

war has operated to prevent any advance in prices. The British markets have been weak, while that of Chicago was fairly active though irregular. In Canada the grain trade is dull with trade dull and inactive. The flour markets have continued to be uninteresting. In order to sell in round lots lower prices than have prevailed would have to be accepted. As yet no quotable change has occurred, but the situation is critical, and prices may go either way suddenly for a very slight cause. At Minneapolis large sales of American flour have been recently made for the English market.

PROVISIONS—The dressed hog market continues to show a tendency to improvement, and prices in the Western centres have advanced fully 5 cts. per 100 lbs. upon former prices for car lots. The Chicago market for hogs and their products is very strong. Here the general tone is strong in sympathy with the West, but sales are small and there is absolutely no excitement. Packers are cutting up freely.

LIVE STOCK—The quantity of neat cattle that has come forward during the past week has been larger than in the previous week, and prices have rather favored buyers.

BUTTER—In Chicago butter is much easier. A reliable report from there is that "the market was very weak, and it was difficult to obtain a reliable quotation for fancy creamery butter. The trouble was that there was scarcely any demand for anything, and all grades were lower." Throughout Canada the market remains quiet, but holders manifest no anxiety to force sales in view of light stocks, which are asserted not to be in excess of local requirements. Very little dependence can now be placed in the export trade as the season is now too far advanced on the other side to induce shippers to take the risk of shipping hence there. Still, if the weather continues cold, there may be a further call for Canadian goods.

CHEESE—Although cheese has reached a very high figure it continues to advance steadily on both sides of the Atlantic, and it looks as if the zenith of the rise had not yet been attained. Under a scarcity of fine cheese in England and a steadily consumptive demand prices have advanced 6d. to 1s. in Liverpool, and higher rates are confidently looked for. From all advices it is evident that there is very little cheese now left in Canada that is not owned by English houses.

COFFEE—The coffee market is very firm, and holders are not at all anxious to sell. Stocks, both in New York and in England, are reported to be short, and it is believed that but little more is to come forward this season.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES—Late advices from the West Indies report that the weather has been most favorable, particularly in Barbadoes, for the growth of cane. It is expected that the new crop of molasses will be available about the latter part of the present month, and that of sugar some two weeks later. Molasses is expected to open at Barbadoes at about 11c, and fair to good refining at about \$1.90 first cost, which is equal to 11s. 9d. per 112 lbs. cost and freight landed in New York. Several Halifax vessels have been ordered to Cienfuegos and other West Indian ports, to be ready to load with new molasses. In sugar in this market there is a moderate trade with prices, as a rule, unchanged.

APPLES—The Montreal "Trade Bulletin" reports that "the newest feature in the apple trade is the recent buying in the West by a Montreal firm, a number of sales having been made at different points in Ontario at prices ranging from \$1.75 to \$2.60 per bbl., as to quality. These purchases will, in all probability, be exported on through bills." A Toronto firm is also reported to have picked up several lots, and it is thought that there are very few apples remaining in the West unsold. The aggregate quantity exported from Canada and the United States from the commencement of the season to the beginning of this week, was 714,641 bbls., or 32,452 bbls. more than in the same period last season.

FISH—Our fish market, as far as mackerel are concerned, is in the same position as last week. Very few are coming in from the coast, in fact there are very few to come in. What few are on the coast will be held as long as possible, with the hope that November prices may be had for them; but we fear the high prices that were looked for will not be realized. About all the fat mackerel that were held in this market have been shipped, and are now in the U. S. market, ready to be placed when any improvement takes place in that market. Lent is now at hand, which some expect is to advance the price, but we do not look for any advance in mackerel during the Lenten season if cheaper fish can be had, viz, frozen herring and codfish, and this class of fish; the want and enquiry seems to be for cheap fish. Pork has advanced a little, which will help fat mackerel; but we feel confident there will be no fancy prices paid for fat mackerel. We hope if an advance does come that holders will take advantage of it, and unload their stocks. Some cargoes of Bank codfish are arriving, and are placed at about \$2.30 to \$2.35 per qtl. One cargo of Bay of Islands arrived here on the way to the New York market, but which have been sold in this market at about 55c. per 100 fish. There is nothing very encouraging from the West India market, though shipments are being continually made in such rapid succession that it is an impossibility that prices can advance. Most of the West India markets are to-day oversupplied.

Advices from Boston to 12th Feb., inst., states that there is a tendency to lower prices for fat mackerel. Bay of Islands herring receipts have been very large. Mackerel are consequently depressed so much that there is scarcely any call for them just now.

Montreal advices to 11th inst. are as follows: Cod oil dull; very little moving. Herring demand has improved, but not so much as expected. Green cod appears to be taking their place on account of cheapness. Labrador No. 1 Herring, \$5 to \$5.25; French Shore, \$4 to \$4.10; Capo Breton, \$5.50. Green Cod—good demand, and although stock is large at the rate we are going everything will be cleared out by the end of Lent. Prices have not improved a great deal, except for draft, which is worth \$4.75 to \$5; No. 1, \$3.50; Large, \$4. Dry Cod, \$2.70 to \$2.75 per qtl.

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.

SUGAR.	
Cut Loaf.....	7 1/2 to 8
Granulated.....	6 to 6 1/2
Circle A.....	5 1/2
Extra Yellow C.....	5 to 5 1/2
Yellow C.....	4 1/2 to 4 3/4
TEA.	
Congou Common.....	17 to 19
" Fair.....	20 to 23
" Good.....	25 to 27
" Choice.....	31 to 33
" Extra Choice.....	35 to 38
Oolong—Choice.....	37 to 39
MOLASSES.	
Barbadoes.....	30 to 32
Demerara.....	32 to 35
Diamond N.....	40
Porto Rico.....	30 to 32
Tobacco—Black.....	37 to 41
" Bright.....	42 to 55
RISICUTS.	
Pilot Head.....	2.50 to 2.80
Boston and Thin Family.....	5 1/2 to 6
Soda.....	5 1/2 to 5 3/4
do. in lib. 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.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	30 to 35
" " in Small Tubs.....	20 to 24
" " Good, in large tubs.....	18 to 20
" " Store Packed & oversalted.....	15 to 17
Canadian, Creamery.....	30
" Township Fancy.....	23 to 25
" " Finest.....	22 to 24
" " fine.....	20 to 22
" Morrisburg and Brockville.....	20
" Western.....	17 to 20
Cheese, N. S.....	12
" Canada.....	16

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

FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL—	
No arrivals. Prices Nominal.	
Extra.....	14.00
No. 1.....	11.00
" 2 large.....	9.25
" 2.....	none
" 3 large.....	6.50
" 3.....	6.50
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 bl.....	none
Bay of Islands.....	3.75 to 4.00
ALBUQUERQUE, per bbl.....	none
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore.....None Arriving	
Bank.....	2.25 to 2.30
Bay.....	none
SALMON, No. 1.....	none
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.

Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing).	
Tall Cans.....	4.50 to 5.00
Flat.....	6.00 to 6.50
Per case 4 doz. 11b cans.	

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer.

LUMBER.

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 14.00
Spruce, dimension good, per m.....	9.50 to 10.00
" Merchantable, do do.....	8.00 to 9.00
" Small, do do.....	0.50 to 7.05
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.

BREADSTUFFS.

PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE.

Our quotations below are our to-day's wholesale selling prices for car lots net cash. Jobbers' and Retailers' prices about 5 to 10 per cent advance on carload lots.

Flour.	
Graham.....	4.40 to 4.50
Patent high grades.....	4.60 to 4.80
" med.ums.....	4.25 to 4.40
Superior Extra.....	4.40 to 4.60
Lower grades.....	3.30 to 3.50
Oatmeal, Standard.....	4.00 to 4.25
" Granulated.....	4.30 to 4.40
Corn Meal—Halifax ground.....	2.50 to 2.75
" Imported.....	2.50 to 2.75
Iran per ton—Wheat.....	15.00 to 15.50
" " Corn.....	15.00
Shorts.....	19.00 to 19.50
Widdings.....	20.00 to 22.00
Cracked Corn.....	26.00 to 29.00
" Oats.....	25.00 to 30.00
" Barley.....	nominal
Feed Flour.....	3.30 to 3.50
Oats per bushel of 56 lbs.....	35 to 38
Barley " of 48 ".....	55 to 60
" " of 60 ".....	1.60 to 1.80
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.50 to 1.80
Pea Barley, per barrel.....	4.85 to 4.90
Corn " of 56 lbs.....	75 to 80
Hay per ton.....	12.00 to 14.00
Straw.....	10.00 to 12.00

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

PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....	11.50 to 12.00
" " Am. Plate.....	12.00 to 12.50
" " Ex Plate.....	12.00 to 12.50
Pork, Mess, American.....	15.00 to 15.50
" " old.....	15.00 to 15.50
" American, clear.....	15.00 to 15.50
" P. E. I. Mess.....	15.00 to 15.50
" " old.....	15.00 to 15.50
" 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.....	12.00 to 12.50
Hams, P. E. I.....	none
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef \$2.30 per bbl.	

Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are reliable to change daily.

These quotations are prepared by a reliable wholesale house.

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

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.....	7
" " over 60 lbs., No 2.....	6 1/2
" " under 60 lbs., No 2.....	6
Cow Hides, No 1.....	6 1/2
" " No 2.....	6
Ne. Hides.....	5
Calf Skins.....	7 to 8
Deacons, each.....	25 to 35
Lambskins.....	25 to 35

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

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

APPLES.	
No. 1 Varieties.....	1.75 to 2.00
Oranges, per bbl. Jamaica (new).....	7.00 to 7.50
" Valencia.....	5.00 to 5.50
Lemons, per box.....	3.50 to 3.75
Cocoanuts, per 100.....	5.00 to 5.50
Onions American, per lb.....	2 1/2
Potatoes, per bbl new.....	4.50
Grapes, Almeria kegs.....	none
Raisins, New Val.....	6 to 7
Figs, Elmer, small boxes.....	12 to 15
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.

Turkeys, per pound.....	11 to 14
Geese, each.....	40 to 60
Ducks, per pair.....	60 to 75
Chickens.....	30 to 60

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Steers, best quality, per 100 lbs. alive.....	4.50
Oxen.....	3.50
Fat Steers, Heifers light weights.....	3.00
Wethers, best quality, per 100 lbs.....	3.00 to 3.50
Lambs.....	3.25 to 4.00

These quotations are prepared by a reliable victualer.