

## CUBA A MARKET FOR POTATOES

New Brunswick's representative there sees good chance for New Brunswick tubers.

J. C. Manzer, commercial representative of New Brunswick in Cuba, in a communication recently received points out the possibilities of the Cuban market for potatoes from Canada.

In his letter, he says: "Cuba imports yearly from 700,000 to 800,000 sacks and barrels of potatoes. For many years past much of this quantity was imported from Europe. The present year no potatoes are imported from Europe and the total importations are coming from the United States and Canada, but I am sorry to say Canada is getting a very small proportion of this trade. This is mainly due to our lack of shipping facilities from Canada to Cuba, also because Canadian potatoes have to pay a higher duty to enter Cuba than American. A barrel of Canadian potatoes to enter Cuba pays a duty of about sixty cents, while a barrel of American pays a duty of about forty-eight cents."

"If we had a direct line of steamers from St. John to Cuba at regular intervals with rate of freight no higher than from Boston to Havana, the through rate from the potato sections of New Brunswick to Havana via St. John would be much less than via Boston."

This difference in freight would more than offset the differences in the duty and put us on equal terms with our American competitors. I firmly believe with equal prices and regular deliveries that the dealers of Cuba will give Canadian potatoes the preference."

I have been in Cuba many times and examined carefully many importations of potatoes from different countries in Europe, the Canary Islands, Mexico, and the United States, but I have never yet seen a potato superior to the New Brunswick "Green Mountain" for its good cooking qualities and its good, clear, white color, its firm texture which enables this variety to be shipped to this warm climate as late as July.

I am enclosing copy of a letter from Messrs. Izquierdo & Co., who are the largest importers of potatoes in Cuba, in reference to quality of Canadian potatoes: "Mr. J. C. Manzer, Havana."

Dear Sir:—Complying with your request for our opinion regarding the quality of Canadian potatoes, we can say for some years we have handled Canadian potatoes in limited quantities and we find for eating qualities they are as good, if not superior, to potatoes from any other country and for seed purposes we prefer them to potatoes from any other place.

Yours very truly,  
IZQUIERDO & CO.  
Now under these conditions I believe Canada should make great effort to capture the bulk of the potato trade of Cuba. Cuba wants to buy three quarters of a million sacks of potatoes each year. New Brunswick has them to sell. Now all that remains is for the shippers of New Brunswick to deliver these potatoes in Cuba at regular intervals as the market requires and I believe there is enterprise enough in Canada to supply the necessary steamship service for this purpose.

During the month of July Cuba buys her potatoes from Virginia, during August from New Jersey, during September from Long Island. All these shipments are via New York. All the rest of the year Canada could supply Cuba with all the potatoes required, which would be about 70,000 sacks or barrels a month. Is not this volume of business worth going after with enough energy to bring results?

In my next letter I will take up the question of transportation facilities between Canada and Cuba.

J. C. MANZER,  
Commercial representative in Cuba for the Government of New Brunswick.  
Havana, April 8, 1915.

### BANK OF FRANCE STATEMENT.

Paris, April 23.—The principal items in the statement of the Bank of France on April 15 were as follows (in francs):—

	April 15.	April 8.
Gold...	4,223,000,000	4,253,300,000
Silver...	377,000,000	377,400,000
Circulation...	11,500,500,000	11,422,700,000
Deposits...	2,323,800,000	2,407,800,000
Bills Dis.	229,900,000	225,700,000
Treasury...	101,700,000	63,700,000
Advances...	671,600,000	671,600,000
Extended bills amounted to 2,951,600,000 francs, as against 2,880,700,000 on April 8th and 2,709,000,000 April 1.		

Vital Statistics  
Reports to Registrar Jones for the week ending Saturday were of twelve marriages and thirty-three births, nineteen males and fourteen females.

T. M. Burns, secretary of the Board of Health, reports twenty-one deaths for the week. The causes were pneumonia; five; heart disease, three; senility, one; nephritis, one; inanition, one; meningitis, one; gastro-enteritis, one; cerebral hemorrhage, one; infantile convulsions, one; carcinoma of jaw, one; carcinoma of stomach, one; pulmonary tuberculosis, one; tuberculosis of bladder, one; intestinal obstruction, one; malignant tumor of osesutium, one.

## ENEMY CLAIMS TO HAVE TAKEN 2,500 BRITISH AND FRENCH

Berlin, via Sayville, April 24.—The German general headquarters today gave out the following official statement:

"Attempts made by the enemy to reconquer lost ground to the north and northeast of Ypres failed. The French and British attacks broke down under the German fire. The number of prisoners, French, English and Belgians, rose to 2,470. The pieces of cannon captured up to the present total 35. In addition a large number of machine guns and rifles and much ammunition and other war material were taken by the Germans. West of the Ypres Canal the Germans stormed the town of Lisserne."

"In the Champagne region the Germans blasted an enemy trench. Near Beausjour the French shelled their own trenches with artillery."

"Between the Meuse and the Moselle French attacks failed. The enemy who had entered the German trenches was ejected."

"In the forest of Le Pretre the Germans made progress."

"In the Vosges there were no war operations on account of the fog and snow."

"In the eastern war area there is no change in the situation."

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### FUNERALS.

The funeral of the late Arthur F. Boddington took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 94 Protection street, West St. John. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Marshall and interment was in Greenwood cemetery. A large number of members of the International Longshoremen's Association, Local 273 attended, as well as many members of St. John Lodge, Royal Order of Moose, besides several personal friends and acquaintances of the deceased.

The funeral of Ruth Constance, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Terris, was held yesterday afternoon from her parents' residence, 51 City road, interment being in the new Catholic cemetery.

The body of the infant daughter of Phoebe Ann, of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Doyle took place yesterday afternoon from her parents' residence at Hampton.

The funeral of Mrs. Edward Quirk took place on Saturday morning at 8.30 o'clock from her late residence, 16 Middle street, to the Cathedral, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. M. P. Howland. Rev. M. O'Brien officiated as deacon, Rev. H. Belliveau as sub-deacon, and Revs. Wm. M. Duke and F. Bourgeois as masters of ceremonies. The Bishop was present and gave final absolution. Interment was in the New Catholic cemetery.

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## THE SHORTAGE OF ANILINE COLORS CAUSES ALARM

Supply Can Last Only Twenty Days and Shipments are Completely Shut Off.

New York, April 21.—With some industries already curtailing their output and others facing an early paralysis, the shortage of German aniline colors is just beginning to be acutely felt in this country, according to the consensus yesterday among dealers in dyes.

The total stock now on hand in New York warehouses, it was said by an importer who is in close touch with the situation, would not be more than sufficient to supply the trade under normal conditions for twenty days and the outlook holds no hope for relief. The situation is not to be taken too lightly, it is said, as the exhaustion of the present supply of dyes will mean a loss of many millions of dollars monthly to American manufacturers unless arrangements can be made to offset the conditions. It is the first time since the war started that an actual shortage of aniline colors has beset this country, and it has only been in the last few days that manufacturers have begun to voice their alarm.

More than a million dollars' worth of dyes are in Germany awaiting shipment to the United States. All of this was made ready for transit previous to the declaration of a blockade by Great Britain. Efforts will be made to obtain permission for these consignments to go forward, but hope of this is remote.

Recent advices received in Great Britain, where the shortage of dye materials is causing just as much inconvenience as it is in this country, was to the effect that Germany had placed a ban on all shipments of the products of the dye industry and that none of it would be allowed to leave Germany under any circumstances, irrespective of whether Great Britain lifted the ban or not. This in itself practically obliterates the last faint streak of hope.

It is not likely now that efforts on the part of American manufacturers, which are being made through the State Department, will bring the slightest relief. Great Britain already has taken steps to ameliorate conditions as much as possible by conserving the supply of vegetable dyes. As American manufacturers are compelled to buy most of their vegetable dyes through the British markets, this action will react to the advantage of American houses.

"The outlook for American manufacturers who have depended almost altogether on Germany for their supply of dyes," said a prominent importer. "The situation is rapidly developing a hardship which would be difficult to describe, as there are so many industries dependent on the aniline colors which would be completely paralyzed with their supply cut off."

"On the other hand there is more interest being manifested in the possibility of developing the manufacture of aniline dyes in this country and forever obviating the dependence which we must now place on Germany. Several commendable efforts are now under way for carrying on the industry locally and I believe that Yankee genius and ingenuity will triumph in the end. There is a great fortune in store for the first firm that takes the field and is able to give us a commercial product equal to that we have received from Germany."

## MORE MEN ARE NEEDED FOR THE BRITISH ARMY

London, April 25.—Addressing a recruiting meeting today, Dr. Thomas J. MacNamara, parliamentary secretary of the admiralty, said:

"If you assume that Earl Kitchener is not only gratified, but satisfied, with the response to the call for volunteers, you fall into a very serious error. We want more men. We want more men. We want them now, so that they may be properly trained to play an effective part in the struggle."

### TEN DOLLARS FOR A NAME

In their advertisement on page five Waterbury & Rising Ltd. offer ten dollars for a short easily remembered name to be applied to a line of women's boots and low shoes. The offer is open to everybody. A child's selection may prove as acceptable as that of a grown up. The firm are putting on the market a line of popular priced shoes for women and are anxious to give them a name that people will remember. Everybody knows of the "Dorothy Dodd" shoe. It is a short, catchy name and immensely popular. There are just as pretty names when somebody suggests them. And the suggestion will earn ten dollars.

## COTTON MARKET NERVOUS LAST WEEK

"While the cotton market has shown continued nervousness during the past week," says E. C. Randolph in their weekly cotton letter, "prices have made new high records, and reaction in the actual trading; for selling has evidently been pretty much confined to realizing on advances or scattered offerings against the increasing warehouse stock. December contracts have sold above the eleven cent level, and the investment buying of new crop months continues sufficient to absorb such hedge selling as has developed against the indicated old crop surplus. One of the features of this latest advance has been the relative firmness of the near positions."

"With the approach of the first May notice day, it seems that shorts have realized the probability of few tenders at the recently prevailing premiums of fully thirty points on July and of over seventy points on October, with the result that there has been active covering. This is mainly partly from houses with foreign connections, who were probably short here against purchases in Liverpool, and who instead of undoing their straddles, have been transferring into the later months, chiefly December and January."

"It seems that the relation of new crop months to spot values will determine the extent and reception of deliveries on the old crop months here,

but Southern spot markets have recently responded rather more promptly to the strength of futures, and an improvement is now reported in the demand, probably for the purpose of filling out end-month shipments and against the increasing activity of the domestic goods market."

"When the market was fully half a cent lower, there was a tendency in many quarters to anticipate that the higher prices would stimulate new crop preparations. Many traders, in fact, have felt that further advances at this time would prevent a materially higher market next season, by promoting a larger acreage than originally anticipated and more painstaking cultivation. With the better weather of the past two or three weeks, more favorable reports are naturally coming in from the South, and there is evidently a tendency to scale down estimates of the probable reduction in acreage as compared with last year, some Eastern belt authorities now placing the prospect at from eleven to twelve per cent."

"A report published here as compiled by a prominent statistical bureau, for instance, made the indication as of April 10th a decrease of 18.6 per cent. The figures of the same authority compiled a month previously indicated a reduction of nearly twenty-one per cent. There are probably many in the trade who anticipate that the final idea of the area, as it will be reflected in the government's estimate on July 1st, will hardly show a reduction of more than ten per cent."

Book Debts Sold  
The book debts of John Lelacheur, hardware merchant, were sold at public auction on Saturday by T. T. Latham to L. A. Conlon. The accounts showed \$400 and were sold for \$17.

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