

Groceries at Montreal.

In sugar, the local market remains quiet at 7½c for granulated at the refineries, although sales have been made by outsiders as low as 7c. Yellows are quoted at 5½c to 6½c as to quality. Beet sugar is cabled decidedly dearer in London. November delivery being up to 11s 10½d. Syrups have been sold at 48c to 60c per gallon as to quality. In molasses it is understood that a round robin has been signed by all the wholesale grocers to establish the jobbing price of Barbadoes at 47½c. The price for large quantities, however is quoted at 45c. Dried fruit quiet but steady, the largest holder in this market having withdrawn his offerings for the time being. Valencia raisins are steady at 6½c to 6¾c, and currants have been placed at 5c to 5½c in barrels. Case fruit is firm at 6½c to 6¾c. Malaga fruit is quiet but steady at \$3.50 to \$3.75 for London layers, \$4 to \$4.50 for black basket, and \$4.75 to \$5 for Dehesas. The tea market is steady with a good amount of business transpiring in Japan at from 15c to 20c. Coffee and spices unchanged. Rice remains firm at \$3.70 for car lots. *Trade Bulletin.*

Lumber Cuttings.

The Brunette Sawmills Co. of Westminster, B. C., have since the packing season opened, manufactured 112,000 salmon boxes. This is more than double the number ever made by this company in any previous year.

Luke Madigan has secured a contract for 150,000 ties for the Regina and Long Lake railway, part of which will be obtained on the north side of the Saskatchewan near Prince Albert.

The Western Lumber Co., Rat Portage, has closed down for the season. The company will take out eleven million feet of logs this winter. This, with the four million feet left for this season is expected to see them through next summer, says the Rat Portage News.

The demand for lumber in the mountain towns on the Canadian Pacific railway is said to have been good this year. Considerable building having been done.

PORT ARTHUR and Fort William papers are protesting against the action of the Canadian Pacific Railway in not giving those places the benefit of cheap excursions to eastern points. The rate from the places named to eastern points

is the same as the excursion rates now offered from Manitoba to Ontario, though in the latter case the distance is from 450 to 550 miles greater. The Port Arthur people think they should get a rate of \$25 for the trip, where the return rate from Manitoba is \$40. This is one of the benefits of railway competition in Manitoba, while the treatment accorded the Lake Superior ports is an evidence of the disposition of monopolies in general. The Port Arthur and Fort William people, however, can take advantage of cheap rates offered by steamers in the summer season, though in the winter they are dependent upon the railway alone as a means of travel.

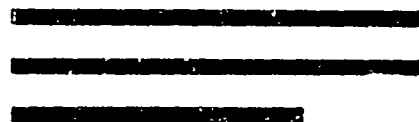
The semi-annual statement of the Bank of Montreal shows that after the payment of a five per cent. dividend on the first of December, there will be over \$700,000 to carry forward.



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