

Grocery Trade Notes.

On the 23rd of November there were in store in London, England, 70,000 tons of raw beet sugar, as against 48,000 tons a year ago.

Canadian importers of Valencia raisins appear to have ordered too conservatively this year and already those in eastern wholesale centres find themselves getting short of supplies.

One explanation for the strength of Rio coffee is given by a southern paper, which puts a different face on the matter if it is correct. It is to the effect that a New York house, which is long on coffee, has been systematically stuffing the market as to prospects for next year's crop with the object of keeping up prices until some of his surplus can be unloaded.

Hardware Trade Notes.

Coke plates declined 25c in Ontario last week.

Mrs. Potts' sad trons advanced slightly in the east last week. Polish trons are now quoted at 65c Toronto and nickel-plated 75c.

Wire nails were reduced 5c per keg in the States last week as a result of competition from outside mills. Cut nails held firm.

The iron and steel making industry of the United States is being seriously hampered by the coke and coal famine. Several furnaces were obliged to shut down last week owing to scarcity of these necessary adjuncts of the business and in all directions the business is being crippled.

The reason for the sharp decline in window glass in the United States which we recorded last week, amounting to 3 1/2 per cent, is that competition from independent factories, both domestic and foreign, is beginning to shut down last week owing to scarcity of these necessary adjuncts of the business and in all directions the business is being crippled.

Plate glass has been reduced 10 per cent in price. The new price put glass below an import basis, but prices are still much higher in the United States than in Canada.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

THE LINEN TRADE.

A big business is being done in linen goods. The department of the wholesale dry goods trade now enters closely into the holiday lines. The demand runs on a better class of stuff than formerly. Fine damask cloths and napkins to go in sets have been selling well in prices up to \$25 per cloth and \$10 per dozen for the napkins. The Scotch goods seem to be given the preference in a good many cases where the higher grades are wanted. The Irish manufacturers certainly excel in the low lines. There is a good demand for handkerchiefs and for fancy tablecloths for holiday gifts. On the highest authority, it can be stated that the supply of both flaxes and tow for the season of 1901-1902 will be of normal volume and of good quality. The latest reports from both the water-rotted and dew-rotted districts of Russia confirm this statement. The Irish crop will be larger and of better quality than for several years. The preparation and marketing of the crop in all European districts renders it certain that both flaxes and tow will be in as large supply as during the season of 1900-1901. Prices of the raw material are now falling rapidly, but they are still nearly double the prices prevailing two years ago, and it is extremely doubtful if they recede to that basis. Every one has been operating in a hand-to-mouth way on raw material, yarns and goods. Stocks of all these are close to the vanishing point; there is an enormous vacuum to be filled, and it will need an enormous amount of raw material to fill it. Under the circumstances, however, a continuation of hand-to-mouth buying is the safest unless yarns and goods must be had during the remainder of the year. At present stocks of these are so low that actual advances are being obtained. This seemingly anomalous situation is further accounted for by the fact that yarn and goods prices were never advanced to within 25 to 30 per cent, of a basis proportional to

top prices reached by the raw material.—Toronto Globe.

DRY GOODS TRADE NOTES.

Cashmere is in good demand at Canadian dry goods centres.

Grey chevrons for men's overcoats have had a big run the past fall. Raw cotton for January delivery advanced 24 points at New York during November.

Canadian textile mills are busy on spring goods and expect to have their capacity fully taxed right through the season. They are behind with deliveries of some lines.

Canadian made dress goods are in increased favor everywhere and mills are kept very busy getting out stock. Prices are in particularly good demand for spring.

The sale of fancy French flannels is increasing. They are selling most largely in silk spots and stripes for blouses, and make a very stylish garment. A new thing in fancy French flannel is a wide woollen cord, with silk spots, in all colors, but with a leaning to old rose and garnet, as is natural at this season. Flannels in plain and fancy lines will be good property for next spring.—Toronto Globe.

Implement Trade Notes.

The Nicholas Shepard Threshing Machine Company of Battle Creek, Mich., will open a branch office in Winnipeg.

W. A. Cavanaugh, manager of the McCormick Harvesting Co.'s Winnipeg branch, who is relinquishing this post to return to the company's headquarters at Chicago, was inaugurated at the Commercial Club on Wednesday evening.

The farmers who own the famous binder twine factory at Brantford, Ont., which has been paying such big dividends of late years, held their annual meeting on November 20 and declared a dividend of 5 per cent. on this year's

operations. This is quite a falling off from previous dividends.

Various opinions are being put forth as the probable quotations for binder twine next season. All authorities seem to agree that opening prices will be from two to three cents higher than last season. It is expected that American twine requirements will be larger than ever next year and the supply of fibre now in sight does not justify the expectation that there will be any surplus twine.

Lumber Trade Notes.

Cedar lumber is reported very scarce at Vancouver, owing to exportations of logs to the United States.

Tenders.

Tenders are called by the Winnipeg board of works, to December 12, for the construction of sewers, cedar block pavement and granolithic walks.

The provincial department of public works is calling for tenders for supplying 1,200 cords of green cut poplar wood to the asylum at Selkirk. Bids are to be in by the 18th inst.

The Winnipeg city council is calling for tenders for supplying a steam derrick of three or five ton capacity at the city quarry, Little Stony Mountain. Bids are to be in by Thursday next, the 12th inst.

The provincial department of public works is calling for tenders for supplying groceries, provisions, produce, meats and wood to the asylum at Selkirk during the year commencing January 1 next. Bids are to be in by the 18th inst.

Tenders, marked on the envelope "Tenders for Timber Berth No. 302," to be opened on the 30th December, 1901, will be received at the Interior Department, Ottawa, for a license to cut timber on Berth No. 302, comprising 40 square miles, to be selected in not more than five blocks in Townships 30 and 40, Ranges 26 and 27, West of the 1st Meridian, the selection to be made by the 1st May, 1902.

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