

brought you out in debt, or barely even, you should set about immediately to do one of four things, viz.: lessen the cost of production, increase the yield per acre, increase the selling price, or raise some other crop for 1892.

"A FARMER."

### THE MONTHLY GRIST.

The Northwestern Miller received full reports from 267 mills giving their flour output for August. With a daily capacity of 158,610 bbls., they produced for the month named 2,598,516 bbls. In July, 241 mills, representing 150,450 bbls. capacity, ground 2,092,877 bbls. The figures for August show that the mills ran, as would be natural, much heavier than in July, but they lacked considerable of coming up to the rate of production prevailing for August, 1890. The comparative output during August for two years is shown below:

| Location.          | No. mills. | Capacity, bbls. | Output, 1891, bbls. |
|--------------------|------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Minneapolis.....   | 22         | 40,000          | 768,765             |
| Minnesota.....     | 38         | 16,040          | 195,525             |
| Dakotas.....       | 12         | 2,715           | 28,550              |
| Wisconsin.....     | 18         | 14,074          | 155,090             |
| Michigan.....      | 18         | 4,725           | 78,500              |
| Indiana.....       | 19         | 7,780           | 139,385             |
| Illinois.....      | 20         | 8,640           | 148,125             |
| Missouri.....      | 9          | 5,200           | 92,795              |
| New York.....      | 35         | 16,585          | 284,965             |
| Ohio.....          | 17         | 10,465          | 189,730             |
| Maryland.....      | 4          | 2,840           | 44,900              |
| Pennsylvania.....  | 4          | 1,125           | 14,220              |
| Kansas.....        | 5          | 2,125           | 31,435              |
| Virginia.....      | 3          | 2,200           | 14,580              |
| Pacific coast..... | 1          | 125             | 475                 |
| Total.....         | 225        | 134,640         | 2,187,040           |

a—Outside of Minneapolis.

### PLATFORM OF THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

The following is a copy of the platform finally adopted by the Patrons of Industry of Ontario at their recent convention at London, Ont.

1. Maintenance of British connection.
2. The reservation of the public lands for the actual settler.
3. Purity of administration and absolute independence of Parliament.
4. Rigid economy in every department of the public service.
5. Simplification of the laws and a general reduction in the machinery of government.
6. Abolition of the Canadian Senate.
7. Grand juries to be composed of 12 members instead of 24.
8. A system of civil service reform that will give each county power to appoint or elect all county officials whose salaries they are required to pay, except county judges.
9. Tariff for revenue only, so adjusted as to fall as far as possible upon the luxuries and not upon the necessities of life.
10. Reciprocal trade on fair and equitable terms between Canada and the world.
11. Effectual legislation that will protect labor, and the results of labor, from combinations and monopolists which unduly enhance the price of the articles produced by those combinations and monopolies.
12. Prohibition of the bonusing of railways by Government grants, except when opening up new territory.
13. Preparation of the Dominion and Provincial voters' lists by the municipal officers.
14. Conformity of electoral districts for both Dominion and Provincial representation to county boundaries, as constituted for municipal purposes, as far as the principle of representation by population will allow.

A clause *re* the formation of a loan and investment society was struck out by the convention as not being a matter affecting legislation.

—Three carloads of sheep, shipped by Haylan & Laden, of St. John, N.B., and one car by an American shipper, were forwarded from St. John last Saturday to the Boston market. There is a great demand for sheep in the Maritime Provinces and the prices for export rule as high as before the McKinley bill.

### STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Oct. 21st, 1891.

| STOCKS.            | Highest. | Lowest. | Total. | Sellers. | Buyers. | Average, 1890. |
|--------------------|----------|---------|--------|----------|---------|----------------|
| Montreal.....      | 227½     | 227     | 63     | 229      | 226     | 226½           |
| Ontario.....       | 116      | 113½    | 114    | 116      | 113½    | 114            |
| People's.....      | 100      | 100     | 72     | 101      | 99      | 99½            |
| Molson's.....      | 165      | 158     | 162    | 165      | 158     | 162            |
| Toronto.....       | 102½     | 102½    | 140    | 103      | 99      | 99             |
| J. Cartier.....    | 151½     | 151     | 42     | 153      | 150½    | 146            |
| Merchants.....     | 132      | 132     | 16     | 133½     | 133½    | 129            |
| Commerce.....      | 112½     | 110½    | 785    | 112½     | 112     | 99½            |
| Union.....         | 54½      | 53½     | 135    | 54½      | 54      | 53             |
| Mon. Teleg.....    | 185      | 185     | 17     | 186      | 180     | 180            |
| Rich. & Ont.....   | 214½     | 203     | 251    | 204      | 203     | 203½           |
| Street Ry.....     | 89½      | 88      | 1214   | 89½      | 88½     | 185            |
| do. new stock..... | 108½     | 108½    | \$4000 | 82       | 75      | 75             |
| Gas.....           | 138      | 137     | 50     | 141      | 138     | 138            |
| do. new stock..... | 138      | 137     | 50     | 141      | 138     | 138            |
| Bell Tele.....     | 138      | 137     | 50     | 141      | 138     | 138            |
| do. new stock..... | 138      | 137     | 50     | 141      | 138     | 138            |
| Montreal 4%.....   | 138      | 137     | 50     | 141      | 138     | 138            |

### THE MAGOR SALE.

A fair number of tea men and others attended the auction sale of teas, molasses, canned goods, etc., conducted by James Stewart & Co., for the Messrs. Magor Bros., of Montreal, last Thursday. The bidding was not brisk, however, and a number of lots were withheld owing to the low prices offered. Half-chests extra choicest Japans brought all the way from 11½c. to 20c. and 21c., but with most of the sales at 15c. or below. Sun-dried dust brought 7c., pan-fired dust, 6½ to 6¾c.; and pan-fired stubbs, 15c. In Congous, 150 half-chests sold at 13c.; first crop Panyang, at 16½c.; Moning, from 13½ to 15c.; new first crop Chingwoo, 14½c.; Peccoo do., at 15 to 16½c.; Paklum do., at 17 to 17½c. Barbadoes molasses was not in demand; a round lot sold at 35½c.; do. Porto Rico, at 32c.; 5 do. Antigua at 30½c. The B. A. Packing Co.'s brand of salmon was readily picked up at \$1.27½ for large lots, and \$1.30 for small, 1,050 cases being disposed of. About 1,000 cases of the same to arrive, delivered in store, was taken, two small lots at \$1.27½, and the balance, 750 cases, at \$1.25; 47 barrels long C. B. herrings brought \$5.50.

### BOTH SIDES OF THE QUESTION.

"Free trade u'd save for you," sez he, "on food an' close, an' rent."  
Sez I, "Meat's dear 't a cent a pound 'f you haven't got no cent.  
Free trade it robs yer wallet an' steals yer meat an' corn;  
An' offers ye big bargain sales, w'en yer money's gone."

—Kennebec Journal.

PHYSICIAN.—"You see, your son is feverish, madam. Notice the coating on his tongue."  
Mrs. Anxious.—"I don't see any coating on his tongue; but I see an ulcer in his throat, and his pants are dreadfully short."

—A handsome maple would generally be considered the last of all trees to need to blush for anything, but it is generally the first one to turn red.—Lowell Courier.

—One trouble with the self-made man is that he thinks everybody should be made as he is.—New Orleans Picayune.

### Commercial.

### MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Oct. 22nd, 1891.

ASHES.—Receipts for the last week or so have been rather better, some moderate lots having come forward from the Perth district. A few extra good tares realized \$4.72½, but the regular quotation is still \$4.60 to 4.70, and the feeling is hardly so strong on account of the higher freights prevailing; seconds, \$3.90 to 4.00; pearls, very dull and weak.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The weather has been too fine and dry to satisfy the wholesale shoe trade, or to stimulate their business, and sorting orders are reported small in consequence. Manufacturers are mostly busy on samples for the spring trade, and in some few cases travellers are already out in British Columbia and Lower Provinces offering spring goods.

CEMENTS, &c.—Cement values are still easy. Nearly everything has left the other side that will come forward this season, which should help to stiffen things, but supplies here are still large. English brands are quoted at \$2.30 to 2.50; Belgian, 2.20 in fair lots. Firebricks, \$17 to 18 for ordinary; best brands, \$23 to 24.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The butter market, while not very active, is stronger if anything. Fine late-made creamery brings 23c. per pound readily; earlier makes, 21½ to 22c.; fine townships, 17 to 18½c.; Western, 14½ to 15½c.; cheese is dull and quiet. English dealers have the idea that this country is full of cheese, and the difficulty in getting freight space also retards business. We quote finest September 10c.; August, 9½c.; fine, 9½ to 9¾c.; medium, 9 to 9½c. Eggs are scarcer, and 15 to 15½c. is paid for strictly fresh.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business in jobbing lots is reported good, and October, with most houses, has so far been an active month. Changes in values are not numerous. Opium is firmer, and we advance quotations slightly, also morphia. Gum arabic is cheaper, owing to receipts of new stocks, and prices are materially easier. Glycerine easier, as before noted, and we now reduce quotation to 18 to 20c. Cod liver oil scarce, and firmer for Norwegian. We quote:—Sal soda, \$1.15 to 1.25; bicarb soda, \$2.50 to 2.60; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$2.00; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 8 to 10c.; cream tartar crystals, 27 to 28c.; do. ground, 29 to 31c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 45 to 47c.; do. powder, 46 to 48c.; citric acid, 60 to 65c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.50 to 2.75; sugar of lead, 10 to 12c.; bleaching powder, \$2.50 to 2.75; alum, \$1.75 to 2.00; copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.75 to 3.00; roll sulphur, \$2.50 to 2.75; sulphate of copper, \$4.50 to 5.00; epsom salts, \$1.65 to 1.75; saltpetre, \$8.25 to 8.75; American quinine, 35 to 40c.; German quinine, 35 to 38c.; Howard's quinine, 40 to 45c.; opium, \$3.75 to 4.00; morphia, \$1.55 to 1.70; gum arabic, sorts, 40 to 60c.; white, 75c. to 90c.; carbolic acid, 35 to 50c.; iodine potassium, \$3.75 per lb.; iodine, re-sublimed, \$4.75 to 5.00; commercial do., \$4.25 to 4.75;

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