

Montreal Grocery Market

Since our last report of the sugar market a steadier feeling has prevailed in both refined and raw, in fact, prices for the latter have advanced 3d to 4 1-2d since this day week. The lowest point beet has been at this year so far was 2s 9d, which figure is within 3d of the lowest on record. A private cable received from London this morning reports the market for cane sugar quiet, beet steady, with prices unchanged at 9s for October, and 9s 1 1-2d for November. In New York the market for soft sugars was firmer, and prices are 1-16c per pound higher. A cargo of raw sugar arrived here this week which, it is said, could be bought today for \$11.50 cheaper than at the time it was purchased. The demand for refined sugar here has been of a limited character, and the market in consequence rules quiet and steady at 3 7-8c for granulated in round lots, and yellows at from 2 7-8c to 3 3 4c as to quality at the factory.

In syrups business has also been quiet, and the market is without any change, prices being still quoted at 1 1-2c to 2 3-4c per pound as to quality at the factory.

A fair trade has been done in molasses, and the market is moderately active. The demand is chiefly for lots of 25 to 50 punches, which are selling at 27 1-2c and a sale of a cargo of 400 to 500 puncheons of Barbadoes was made a few days ago in this market at 27c, at 28c. Early purchases of Barbadoes are showing a loss today of 2c to 3c per gallon.

The demand for rice for this season of the year continues very fair, and the market is moderately active and firm. We quote: Crystal Japan, \$4.75 to \$5; standard B., \$3.45; Patna, \$4.25 to \$5; Carolina, \$6.50 to \$7.50; choice Bermuda, \$3.75, and Java kinds, \$4.

The strong feeling in white and black pepper noted in our last continues, and further private advices received from London this week indicate that prices will go much higher. On spot a fair business is reported in most lines, and the market is undoubtedly active. The following quotations are what jobbers can buy at only: Penang black pepper, 5c to 7 1-2c; white pepper, 10c to 12 1-2c; cloves, 7 1-2c to 9c; cassia, 8 1-2c to 9 1-2c; nutmegs, 60c to 90c; and Jamaica ginger, 15 1-2c to 18 1-2c.

There has been no material change in the situation of the coffee market. The demand is limited, and the volume of business doing is small and chiefly of a jobbing nature. We quote: Maracaibo, at 16c to 17c; Rio, 15c to 16c; Java, 21c to 24c, and Mocha, 21c to 25c.

The firm feeling in the tea market, already noted, continues, and as values are from 1c to 2c per pound higher in New York and Chicago for Japans than they are here at present, the prospects are encouraging for the future. The demand continues good for all grades, and business during the past week has been active. A sale of 500 half chests of Japan was made at 16c, 300 half chests of Young Hyson at 9c, and 300 boxes of Pak-Ling at 10c.

A fair amount of business has been done in canned goods, both in a wholesale and jobbing way, and the market in consequence was moderately active, with no material change in values to note. The demand for canned salmon in small lots is moderate, and sales aggregating 1,000 cases are reported at \$4.25 f. o. b. coast. The following are jobbers' prices.

Lobsters, \$8.25 to \$9 per case, French sardines, extra brands, \$9.50 to \$10.50; ordinary brands, \$8 to \$9; Canadian brands, \$4 to \$4.25, salmon, \$1.30 to \$1.40 per dozen, mackerel, \$1.25; tomatoes, 60c to 70c; corn, 65c to 75c; marrowfat peas, 75c to 80c, baked beans, 3 lbs., \$1.25 to \$1.30; peaches, \$1.90 to \$2; strawberries, \$2 to \$2.25; raspberries, \$1.75 to \$2; pineapples, \$1.75 to \$2, and 3 lb. apples, 65c to 70c.—Gazette.

Mexican Oranges

According to a New Orleans letter, the shipment of Mexican oranges will exceed any previous season, and at least 600 cars will pass through El Paso, to say nothing of the shipments over the International. This marked increase is due to the failure of the Florida crop, and a local dealer does not expect the flowery state to recover from the effects of the freezes of last winter for a number of years, as many trees were frozen to the ground. The Mexican oranges will supply the demand west of the Alleghenies until about January 10, when the Southern California crop begins to move. The oranges come principally from the State of Jalisco, and the more Southern oranges are very sweet. The Southern supply falls just as the California article comes into the market. The latter will not be plentiful this season because of the late frosts and cold weather of last season.

A report from Florida says: The estimates of the Florida orange crop for the present year vary from 125,000 to 200,000 boxes. Last year the yield was only about 50,000 boxes. A yield of 200,000 boxes this year would indicate a very rapid recovery, as it was not expected that the trees that were killed down to the roots would be again in condition to bear under four or five years.

Southern California Oranges

The growth of the lemon industry is one of the marvels of Southern California. In 1885 there were less than fifty acres of groves in this region; in 1890 there were 3,000 acres, and in 1892 there were 8,000 acres. It is likely that the acres planted to lemon trees will be further increased to 16,000 or 20,000 acres in two or three years more. Rough estimates put the capital invested in California in growing and curing lemons, with all the appurtenances, at \$3,500,000. The fact that the annual average importations of this fruit to the United States in the last five years have been 2,712,150 boxes, valued at \$3,245,000, and that California now grows only about one-tenth of that amount, has given horticulturalists reason to believe that they may in time drive the Mediterranean lemons from the markets, as they have driven out the foreign prunes and raisins.

"A Swindle" is the name that appears over the office door of a struggling lawyer in the city of Stratford, Ont. A friend of the unfortunate gentleman suggested the advisability of writing out his first name in full, thinking that Arthur or Andrew Swindle, as the case might be, would sound better and look better than the rather significant "A." Swindle. And when the lawyer, with tears in his eyes, whispered to him that his name was Adam, the friend understood, and was silent.

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