

# SAINT JOHN PRICES CURRENT.

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FROM

**THOMAS R. JONES,**

Importer of every description of

**DRY GOODS—Staple and Fancy.**

**READY-MADE CLOTHING,**

**HATS AND CAPS.**

We have the pleasure of handing you here with our Weekly Prices Current, showing the condition of our market for the past week. Our quotations, it should be understood, represent the *wholesale prices* generally. In the making up of small orders, higher prices have to be charged. All quotations are duty paid, unless otherwise stated.

## Commercial Report.

**BREADSTUFFS.**—We are having April weather in the middle of March, and a consequent break up of travelling; hence the demand for flour is confined chiefly to city consumption, leaving many country places exceedingly pinched for supplies. Of course places situated on the line of railroad suffer no scarcity, but there is very little communication with other sections.

Prices are unaltered since last week. Retail lots are supplied at \$8.60 to \$8.75, while in round lots \$8.50 is accepted for common qualities; and \$8.60 to \$8.65 for choice spring wheat brands.

The stock in market is small, but a large quantity is *en route* and over due, and we shall probably be kept in fair supply for the next two months.

**SUGAR and MOLASSES.**—Our stock of molasses has been further increased during the week by the arrival of two cargoes from Cienfuegos. There is no wholesale demand at present, and the late arrivals are being stored by the importers.

**FREIGHTS.**—During the week the first deal charter for the season was effected, viz., the *Ann Elizabeth*, 717 tons, for Warren Point or Dublin, at 73s. 9d. and 76s. 3d. respectively.

Although we have been without transactions with the single exception above named, the feeling in our freight market has been decidedly downward, owing in a great measure no doubt to the rapid decline in cotton freights; and we reduce our figures in consequence from 2s. 6d. to 5s. At the same time our quotations can be considered as nominal.

How freights are likely to rule here in the immediate future cannot well be foreseen. In the event of a reaction in cotton and grain freights from the United States, which appears probable, a firmer feeling will no doubt prevail here.

Freights for the West Indies are very dull, and the transactions during the week have been light. The following are reported: *Bonito*, 97, and *Lizzie Troop*, 207, both for Cardenas, shoeks, at 24c.; *John Richards*, 275, north side

Cuba, 23c. and \$7; *C. M. Reynolds*, 200, same voyage, lumber, at \$7.50.

There is rather more business doing coastwise, but rates are very low. We hear of the following transactions: *Arniea*, 94, at \$3.61; and *Mary Jane*, 74, at \$3.75—both for Boston; *Holitia*, 81, Philadelphia, iron, at \$4, and lumber at \$5, with return freight of coal, at \$2 per ton; *Rough Diamond*, 128, coal, Philadelphia to this port, \$2 per ton.

### LIST OF LEADING ARTICLES IMPORTED IN THE WEEK.

Ex *Julia Lingley*, from Boston: 500 brls corn meal, 41 brls. rosin.

Ex *C. M. Reynolds*, from Cienfuegos: 409 hhls. 28 tes. 15 brls. molasses, 2 brls. sugar, 2 brls. syrup, 4 pkgs. sundries.

Ex *Alexander*, from New York: 350 hides, 4 bales kips, 3 boxes bottles.

Ex steamer *Chase*, from Portland: 2550 brls. flour, 50 brls. rye flour, 200 brls. oatmeal, 16 boxes cheese, 7 boxes bacon and hams, 20 pkgs. sundries.

Ex steamer *New Brunswick*, from Boston: 10 brls. pork, 20 brls. sugar, 20 brls. apples, 17 brls. dried apples, 1 rolling machine, 70 pkgs. sundries.

Ex *Annie*, from Cienfuegos: 342 hhls., 35 tes. molasses.

Ex *Alva*, from Cienfuegos: 296 hhls. 38 tes., 20 brls. molasses.

### WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

**CANVAS.**—DUTY: Free, when used for ships or vessels only; otherwise 15 per cent.

Gourock, extra, No. 1, per yard	90 45
" bleached,	0 40
Gourock, boiled,	0 35
" grass bleached,	0 30
" duck,	0 25
Cotton " No. 1,	0 45

**CORDAGE.**—DUTY: Free, when used for ships or vessels only; otherwise, 15 per cent.

Gourock hemp, per lb.	0 11
" Manila,	0 16
" wire rope,	0 08 @ 0 12
" bolt rope, spun-yarn, &c.	0 13
Gourock sail twine, extra,	0 45
Domestic hemp,	0 10
" Manila,	0 16

**CANDLES.**—DUTY: 15 per cent.

Moulds, per lb.	0 14 @ 0 15
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**COALS.**—DUTY Free.

English, per chald., retail,	0 00 @ 0 00
Scotch,	0 00 " 0 00
Sydney	0 00 " 0 00
Grand Lake,	0 00 @ 0 00
Joggins,	0 00 @ 0 00
Anthracite, per ton,	0 00 " 0 00

**COFFEE.**—DUTY: green 3c. per lb., roasted or ground, 4c. per lb.

Java, per lb.	0 24 @ 0 25
Ceylon,	0 22 " 0 24
Cape,	0 16 " 0 18
Porto Rico,	0 00 " 0 20
St. Domingo,	0 16 " 0 18
Jamaica,	0 18 " 0 19
Java, roasted,	0 28 " 0 30
Jamaica	0 25 " 0 26

**COTTONS.**—DUTY: 15 per cent.

NEW BRUNSWICK COTTON MILLS.	
Grey Cottons, per yard,	0 6 @ 0 10
Cotton Warp, 5 lb bundle, warped and sized,	1 75
Do. do., unwarped,	1 40
Do. do., Blue,	2 00

**DRUGS and DYES.**—DUTY: senna, liquorice and arrow root, 15 per cent.; others free.

Borax, refined, per lb.	0 20 @ 0 25
Cream Tartar,	0 32 1/2 " 0 35
Senna, East India,	0 20 " 0 30
Liquorice, stuck,	0 20 " 0 40
Alum,	0 03 " 0 04
Blue Vitriol,	0 10 " 0 11
Carb. Soda,	0 04 1/2 " 0 05
Crystals "	0 02 1/2 " 0 03
Sulphur,	0 05 " 0 06
Epsom Salts,	0 03 1/2 " 0 04
Saltpetre,	0 10 " 0 12
Arrow Root,	0 25 " 0 60
Coehneal, black,	1 30 " 1 50
Cubbear,	0 20 " 0 30
Logwood,	0 00 " 0 01 1/2
" Extract,	0 10 " 0 12
Redwood,	0 04 " 0 05
Fustic,	0 03 " 0 04
Indigo,	0 80 " 1 20
Castor Oil, per gallon,	1 75 " 2 25

**FISH.**—DUTY: salted or smoked, 1c. per lb.; fresh, free.

Codfish, per quintal,	3 50 @ 4 00
Pollock, "	2 00 " 2 00
Haddock, "	1 40 " 1 60
Ling, "	4 00 " 4 00
Shad, No. 1, per hf. brl.	4 50 " 5 00
Herrings, Bay, per brl.	3 25 " 3 50
" Split,	0 00 " 3 50
" Shelburne,	3 75 " 4 00
" Labrador,	5 00 " 5 50
Oysters,	2 50 " 4 00

**SMOKED HERRINGS:**

No. 1 Digby, per box,	0 00 @ 0 75
No. 2 "	0 00 " 0 45
Grand Manan, sealed, "	0 25 " 0 25
" No. 1, "	0 10 " 0 15

**FLOUR and MEAL.**—DUTY: 25c. per brl.

Extra State, per brl.	8 50 @ 8 60
Canada Superfine,	8 50 " 8 60
" Choice,	8 60 " 8 75
Family and Pastry,	8 75 " 9 00
Rye Flour,	00 " 0 00
Oatmeal,	7 75 " 8 25
Coro Meal,	5 40 " 5 50
" per bag, coarse,	2 50 " 2 60
ditto boiled,	2 87 1/2 " 3 00

**FRUITS.**—DUTY: 15 per cent.

Raisins, bunch, per box,	2 40 @ 2 60
" layers, new,	2 50 " 2 75
Currants, per lb.,	0 06 " 0 07 1/2
Figs,	0 12 " 0 18
Dried Apples, per lb.,	0 10 " 0 12 1/2
Oranges, per box,	5 30 " 5 25
Lemons,	4 00 " 4 50
Apples, per brl.,	3 50 " 4 50
Tamgrinds, per 100 lbs.,	6 00 " 9 00
Cocoa Nuts, per 1000,	6 00 " 8 00

**GRAIN.**—DUTY: 10c. per bushel.

Corn, per bush.	1 20 @ 1 25
Oats,	0 65 " 0 67
" P. E. I.,	0 75 " 0 80
Barley,	" Lone.

**HAY.**—DUTY Free.

Uncompessed, per 2,000 lbs.	9 00 @ 10 00
Beater press,	12 00 " 13 00

**IRON &c.**—DUTY Free (except chain under 1/2 of an inch, 15 per cent.)

Refined, per 112 lbs.,	2 50
Common, 112 lbs.,	2 00
Scrap, wrought,	0 90 " 1 00
" cast,	0 60 " 0 70
Patent Metal, per lb.,	0 18
Anchors, per 112 lbs.,	6 00
Chain Cable,	4 00
Rigging Chain, per lb.,	0 04 1/2 " 0 06 1/2

**LEATHER.**—DUTY: sole or upper, 10 per cent.; sheep, calf &c., 15 per cent.; hides and skins, free.

American Sole, per lb.,	0 00 @ 0 33
Domestic "	0 25 " 0 26
" (imp. hd's) per lb.	0 25 " 0 27
" waxed upper, per side,	\$3 25 @ 4 00