

"Nonsense, you'll feel differently by the time you are invited to another. You are just tired out, that is all."

But that was not all, and Helen did not understand.

This night, for the first time in all her life, Jean had felt herself forgotten by her childhood's friend. True, he had not altogether ignored her; but his eyes had followed Marion constantly, and Jean knew in her heart that she was being set aside. His friendship had hitherto been satisfying; but she had never thought of him as a possible lover; but neither had she remembered that the time might come when someone else would have reason to regard him in that light.

Now she believed that time had come; and she suddenly awakened to the fact that what she had been pleased to regard as her friendship for Will Grantly, was in reality a much stronger feeling.

She did not close her eyes until long past midnight; and when she awoke, the New Year's sun was shining brightly. She turned away impatiently from the light and hid her face in the pillow. Helen had called out "Happy New Year" as she passed the door; but Jean had not answered, the words seemed such a mockery.

Weeks passed until only one remained of Miss Middleton's stay.

"I have something to tell you, Jean," Marion said one evening, about this time, as the two sat together in the firelight.

Jean knew what was coming and shaded her face from the light while she listened.

It was as she supposed; Marion had promised to marry Will Grantly.

"I did not in the least mean to," Marion said, "but he was so terribly earnest, poor fellow, that I had not the heart to refuse him. Besides," she added, "I'm really quite fond of him, you know."

"I'm really quite fond of him!" So this was what Marion was giving in return for Will Grantly's love.

"I suppose," she went on in her soft voice, "people will say I am very foolish; but then, Will is such a clever fellow, he is sure to get on, so I think I shall not be doing so badly after all."

No, she would not be doing "badly," Jean thought. Jean, who would willingly have shared poverty with Will Grantly, and have thought herself rich, had she but possessed the love which Marion seemed to hold so lightly.

(To be continued).

S E R M.

The citizens of New York are just now discussing the meagreness of the salaries paid to ministers of the gospel resident in that city. These salaries as compared with those enjoyed by ministers in Nova Scotia, appear most princely, and yet the people of this Province look upon their parsons as fortunate men, men who neither toil nor spin, and who yet enjoy an income of \$700 per annum, a large proportion of which is of necessity devoted to objects of charity. A calling may have its compensations, but a half-starved profession is never without its pernicious results.

The United States P. O. Department comes out with a deficit of \$5,000,000, which is attributed to the reduction in the letter rates from three cents per half ounce to two cents per ounce. It is probable that a few years of deficits will ensue before the cheaper rate of postage pays the department.

## COMMERCIAL.

**FISH.**—The Fish trade for the past year has not been profitable, either to those who have risked large sums in fitting out fishermen, or to those who have speculated. It is to be hoped that the coming season will be a more profitable one for all concerned. We do not wish to discourage those that are in that business; but, like last year, we see very little chance for an improvement, at any rate, for the next six months. Some looked forward to the arrival of the *Beta*, from Jamaica, for an improvement in that market, but we cannot see that their hopes have been realized. Prices are very low, and stocks are quite ample until the return of the *Beta*. The Porto Rico, Cuba, and Windward markets show but little sign, if any, of an advance, and the United States markets remain in the same position as they did weeks ago. We look for very little improvement, if any, in this market for poor mackerel or fat split herring. They have now frozen herring in their markets, which will take the place of other fish with a great many of the consumers; and almost by the time Lent commences, there will be fresh mackerel in the market. Reports from Boston to January 1, 1886, are about as follows:—The Fish trade continues exceedingly dull. Nothing doing, except in a jobbing way. Mackerel continues very dull, with no sales to report. Holders quote: No. 2 large, about \$8.00, and No. 3, \$5.50, but no sales. Codfish continue quiet. A few small lots of pickled Bank cod have been sold at \$1.50 per qtl, for medium and large. Last sale, dry Bank, \$3.00 per qtl. There is now but very few Provincial codfish on the market. About 8,000 or 10,000 qtls. of domestic cod now lying at the dock, awaiting purchasers, the greater part of which are pickle-cured. A few Georges' cod are arriving daily from Gloucester, and are selling anywhere, from \$2.75 to \$3.62 per qtl.; hake and haddock, \$1.75; Shore hake, \$2.00.

Imports of mackerel at the Port of Boston for the past four years, week ending December 31, 1885:—

1885.	1884.	1883.	1882.
41,609 Bbls.	0,426 Bbls.	75,226 Bbls.	37,616 Bbls.

We cannot give any quotations for Fish in our own markets. There are no sales being made except in a small way. Some small purchases have been made from store, to fill some small orders for the *Beta* to Jamaica, at about the following:—Small cod, \$2.85 per qtl; large cod, \$3.25 per qtl; alewives, \$1.50 per bbl; No. 3 large mackerel, \$3.50; No. 3, \$3.00; round shore herring, \$3.00 per bbl.

## MARKET QUOTATIONS.

### WHOLESALE RATES.

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

### GROCERIES.

COFFEES	
Arabica	8 to 10
Robusta	7 to 8
Java A	6 1/2 to 7 1/2
Java B	5 1/2 to 6 1/2
Yellow C	5 1/2 to 6 1/2
Yellow D	4 1/2 to 5 1/2
TEA	
Common	17 to 19
Fair	20 to 22
Good	23 to 25
Choice	31 to 33
Extra Choice	33 to 35
Choice	37 to 39
MOLASSES	
Black	30 to 32
Demerara	30 to 32
Guiana N	43
SOAP	
Ivory bar, 1 lb, 2 lb and 5 lb	6 1/2
Castile	6
Domestic	6
Surprise	5 1/2
Tiger	5 1/2
Extra Pale, 1 or 5 lb	6
"Linen Towel" for 30 bars, and 30 towels	6.00
Camellia	4
Imperial	4
No. 1 Family	4
Herrington	3 1/2
Brand	3
Brown	2
Box 15 to 20 per doz	
CANDLES, 6 and 8 in.	11 1/2
D. Paraffine	10 to 20c
RISQUITS	
Pink Bread	2.60 to 2.90
Black and Thin Family	6 1/2 to 7 1/2
Salt	6 to 7
do in 100 boxes, 5 to case	8 to 15
Fancy	8 to 15
CONFECTIONERY	
Assorted in 50 lb Pails	12
Royal Mixture	11 to 20
Lozenges	12 to 15
1 cent goods 144 in a box	55 to 110
Toys per hundred	65 to 75
Cigar Candy Toys	18
BROOMS	
Starch Blue and White	1.60 to 3.25
" Lily White	7
Prepared Corn	9
BUTTER	
Canadian	16 to 20
N. S.	15 to 20
CHEESE	
Cheddar	9 to 10
Edam	21
Tobacco—Black	39 to 46
Bright	42 to 58
Blacking, per gross	3.00 to 4.00
Blacklead	2.00 to 10.00
Pearl Blue	2.50 to 3.00

The above quotations are corrected by Mackintosh & Co., Jericho Warehouse.

### FISH FROM VESSELS.

Prices nominal. No arrivals. No sales.	
MACKEREL	
Extra	10 50 to 11 00
No. 1	9 75 to 10 00
No. 2 large	5 75 to 6 00
No. 2	3 25 to 3 50
No. 3 large	3 00 to 3 50
No. 3	3 00
Small	1 00
HERRING	
No. 1 Shore, July No sales	2 75 to 3 00
August and Sept	2 25 to 2 50
No. 1 Round Shore, Scarce	2 30 to 2 40
No. 1, Labrador	none
ALEWIVES	2 75
CODFISH	
Hard Shore to equal	2 25 to 2 50
Bank	1 00 to 2 00
Bay	none
SALMON, No. 1	none
No. 2	none
No. 3	none
HADDOCK	1 00 to 2 00
HAKE	1 75
COD	none
POLLOCK	none
FISH OILS	
Cod A	.33 to .50
Dog A	.23 to .25
Pale Seal	none
HAKK SOUNDS	45 to 50c per lb.

The above are prepared by a reliable firm of West India Merchants.

### HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

APPLES, No. 1, per bbl	2 00 to 2 75
No. 2	1 25 to 1 75
Oranges, per bbl Jamaica (new)	6 00 to 7 10
case, Valencia	6 00 to 7 00
Lemons, per box	4 00 to 4 50
Cocoanuts, per 100	4 50 to 5 50
Onions (barrels) per lb.	2 1/2 to 2 3/4
Grapes Almeria, kegs	6 00 to 6 50
Foxberries, per bbl	3 50 to 3 85
Cranberries	6 00 to 6 50
Figs, 11b boxes	15 to 17c

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

### BREADSTUFFS.

#### PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE.

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

FLOUR	
Graham	5.25 to 5.50
Patent high grades	5.50 to 6.00
" mediums	4.75 to 5.00
Superior Extra	4.50 to 4.80
Lower grades	3.50 to 4.45
Oatmeal	4.50 to 5.00
Corn Meal—Halifax ground	3.00 to 3.25
" Imported	2.00 to 2.20
Barley per ton—Wheat	20.00 to 22.00
" Corn	18.00 to 20.00
Shorts	22.00 to 24.00
Middlings	25.00 to 28.00
Cracked Corn	31.00 to 32.00
" Oats	25.00 to 30.00
Barley	31.00
Pea Meal per bbl	3.75
Feed Flour	3.25 to 3.50
Oats per bushel of 34 lbs	42 to 45
Barley " of 48 "	75 to 80
" " of 60 "	1.10
Corn " of 56 "	80 to 85
Hay per ton	14.00 to 15.00
Straw	9.00 to 10.00

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

### PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid	13.00 to 13.50
" Am. Plate	13.50 to 14.00
Pork, Mess, American	13.50 to 14.00
" American, clear	15.00 to 15.50
" P. E. 1 Mess	13.50 to 14.00
" P. E. 1 Thin Mess	12.00 to 12.50
" Prime Mess	10.50 to 11.00
Lard, Tubs and Pails	11 to 12
" Cases	12 to 12 1/2
Hams, P. E. 1	12 to 15c
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef \$2.20 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 & HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound	20
" unwashed	15
Green Hides—Ox, inspected, No 1	7 1/2
" Cow	7 1/2
Salted Hides—Ox in Lots, No 1	7 1/2
" Cow	7 1/2
Calf Skin	8 to 10
" Deacons, each	30 to 35
Wool Skins	25 to 65

The above quotations are furnished by WM F. FOSTER, dealer in Wool and Hides, Conners' Wharf.

### LUMBER.

Pine, clear, No. 1, per m.	25 00 to 28 00
" Merchantable, do 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 50
Laths, per m	1 20
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.

### POULTRY.

Fowls, per pair	40 to 50
Turkeys, per pound	11 to 13
Geese, each	65 to 70
Ducks, per pair	70 to 80

The above are corrected by a reliable victualer.

### LIVE STOCK.

Steers, best quality, per lb.	4.50 to 5
Oxen	3 1/2 to 4
Fat Steers, Heifers light weights	3 to 3 1/2
Wethers, best quality, per lb.	3 1/2
Lambs	3 1/2

These quotations are prepared by a reliable victualer.