

refineries find it cheaper to order their cargoes to be landed in Boston than to have them brought here.

**DRY GOODS.**—So far this season the dry goods trade has been satisfactory. A much larger distribution has been effected than last year to this date, and though the early sales of country merchants have been retarded by inclement weather, the prospects are regarded as satisfactory. Prices of all fabrics, both domestic and foreign, are very firm, and all the textile mills through Canada are fully occupied. Remittances have been slow, for reasons noted above, and this has been somewhat of a drawback to the otherwise satisfactory condition of the trade.

**IRON AND HARDWARE.**—The imports of iron, steel, brass, copper, lead and metals to Canada during the first two months of the current year, show an increased valuation over those of the same period in 1886 of \$260,418, and over the first two months of 1885 of \$122,265. These figures show the steady improvement that has taken place, and indicate the reasons for the confident anticipations of healthy development that are felt. A large number of contracts have been made for spring delivery of all kinds of iron goods, and the outlook is everywhere viewed with satisfaction. Late cables report warrants at 43s. 5d., No. 3 foundry in Middleborough at 35s. 3d., and hematite pig iron at Workington at 4s. 3d. In the U. S. iron centers, iron and steel are reported steady, though orders are said to have somewhat dwindled down.

**BREADSTUFFS.**—No change worthy of note has developed since our last report, wheat having remained steady at 80 to 81 for May delivery. French cables report country markets strong, and wheat and flour firm in Paris. London cables wheat cargoes all steady held, and in passage quiet, but steady. Corn off coast was easier, and on passage dull. California wheat just shipped, or promptly about to be, was at 38s. 6d., and the same nearly due at 37s. 6d. Wheat and corn in Liverpool are cabled as easier. There is a good, steady local demand here for flour, but aside from this there is but little movement. Strong flours appear to be most called for. In Chicago the "bulls," though unable to advance prices, laugh at the efforts and threats of the "bears" to pull them down. When the latter talk of the millions of bushels in reserve, and threaten to throw them on the market *en masse*, the latter reply by asking, "Where can you store it? the elevators are as full as they can hold, and your immense reserves must remain reserves."

**PROVISIONS.**—There is a good enquiry for short cut mess pork. Lard is steady. There has been no change in the local provision markets. A fair jobbing trade is done, but no important sales have been effected so far as reported. Tallow continues low and dull. The supply of dressed hogs is quite equal to the immediate requirements of the trade. In Chicago prices of pork have remained steady at about \$20.50. Both there and in Cincinnati more has been packed than in the first three weeks of March 1886, but, as before reported, the total supply is much less than it was last year at this time.

**BUTTER.**—Choice qualities are very firm, and the demand for them is quite good, but for grades below fine the market is extremely dull; and, in order to sell, lower prices than have hitherto been asked will undoubtedly have to be taken. For two or three months past the "knowing ones" have openly declared that a scarcity of butter and high prices were not only among the probabilities of the near future, but were certainties. Still, as week after week passed and the predicted time drew nigh, the anticipated scarcity has developed into an abundance of supplies. It looks as if each individual holder imagined that he commanded the situation, and he now finds that the country is full of just such far-seeing speculators, as he fancied that he was, who would to-day gladly part with their stocks, if they could realize about cost price, without insisting on the large profits that they expected.

**CHEESE.**—Prices are quiet and steady, with the situation everywhere unchanged. Advances from Liverpool state that a better demand is experienced, and prices remain steady at an advance of 6d. to 1s. per cwt.

**SUGAR.**—The market appears to be shaping itself into better form, and more enquiry is reported for granulated and yellows. Raw sugars are firmer and 6d. higher at producing points.

**COFFEE.** is firm with perhaps a slight tendency to improvement. The New York *Commercial Bulletin* says that "for Brazil grades the market has been in a very stupid condition all around. Demand, in fact, seemed to be wholly suspended, with buyers amazingly indifferent toward the situation, and valuations nominal only. In mild grades the movement has been fair, and values sustained. The total stock in the United States and allot is now 668,512 bags, as compared with 696,655 bags for the corresponding time last year."

**APPLES.**—A cable from Messrs. Pitt Bros. & Co., apple salesmen, London, England, to the Montreal *Trade Bulletin* reads:—"The apple market is high, and sound fruit is enquired for, Baldwins, Greenings, Spitz, Spy and Canada red, being quoted at 17s. to 17s. 6d.; Swaar, Nonpareil and Golden Russets, 18s. to 19s. Kings are enquired for, and sound fruit commands 20s." Mail advices from Liverpool dated to 4th instant, report a quiet market with a small reduction in prices. The S. S. *Oregon* arrived at Liverpool on the 3rd with 6,500 bbls. of Maine stock. She made a long passage, which affected the fruit considerably, and lower prices than had previously been obtained had to be accepted.

**DRIED FRUITS.**—Raisins and currants are steady with a fair consumptive demand. Prunes are quiet with but little demand.

**FISH.**—Three or four cargoes of frozen herrings have arrived from Newfoundland and the Labrador, and others are on the way. A number of fishing vessels from provincial ports have arrived in quest of bait and have purchased these herrings rather freely. The demand for these fish will increase during the next few weeks, or as long as they can be kept frozen. In Montreal there is reported a moderate Lenten enquiry, and quotations are steady and unchanged. No change is reported in the United States and West Indian markets.

## 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.

<b>SUGAR.</b>	
Cut Leaf.....	7 1/2 to 8
Granulated.....	6 to 6 1/2
Circle A.....	5 1/2
Extra Yellow C.....	5 1/2 to 5 3/4
Yellow C.....	4 1/2 to 4 3/4
<b>TEA.</b>	
Congou Common.....	17 to 19
" Fair.....	20 to 23
" Good.....	23 to 29
" Choice.....	31 to 33
" Extra Choice.....	35 to 38
Oolong—Choice.....	37 to 39
<b>MOLASSES.</b>	
Barbadoes.....	30 to 32
Demerara.....	32 to 35
Diamond N.....	40
Porto Rico.....	30 to 32
Cienfuegos.....	27 to 28
Trinidad.....	27 to 28
Antigua.....	27 to 28
Tobacco—Black.....	37 to 44
" Bright.....	42 to 55
<b>BISCUITS.</b>	
Pilot Bread.....	2.60 to 2.90
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.

<b>NOVA SCOTIA CHOICE FRESH PRINTS.</b>	
in Small Tubs.....	20 to 25
" Good, in large tubs.....	20 to 24
" Store Packed & oversalted.....	18 to 20
<b>CANADIAN, CREAMERY.</b>	
Township, Fancy.....	23 to 25
" Fine.....	20 to 22
" Fine.....	18 to 20
" Morrisburg and Brockville.....	17 to 19
" Western.....	15 to 17
<b>CHEESE, N. S.</b>	
Canada.....	12

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

## FISH FROM VESSELS.

<b>MACKEREL.</b>	
No arrivals. Prices Nominal.	
Extra.....	10 00
No. 1.....	9 00
" 2 large.....	8 00
" 3 large.....	6 50
<b>HERRING.</b>	
No arrivals. No sales. Quotations nominal.	
No. 1 Shore, July, very scarce	3 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
ALASKA, per bbl.....	none
<b>CODFISH.</b>	
Hard Shore.....None Arriving	
Hank.....	2.25 to 2 30
Bay.....	none
SALMON, No. 1.....	none
HADDOCK, per bl.....	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.

<b>NOVA SCOTIA (Atlantic Coast Packing).</b>	
Tail Cans.....	4.00 to 5.00
Flat.....	6.00 to 6.50
Per case 4 doz. 1lb cans.	

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## LUMBER.

<b>PINE, clear, No. 1, per m.</b>	
Merchantable, do do.....	25.00 to 28.00
" No 2 do.....	14 00 to 17 00
" Small, per m.....	10 00 to 12 00
Spruce, dimension good, per m.....	8 00 to 10 00
Merchantable, do do.....	8 00 to 9 00
" Small, do do.....	6 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 35
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.

Quotations below are our to-day's wholesale prices for car lots not cash. Jobbers' and Retailers' prices about 5 to 10 cents per bbl. higher than car lots. Markets steady. No changes to note.

<b>WHEAT.</b>	
Graham.....	1.40 to 1.50
Patent high grades.....	4.00 to 4.20
" medium.....	4.25 to 4.40
Superior Extra.....	4.00 to 4.10
Lower grades.....	3.70 to 3.80
Oatmeal, Standard.....	4.05 to 4.15
" Granulated.....	4.20 to 4.40
Corn Meal—Hullax ground.....	2.40 to 2.55
" —Imported.....	2.00 to 2.20
Barley per ton—Wheat.....	18.00 to 18.50
" —Corn.....	15.00
Shorts.....	19.00 to 19.50
Middlings.....	20.00 to 22.00
Cracked Corn.....	24.00 to 25.00
" Oats.....	25.00 to 30.00
" Barley.....	nominal
Feed Flour.....	3.20 to 3.60
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs.....	34 to 30
Barley " of 48 ".....	55 to 40
" " of 60 ".....	1.00 to 1.10
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.50 to 1.60
Potatoes, per barrel.....	4.50 to 4.80
Corn " of 56 lbs.....	65 to 70
Hay per ton.....	13.00 to 14.00
Straw.....	10.00 to 12.00

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

## PROVISIONS.

<b>BEAF, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....</b>	
" Am. Plate.....	12.00 to 12.50
" " Ex Plate.....	13.00 to 14.00
Pork, Mess, American.....	18.00 to 19.00
" " " old.....	15.00 to 16.00
" American, clear.....	19.00 to 20.00
" P. E. I. Mess.....	17.00 to 17.50
" " " old.....	14.00 to 14.50
" P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	14.00 to 15.00
" Prime Mess.....	12.00 to 12.50
Lard, Tubs and Pails.....	11 to 12
" Cases.....	12.50 to 13.00
Hams, P. E. I.....	none
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef \$2.50 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 &amp; HIDES.

<b>WOOL—clean washed, per pound.....</b>	
" unwashed.....	15 to 22
Salted Hides, No 1.....	12 to 15
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.....	7 to 8
" Deacons, each.....	25 to 30
Lambskins.....	25 to 35

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

## HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

<b>APPLES.</b>	
No. 1 Varieties.....	2 50 to 3 00
Oranges, per bbl. Jamaica (new).....	none
" Valencia.....	8 00
Lemons, per case.....	6 00 to 6 50
Cocoanuts, per 100.....	5 00 to 5 50
Onions American, per lb.....	2 1/2
Foxberries, per bbl.....	none
Grapes, Almeria, kegs.....	00
Raisins, New Val.....	10 to 12
Figs, Eleme, small boxes.....	15 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.

<b>TURKEYS, per pound.....</b>	
Geese, each.....	40 to 50
Ducks, per pair.....	60 to 75
Chickens.....	30 to 60

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

## LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

<b>STEERS, best quality, per 100lb. alive.....</b>	
Oxen.....	5 00
Fat Steers, Heifers light weights.....	4 00
Wethers, best quality, per 100lb.....	3 50
Lambs.....	4 00 to 5 00

These quotations are prepared by a reliable victualer.