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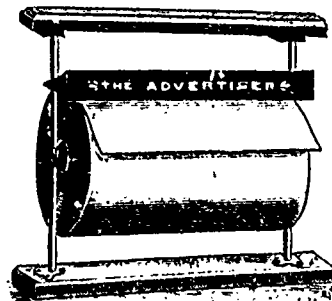
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### Toronto Grocery Market.

Owing to snow blockades in many parts of northern and western Ontario, travellers have not been able to get about.

#### SUGARS, SYRUPS AND MOLASSES.

Sugars are without change. Occasionally there is a talk on the street that prices are firmer at the refineries, but there has not been any actual change for some time. At the same time refiners are not disposed to make any large contracts for the future delivery excepting at figures that are specially favorable to themselves. Jobbers are getting 3½ to 4½c for yellows, and 4½ to 4¾ for granulated.

Sugars—Granulated, 4½ to 5c; Paris lumps boxes, 5½; extra ground, barrels, 5½ to 6½c, powdered, barrels, 5 to 5½c; refined, dark to bright, 3½ to 4½; Demerara, 4½; Trinidad, 3½ to 3¾; Barbadoes, 3½ to 3¾.

Syrups—D, 1½ to 2½c; M, 2½ to 2¾; B, 2¾ to 3½c; V.B., 2½ to 2¾c; E.V.B., 2¾ to 2½c; ex-sup, 2½ to 2¾c; XX, 2½ to 3c; XXX and special, 3 to 3½c.

Molasses—West Indian, bbls, 26 to 38c; New Orleans, open kettle, 45 to 55c; centrifugals, 30 to 40c; inferior low grades, 25 to 28c.

#### TEAS AND COFFEES.

Some very fair business has been done in teas this week, chiefly low and medium Japans. These are firmly held, but without any advance. A Hingo letter of February 4 says "Stocks are completely exhausted there, and the export is over 2,000,000 lbs less than last season; and as stocks of teas are not by any means excessive in America, we may look for a strong demand for new teas when they begin to arrive on this market in May." Young Hysons are steadily held here, but they are higher in New York, where Canadians have been liberal purchasers recently. Coffees firm at 20½ to 21c for fair Rios. Porto Pico are held at 23 to 25c, Mocha, 28 to 32c.

Dried Fruits.—Prunes are very firm at 8c for U, to 9c for B; a few sales are being made at 4c less. Valencia raisins of good sound quality are worth 4½ to 5½c, but there are a good many lots offering from New York of very inferior quality which may be sold at much lower prices; however the trade do not take kindly to them. There is more anxiety to work of Malaga fruit. London layers are offered at \$1.80 to \$2.40; black baskets, \$3.40 to 3.70; blue baskets, \$4.40 to 4.60. Figs dull and unchanged. Natural in bags are moving at 4 to 4½c; nuts are quiet here; some lower figures are reported from New York in almonds, but prices here are unchanged at 15 to 16c for Ivica, and Tarragona, 17 to 18c. Currants—Bbls, 5½c; half bbls 5½ to 6½; cases, 6 to 7c; Vostizza, cases, 7½ to 9½; Patras, bbls, 6½c; cases, 6½ to 7½c. Raisins—Valencias, 4½ to 5½c; layers, 6½ to 7½c; Sultan, 6 to 11c; loose Muscats, \$2.25 to 2.40; London layers, \$1.80 to 2.40; black baskets, \$3.40 to 3.70; blue baskets, \$4.40 to \$4.60. Figs—Elemis, 10 lbs and up, 9½ to

13c; white Malaga figs, 6½ to 7c in 25 lb boxes; natural do, in bags, 4 to 4½; mats do, 4½; 14-oz 9 to 9½c. Dates—Hallowee, 5½ to 6c. Prunes—Cases, 7½ to 9c. Nuts—Almonds, Tarragona, 15½ to 17c; Ivica, 14 to 15c; do, shelled Valencia, 20 to 35c; filberts, Sicily 9½ to 10c; walnuts, Grenoble, 14½ to 15c; Marbots, 12c.

Canned Goods.—Retailers are buying freely of corn, peas and tomatoes, and most jobbers are asking 5 to 10c per dozen advance. Assorted lots are generally held at 90c for good brands to \$1 for the best. Beans are also selling well. Pumpkins have been attracting more attention; they are held 85 to 90c in 3's. Fruits continue in good demand at unchanged prices. Fish are more active at steady prices. Ordinary brands of salmon are going at \$1.50; fancy brands are scarce. Flats are \$1.80 for best. Lobsters are held at \$2 for tails and \$2.50 for flats. Salmon, 1's flat, \$1.60 to 1.80; salmon, 1's tall, \$1.45 to 1.55; lobster, clover leaf, \$2.25 to 2.95; lobster, other 1's, \$1.75 to 2.25; mackerel, \$1 to 1.25; finnan haddie, \$1.40 to 1.50; sardines, French ½'s, 40c; sardines, French ¾'s, 17c; sardines, American ½'s, 6 to 8c; sardines, American ¾'s, 9c. Fruits and vegetables—Tomatoes, 3's, 85c to \$1; corn, 2's, 85c to \$1.05; peas, 2's, 90c to \$1; beans, 90 to 95c; pumpkins, 75 to 90c; strawberries and raspberries, 2's, \$2; apples, gala, \$1.75 to 2; 3's, 85c to \$1; peaches, 2's, \$2 to 2.75; peaches, 3's, \$3.25 to 3.75; plums, 2's, \$1.40 to 1.75; 3's, \$2.35; pears, 2's, \$1.60 to 1.75; 3's, \$1.75 to 2.10.

Spices, Rice, etc.—Rice, bags, 3½ to 4½; do, off grades, 3½ to 3¾; do, Patna, 4½ to 5½c; do, Japan, 4½ to 5½c; sagu, 4½ to 5c, tapioca, 4½ to 5c; pepper, black, 11½ to 12c; do, white 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 18 to 20c; cloves, 10 to 15c; allspice, 10 to 13c; nutmeg, 90c to \$1.10 cream tartar, 28 to 35c.

Peels.—Quiet and unchanged. Lemon is going at 15 to 16c; orange at 17½ to 18c, and citron, 26 to 30c.—Empire, March 3.

### Fort William Board of Trade.

President Geo A Graham, in his address at the recent annual meeting of the board, said:

Although Fort William is the possessor of a warlike name it does not prevent its harbor from attaining commercial supremacy, and easily taking a foremost place among the ports of Canada, as the following record for 1892 will show:

572 vessels with a registered tonnage of 326,714 tons and crews of 8,800 men reported and cleared at the Custom House.

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| Freight landed.....           | 693,190 tons.   |
| Exports by water (wheat)..... | 6,346,800 bush. |
| Oats.....                     | 426,265 "       |
| Barley.....                   | 34,569 "        |
| Flour and Feed.....           | 461,680 bbls.   |
| Sundries.....                 | 1,641 tons.     |

Since the consolidation of the works of the Canadian Pacific Railway company at this

point in 1893 their improvements have gone steadily on. It is expected that the erection of car shops and foundries will be commenced in the near future. I would strongly advise and recommend this Board, and the citizens generally, to use every effort possible to lay before the president of the company the great advantage it would be to this town and to the company if the works were started at once. Although the railway works are exempt from taxation, the company is a large holder of property in the town, and is by far the largest single taxpayer, and therefore has the best reasons for wishing the town prosperity. If it is in the power of the town to offer any inducement to the company that would hasten the building of these works, I would recommend that no time be lost in offering such inducements, and thus early bringing about improvements so much needed and so generally desired by our citizens.

Numerous grain dealers have opened offices here during the year. This board now receives two market reports per day, which are much appreciated by the grain section of the board. While it may be possible for western points to retain the offices of grain buyers, we can confidently expect this to be the wholesale market, as the large dealers must gravitate to the lake port when cargoes are made up, and where the only cleaning elevators are located.

Every effort should be made to encourage the building of a first class flour mill. I recommend you to take the matter up for the following reasons—there are many of them, but I mention only a few.—We have sites which have railway communication and deep water navigation equally convenient. This is the objective point of all the grain grown in the Canadian Northwest, and is a natural market. Many cars of grain which barely miss a grade can be bought on most advantageous terms. There is a good local market, not only for flour, but for offal. There is not a flour mill within hundreds of miles. Fuel is cheap. The finest Pennsylvania bituminous coal can be delivered at the furnace doors for \$3.50 per ton.

I believe the citizens of this town are willing to assist the right company to build the mill.

The advantageous position of Fort William for the manufacture of iron has finally attracted attention of the right kind, and I am in a position to state that the efforts of the board and the citizens generally have had the most satisfactory results. Several iron manufacturers are in communication with the council and negotiations are commenced with Charles A. Avery, of New York, who has submitted a proposal to the council. In order to enable the council to deal with Mr. Avery or any other party, a by-law was on February 1st submitted to the ratepayers, granting a bonus of \$50,000, or enabling the council to take stock to that amount in the furnace company, as may be found advisable. The by-law was almost unanimously carried, only fourteen votes being recorded against it, and our council are now in a position to make a positive and speedy ar