

double the above quantity here, as there can now be no doubt that the shortage in the English make is a more important factor in the situation than most people had any idea of." A letter from London says:—"Cheese is on a holiday tack, and will probably be quiet for a week or so. The lowest point is generally felt to be ruling, and holders are sanguine of realizing hopping prices before long. The only activity in the whole trade is in Canadian Septembers, which are going steadily into consumption; and as each transaction closes, holders feel more confidence in the future. There are some holders who persist in the notion that Canadian cheese is going much higher yet, and in Glasgow there is said to be very little in hand except what is in the possession of confirmed bulls. Their patience and belief should be rewarded. Prices have gone up at the Northern ports quite 1s. to 2s., and not much to be got at that of late makes, while earlier parcels are getting a rise every day, and consequently appreciating."

Eggs.—The supply of eggs coming to this market continues to be small, and under a slightly better consumptive demand receivers have been able to push prices up a notch or two. Reserves in this Province are now reduced to a minimum, and prices are sure to advance steadily for the next three months. Of course, if extra fancy prices are realized many will forego the indulgence in eggs, but there will be many who will have eggs at any price, and these will bolster the market and keep it firm. A Montreal report says:—"The improvement noted last week has continued, and prices are a little higher, single cases of Montreal lined selling at 18c., and round lots at 16c. to 17c. Held fresh are steady at 19c. to 20c. Any lots suitable for boiling are quoted at 24c. to 25c. There is still a good demand for English account, but the stock is not here to ship. Very favorable returns have just been received from Liverpool." In London eggs are very quiet, confectioners having supplied their Christmas wants a little while back, and the rise expected this week, consequent on shortness of supplies, has not been realized. In Glasgow, Canadians, fresh, are quoted up to 10s. per long hundred, and there is a fair inquiry for pickles. In Liverpool, old rates rule.

Apples.—There is nothing new to remark as to this fruit in our market. A few small lots have been offered at auction during the week and sold mostly at quite low figures. A London letter says:—"Heavy sales of apples have been put through this week, and very much better prices have been realized; but there would appear to be too many of them on the market, and competition for them is nothing like what their fine quality would lead one to expect would be the case, the later arrivals unbarrelling in much better condition than was a few weeks back the case."

Dried Fruit.—The enquiry for dried fruit has been almost nil during the past fortnight, full supplies having been laid in before the holidays. No holder of stock feels any necessity as to prices, the bulk being general that when the dull period is over the supply will be easily absorbed at current prices. The position of the New York market bears out this view. There Valencia raisins continue to be good property and are firmly held at unchanged prices. In Toronto they remain on a basis of 5½c., but, as before, there is off-stalk fruit offering at 4½c., but it has little to recommend it to buyers. Layers are quoted from 7c. There is no change in Saltanas, which range from 6½c. to 12½c. Malaga raisins are easy at following prices; London layers \$2.20 to \$2.50, Blackbaskets in boxes \$1, in quarter flats \$1.30, blue baskets in boxes \$4.75, connoisseur clusters in boxes \$4, in quarter flats \$1.25, superior Dehesa layers in boxes \$5, in quarter flats \$1.75, Royal Buckingham \$6, Imperial cabinets \$2.20 to \$2.75, finest Vega \$7. Prunes are quiet at from 7½c. Currants show an easier tendency in New York, where coming receipts are expected to further depress prices.

Sugar.—As anticipated the price of refined sugar has advanced ½c. to ¾c. per lb. Granulated is now up to 4½c. at the refineries, and yellows are quoted at 3½c. for lowest to 4½c. for brightest. There have been enquiries at former figures, but it is too late, as the advance must be paid before the goods are obtainable and at the moment the chances are all in favor of higher prices. The raw market remains very firm, cables from London quoting cane at 14d. and beet firm at 14½d. Jan. and 14½d. Feb. There is said to be a tremendous amount of speculative buying in Java and Philippine Island sugar for next June and July shipment, in expectation of an advance in prices, based on a short supply of the cane product. The New York market for refined is firm under a good demand at 4 11-16c. to 4½c. for granulated. The *Commercial Bulletin* of New York says:—"The statement is made that refiners have taken some 50,000 tons on the European markets, in anticipation of backward receipts from the West Indies, but there is a belief that before these sugars can become available, considerable stock will be required for current meltings, and on the parcels coming to hand a full limit of valuation is sustained. The only business made public to-day was a steamer lot of 48 hhds. muscovado at 3s. for 80 test, but there was no abatement in expressions of confidence over the situation."

Tea.—Although the last two or three weeks have been broken, there have been some further transactions, and buyers are evidently beginning to understand that holding off for lower prices is not going to bring them about. There is considerable enquiry for cheap teas, the prices of which are moving upwards.

Coffees.—There has been more enquiry for coffees, which continue to be scarce, and prices are, if anything, firmer. The play of the market outside does not change the position of affairs materially, any easier feeling being but transient and always followed by firmness. The stocks or spot in this market are light, and are low in the finer grades. The trade at the moment does not, however, call for large supplies, and wholesale buyers are availing themselves of the slack spell to gain time in the placing of their orders for further supplies.

Fish.—The local market has developed new features since our last report, but holders profess great confidence in the future course of trade in this line. Our outside advices are as follows:—Toronto, Jan. 11.—The sales of fish are still light, under a quiet demand. Stocks are likely to be

none too full for Lent, as there is a limited stock in the frozen state. Sea herring is 5s. Steak cod is 6½s. to 7c. Market cod is 4½s. Codfish, skinned and boned, sells at 6½s., and is in fair request. Labrador herring is \$6, Shore herring \$5 to \$5.50, and Dighy 11c. to 12½c. per lb.; boneless herring 4c.; boneless cod 7c. to 8c. Montreal, Jan. 11.—Enquiries are already being made for Lent, green cod being asked for, and not obtainable under \$5.50, with large held firmly at \$6.25 to \$6.50 per bbl. Holders' ideas have considerably changed, strengthened by the loss of a large cargo recently. Dry cod is easy at \$1.50 per quintal. Herring continues quiet but firm at \$5 to \$5.25 for Labrador and Canoe, and Cape Breton, August and September catch, was \$1.50 to \$4.75. Yarmouth bladders \$1.25 per b x of 60; smoked herring 12½c. per b x; boneless codfish 6½c. to 7c., and fish 3½c. to 4½c. Gloucester, Mass., Jan. 11.—Two frozen herring arrivals have been reported the past week, the first of the season, but the reports from Newfoundland are conflicting and results are uncertain. Other fish have been in very light receipts, but the year opens with small stocks brought over and a favorable outlook for a successful season. We quote latest faro prices as follows:—Last sales Bank halibut 14c. and 10s. per lb. for white and gray. Georges cod from vessel \$4.50 and \$4.37 for large, \$2.62 and \$2.76 for small. Bank \$3.75 and \$2.25. Mackerel jobbing at \$25 to \$38 per bbl. for No. 1's and extras, \$16 to \$20 for 2's, and \$13 to \$16 for 3's. New Georges codfish \$7 per q l. for large, and small \$5; Bank \$5.50 to \$6 for large and \$3.50 to \$3.75 for small; Shore \$6.50 and \$4.50 for large and small; dry Bank \$7, medium \$5. Cured cut \$5 per q l.; hake \$2.25; haddock \$3.00; heavy-salted pollock \$2.75; Newfoundland herring \$4 per bbl.; pickled codfish \$4; haddock \$3.75; alosives \$3.20; Halifax salmon \$23; Newfoundland do. \$16."

"The doctor said my faith in Johnson's Anodyne Liniment was correct," writes a lady friend.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.—WHOLESALE SELLING RATES.

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

GROCERIES.

Cut loaf	5 3/4
Granulated	4 1/2
Circle A	4 1/2
White Extra C	4 1/2
Standard	3 1/2
Extra Yellow C	3 1/2
Yellow C	3 1/2
Congou Common	17 to 18
" Fair	20 to 23
" Good	25 to 28
" Choice	31 to 33
" Extra Choice	35 to 38
Oolong Choice	37 to 39
Teas	
Harbadoes	20
Demerara	35 to 38
Diamond N	47
Porto Rico	30
Cienfuegos	none
Trinidad	28
Antigua	28
Tobacco, Black	41 to 47
" Bright	47 to 55
Biscuits	
Pilot Bread	8 00
Hotton and Thin Family	6 1/2
Soda	6 1/2
do in 1 lb. boxes, 50 to case ..	7 1/2
Fancy	8 to 15

BREADSTUFFS.

There can be no better sign of improvement in breadstuffs than to see an advance taking place in the dull season of the year—the first half of January. The advance is quite marked, equal to from 25c. to 40c. per barrel with some mills. Flours which were offered us freely at \$3.00, delivered at Halifax, a few weeks ago are now held at \$1. We do not regard so much advance as quoted as permanent, although it may be, as farmers seem to prefer feeding wheat to hogs with pork at \$22 per barrel than to sell for milling purposes at the low price lately prevailing. Oatmeal and cornmeal steady, oats slightly firmer.

Flour	
Manitoba Highest Grade Patents ..	5.00 to 5.10
High Grade Patents	4.15 to 4.25
Good 90 per cent. Patents	4.10 to 4.15
Straight Grade	3.95 to 4.00
Good Seconds	3.80 to 3.90
Graham Flour	3.90 to 4.40
Oatmeal	4.00 to 4.10
" Rolled	4.10 to 4.25
Kiln Dried Cornmeal	2.50 to 2.95
" In Bond	2.80 to 2.90
Roller Wheat	4.00 to 4.25
Wheat Bran, per ton including bags ..	18.75 to 19.00
Middlings	20.50 to 21.00
Shorts	18.75 to 19.00
Cracked Corn	28.00 to 29.00
Ground Oat Cake per ton	30.00 to 31.00
Moulse	12.00 to 14.00
Split Peas	4.10
White Beans, per bushel	1.35 to 1.40
Port Barley, per barrel	3.90 to 4.15
Canadian Oats, choice quality	40 to 41
P. E. Island Oats	39 to 40
Hay	13.00 to 13.75

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	13.00 to 13.50
" Kz. Plate	13.50 to 14.00
Pork, Mess, American	8.50 to 10.00
" American, clear	20.00 to 21.00
" P. E. I. Mess	18.00 to 19.00
" P. E. I. Thin Mess	18.00 to 18.50
" Prime Mess	16.00 to 17.00
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island ..	12 to 14
" American	12 to 14
Hams, P. E. I., green	11

Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are liable to be changed daily.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints	25
" " In Small Tubs	22 to 24
" Good, large tubs, new	18 to 20
Store Packed & over salted	14
Canadian Township	22 to 24
" Western	18 to 20
Cheese, Canadian	10 1/2
" Antigonish	11

SALT.

Factory Filled	\$1.50
Fine Liverpool, bag, from store	60
Liverpool, 44 lb.,	1.20
Capiz	none
Turks Island	1.45
Libon	1.40
Coarse W. I.	1.50
Trapan	none

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples per bbl., No. 1	2.00 to 2.75
Oranges, Jamaica, bris., New	8.00 to 8.50
Lemons, per case	4.00 to 5.00
Coccon s, new per 100	5.00
Onions, cribs	2 to 2 1/2
per lb., Canadian	5 to 5 1/2
Dates boxes, new	5 1/2 to 6
Raisins, Valencia,	10 to 11
Figs, Riene, 5 lb boxes per lb., new ..	9 to 10
" small boxes	8
Prunes Stewing, boxes	2.00 to 2.50
Bananas	2.00 to 2.50

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

FISH.

	Ex Vessel.	Ex Store
MACKEREL—		
Extras	13.00	
No. 1	14.00	
" 2	11.50	
" 3	9.00	
" 4	7.00	
" 5	7.00	
" 6	6.75	
" 7	7.00	

HERRING.		
No. 1 C. B. July	5.00	5.50
" 1 Fall Split	2.00	3.25
" 1 Fall Round	2.00	3.00
" 1 Labrador	0.00	6.00
" 1 Georges Bay	0.00	2.00
" 1 Bay of Islands	0.00	3.00
ALMONDS, No 1	4.00	5.50
SALMON.		
No. 1, 7 lb.	18.00	18.00
No. 2, 7 lb.	14.00	16.00
" 3	12.00	14.00
Small		
CODFISH.		
Hard C. B.	3.75	4.25
Western Shore	3.65	4.00
Bank	3.60	4.00
Bay	3.10	3.25
Zewfoundland	2.75	4.00
Haddock	2.50	3.00
Bank & Western	0.00	2.50
HAWK	1.75	2.50
PELLOCK	1.75	2.25
HAWK SOUNDS, per lb.	1.75	1.75
Gro Oil per gal.	28	13c.