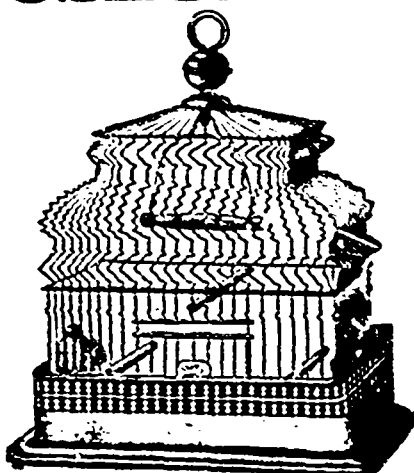


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There were more quotations in the **TRADE REVIEW** last week in Canadian, American and British papers than from all the other journals of its class combined, that are issued in the Dominion.

It is understood that Hon. John Costigan, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, has consented to recommend that the numerous petitions received from lobster fishers in the Maritime Provinces for an extension of the lobster fishing season, be granted to the Bay of Fundy and along the Atlantic coast, as far as Capa Breton, the season will be extended to 15th July and other parts of the coast to July 30th. The concession will be granted because the fishing season opened later than usual on account of the late period at which the ice disappeared this year, and also because the season so far has been a poor one.

Provision is being made at the Central Experimental farm for commencing a series of experiments in sheep breeding, both for wool and mutton. The construction of a special building to accommodate about one hundred head has been begun by the carpenter of the farm and his assistants on plans prepared by the Public Works Department. The cost of the building will be about \$3,000. It is proposed to commence with a few head each of several of the best breeds, and try experiments in feeding. Some of the breeds selected will be the best wool bearers, while other breeds will be experimented with for table purposes.

Many believe that fruit canning has reached its limit. The smaller inland towns and mining camps will doubtless have to depend for some time yet upon hermetically sealed goods for their winter supply of fruits and vegetables. But the superior transportation service from large market centres to nearly every town of importance, and the improved methods of packing, rapid transit and refrigerator cars, giving the possibility of fresh fruits and vegetables to nearly every consumer adjacent to the lines of our great railway systems. It is a grave question with canners, having millions of money invested in plants in various parts of the country, whether the further development of these already improved conditions will not seriously curtail the demand and requirements for canned products.

Mr. W. B. Scarth, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, is issuing a circular from Ottawa for distribution to agricultural societies; Boards of Trade, and others interested in the Canadian wool trade, in reference to the marking of sheep with tar. The circular will call attention to a circular from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, transmitting a copy of a letter from the Incorporated Chamber of Commerce of Halifax, (England), calling attention to the very serious damage that is caused to the use of tar and similar substances in marking sheep. The tar remains on the wool, and often spoils large quantities of goods. The letter says that considerable loss and damage are caused, and recommends the use of some other substance for marking sheep which while, withstanding the ordinary conditions of weather in the open, would yield to and become dissolved by the regular process of wool-washing. The letter concludes:—"The value of wool under the new conditions would be considerably enhanced."

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