

**Raisins**

It is a mistaken notion that all grapes when dried will produce a raisin, for in fact but few varieties produce this highly esteemed fruit. The Muscatel is the principal grape grown to make the raisin, and its flavor excels that of all other varieties. For many years Malaga, Spain, has produced the best fruit, and previous to the introduction of the Muscatel cuttings into California, our supplies were brought from that port.

In curing the grape some growers allow the fruit to remain on the vine after it has come to maturity, until the sun dries the clusters on the stocks. The more usual way, however, is to cut off the clusters when fully ripe and spread them on trays exposed to the sun, taking care that they are not injured by rain. When the weather is not favorable for drying, artificial heat is resorted to; but raisins thus cured are inferior in quality to the sun-dried.

Denia, Spain, grows the same raisin grape as Malaga, but owing to the moist atmosphere in that district, growers cure the fruit by steeping them in hot lye made from wood ashes. This is the raisin known on this market as the valencia, and by some persons preferred to any other for cooking purposes. The Sultana seedless raisin is grown in Turkey. Smyrna is the principal market from which we import them. This fruit is grown and prepared similarly to the currants of Greece, and is used mostly in this country in making the fine qualities of cake. The increase in the production of raisins in California is wonderful, and the California product is now sufficient to supply the needs of the country.

There is a difference of opinion in regard to the quality of the fruit produced in Malaga and California, the people in the far west claiming the latter to be superior; but unbiased experts consider the former superior in flavor, richer in sugar, more tender and larger fruit. But we may live to see the day when California raisins will not be excelled, and we believe that after a few more years of the exhaustion of her virgin soil this desired result will be accomplished.

**Trade in the Maritime Provinces.**

But 200 new vessels, of 30,000 tons, were added in the registry in the Maritime Provinces during the past year, leaving a net decrease of 40,000 tons. Of this 33,600 was in Nova Scotia and 11,890 in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Notwithstanding the almost total failure of the inshore fisheries, the export of fish from Halifax to the West Indies increased from 247,500 quintals of cod and 33,200 barrels of pickled fish in 1891, to 262,000 quintals of cod and 45,800 barrels of pickled fish last year. The principal market for these fish were Jamaica, Porto Rico, Cuba and Demerara. There was a decrease in the imports of molasses of 9,000 puncheons and a decrease of 1,500 hogsheads of sugar, but an increase of 50,000 bags of sugar. As a result of the abolition of the sugar duties the collection of customs revenue decreased \$233,000.—Bradstreet's.

Charles Boeckh & Son, manufacturers of brushes, Toronto, are about to issue a revised catalogue of brushes, which will cancel all present prices and discounts.

Brook's spools have been reduced from \$3.20 to \$3, the sales having of late fallen below the limit arranged for in the agency. The price of this thread is, of course, always below other makes in the agency.

The following circular has been issued to the trade by a silk manufacturing firm. "Owing to the large advance in raw silk we have reduced discounts to the trade. In consequence of this we beg to notify you that from this date you are requested to sell our silk threads, art silk, etc., at list prices less 5 per cent. cash only. Any house not adhering to this contract will forfeit trade discounts."

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North Bound			STATIONS.	South Bound		
Brandon Ex. Tues. Th. & Sat.	St. Paul Express Daily.	Miles from Winnipeg.		St. Paul Express, Daily.	Brandon Ex. Mon. Wed & Fri.	
2.55p	4.10p	0 0	Winnipeg.....	11.45a	1.00p	
2.45p	4.00p	8 0	Portage Junction.....	11.54a	1.10p	
2.50p	3.45p	0 3	St. Norbert.....	12.09p	1.24p	
2.17p	3.31p	15 3	Cartier.....	12.23p	1.37p	
1.50p	3.19p	23 5	St. Agathe.....	12.41p	1.55p	
1.50p	3.04p	27 4	Union Plains.....	12.49p	2.02p	
1.33p	2.54p	32 2	Silver Plains.....	1.01p	2.15p	
1.30p	2.33p	40 4	Morris.....	1.20p	2.36p	
	1.15p	48 2	St. Jean.....	1.35p		
	1.27p	56 0	Letellier.....	1.67p		
	1.15p	68 1	Emerson.....	2.16p		
	9.35a	163	Fembling.....	2.25p		
	5.35a	228	Grand Forks.....	6.00p		
	8.35p	470	Winnipeg Junction.....	9.55p		
	8.00p	481	Minneapolis.....	6.30a		
	9.00a	583	St. Paul.....	7.05a		
			Chicago.....	9.35a		

**MORRIS-BRANDON BRANCH.**

East Bound.			STATIONS.	West Bound.		
Freight Mon. Wed. & Fri.	Passenger Tues. Thur. & Sat.	Miles from Winnipeg.		Passenger Mon. Wed. & Fri.	Freight, Tues. Thur. & Sat.	
11.40a	2.55p	0	Winnipeg.....	1.00p	8.00a	
7.30p	1.15p	0	Morris.....	2.30p	7.30a	
6.40p	12.53p	10 0	Low Farm.....	3.05p	8.15a	
5.40p	12.27p	21 2	Myrtle.....	3.31p	9.05a	
5.24p	12.16p	25 9	Roland.....	3.43p	9.25a	
4.46p	11.57a	33 5	Rosebank.....	4.02p	9.53a	
4.10p	11.43a	38 0	Miami.....	4.15p	10.25a	
3.23p	11.30a	49 0	Deerwood.....	4.38p	11.15a	
2.58p	11.08a	54 1	Attamont.....	4.50p	11.43a	
2.18p	10.49a	62 1	Somerset.....	5.10p	12.23p	
1.43p	10.33a	68 4	Swan Lake.....	5.24p	1.00p	
1.17p	10.19a	74 0	Indian Springs.....	5.39p	1.30p	
12.54p	10.07a	74 4	Marleapolls.....	5.50p	1.55p	
12.22p	9.10a	86 1	Greenway.....	6.06p	2.23p	
11.51a	9.35a	92 2	Balder.....	6.21p	3.00p	
11.01a	9.12a	102 0	Belmont.....	6.45p	3.50p	
10.20a	8.15a	109 7	Hilton.....	7.21p	4.29p	
9.49a	8.40a	117 1	Ashdown.....	7.35p	5.03p	
9.35a	8.30a	120 0	Wawanesa.....	7.47p	5.16p	
8.48a	8.06a	129 6	Routhwalte.....	8.14p	6.09p	
8.10a	7.48a	137 2	Martinville.....	8.35p	6.45p	
7.30a	7.30a	145 1	Brandon.....	9.56p	7.30p	

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East Bound.			STATIONS.	W. End.	
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12.10p	3 0		Winnipeg.....	3.40p	
11.50a	3.0		Portage Junction.....	3.55p	
11.18a	11.5		St. Charles.....	4.20p	
11.03a	14.7		Headingley.....	4.35p	
10.40a	21.0		White Plains.....	5.00p	
9.45a	35.2		Eustace.....	5.49p	
9.18a	42.1		Oakville.....	6.13p	
8.25a	55.5		Portage la Prairie.....	7.00p	

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