

DRY GOODS TRADE.

The Woollen Trade.

Owing to the firmness in the wool market at the recent advances, retailers believe that orders booked at the present time will give them an advantage, says the Toronto Globe. The wool markets are very firm. The recent London wool sales were a great success from the buyers' point of view. It is a long time since the sales began in one week and finished the next week. The sales recently brought to an end in this short order are almost unparalleled in the history of the wool trade. There has been an extraordinary advance in cross-bred wools. It is claimed that stocks in the hands of the manufacturers have not for a very long time been as light as they are at present. There does not appear to be any prospect of heavy buying either in London, Australia or South Africa. British buyers this series have perhaps been as active as any. German buyers coming next, Frenchmen confining their operations to fine grey new clip Sydney and Queensland growths, America has in no sense figured as conspicuously as it sometimes does, though both in cross-bred and merino wools the United States have taken a few decent parcels when conditions and growth have been up to the mark. A London letter says that the rest of some of the sales has been a transformation and complete change of front in the course of medium and low cross-breds, these qualities having at last come to occupy a fairly good position. Merinos have risen a very great deal, but fully as much as what being the greatest in the best condition and soundest grown merino wools. Some say that low cross-breds have gone up too rapidly, that the new range of prices is too good to last and this big rise is a fictitious one, but that can only be proved by the lapse of time.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

The Canadian agent of a British linen firm states that prices are exceptionally firm.

Scotch and Fancy French plain silks are just now the vogue for the separate waist in their brilliant coloring they are quite suitable for winter wear.

The new crop of raw silk for 1902 is estimated at 4,255,000 kilograms in Europe, 2,910,000 kilograms in the Levant and 9,481,000 kilograms in China, Japan and India, making a total of 15,946,000 kilograms, which is 1 per cent. less than the crop of the preceding year.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Foley Bros., of St. Paul, Minn., who are shortly to become associated with Locke Bros. in the wholesale grocery trade of Winnipeg, are increasing their investment in St. Paul also, by the erection of a new warehouse.

Figures on the sale of currants from Greece up to November 15 show the exports to have been 104,000 tons, or 7,170,000 tons, more than last year's crop at that date. Cablegrams quote the 6d to 10s 10d per cwt. for prompt shipments from Greece.

Cable advices from Europe say that M. Licht reduced his estimate of the yield of the German crop 130,000 tons, to 1,730,000 tons. M. Licht also increased slightly his estimate of the yield of the German crop for all Europe to his estimate of the crop for all Europe was 110,000 tons, to 5,020,000 tons.

Referring to raisins, a leading New York holder says: Stocks of Valencia on spot are much reduced, and with probably little or nothing more to come from the other side, will probably be cleared in the not distant future.

Canada has again been in the market, and, with further inquiries from that quarter, present stocks cannot last long. Malaga fruit is meeting with a good demand, and, with spot supplies limited, will no doubt be cleared in the near future.

Lumber Trade Notes.

Prices in the leading woods show no particular change, except in the way of small advances. In special items, says the American Lumberman, Lumbermen of Wisconsin and Minnesota are talking about the advisability of raising the lists on white pine lumber, grade boards and dimension. It is somewhat unusual to make advances at this season, but it is represented

that the conditions positively demand higher prices on these items, which are so scarce that they are being sold between wholesaler, relatively and sometimes actually higher than in the retail trade. Stocks are low and badly broken in white pine at many shipping points, and none of the markets are any too well supplied. Consequently all holders of pine feel concerned of the value of their stocks, and it is expected that prices will be strongly held right through the winter, and perhaps show some advance.

IMPLEMENT TRADE.

Binder Twines.

The Cordage Trade Journal of New York this reviews the binder twine market under date of Dec. 16:

Almost nothing is being done in the binder twine market. No manufacturer has yet made plans for next year's delivery. Most manufacturers are now paying more attention to the course of events in the raw material market than they are to discussing possible twine contracts with jobbers. It is stated that jobbers are meeting no encouragement from manufacturers when they seek to make contracts for twine. Some of the harvesters are taking, although manufacturers are not actively seeking, so-called pre-season contracts, that is, contracts for specified quantities of twine, the price to be arranged at some future date. With scarcely any exception, binder twine manufacturers are now making less binder twine than they usually do. Some manufacturers will make no binder twine this season if they are unable to clearly see that a fair margin is likely to be obtained if they regard the risks of the business as being exceptionally great this season.

Implement Trade Notes.

Trade in winter lines at Minneapolis has been good and dealers there are well satisfied with results. Cutter and sleigh stocks have been cleaned out thanks to a good fall of snow.

The Canadian Implement and Vehicle Trade and the Carriage and Implement Journal of Canada have amalgamated. Publication will continue under the name of the first mentioned paper, of which F. G. Van Vleet is proprietor.

It is reported that the International Harvester Co., Deering division, now erecting an immense building on 35 acres of land in the southeast section of Hamilton, Ont., has purchased 35 acres more, and the expectation is that the works will be doubled and the plant, when completed, will furnish employment for 5,000 hands.

Insurance Decision.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—The court of appeal this morning rendered judgment in the case of the Hon. A. H. Angers against the Mutual Reserve Fund association of New York reversing the judgment of the lower court, which had ordered the association to refund the amount of the premium and interest paid by Mr. Angers from 1885 to 1895. The court held that Mr. Angers could not now come and ask a cancellation of the policy because of fraud in the original policy. He had enjoyed its privileges for fifteen years, and should have familiarized himself with the conditions under which the policy he held for fifteen years was granted.

Remembering Their Employees.

In accordance with their usual custom, the Ogilvie Flour Mills Company, presented each of their employees, including mill hands, office staff, travellers and inspectors, in connection with the Christmas season, a fine plump turkey. Altogether about 190 birds were distributed. It is thought-ful acts like this promote the spirit of harmony and good feeling which has always existed between this firm and its employees. It is safe to say there is no more contented or happier class of men in the country than those having a share in the manufacture and sale of Ogilvie's Hungarian flour and Ogilvie's Rolled Oats.

Extensions to the Crow's Nest Pass Coal mines will shortly be made which will give them a daily output of 5,000 tons, compared with the present output of 3,000 tons. The company has spent this year, approximately \$1,000,000 in further development of its properties.



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