

to the average. No change is reported in the firm position of the markets abroad, and houses here continue to act cautiously about the purchase of fall stocks. Woollens are meeting with a little better sorting enquiry. In Manchester, England, business in cloths is moderate at unchanged prices. Yarns are barely steady.

IRON, HARDWARE AND METALS.—Apart from the ordinary jobbing movement there has been little business in this market during the week. Some movement in pig iron stocks on spot has transpired in a small way, the figures for which were not learned, but it was not of a kind on which a basis could be fixed, and figures continue to be purely nominal until buyers take hold more freely. They still hold off which causes a quiet market. Some business for future delivery is talked of but nothing special has taken place and prices will not be definitely fixed for a few weeks to come. Prospects, however, should be for a fairly good movement when buyers do decide to go on the market, as reports credit the mills generally and makers—especially in Ontario—with fair orders on hand. Therefore nothing can be said about the market now except in a general way, and our quotations stand for the present. Cable advices continue to note depression in the English markets and some accounts have reference to apprehensions of failures in the trade. Tin plates are irregular, charcoal being still scarce and firm while coke is in large supply and easier. Canada and terno plates are weak and it is thought that values will have to recede before an active enquiry will be induced. Tin and copper are about unchanged. In hardware there is a fair seasonable business in progress at steady prices. Both heavy and shelf goods are enquired for, and an improved volume of trade is reported all round. Cable advices from Glasgow report a further drop in Scotch warrants of 4d. In scrap iron prices are lower on the other side and are merely nominal, though sales could be made at much lower prices than those at which contracts were effected some time since.

BREADSTUFFS.—The local flour market has been firm with a fair jobbing business, but buyers in general are dilatory in meeting the market. Nothing is doing here beyond supplying the regular consumptive demand. Beerbohm's cable reports wheat and corn quiet but steady. In Chicago wheat was stronger but prices did not advance. Corn was unchanged. At New York wheat advanced ½c. At St. Louis all grains have fluctuated during the week but, in the end, no material change can be noted. In Toledo wheat has been quiet and declined about ½c. Corn and oats were unchanged.

PROVISIONS.—The situation of the local provision market continues unchanged. A fairly good jobbing trade is moving at quotations, but we hear of no large transactions. The Liverpool, G. B., market has shown no difference in values since our last, except in bacon, which has been easier. In Chicago pork advanced 35 cts. while lard showed a decline of 2½c. There was no perceptible alteration in the figures regarding hogs. Cattle were 10c. lower.

BUTTER.—The local butter market is without change at the moment, and, beyond a jobbing trade, we hear of no business doing. New butter is already beginning to come in but receipts are small as yet. In old butter the position has continued the same, the leading characteristic being extreme dullness. As usual first-class fresh butter finds no difficulty in being placed at top prices, but a good proportion of the roll and print butter offered is of old markets or inferior grades, so that retailers and good house-keepers are very careful in investing therein.

CHEESE.—The cheese market remains unchanged, and there is nothing very special to note locally, while it is too early as yet to discuss new Canadian cheese. All the business that is doing here at present is in a jobbing way to local grocers, as the cleaning-up process was over some time ago. In New York it is still going on, and some considerable purchases of medium quality cheese have lately been made there, presumably on export account on a basis of 10c. or thereabouts. There does not seem to be anything doing in select lots, however, but the price for home lots is placed at 10½c. to 11c. for colored, and 11½c. for white, and these are exceeded only in exceptional instances. Referring to new stock the New York *Bulletin* says:—"Naturally more or less interest was displayed over the chances for new cheese. The immediate supply here is small, and, so far as could be learned, nothing in the way of trading was accomplished, but the 10c. to 10½c. paid in the country gives an idea of about what receivers will be likely to ask and current comment is in accord. Some of the trade think that exporters want the stock, but shippers themselves say that they are in no hurry at the valuation, and the probability is that the goods will have to come to hand and undergo examination before the value is fully fixed."

FRUIT.—Taken on the whole there has been little change to the fruit market, a fair movement continuing in green fruit, while dried is firm. The most prominent feature of the market is the scarcity of Valencia raisins. Outside of the limited supply on spot there is none to be had, and 6½c. in bond is asked for them in New York, and it is very certain that fresh supplies could not be laid down here under 8½c. An additional strong point is the fact that there is little of the fruit on the London market. Currants continue firm.

SUGAR.—While the sales of sugar during the week have not been large, a very satisfactory business has been done. Prices remain about the same. **MOLASSES** is now held firmly owing to an advance in Barbadoes where it is quoted strong at 14c.

TEA.—All lots of cheap teas have been picked up and it will be hard to procure any more before the arrival of new crops about July or August. Low grade blacks have gone up in England, owing to the reduction of the duties, which affected this class of teas particularly, and which, it is expected, will cause them to be dealt in more freely.

COFFEE.—There is nothing new to note in coffee. The stock in Montreal is light and business is rather slack. In New York coffee is reported easier to arrive, but this has not affected the quotations here.

FISH OILS.—Our advice from Montreal is:—"The market for steam refined seal oil is firm and tending upwards, sales of 1,300 bbls. of new having been made to arrive at 45c. Holders are now asking 47½c., and it is said that the lowest figure at which any further supplies could be bought is 46c. Cod oil is in limited supply, and is quoted at 35c. to 36c. for Newfoundland and Gaspé, and 32c. for Halifax. Cod liver oil is quiet at 45c. to 50c. for Newfoundland."

FISH.—The local fish market continues quiet, and absolutely no movement of any kind is in progress. Bait has been extremely scarce and the majority of the fishing fleet laid here for some days for supplies, but a telegram was received that herring had struck in at the Bras D'Or Lakes and Canso, and last Saturday and Sunday the fleet sailed. The telegram has not been confirmed, so that it is not certain that it is true, and besides it is very doubtful whether the vessels will not be prevented by ice from making either of the ports where the bait is reported to be obtainable. On outside reports are as follows:—Montreal, April 28. "The only fish offering is dry cod, which, however, is slow sale at \$3 75 to \$4 00. Labrador herring nominal at \$3 00 to \$3 50 per bbl." Gloucester, Mass., April 28.—"We quote New Georges codfish \$5.00 a qtl. for large, and small at \$4.50; Bank \$4 50 and \$4 62 for large and \$4.25 for small; no old Bank on the market. Shore \$4 75 and \$4 for large and small. Cured cusk at \$3.50 per qtl; hake, \$2.50; haddock, \$3.00; heavy salted pollock, \$2.00, and English-cured do. \$2 75 and \$3 per qtl. Labrador herring \$4 00 bbl.; med. split \$4.50; Newfoundland do. \$4; Nova Scotia do. \$5; Eastport \$4; split Shore \$4.25; round do. \$3 50; round Eastport, \$3 25; pickled codfish \$6; haddock \$5; halibut heads \$3; sounds \$12; tongues and sounds \$9.50; tongues \$9.00; alewives \$4 00; trout \$14.50." Havana, April 9.—"We quote codfish \$7.50; haddock \$6.00; hake \$5.50." These prices are better than they have been, and are said to be due chiefly to the scarce product of the Norwegian fisheries.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.—WHOLESALE RATES.

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

GROCERIES.

SUGAR	
Cut Leaf.....	7½ to 7¾
Granulated.....	6½ to 7
Circle A.....	6¾
White Extra C.....	6¾
Standard.....	5¾ to 5¾
Extra Yellow C.....	5¾ to 5¾
Yellow C.....	5¾ to 5¾
TEA	
Congou, Common.....	17 to 19
" Fair.....	20 to 25
" Good.....	25 to 28
" Choice.....	31 to 32
" Extra Choice.....	35 to 37
Oolong, Choice.....	37 to 38
MOLASSES	
Barbadoes.....	37 to 38
Demerara.....	40 to 44
Diamond N.....	44
Porto Rico.....	36 to 38
Cienfuegos.....	34
Trinidad.....	34
Antigua.....	33 to 35
Tobacco, Black.....	38 to 44
" Bright.....	42 to 50
BISCUITS	
Pilot Bread.....	3.11
Boston and Thin Family.....	6½
Soda.....	6½
do in 1lb. boxes, 50 to case.....	7½
Fancy.....	8 to 15

PROVISIONS.

No change in value, but the proposed duty is not yet established.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid.....	12.50 to 13.00
" Am. Plate.....	13.00 to 14.00
" Ex. Plate.....	15.00 to 16.00
Pork, Mess, American.....	16.50 to 17.00
" American, clear.....	18.00 to 19.00
" P. E. I. Mess.....	16.00
" P. E. I. Thin Mess.....	14.00
" Prime Mess.....	12.50 to 13.00
Lard, Tubs and Pails, P. E. Island.....	12
" American.....	11 to 12
Hams, P. E. I., green.....	8 to 9
Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are liable to change daily.	

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, No. 1, per bbl.....	3.50 to 4.00
Oranges, Jamaica, per bbl., repacked.....	8.00
Lemons, per case.....	5.50 to 6.50
Cocoanuts, new, per 100.....	5.00
Onions, American, per lb.....	4c.
Dates, boxes, new.....	5½ to 6
Raisins, Valencia, new.....	7
Figs, Elme, 5 lb boxes per lb.....	11
" small boxes.....	10 to 13
Prunes, Stewing, boxes and bags, new.....	5½ to 6
Foxberries.....	6.00
Cranberries, per bbl.....	13.00

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

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.....	25
" " in Small Tubs.....	22 to 25
" Good, in large tubs.....	20
" Store Packed & oversalted.....	14
Canadian Township.....	19 to 20
" Western.....	17
Cheese, Canadian.....	10
" Antigonish.....	10½

BREADSTUFFS.

The flour market still seems to be strengthening, and millers are very firm.

It is not at all unlikely that we shall see flour \$6.00 a bbl. by the middle of June.

We do not change our quotations his week on flour.

Oatmeal is a little higher again, and oats are one or two cents up.

High Grade Patents.....	5.25 to 5.50
Good 90 per cent Patents.....	5.05 to 5.10
Straight Grade.....	4.75 to 4.90
Superior Extras.....	4.60 to 4.65
Good Seconds.....	4.25 to 4.35
Graham Flour.....	4.25 to 4.50
American Supr. Extras, in bond.....	4.35 to 4.40
American 90 per cent, in bond.....	4.65 to 4.75
Pillsbury's Best, in half bbls.....	3.50
Oatmeal.....	4.10 to 4.25
" Rolled.....	4.20 to 4.30
Kila Dried Cornmeal.....	2.50 to 2.60
Roller Wheat.....	5.50
Wheat Bran, per ton.....	18.00
shorts.....	20.00
Middlings.....	22.00
Cracked Corn " including bags.....	24.00
Ground Oil Cake, per ton.....	35.00
Moulce.....	24.00
Split Peas.....	3.75 to 4.00
White Beans, per bushel.....	1.55 to 2.00
Hot Barley, per barrel.....	4.00 to 4.50
Canadian Oats, choice quality.....	40 to 42
P. E. I. Oats.....	42 to 44
Hay per ton.....	10.50

J. A. CHIPMAN & Co., Head of Central Wharf, Halifax, N. S.

FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL—	
Extra.....	14.00
No. 1.....	15.00
" 2 large.....	12.00
" 2.....	11.50
" 3 large.....	11.50
" 3.....	11.50
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore July.....	3.25 to 3.50
No. 1, August, Round.....	2.50
" September.....	2.50
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl.....	3.00 to 3.25
Bay of Islands, Split.....	none
" Round.....	none
ALEWIVES, per bbl.....	3.00 to 3.25
CODFISH.	
Hard Shore.....	4.25 to 4.40
Bank.....	3.25 to 3.50
Bay.....	3.50 to 3.75
SALMON, No. 1.....	18.00 to 19.00
HADDOCK, per qtl.....	2.25
HAKE.....	2.00
CUSK.....	1.50
POLLOCK.....	1.50
HAKESOUNDS, per lb.....	19½
Cod Oil A.....	26