 15.50
" Prime Mess.....	12.00 to 12.50
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island.....	12
" American.....	11 to 12
Hams, P. E. I., green.....	none
Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are liable to change daily.	

BUTTER AND CHEESE

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	25
" in Small Tubs.....	22 to 23
" Good, in large tubs, new.....	18 to 20
" old.....	7 to 12
" Store Packed & oversalted.....	10
Canadian Township, new.....	18 to 20
" Western.....	16 to 20
" old.....	7 to 10
Cheese, Canadian, new.....	10
" Antigonish.....	16 ½