

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL.

COMMERCIAL.

The past week has been one of considerable activity in the wholesale grocery trade, and most of our merchants have good reason to be pleased with their sales for that period.

FLOUR continues to decline and is fast getting down to the point from which it started to go up some time ago. There were very heavy stocks here at the time of the rise, and we fear there has been a big hole made in some people's profits.

SUGAR has become very quiet lately, and the excitement has about all cooled down. Most of our heavy buyers having stocked up heavily at the commencement of the advance, are not buying to any extent.

MOLASSES.—There is a good deal of difference of opinion about this article. Advices from the West Indies says the market is going up, and will continue to advance, but there has not been any rise so far here.

TEA.—The English market is getting cleaned out in anticipation of the arrival in August of the new crop, which will be later than usual this year.

BUTTER.—There have been several large importations from Canada lately, and this, together with large quantities of our province make coming to market, has made up considerable stocks to work off.

CHEESE touched bottom about two weeks ago, and since then there has been a sharp advance of one cent to one cent and a half.

EGGS are becoming scarce, and although prices cannot be said to be much higher, still they may go up at any moment, especially as large buyers are beginning to lay in stock to last them over next month.

FISH.—Since our last issue some new codfish have come to market, which were placed at 3 1/2 to 3 3/4 per qtl. The catch of mackerel west of Halifax is very small, and the catch so far east of Halifax, as far as Canso, is small.

Late Boston advices report that little is doing by the mackerel fleet. Sales were 150 bbls. salted mackerel of small size mostly sold at \$2.50 per bbl. out of pickle; fresh are selling at \$1.50 per bbl. to consumers and baiters.

The past week the mackerel fleet landed at Boston 1,700 bbls fresh mackerel, and there arrived during the same time from Nova Scotia 122 bbls. fresh mackerel.

Mackerel imported into Boston from Jan. 1, to June 12 :—

1886. 1884. 1883. 1882.

11,027 bbls. 15,043 bbls. 14,681 bbls. 5,541 bbls.

Gloucester advices up to 15th inst. report all the Banking vessels doing well and many arriving with full fares of codfish, but report nothing favorable from the mackerel fleet.

We cannot learn of any mackerel being taken yet at P. E. Island. Since our last issue the Labrador fishing vessels have sailed, with the hope of doing much better than last year.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

The following Price-Lists have been corrected up to the time of going to press, and are thoroughly reliable and accurate.

JUNE 20, 1885.

GROCERIES.

Table listing prices for various grocery items including Sugar (Porto Rico, Cut Leaf, Standard A, etc.), Tea (Congou, Good, Choice, etc.), and Molasses (Cienfuegos, Trinidad, etc.).

The above quotations are made by a reliable wholesale house.

Table listing prices for various soap and biscuit items including Soaps (Ivory bar, Erasive, etc.) and Biscuits (Pilot Bread, Boston and This Family, etc.).

SUNDRIES.

Table listing prices for sundry items including Maple Sugar, Boneless Fish, Tobacco-Black, etc.

The above quotations are prepared by MACKINTOSH & Co., Wholesale Commission Merchants, Upper Water Street.

POULTRY.

Table listing prices for poultry items including Fowls, per pair, Turkeys, per pound, Geese, each, etc.

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

FRUIT.

Table listing prices for fruit items including Apples (Gravenstein, Winter-ordinary, etc.).

JOSEPH B. BROWN, 144 Barrington Street, Halifax.

LUMBER.

Table listing prices for various lumber items including Pine, clear, No. 1, per m., Spruce, dimension good, per m., etc.

The above quotations are prepared by a reliable firm in this line.

BREADSTUFFS.

PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE. Our quotations below are our today's wholesale selling prices for cash within ten days after shipment.

Table listing prices for breadstuffs and produce including Flour (Graham, Patent high grades, etc.), Bran, Shorts, Middlings, etc.

A. GUNN & Co., 253 Barrington Street, Halifax, N. S.

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

Table listing prices for wool and skins including No. 1 Wool Skins, Season lot, Salted and dry, etc.

The above quotations are furnished by R. MEGENY, dealer in Wool and Hides, 177 Barrington street.

OFFICERS and men of the "composite" attention! You are hereby directed to parade as ordered, having equipments as follows: One box of Smith's Sharpshooters, alias anti-billious pills; one box Smith's Tooth Powder, one bottle Smith's Arnica Linctus; one bottle Smith's Cough Linctus; one box Smith's Seidlitz Powders; one bottle Smith's Iodized Sarsaparilla; one bottle Smith's Concentrated Ginger; one bottle Smith's Carbolic Salvo; one pair Smith's Military Hair Brushes; one bottle Smith's Scalp Protector; one Pocket Filter, by which you can draw clear water from stagnant pools and although not wishing to pile too much into your haversacks, yet it may be a necessary requisite in consequence of having to sit down in the cold jungle, one box of Smith's Compound Pile Ointment. Knowing you are already embittered against the foe, one bottle Smith's Tonic Bitters will be found useful. That you may be far sighted, and see the enemy in Amoua, wear one pair Laurence's Shooting Goggles. For sale at the Agency, London Drug Store, 147 Hollis Street, J. GODFREY SMITH, Dispensing Chemist, Proprietor.