

13a. Potatoes—Per bag, out of store, 75c to 80c; on track, 70c per bag. Poultry—Chickens, per pair, 25 to 35c; geese, per lb. 6 to 8c; ducks, per pair, 40 to 75c; turkeys, 9½ to 10c per lb.

Dressed Hogs and Provisions.—Dressed hogs were firm at yesterday's advance. Butchers took the bulk of the receipts, paying \$7.50 for most of them. Packers secured a few rail and street lots at \$7.35 to \$7.50. Products firm but quiet. Quotations are: Mess pork, Canadian, \$17 to \$18; short cut, \$18 to \$18.50; bacon, long clear, per lb. 8½ to 9c; lard, Canadian, tierces, 9½ to 10½c; tubs and pails, 10½ to 11; compound do, 7½ to 9c. Smoked meats—Hams, per lb. 11½ to 12½c; bellies, 11½ to 12c; rolls, per lb. 9 to 9½c; backs per lb. 11 to 11½c.

Butter.—Receipts have been moderate lately and the market is slightly steadier. Prices are unchanged, large rolls selling at 16 to 17c for the best grades, and 13 to 15c for common to good. Dairy tub butter, owing to the scarcity, is firm at 18 to 18½c for choice grades, and 14 to 15c for medium. Quotations are: Butter, good to choice selected dairy, tubs, 16 to 18½c; medium do, 13 to 15c; large rolls, good to choice, 16 to 17c; medium do, 13 to 14c; creamery, in tubs and crocks, 24 to 25c. Cheese, choice colored, jobbing at 11 to 11½c.

Cheese.—Firm: Dealers are selling small lots at 11 to 11½c. English markets are steady at 53s for both white and colored cheese.

Apples.—The holiday demand for fancy apples, oranges and lemons is unusually good. Following is a present range of prices: Apples, per bbl, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Cattle.—For ordinary cattle there was no change in either price or demand. A large number of Christmas cattle were offered, however, and for these there was a keen demand both from local and outside dealers. Several loads of extra choice fat animals, which came from the vicinity of Guelph, sold at the highest figures 5½c per pound a small lot of picked heifers bringing the outside figure. Choice fat heifers of from 1,100 to 1,300 pounds usually sold in loads at from 4½ to 4¾c per pound. Everything offered changed hands before the close of the market.

Sheep and Lambs.—Only a few sheep were offered, and these were mostly bunched in with lambs. About 250 lambs were placed on the market. The demand was good, and prices steady at from \$3.25 to \$4.50 per head. One bunch of 44 choice fat lambs sold at \$4.40 per head.

Hogs.—The market was firm and higher. Best straight fat hogs, weighed off car, \$5.60 to \$5.80 per cwt.; store hogs, \$5.25 to \$5.50 per cwt.; roughs, at \$1.50 to \$4.75 per cwt. Not quite 700 hogs were offered to day, and the market owes its firmness to this and the very favorable weather—*Empire*, Dec. 17.

Honey and Maple Syrup.

It is currently believed that honey, both strained and in the comb, is largely adulterated, many asserting that honey-combs are artificial, made and filled by machinery, and that bees have been superseded.

Comb honey is not adulterated. The mistaken belief in its adulteration has arisen from the fact that in large apiaries, where honey is produced in large quantities, a wooden box is set in the hive, in which the bees first build a partition wall, dividing it in two; and many owners of bees have this wall made from the last year's wax, thus saving a great deal of time that the bees would consume in building it. This artificial wall is somewhat thicker than the natural one, and in cutting the comb in two, this partition can readily be discovered. It is said that some unscrupulous dealers have placed tubs of glucose outside of the hives for the bees to feed upon, thus allowing nature to make her own adulteration; but this method has not been general.

Strained honey is so commonly adulterated

It began and ended in Smoke.

Oholly, ever smoke two cigars at once? No dear boy, what for? Too expensive for me, don't cher know. Why to distinguish between the flavahs. Ah; nevah though of that—did you? No Choley, Tasse, Wood & Co., gave me the wrinkle. I was lighting an ordinary ten center don't cher know when my friend handed me one of theirs, same price, and told me to smoke them alternately. Well, did you snioke them alter—go on. Yes—did and Tasse's cigar lasted over an hour and tasted sweet to the end. And the other bloomin weed? Burnt crooked and was used up in twenty minutes.

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Like honey, maple syrup is very generally adulterated, and the consumers rarely get a pure article. Most of the compounds called maple syrup are mainly glucose and common sugar. There are two grades of genuine maple syrup. The cheapest is made by melting the sugar and adding water; and a delicious and wholesome syrup can be thus made. The finest syrup, however, is that made from the pure sap of the maple tree, boiled down, and that has never been made into sugar.

Toronto Grocery Market.

Sugars—Granulated, 4½ to 4¾; Paris lump, boxes, 5½c; extra ground, bbls, 5½ to 6½c; powdered, bbls, 4½ to 5½; refined, dark to bright, 3½ to 4½c; Demerara, 4½c; Trinital, 3½ to 3¾c; Barbados, 3½ to 3¾c. Syrups—U., 1½ to 2½c; M., 2½ to 2¾c; B., 2½ to 2¾c; V.B., 2½ to 2¾c; F.V.B., 2½ to 2¾c; ex super, 2½ to 2¾c; N.X., 2½ to 3c; N.X.N., and special, 3 to 3½c. Molasses—West Indian, bbls, 30 to 50c; New Orleans, open kettle, 45 to 55c; Centrifugals, 30 to 40c; inferior low grades, 25 to 28c.

Teas and Coffees—There is very little doing in either teas or coffees. Teas are dull and unchanged, the demand being for small lots only. Coffees are firm and stiffer prices are talked off. Prices are: Rios, 19 to 21c; Jamaica, 19 to 20c; Java, 25 to 31c; Mocha, 23 to 32½; Porto Rico, 23 to 25c.

Dried Fruits—New "U" prunes, both Atlas and Sphinx brands, are now in stock and are selling at 7½ to 8c. Second shipments of dates are going at 5½ to 5¾c. A small lot of California table raisins is offering; the quality is not as fine as the Mediterranean fruit, being somewhat heavier and coarser, but they look very well; in 6 lb cartons they offer at \$1.30 to \$1.50. Valencias are easier, as some cheaper goods are offering at 4½ to 5c, but prime off-stalk are held at 5½ to 5¾c; layers are scarce at 7 to 7½c. Sultanias in good demand at 6½ to 10c, as to quality. In Malaga fruit there is an active trade doing at \$2.25 to \$2.50 for London layers, \$3.50 to \$3.75 for Connoisseur clusters, \$4.50 to \$4.75 for blue baskets, and \$3.75 to \$4 for black baskets. Currants—Barrels, 5½c; half-barrels, 5½ to 6½c; cases, 6 to 7c; Vostizza, cases, 7½ to 9½c; Patna, bbls, 6½c; cases, 6½ to 7½c. Raisins—Valencias, 4½ to 5½c; layers, 6½ to 7½c; Sultanias, 6 to 11c; loose Muscatels, \$2.25 to \$2.40; London layers, \$2.25 to \$3; black baskets, \$3.75 to \$4.00; do ½ boxes, 80c to \$1.00; blue basket, \$4.50 to \$4.75; ¼ boxes, \$1.25 to \$1.35. Figs—Em-s, 10 lbs and up, 9½ to 13c; white Malaga figs, 6½ to 7c, in 25 lb boxes; natural do in bags, 4½c, mats do, 4½c; 14oz, 9 to 9½c. Dates—Halower, 5½ to 6c. Prunes—Cases, 7½ to 8c. Nuts—Almonds, Tarragona, 13½ to 17c; Ivica, 14 to 15c; do, shelled Valencia, 29 to 33c; filberts, Sicily, 9½ to 10c; walnuts, Grenoble, 11½ to 15c; Marbots, 12c.

Canned Goods—The best brands of corn, peas and tomatoes are selling, but other packs

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are slow. There is not a very active or consumptive demand, but most retailers are buying for holiday window displays. Prices are steady at \$1 for equal qualities, and quotations range down to 80c for unknown brands; fancy corn has sold \$1.25 to \$1.35, and fancy peas \$1.05 to \$1.10. Beans have been more active than usual at 90 to 95c. Pumpkins quiet at 90c. Fruits are rather more active. Peaches are wanted at \$2 to \$2.75 for 2's and \$3.25 to \$3.75 for 3's. Raspberries and strawberries are selling at \$2; other fruits quiet. Salmon in better demand, with best bran is offered sparingly at \$1.60 to \$1.65, with medium brands at \$1.45 to \$1.55. Lobsters quiet. Fish—Salmon, 1's flat, \$1.60 to \$1.80; salmon, 1's tall, \$1.45 to 1.55; lobster Clover Leaf, \$2.95; lobster, other 1's, \$1.75 to 2.25; mackerel, \$1 to 1.25; finnan haddie, \$1.25 to 1.50; sardines, French, ½s, 40c; sardines, French, ¾s, 17c; sardines, American, ¾s 6 to 8c; sardines, American ¾s, 9c. Fruits and Vegetables—Tomatoes, 3's, 80c to \$1; corn, 2's, 85c to \$1.05; peas, 2's, 90c to \$1.00; beans, 90 to 95c; pumpkins, 75 to 90c; strawberries and raspberries, 2's, \$2.00; apples, ga's, \$1.75 to \$2; 3's, 85c to \$1; peaches, 2's, \$2.00 to \$2.75; peaches, 3's, \$3.25 to \$3.75; plums, 2's, \$1.40 to 1.75; 3's, \$2.65; pears, 2's, \$1.60 to \$1.75; 3's, \$1.75 to \$2.10.

Spices, Rice, &c.—Rice, bags, 3½ to 4; do, off grades, 3½ to 3¾; do, patna, 4½ to 5½c; do, Japan, 4½ to 5½c; sago, 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.—Jobbers are running light stocks of all kinds. Prices are firm to stiffer. Lemon is going at 15 to 16c; orange at 17½ to 18c, and citron, 26 to 30c.—*Empire*, Dec. 16.

Russian Wheat Prospects.

An Oleson correspondent of the *British Trade Journal* writes under date November 23 regarding the future crop that they "have up to now no reason to be dissatisfied. In October and the beginning of the present month we had plenty of rain, which is one of the chief conditions for a good crop next year. Everywhere our farmers have been able to sow their winter seeds in due time and under favorable conditions, and they look forward to a fine harvest in 1893, provided the necessary rainfall occurs in April. It would, indeed, be a blessing for Russia if we—after three years of disappointing crops—should have a rich harvest next year."