

### Toronto Grocery Market.

The movement in general groceries has been very quiet all week owing to the warm and rainy weather. The advent of a cold spell is expected to help business materially. Values locally show no change as compared with a week ago. Sugar is lower abroad, but there is no change here.

Sugar, syrup and molasses—Sugar is very quiet and there have not been so many complaints of cutting this week. Still it is being done. As a rule low grade yellows are selling at 3½ to 4½c, but large buyers have purchased ½ to ¾c below these figures. The *Empire's* London cable says: "Cane steady; little doing; beet opened lower; now firmer." Syrups dull and easy at 2½c up. Molasses unchanged. Sugars—Granulated, 1 to 15 bbls, 5c; do., 15 bbls. and over, 4½c; grocers' A, 1 to 15 bbls, 4½c; do., 15 bbls. and over, 4½c; Paris lump, boxes, 5½ to 5½c; extra ground bbls, 5½c; do, boxes or less than bbls, 5½c; powdered bbls 5½c; do, less than bbls, 5½ to 5½c; refined, dark to bright, 3½ to 4½c; Trinidad, raw, 3½ to 4c; Demerara, 4½ to 4½c. Syrups—D, 2½ to 2½c; M., 2½ to 2½c; B., 2½ to 2½c; V. B., 2½ to 2½c; E. V. B., 2½ to 3c; ex super, 3 to 3½c; XX., 3½c to 3½c; XXX and special, 3½ to 3½c. Molasses—West Indian, bbls 30 to 45c; New Orleans, 28 to 35c; fancy, 45 to 50c.

Teas and coffees—In neither teas nor coffees has there been any change for some days. Stocks of teas in retailers' hands are running low, but no movement is expected by jobbers until after the year's business has been closed up. Quotations are Rio, 15c to 20c; Jamaica, 18½ to 20c; Java, 27c to 32c; Mocha, 29 to 33c; Porto Rico, 25 to 25c.

Dried fruit—Demand continues good, especially Malaga fruits. Prices generally are weak and unprofitable. Currants command fairly steady prices, the bulk of them going at 5½ to 6c in bbls. Date rule at 6c, with a range of 5½ to 6½c. Figs are irregular. Small sizes are plentiful and offered at low prices, but 10 and 12 lb. boxes are scarce and firmer at 11 to 12c. Good brands of 7-crown are moving at 16 to 17c, and fancy selected at 20 to 2½c. Mats dull, 5 to 5½c. Prunes firm and very few here yet; the early arrivals have been sold and the later shipments are not in. Valencia raisins are going at 7½ to 6c for finest brands but there are considerable offerings at 5½ to 5½c. Nuts are moving freely at quotations. Currants—Barrels, new, 5½ to 6c; half barrels, 5½ to 6½c; cases, 6½ to 6½c; Vostizza, new, cases, 7 to 10c; Patras, bbls, 7 to 7½c; half bbls, 7½ to 7½c; cases, 7½ to 7½c. Raisins—Valencias, 5½ to 6c; do, selected, 7½ to 8c; layers, 8½ to 9c; Sultanas, 10 to 13c; London layers, \$2.25 to 2.50; black baskets, \$3.50 to \$3.75; do ½ boxes, \$1.20; blue baskets \$4 to \$4.50; finest Dehessas, \$4.75 to \$5; do ½ boxes, \$2; muscatel, 2 cr, \$2.25; do 3 cr, \$3. Figs—Elenes, 10 lbs and up, 11 to 16c. Malaga 56 lb bags, 5 to 5½c; natural bags, 4½ to 5½c. Dates—Hallowee, 5½ to 6½c. Nuts—Almonds, Tarragona, new, 13½c to 15c; Ivica, 14 to 15c; do, shelled Valencia, 29 to 35 cents; filberts, Sicily, 10½ to 11c; Walnuts, Grenoble, 14 to 15c.

Canned goods—Demand has continued good for corn, peas and tomatoes, and there has also been more activity in fruits. Values

are unchanged. Fish—Salmon, One's flat, \$1.60 to \$1.70; salmon, 1's tall, \$1.35 to \$1.45 lobster, Clover leaf, \$2.95; lobster, other 1's, \$2.10 to \$2.30; mackerel, \$1 to \$1.10; sardines, French, ½'s, 11c; sardines, French, ¾'s, 17c; sardines, American, ½'s, 6 to 8c; sardines, American, ¾'s 9c. Fruits and vegetables—Tomatoes, 3's, \$1.05 to \$1.10; Corn, 2's, \$1.00 to \$1.05; corn, 3's, \$1.50 to \$1.60; peas, 2's, \$1.10 to \$1.25; beans, \$1; pumpkins, 55c to \$1; strawberries and raspberries, 2's, \$2.25 to \$2.40; peaches, 2's, \$1.90 to \$2.10; peaches, 3's, \$2.75 to \$3.50; plums, 2's, \$1.45 to \$1.65; 3's, \$2.60; pears, 2's, \$1.90 to \$2.00; pears, 3's, \$2.90 to \$3.

Rice, spices, etc.—Both rice and spices are unchanged. The latter continue fairly active. Rice, bags, 3½ to 4½c; do., off grades, 3½ to 3½c; do, Patna, 6½ to 6½c; do, Japan, 4½ to 5½c; Carolina, 8 to 8½c; sago, 3½ to 4½c; tapioca, 4½ to 6c; pepper, black, 12 to 18c; do, white, 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 25 to 30c; cloves, 15 to 20c; allspice, 12 to 15c; nutmegs, 90c. to \$1.10; cream tartar, 25c. to 35c.

Pecans—Some fresh arrivals have prevented a further advance in local prices. Demand continues active and values are firm at 16 to 18c for lemons, 16½ to 18c for orange, and 25 to 28c for citron.—*Empire*, Dec. 18.

### Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

A meeting of the exchange was held on Monday afternoon and the following resolution was passed: "That this general meeting of the Winnipeg Grain exchange desires to place on record the keen appreciation of its members of the loss sustained by the exchange in the death of James Anderson, one of the first and most valued members of the association, and also to convey to his sorrowing family sincere sympathy in their grievous loss." It was further resolved that the members of the exchange should attend the funeral in a body.

Mr. Kerr, of the C.P.R. was present, and announced that he had received word that the Lehigh Valley railway would accept Manitoba wheat, in straight grades, for New York. Connection would be made with the Canadian Pacific at Niagara, and the rate would be the same as via the West Shore. He had wired for further particulars, but had not received an answer yet, and could not say on exactly what conditions the Lehigh Valley would accept business, but presumed it would be the same as by the West Shore. Communications from the West Shore showed that that road was still blocked, and not yet able to handle Manitoba shipments. The resolution fixing grades No. 1 and 2 regular for shipment via the West Shore railway was rescinded, and a motion was passed fixing grades No. 3 hard and No. 1 and No. 2 regular for shipment to New York via the Lehigh Valley. When the West Shore is open again, the exchange will fix grades for shipment by the latter road.

The *Monitor*, of Morden, Man., says: McCorquodale attempted their threshing last week, but on taking the first load to the market, small particles of ice were visible, consequently no buyer would handle it and the threshing of wheat had to be suspended. It is feared that unless some soft weather sets in, together with a few drying days, very little, if any more wheat can be threshed until spring.

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