

selves, strengthen out everything, and keep prices strong. The coke striking interest has a powerful and growing opposition to contend against. Crude iron quotations are firm, and merchant bar mills are quite busy. Merchant steel is active. Steel rails are quiet at full prices. Old material is dull. In Philadelphia the general trade conditions are favorable. Railroad companies will place on the market early in July orders for large additional requirements for rails, cars, motive power, machinery, etc. There is a feeling of confidence in the magnitude of the iron trade for the summer.

**BREADSTUFFS.**—This is a difficult subject to write of in the present position of affairs. Wheat in Chicago has slightly advanced and is strong. The rapid approach of the harvesting of the new crop will effectually prevent any return to the extravagant figures that were attained just before the recent break, in spite of the efforts of manipulators to exaggerate the small war cloud in the East. In Montreal the grain market is reported as fairly active with a better feeling prevailing all around. The flour market is easy but more active, and a fair local trade is doing at steady prices. In oats a better feeling has developed and some business has been done. English cable advices say: Cargoes off coast, dull; corn, nothing offering. Cargoes on passage and for shipment, wheat neglected, nothing doing; corn inactive. French country markets quiet. Australian wheat off coast 35s. 9d.

**PROVISIONS.**—There has been a fair jobbing local trade in provisions at steady prices, but the market has been on the whole featureless. In Liverpool provisions are easy, quotations being: Pork 66s. 6d.; lard 33s. 9d.; bacon, 38s. 6d.; and tallow 22s. 6d. In Chicago lard was firmer and values improved 10c, quotations standing July \$6.40; August \$6.50, and September \$6.60. Meats have been unchanged. There has been a weaker feeling in the hog market and prices have declined 9c. to 10c. Latest quotations were: Light grades \$4.75 to \$5; mixed packing \$4.75 to 4.90; heavy shipping \$4.85 to \$5.05.

**BUTTER.**—Business remains much in the same position as reported last week, the principal trading being on local account. Many of our farmers continue to stick to the old custom of putting the product of the churn with its fresh, sweet and nutty flavor into the cellar instead of upon the market, rather than accept the market values every week or fortnight. Lots of this butter with the fragrance of the pastures about it, and the rich flavor and silky texture which is characteristic of the June make, will be cellared until it is almost unfit for food. If prices are then suitable they may be brought out in the fall, but, if not, they will in all probability be held over till the spring. In our opinion producers would be far better off by accepting present prices. It is surprising that so many farmers refuse to profit by experience, but insist on sticking to old ways apparently merely because they are old. Still, old butter will never be a favorite commodity with consumers.

**CHEESE.**—The cheese market is weak in the absence of any but a small consumptive demand. Prices have declined nearly 2c. per lb. on both sides of the Atlantic. The present prospect is for a continued reduction in values for some weeks to come, in view of the very large make this season that is now certain.

**TEA AND COFFEE.**—Teas are quiet in the market, though it is reported that at the recent decline there has been more active buying both in China and Japan on Canadian account. A late Yokohama cable says that that market is irregular, and purchases could probably be made below quotations. The second crop is coming in. A cable from Amoy says that buyers are in the market, and adds:—"We think considerable purchases of Amoy Oolong will shortly be made on the basis of 18½c. table cost, for fair to good by steamer, or 1½c. per lb. less by sail. Market dull, but firm. Fully superior Formosa 30½c. table cost per steamer, and fine do 33c." Coffee is steady and firm, but little is doing in any grade. Rio is reported scarce.

**SUGAR AND MOLASSES.**—Refined sugar has met with fair enquiry, and prices are firmly held. Yellows have received more attention. No transactions in raw sugars to arrive are reported in this market. Well-informed dealers express the opinion that we are not going to experience the large importations of molasses from the West Indies that have been received in former seasons. The reason that they assign for this opinion is that more care is being given to the proper preparation of sugar for shipment, and, drainage being in consequence less, a much larger proportion of molasses is retained in the sugar. It is, therefore, evident that, if this new process of preparation continues, there will be a diminished production of molasses at the Islands. We have heard of cables being recently sent to three different points in the West Indies for molasses without finding any product. Prices are no higher, but the fact is there are no large lots of molasses to be had at the points of production. Those who purchased early in the season at the low values then ruling made fortunate investments.

**LUMBER.**—The lumber trade is active, with values in this market steady. Contractors are buying freely for building purposes. At the yards a brisk retail trade has been done, and the prospects for a good trade all through the season are favorable.

**FISH.**—There is no change to report in this staple. Both foreign and domestic markets continue dull, with nothing doing and no demand. At Montreal the chief business done is in dry cod, which is quoted at \$3.75 to \$4, as to quality per quintal. Fresh mackerel is quoted there at \$5.50 to \$6 per hundred fish, and fresh haddock at \$2.50 per 100 lbs.

**FRUIT.**—It is very rarely that a demand from the other side of the water comes for raisins, but such has been the case of late, and considerable quantities of Valentias have recently been shipped from Montreal and New York to England to supply the demand there. Cincinnati reports the receipt of new apples of good quality, but the crop in that region is said to be below the average. Tennessee and Kentucky will have a large yield of early apples. Strawberries of the native garden varieties continue to be in small receipt, but better things are hoped for in a few days. Wild or wood strawberries are beginning to be quite abundant.

## 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.....	4 to 5½
Granulated.....	6½ to 6¾
Circle A.....	6½
White Extra C.....	5½ to 5¾
Extra Yellow C.....	5¾ to 5½
Yellow C.....	5 to 5½
<b>TEA.</b>	
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
<b>MOLASSES.</b>	
Barbadoes.....	27 to 29
Demerara.....	30 to 34
Diamond N.....	39 to 40
Porto Rico.....	24 to 30
Cienfuegos.....	26 to 27
Trinidad.....	26 to 27
Antigua.....	26 to 27
Tobacco—Black.....	37 to 44
Bright.....	42 to 55
<b>BISCUITS.</b>	
Pilot Bread.....	2.00 to 2.90
Boston and Thin Family.....	5½ to 6
Soda.....	5½ to 5¾
do. in 1lb. boxes, 50 to case.....	7½
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.....	20 to 22
" in Small Tubs.....	18 to 20
" Good, in large tubs.....	16 to 18
Store Packed & oversalted new.....	7 to 10
Canadian, Creamery, new.....	19 to 20
" Township, Fancy, new.....	17 to 19
" Old.....	7 to 10
Cheese, N. S.....	12

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

## FISH FROM VESSELS.

There are so few pickled or dry fish arriving from the coast that a quotation cannot be correctly given. The most of those that are arriving are consigned, and go into store.

<b>MACKEREL.</b>	
Extra.....	none
No. 1.....	"
" 2 large.....	"
" 3 large.....	"
" 3.....	"
<b>HERRING.</b>	
No. 1 Shore, July.....	none
No. 1, August.....	none
" September.....	none
Round Shore.....	none
Labrador, in cargo lots, per 5l.....	none
Bay of Islands, from store.....	2.75
Alwivies, per bbl.....	4.50
<b>CODFISH.</b>	
Hard Shore.....	3.00 to 3.10
New Bank.....	3.00 to 3.25
Bay.....	none
<b>SALMON.</b> No. 1.....	none
Haddock, per qt.....	2.00 to 2.25
Hake.....	2.10
Cusk.....	none
Pollock.....	none
Hake Sound.....	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.....	4.00 to 5.00
Flat.....	6.00 to 6.50
Per case 4 doz. 1lb cans,	

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer.

## LUMBER.

Pine, clear, No. 1, per m.....	25.00 to 28.00
Merchantable, 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.....	6.50 to 7.00
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 in.....	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 net cash. Jobbers' and Retailers' prices about 5 to 10 cents per bbl. higher than car lots. Markets quiet and weak. Breadstuffs are selling at current cost.

<b>Flour.</b>	
Graham.....	4.45 to 4.70
Patent high grades.....	4.25 to 5.05
" mediums.....	4.55 to 4.90
Superior Extra.....	4.35 to 4.45
Lower grades.....	3.90 to 4.25
Oatmeal, Standard.....	4.10 to 4.15
" Granulated.....	4.40 to 4.50
Corn Meal—Halifax ground.....	2.85 to 2.90
" Imported.....	2.20
Bran per ton—Wheat.....	19.00
" —Corn.....	17.00
Shorts.....	20.00 to 21.00
Middlings.....	22.00 to 23.00
Cracked Corn.....	27.00 to 28.00
" Oats.....	25.00 to 26.00
" Barley.....	nominal
Feed Flour.....	2.90 to 3.00
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs.....	34 to 35
Barley " of 48 ".....	35 to 36
Peas " of 60 ".....	nominal
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.50 to 1.60
Pot Barley, per barrel.....	4.85 to 4.90
Corn " of 56 lbs.....	45 to 70
Hay per ton.....	14.00 to 15.00
Straw.....	10.00 to 12.00

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

## PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....	12 00 to 12 50
" Am. Plate.....	12 50 to 13 00
" Ex. Plate.....	13 50 to 14 00
Pork, Mess, American.....	17 50 to 18 00
" American, clear.....	19 00 to 20 00
" P. E. I. Mess.....	16 50 to 17 00
" 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 \$1.20 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.

Wool—clean washed, per pound.....	15 to 22
" unwashed.....	12 to 18
Salted Hides, No 1.....	7
Ox Hides, over 60 lbs., No 1.....	7½
" under 60 lbs., No 1.....	6½
" over 60 lbs., No 2.....	6½
" under 60 lbs., No 2.....	6
Cow Hides, No 1.....	6½
No 3 Hides.....	5
Calf Skins.....	7 to 8
" Deacons, each.....	25
Lambskins.....	15 to 20

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.....	4 00 to 5.00
Oranges, per bbl. Jamaica (new).....	9.00
" case, Valencia, repacked.....	9.50
Lemons, per case.....	1.50 to 5.00
" boxes.....	3.25 to 3.50
Bananas, per bunch.....	3.00 to 4.00
Cocoanuts, per 100.....	5.50
Onions, Bermuda, per lb.....	2½ to 3
" Egyptian.....	2½
Pine Apples, per doz.....	2.00 to 3.00
Raisins, New Val.....	6 to 7
Figs, Elms, small boxes.....	13 to 16
Prunes, Stewing, boxes.....	6½
Dates, boxes, new.....	6 to 7

The above quotations are furnished by C. H. Harvey, 10 & 12 Sackville St.

## POULTRY.

Turkeys, per pound.....	12 to 15
Geese, each.....	40 to 60
Ducks, per pair.....	30 to 75
Chickens.....	30 to 60

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

## LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Steers, best quality, per 100lbs. alive.....	8.00
Oxen.....	4.00
Fat Steers, Heifers light weights.....	3.00 to 3.75
Wethers, best quality, per 100lbs.....	5.00 to 6.00
Lambs.....	none

These quotations are prepared by a reliable victualer.