

too much first-class stuff, a consummation hardly to be expected, I should not be surprised to see rates go even higher, though it is to the interest of the shippers the margin should not be too great just now."

Eggs are coming in quite freely and good fresh ones may be quoted in round lots at about 10 cents per dozen—they are worth about 12 cents at retail. In fact the supply is now fully equal to if it does not exceed the demand, and as from now on the supply is likely to be increased, our people will probably soon be in a position to export considerable quantities to England and the United States. In Montreal the receipts of eggs are reported to be still liberal, but the demand is sufficient to keep stock well cleaned up and the market in consequence rules steady at 10½c. to 11c., choice stock bringing 11½c. in single cases. The offerings in the country are large and the average price about 10c. f. o. b. the case. A correspondent writing from London says: "Eggs have been quiet, and with a steady consumptive demand prices have undergone no alteration. Taking the cost price of eggs in Montreal and Ontario just now, it would seem that the export basis is not anywhere near reached; and if shippers send too freely in the present state of the market, they are likely to get nipped, as it will be difficult to get cost price from now until June, when the shipments from Ireland fall off. The novelty of the Canadian shipments has worn off to some extent, and the recklessness of some shippers in mixing their consignments and sending along limed eggs to a market sick of them has not been forgotten by those who were sufferers here at the end of the season a few months back. It is a great pity to spoil a good trade by mistakes like this, and it is to be hoped that in the season now opening—which will be one of anxiety and care to every shipper in the Dominion, no matter in what department, owing to the hard competition that will have to be faced—every care will be taken to keep up the reputation some brands of Canadian eggs deservedly enjoy, while no effort should be spared to retrieve the character of such as have suffered by the errors of the past. I am speaking now in the interests of this trade, which should grow to be one of considerable value to the Dominion, and which I have every confidence that, with judicious handling and fair dealing, it is bound to go on increasing and augmenting in profit to the exporter. I certainly think it necessary to strike a note of warning to those who may be heedless of the danger of extinction they bring on the whole trade by their, perhaps, thoughtlessness. We can take a reliable, sound article; we don't want a stale or inferior stuff. There is plenty of that ex-Continent every day. Irish eggs are quoted from 5s. 4d. to 6s. It should be noted by Canadian exporters that it is with these eggs they will chiefly come into competition, especially at Liverpool, and the rate given leaves very little margin."

NOVA SCOTIAN APPLES IN LONDON—We take the following from a London letter bearing date April 23rd:—"There have been some good sales of apples this week, in which Nova Scotians have come out very well. A number of the latter came into competition with one of the early consignments of Tasmanian and New Zealand, and came very well out of the ordeal, their prices being far and away comparatively better. Tasmanians sold from 7s. 9d. to 15s. 6d. per case, the latter exceptional rate for some very good Ribston Pippins. The following is the account sale of the Nova Scotians, all Nonpareils:—3 bbls., A. Barnes', at 21s. per bbl.; 19 Wm. Miller's, 13 J. W. Bath's, and 15 C. Marshall's, at 20s.; 14 S. Chute's, 15 C. Marshall's, and 11 J. Marshall's, at 19s. 6d.; 12 R. Bath's, and 7 A. C. Chute's, at 18s. 6d.; 5 R. Bath's, and 9 C. Marshall's, at 18s.; 5 J. Marshall's at 17s. 9d.; 4 A. C. Chute's at 17s.; and 4 bbls. sundry marks at 13s. per bbl."

DRIED FRUIT—There has been a rather improved enquiry for dried fruit during this week and some small orders have been put through. Holders are taking a firmer position on all stock that is not wretchedly poor, and buyers have hardly realised the alteration in the position. Prices here remain about the same as they were. Advices from New York state that there is a better enquiry there, and that currants are stiffer and raisins more active. Sales are quoted of layers about 5½c., and off stalk at 3c. to 4c.

SUGAR—Our local market is quiet so far as the refineries are concerned and wholesale grocers are not very active as yet as the season is early. The sugar markets all over are very weak, and prices in many cases are actually lower. Best firsts in London are 1½d. lower than last week, being quoted at 12s. 9d. for spot and 12s. 10½d. for June; cane is quiet but steady. In New York the market sagged off a little, but has become firmer again on the understanding that the Sugar Trust were going to Washington to protect the interests of the monopoly. Mail advices from Cuba state that the demand for raws is very dull, and that a good deal will be sent forward for sale; but the bulk of this will be shipped to England in preference to the States, as the "one buyer" in the latter place is not a good feature for goods on consignment; the consequence of this is that England is likely to be over-supplied with raw, and the States may have too little for their wants.

MOLASSES—Nothing is doing in molasses here at present. The Montreal *Trade Bulletin* says:—"In molasses there have been some small sales at 34c. on spot, and some of the stock lying at Quebec is being brought up for this market. To arrive sales have been made at 29c. to 30c. A circular has been issued which puts the price of molasses at the Islands at 11c, but we hear of two orders being cabled at equal to 11½c., one of which met with no response, while the other was answered by a message saying that the price at the Islands was 12c., and it was firm at that."

TEAS—The demand for low black teas is good but the stocks on hand are small. Some orders are also being booked for high grade blacks, the general position of affairs being satisfactory to sellers. There is not much doing in Japan. A cablegram from Yokohama announces the opening of the market there, purchases being made at \$30 to \$44 per picul. The quality is said to be inferior to that of last year.

COFFEES—Locally we have nothing to report as to coffees, except that stocks on hand are very small and prices are unchanged.

FISH—We have nothing new to report as to the general local fish situation, all sorts of dried, pickled, or otherwise cured fish are not in demand, and what little work might have been done in the way of handling fish has been practically stopped by the strike of the fish laborers, referred to in these columns last week, and which still continues. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, May 11.—"The close of the season in the line of smoked fish occurred a few days ago with sales of finnan haddies at 6½c. to 7½c. Other kinds are nominally quoted as follows:—Yarmouth bloaters per 60 box \$1 to \$1.10; St. John bloaters, per 100 box, 80c. to \$1; boneless cod, large bxs. 6c. to 7c. do. small do. 7c. to 8c.; finnan haddies 6½c. to 7½c. The season for pickled fish was brought to a close by the clearance of green cod reported by us last week and prices are nominal all round." Gloucester, Mass., May 11.—"We quote mixed fish for curing, col. #2 for large, \$1.25 for small; cusk \$1.40; hake 50s; haddock 80c.; fresh shore cod \$1.85 per cwt.; haddock 90c.; fare sales of Georges cod \$3.62 and \$4 for large and \$2.75 for small; Bank \$3.25 and \$2.25; ripe cod \$3.50 and \$2.50 for large and small; last fare sale of halibut 8c. and 6c. per lb. for white and gray; fresh alewife bait \$1.25 per hundred; refrigerator do. \$1.30 per cwt.; fresh clam bait \$9 per bbl.; mackerel in round lots from first hands as follows: Large rimmed 3's \$13 to \$13.50 per bbl.; medium 3's \$10.50 to \$11 per bbl.; large plain 3's \$12 per bbl.; plain medium 3's \$9.50 to \$10 per bbl.; small 3's \$7 per bbl.; codfish, large pickled bank \$5.50 to \$5.75 per qtl.; medium \$3.50 to \$3.75 per qtl. as to quality. Jobbing prices for mackerel as follows: Small plain 3's \$10 per bbl.; small rimmed do. \$11; medium rimmed 3's \$14; medium shore 2's, scarce, \$19 to \$19.50; large shore 1's \$26; bloaters \$30. New Georges codfish at \$6.25 per qtl. for large, and small at \$5; Georges cured do. \$6.25; Bank \$6 for large and \$4 for small; Shore \$5.25 and \$5 for large and small; do. Bank \$7; medium \$5; cured cusk at \$4.25 per qtl.; hake \$2; haddock \$2.00; mackerel \$3.00; pickled cod \$4.25 per qtl.; Labrador herring, split, \$4 per bbl.; round \$3; pickled codfish \$6; haddock \$5; halibut heads \$3.50; sounds \$13; tongues and sounds \$12; tongues \$11; alewives \$3.50; trout \$14; Halifax salmon \$23; Newfoundland do. \$16." Port of Spain, Trinidad, April 27.—"The demand for codfish has fallen off, and there is still a portion of the landings referred to in our last in consignee's hands unsold. The steamers *Taymouth Castle* and *Arecuna* brought considerable supplies, and the *Mistletoe* has just arrived with a large cargo from Newfoundland, which is now on offer. Large fish have been quite scarce, and for a small shipment ex *Taymouth Castle* we obtained \$30 per drum, and note sale of 100 casks superior extra large Newfoundland cure ex *Arecuna* at \$27 to \$30. Small and medium fish are plentiful, and move very slowly, although freely offered at \$20 to \$24 per cask. Good mackerel are saleable, but there is now a very limited outlet for other descriptions of pickled fish."

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