

## Sugar at New Price To-Day.

Halifax, Aug. 28.—Word was received shortly before noon yesterday from Montreal announcing the two cent drop in the price of sugar, which was decided on there Thursday. A Halifax retailer yesterday said that this was not expected to affect the local retail market until to-day, and up to an early hour yesterday afternoon none of the retailers were reported to have lowered their prices. Some had not been advised officially of the drop. Those who have only a day's supply of sugar on hand will, of course, be affected by the new price almost immediately and will sell to the consumer at a corresponding reduction, the law allowing only a certain margin of profit.

Sugar was selling wholesale Thursday at \$24.10 a bag, and under the new rate which came into effect yesterday, is now quoted at \$22.10. The retail price has been 25 or 26 cents a pound and it is expected that the new prices will be 23 or 24 cents.

A local retail merchant stated yesterday that he did not expect to see a big slump in the sugar market at present. The refineries are well stocked up and until they unload themselves of this stock and receive new supplies no great drop in price is expected. He predicted that the price of sugar would gradually decline.

### BROKERS UNEASY.

Montreal, Aug. 27.—Local sugar brokers who seem to have heavy stocks, were yesterday offering the best granulated sugar to wholesalers at 18 cents a pound in lots up to one thousand bags, containing 100 lbs. to the bag while refiners were quoting twenty-two dollars and eighty cents a hundred for the same grade.

It was explained that brokers have been holding heavy stocks for higher prices, but in view of the outlook for a decline they are anxious to unload.

It was said that some of the stocks accumulated by brokers had been bought as low as 15 and 16 cents.

Announcement was made by sugar refiners yesterday, after a long consultation with representatives of the Board of Commerce, that the price of sugar would be dropped two cents all round, to-day, and that this would affect all grades of sugar, both granulated and yellow.

### Due to Volcanic Dust.

A curious discovery was made some years ago abroad with reference to certain luminous clouds visible at night for a long time after sunset, and in the morning for a corresponding time before sunrise. The clouds were here haze lying in parallel stripes and not less than fifty miles high. They reflected the sunlight and had a silvery tint, sometimes bluish. It will be remembered by some persons that after the great volcanic explosion that blew away half of an island in the Straits of Sunda in 1883 clouds of fine dust hurried into the upper atmosphere by the explosion quickly enveloped the whole earth and produced for several successive years magnificent crimson sunsets and other beautiful effects. It has been thought that the luminous clouds may have owed their origin to the same cause.



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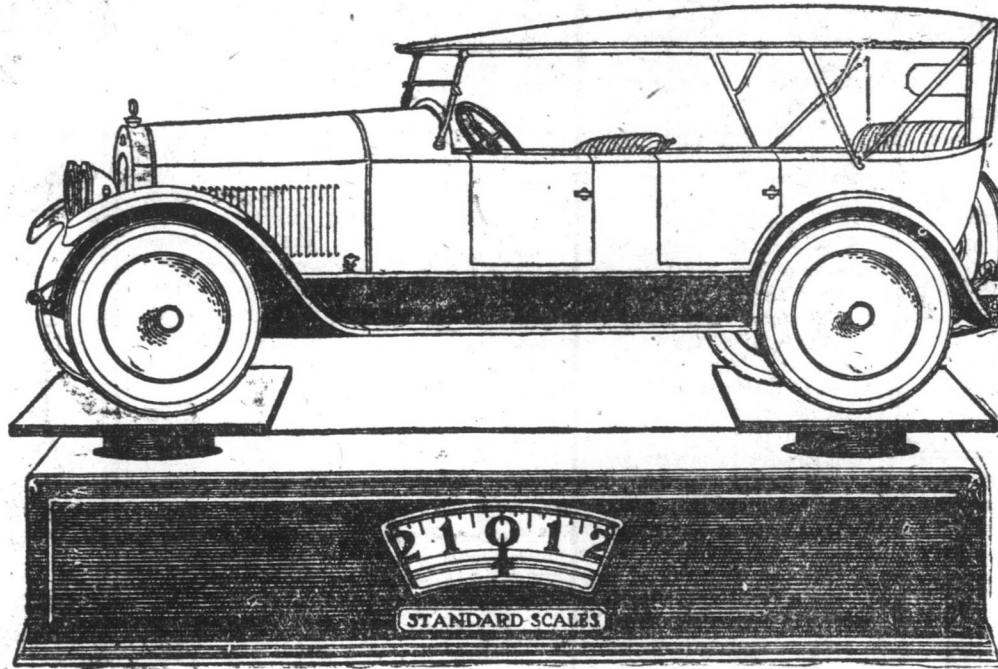
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### Lighthouse Without Keepers.

SEA SIGNALS CONTROLLED FROM THE SHORE.

The decision of the lighthouse authorities to erect beacons around Britain's shores, similar to the famous unattended tower at Guernsey, in the Channel Islands, means that lighthouses of the future will be run without keepers.

The fact is, many new towers are needed, more particularly in Scottish waters, but the cost of erecting an ordinary structure is now almost prohibitive. In addition to the initial outlay, the running expenses of the station have to be considered, and here the authorities are faced with higher wages for the keepers and enhanced prices for oil and other necessities.

It was just before the war that the engineer and the electrician completed the Platte Fougere Beacon, marking the entrance to Russell Channel, which leads to St. Peter Port, the capital of Guernsey. It is a real, up-to-date lighthouse without keepers, the first to be erected on a wave-washed rock, and so far the only one in existence that possesses a powerful fog-signal as well as a light.

The rock on which it stands is difficult of approach owing to tides and currents. As it is entirely submerged, except at low spring tides, much of the foundation work had to be carried on under water when wind and sea would allow it. As a result, a whole season was spent in merely securing the foundations for the tower.

It took Winstanley, who built the

first Eddystone Lighthouse, four years to drill foundation holes and fit them with iron rods.

Stevenson spent even longer in securing the foundations for the Bell Rock tower. Only two men could remain on the rock at a time, but they stuck there with the tenacity of leeches, the cold waters of the North Sea bearing down every few minutes and sweeping entirely over them. When the first stone was at last swung into position, the men clung to the iron rods and cheered madly.

### Power of the Waves.

Instead of the ordinary, gracefully-curving tower forty feet in diameter at its base, the Platte Fougere structure is a comparatively narrow, thin edifice of irregular octagonal shape, measuring 14½ ft. and 17 ft. across the faces, 80 ft. in height, and carried out

in ferro-concrete. This strange design was chosen because it offered a minimum of surface to the waves.

An idea of the enormous strength of the waves in these waters may be realized when it is stated that in building the Bishop Rock Lighthouse a heavy steam-winch was wrecked and carried away, although it stood 20 ft. above high water, and was protected by masonry and bolted to the rock. A blacksmith's anvil, weighing one and a half hundredweight, was actually washed out of a hole 3½ ft. deep and 2 ft. in diameter, wherein it had been deposited for safety!

In the case of the Platte Fougere tower the seas fall on either side, divide, and rush round the building. Perched on top of this tower are motors, compressors, foghorn, and light, as well as a wonderful array of electrical devices, by which the light and fog-signal are automatically controlled from the shore, a mile and a quarter away, by means of a submarine cable.

An ordinary rock lighthouse establishment at Platte Fougere would have entailed an expenditure of £60,000. Then there is the saving in maintenance, as only two men are required in place of four. They live in comfortable quarters on shore, and their principal duty is to see that the light is switched on at night and turned off at sunrise. Should fogs occur then the mere action of pressing a key sets in motion the siren, whose blasts can be heard twenty miles away—T. B. B.

Sprinkle a little cheese on pineapple when making pineapple sandwiches.

### Strong "Beer."

Amongst many amusing stories told by Major General Sir A. Montgomery, the author of that superb new War Book, "The Story of the Fourth Army," is one concerning a nigger soldier on the Western Front.

He was (says Sir A. Montgomery) a doctor's orderly, and he was extraordinarily ill.

"Drink!" said the doctor. "No, sah," said Rastus. "Deed I only had dem two bottles ob beer."

"What two bottles?" asked the doctor.

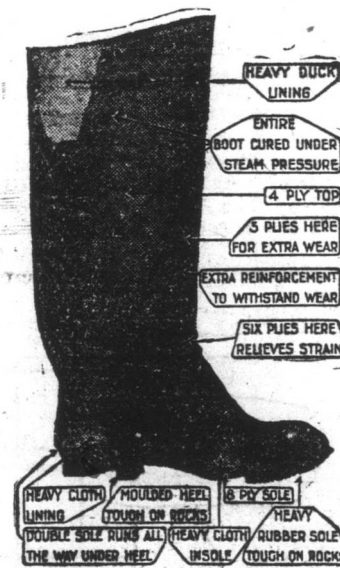
"Dem two what you had in your tent," sighed Rastus. "Dey was labelled 'Cognac.'"

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