COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

COMMERCIAL.

The past week has been one of considerable activity in the wholesale grocory trade, and most of our merchants have good reason to be pleased with their sales for that period. There has been a goo. If for sugar and molasses from the country, so that the stocks of these articles have suffered a marked diminution. There has also been a spirited call for fish, and prices in the kinds used for Home consumption have somewhat stiffened.
All kinds of country produce in season have been arriving rather more freely than usual, and meeting with a ready sale. There has also been considerable speculation in tobacco, immense sales being made daily, duty paid. It is expected that a heavy increase in the duty will take place within a few days, and as wholesalers like a make a little extra profit to cheer them up, they are investing pretty largely.

From 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. There has been an effort made in the United States to get the miles to close down, in order to work off the fast increasing stocks which have been lately coming into New York alone to the extent of nearly eighty thousand barrels per week, and the effort having been partially successful a firmer tone was given to the market for a few days, which, however, was lost almost immediately afterwards. The expected short crop is the only thing that keeps the market in any kind of shape. Some of the stocks will likely sour in the het weather, but we don't think there is much fear of that happening here, as, as a usual thing, we only buy from hand to

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. Outside markets have become more quiet, and a considerable part of the advance has been lost. As the preserving season is now on in the United States, this fact does not look very promising to holders of large stocks, and we should not be surprised to see a further decline soon. We have only one refinery at work and two closed, neither of which appear anxious to resume work.

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, although importers are trying hard to get higher prices, which, however, they have not been able to accomplish. There does not appear to be much common stock in the market, and what low grades are here do not meet with the ready sale they formerly did.

TEA.—The Euglish market is getting cleaned out in anticipation of the arrival in August of the new crop, which will be later than usual this year. There are considerable stocks here, some of which is held for an expected rise on account of duties which may be put on, so that we have about 4s much as will last until the new arrives.

BUTTER.—There have been several large importations from Canada lately, and this, together with large quanticies of our province make coming to market, has made up considerable stocks to work off. Prices keep well up, but any advance is not within the range of probabilities for some time at least.

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. The prospects at the opening of the scason were for extremely low figures for the summer, but the recent advance has put all calculations to flight, and holders who had large stocks on which they expected to lose money have suddenly found themselves considerably better off.

Eccs 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.

Figh.—Since our last issue some new codfish have come to market, which were placed at 3½ to 3½ par 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. On the coast of Capa Breton fishermen have done bester with mackerel, but no quantity has been taken. Alewives are not plenty; those arriving are selling at \$3.15 to \$3.25 per bbl. No fat herring yet taken. Mackerel seem to have left the American coast for the present. Very few indeed have been caught there for some days.

Interest 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. There have been sales the past few days of fall caught shore 3s., of extra quality, at 3½ per bbl, from Provincetown delivered in Boston. Sales of new pickled shore codfish at 3½ for large, and 2½ for nedium. Sales of new medium 3s. mackerel in Puttua at \$3 inspected. Sales of new Nova Scotia large 3s. at a little rising, \$6 per bbl. One large lot of soveral hundred barrels stored by order of shippers. Sales of large dry Bank at \$2.75 per atl. small 2½ per atl. dry Bank at \$2.75 per qtl, small 2½ per qtl.

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. 1885. 11,027 bbls. 15,043 bbls. 14,681 bbls. 5,541 1882.

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. Prices are firm and a shade higher last sales, \$3 and \$7 in fisherman's order for fare caught off Nova Scotia. Shore fish. medium, \$2.25, offered without barrel.

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. That fishery was almost a total failure last year, and the loss was large to those who engaged in it. Codfish are reported plenty in the North Bay. For shore codishing there is a scarcity of bait. Fish are plenty, but little bait. The Nova Scotia Banking vessels still continue to arrive with fish, and in many instances full fares. All report fish plenty. Many of the vessels have gone to the Banks on their second trip. their second trip.

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.

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Sugan.
Porto Rico 5 to 51/2
Cut Loaf H to K!
Granulated 714 to 714
Standard A 61 to 7
Extra C
Yellow C. 51/2 to 51/2
Yellows 5 10 51/4
TEA.
Congou 15 to 10
Good
Choice 23 to 31
Fair
Extra Choice
Octong-Choice 35 to 36
MOLASSES.
Cienfuegos 27 to 20
Trinidad 29 to 31
Porto Rico new crop 1 to 33
Barbadoes
Demerara 32 to 39
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The above quotations are made by

a reliable wholesale house.

DAPS.	
Ivory bar	654
Eraslye	
Dominion	
Surprise	53:
Tiger	5).
Extra Pale	5 to 5%
Maydower	
No 1 Family	
Acadla	
lumbo	36
	97
Congress	3½ 8 2
Brown	ٽ
Toilet 18 to 60c, per dox.	
ISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread 2.60	to 2.90
	16 73
	14 to 8
do. in 11b. boxes, 30 to case	8

N. S.

SUNDRIES.

Maple Sugar	10 to 12
Soncless Fish	4 10 4%
l'obacco-Black	32 to 3
Bright	35 to 50
Blacking, per gross	3 00 to 4.00
Riacklead. "	2.00 ₺ 10.00
Pearl Blue	2.50 to 3.00
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by MACKINTOSH & Co., Wholesale Commission Merchants, Upper Water Street.

POULTRY.

Fowls, per pair	<i>6</i> 0 to 75
Turkeys, per pound	16 to 20
Geete, each	none.
Ducks, per pair	73 to 190
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FRUIT.

JOSEPH B. BROWN, 144 Barrington Street, Halifax.

LUBIBER.	
Pine, clear, No. 1, per m	23.00 to 30.00
" Merchantable, do do	14.00 to 17.0)
" No 2 do	12.00 to 13 (v)
" Sma'l, per m	7.(t) to 10.(e)
Spruce, dimension good, per m	10.00 to 12.60
Merchantable, do do	8.00 to 11 (r)
" Small, do do	6.00 to 8.10)
Hemlock, do do	6.50 to <u>7</u> .5)
common, do	6.50 to 7.0)
Shingles, No 1, pine, dry, do	3,50 to 4.0)
" No2, pine, green do	1 25 to 2.0)
" No 1, pruce, do	1.10 to 1.2)
Laths, per m	1.20 to 1.6)
Hard wood, per cord	4.00 10 4.25
Soft wood "	2.25 to 2.50
The above quotations are	s prepared
by a reliable firm in this lin	io.

BREADSTUFFS.

PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE.

Our quotations below are our to day's wholesale solling prices for cast within ton days after shipment.

Graham	5.75 to 0 ℃
Patent high grades	. 5.10 w 5 K
Patent high grades mediums	. 5.00 to 5 W
Superior Extra	5.23 to 5.30
Lower grades	
Qatmeal	. K25 to K.
Corn Meal-Halifax ground	. 330 60 3.4
" —Imperted	. 3.20 to 3.2
Bran per ton-Wheat	22,00 to 25 (\
Bran per ton-Wheat	18.00 to 20.00
Shorts "	22.00 to 21.0
Shorts "Middlings"	25 M to 23 M
Cardy Com	22 (4) 10 33 4
Cracked Corn	33.00 00 33.00
Uals	~ .
" Barley	
Pea Meal per bil	3.7
Feed Flour "	. 3,23 to 3 9
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Corn " of 66 "	80 to 6
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Hay per ton	12,00 to 14 0
Straw 4	, 8,00 to 9 0
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Street, Halifax, N. S.

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

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

Overceze and men of the "composite" attention! You are hereby directed to paradize ordered, having equipments as follows: One box of Smith's Sharpshooters, alias and billious fills; one box Smith's Tooth Powder, one bottle Smith's Arnica Liniment; or hottle 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 Arboli Salve; one pair Smith's Military Hair Brushee; one bottle Smith's Scalp Protector; or Pocket Filter, by which you can draw clear water from stagnant pools and although no wishing to file too much into your havenacks, yet it may be a necossary requisite in consequence of having to sit down in the cold jungle, one box of Smith's Compound Pile Oir. ment. Knowing you are already embittered against the foe, one bottle Smith's Ton's Bitters will be found useful. That you may be far sighted, and see the enemy in Amoust, wear one pair Laurence's Shooting Lenses. For sale at the Agency, London Drug Ston. 147 Hollis Street, J. GOLFREY SMITH, Dispensing Chemist, Propeletor.