

Montreal Trade Notes.

In furs the spring collection of rats is beginning to arrive and has a good sale at 15c.

The coffee market has remained firm, especially for Rio, which has further improved with sales of ordinary at 17½c.

There was a fair country demand for provisions in this market at steady prices, hams, 11½ to 12c; bacon, 10½ to 11c per lb; shoulders 10c.

Cable advices have been received from England stating that large orders for woollen goods have been placed for account of Montreal firms, as a declined from last rates.

European advices report spices generally strong, with values pointing upward, but in this market there has been no actual improvement, although sellers are firm.

The demand for maple syrup was fair and the market was steady at 80c per gallon in wood, and 65c to 70c per tin. Maple sugar is offered freely at 8½ to 9c per lb.

A wholesale fruit house in this city has received an order from Buenos Ayres for a lot of maple sugar which is being packed in bbls., and is the first shipment of the kind from this port. The price was 9c per lb. for small bricks.

The sugar market has continued to exhibit a firm tone at the improvement. There has been a firm business in granulated at 6½c to 6 3-16c, but refiners have refused to make large sales at 6½c, preferring not to contract ahead. Yellows also have ruled firm, with nothing obtainable below 5c.

There was no perceptible change in the grain market, with no immediate prospect of improvement until the opening of navigation. Quotations:—red winter wheat, 88c to 90c; white winter, 88c to 90c; spring 88c to 90c; oats, 27c to 28c per 32 lbs., barley, 48c to 55c. The market for flour was quiet but steady, with little business in progress, even the local demand being slow. There was no pressure to sell, however, and many holders are firm. Manitoba strong bakers sold at \$4.30 and medium do. at \$4.10.

The Bulletin says:—During the past week there have been sales of flour in this market for export, consisting of 90 per cent Patents, Spring Extra, Fine and Superfine. It is reported that there has been a large transaction in Patents for export direct from the mill in Ontario. The opinion prevails amongst our flour men that the shipments of Canadian flour from this port will be the heaviest in the history of the trade. Their chief reason for this belief, is that Canadian flour is so well liked in the English market, and is now being distinguished from American, that large orders are certain to find their way here.

MEDICINE HAT wants a bank; also a board of trade.

R. K. CLAVERING will open a photo gallery at Birtle.

—JOHNSON, tailor, has commenced business at Neepawa, Man.

C.P.R. property at Rat Portage has been assessed for \$20,000.

It is rumored that work on the Hudson's Bay railway will shortly be resumed.

THE Rainy Lake lumber mill at Rat Portage will shortly be put in operation.

THE Miss Butchart's will open a fancy goods store, millinery etc., at Rapid City.

THE Singer Sewing Machine Co think of establishing an agency at Rapid City.

W. M. RONALD, of Porter & Ronald, arrived home from the Old Country on Saturday.

—Clougher of Winnipeg will erect a three story brick block on his property at Rat Portage.

JOHN LOWE, confectioner, Selkirk, talks of establishing a bakery in connection with his business.

W. E. McCARTNEY & Bro., druggists, Vancouver and Kamloops B.C. have closed their Vancouver branch.

It is reported from Ottawa that 70 miles of the Wood Mountain & Qu'Appelle railway will be built this season.

THE tailor's strike in Winnipeg continues, with the chances against the employes, as hands are commencing to arrive from the east.

AT Medicine Hat potatoes are quoted very scarce at \$1.50 per bushel; butter ranges from 25c to 40c, and eggs hold their own at 35c.

THE Moosomin, Assa., local paper reports that there will be quite a "building boom" at that place this season, in private residences.

THE Rapid City Spectator has been enlarged, and presents an improved appearance. The editor says the subscription list is "booming"

A FIRE in the drug store of A. W. Bleasdel, Winnipeg, on Monday morning did damage to the extent of about \$800; covered by insurance.

THE Vancouver News says a gentleman has been in that city making arrangements for a regular service of sailing vessels between that place and Australia.

THE last Manitoba census, taken last summer, shows the population of the province to be as follows: Whites, 95,455; Metis, 7,494, and Indians, 5,691, total, 108,640.

H. A. MASSEY, president of the Massey Manufacturing Co., of Toronto, is in the city and will visit all parts of the province that can be reached by railway, also British Columbia.

SASKATOON, Assa, is being supplied with considerable quantity of lumber and general goods from Medicine Hat, which are floated down the Saskatchewan river to their destination.

A meeting of the syndicate agents of the mills was held lately, when it was decided to advance the price of white and grey cottons, etc., 1c per lb. In twilled sheeting an advance has been established of 2c. per lb.

MR. WALTER LEE, of Toronto, manager of the Western Canada Loan Co, is in the city. Mr. Lee is one of the firm friends of the Northwest, and is highly pleased with the result of his company's operation in this country.

THE Calgary Call says: There are upwards of one hundred and fifty buildings in this town half finished and at a stand still for the want of material. This is owing, principally to the rise in freight rate on the C.P.R. Contracts that were made with British Columbia lumber dealers have been cancelled on account of the increased shipping rate.

THE proposed cheese factory at Birtle will be started at once, under the management of —Dutton. The the town corporation has extended some aid to the undertaking. About 120 cows will be available at the commencement.

THE ship W. A. Campbell has taken a cargo at Vancouver, for Melbourne, Australia. It consists of 1,190,719 feet rough timber; 1,501 bundles of pickets; 2,359 bundles of laths, making in all close on a million and a half feet of lumber.

THE Vancouver News says: "The Chinese laborers on the Brighthouse estate are paid about 80 cents a day and board themselves." It is no wonder that white men who cannot live upon a few ounces of rice per day, and who are obliged to pay at least \$1 per day for their board alone, have a poor show alongside the Mongolians.

CHASE & SANBORN, distributors of pure coffees and proprietors of the famous "Standard Java," have recently placed upon the market a blended coffee, which they designate as their "Star Brand" Java and Mocha. This coffee is a rare combination of Private Plantation Java and Arabian Mocha, producing a perfect blend of great strength and exquisite flavor. This coffee is packed in 2 lb. air-tight cans, which preserves its strength and flavor.

THE following statement has been furnished of the volume of business done at Carberry, Man., during the past twelve months: There were marketed for shipment—Of wheat, 352,000 bushels at, say 55c. average price, or \$193,000; of oats, 84,000, average 30c., or \$25,400; cattle, 12 cars, value, say \$7,500; hogs, 6 cars, value, say \$5,000; wood delivered here, about 3,500 cords, at \$2.50 per cord, or \$8,000; potatoes, 3,000 bushels, \$1,050, or a grand total of \$239,750. This does not take into account the produce marketed for home consumption, such as hogs, vegetables, etc., which was considerable, and which appears in total amount of business done by our merchants. The business done was approximately as follows: Dry goods, clothing, millinery, groceries, etc., \$115,000; hardware, \$12,000; saddlery and harness, \$5,000; blacksmithing, \$5,000; drugs, \$3,500; meats, \$4,000; furniture, \$2,000; machinery, \$45,000; lumber, laths, etc., \$16,000; livery stables, \$5,400, or a total of \$212,900.

A RAILWAY meeting was held at Brandon on Saturday last, called by the board of trade. It was resolved to apply for two charters, one for a railway to Rapid City and one to run from Brandon to a point southwest from that place. The officers of Brandon and Northern R. R. are:—President, Mayor Adams; vice-president, J. Hanbury; secretary-treasurer, E. Fitz Bucke; directors—E. B. Smith, A. Whitelaw, P. E. Durst, Dr. McDiarmid, Dr. Flemming, W. M. Alexander, J. W. Anderson, W. M. Hellyan, J. H. Hughes, W. F. Wilson, C. A. Moore, A. C. Fraser, F. G. A. Henderson, solicitor. The officers of the Brandon and Manitoba Southern R.R. are:—President, F. W. Ferguson; 1st vice-president, J. W. Vau-tassel; 2nd vice-president, R. B. Kirckhoffer; secretary-treasurer, C. A. Larkin. Directors—J. C. Robinson, A. Jukes, Geo. McCulloch, J. C. Campbell, J. A. Christie, F. B. McKenzie, D. McKelvie, T. T. Atkinson, Arthur McLean, Alex. Burns and E. Hughes. Solicitor, Clifford Sifton.