

...of sugar, the consequence?  
To the Editor of the Mercury:—  
Sir,—It may not be unprofitable at the present time to consider our position with respect to some of the "protected" manufactures of the country, especially as a movement is being made to increase the tariff on some articles, and our Prime Minister is reported to be in favor of legislation in this direction.

I propose to deal with the article of sugar. I believe we are blessed with only one refinery of raw sugar in Canada, that of Redpath, of Montreal. I do not know whether he is adding many dollars to his invested capital or not; but I think that if he would hold fast what must certainly flow towards it if not into his coffers, he must be making a good thing out of his monopoly, and I also think that the public are being badly served by him or by some one else in return for the favor.

Why is it that the Muscovada sugar now to be got at our groceries is so inferior to that obtained under the former state of things?

Why do we no longer see those high conical loaves, white as alabaster, and hard as a rock, that once adorned the grocers' shelves and were of excellent sweetness?

And why do we now get a sort of soft, doubtful white sugar of evanescent sweetness instead of the substantial solid loaf of former days?

Why is there a universal outcry by every cook and house matron in the country against the present sugar, and all complaining that their preserves will not keep?

And why are the syrups and molasses so inferior?

I think that the answer relative to the white sugar is that the Canadian manufacturer cannot or will not make it, and we are furnished with the sham article instead. But the general reply to the question of a sugar needs to be more extended.

In Saccharine bodies there are three general classes of sugars; 1st, the *Lucroses*, or cane sugars; 2nd, the *Glucoses*, or grape and fruit sugars; and 3rd, the *Amyloses*, or starch, gum and woody fibre. Each of these three classes contains several distinct substances, and you will easily see how it is that the genuine cane sugar possesses far more body and lasting sweetness than those weak sugars belonging to the grape and fruit as well as starch and gum classes.

The true cane sugar contains 12 parts of carbon, 22 of hydrogen, and 11 of oxygen.

The grape and fruit sugar contains only 6 parts of carbon, 12 of hydrogen, and 6 of oxygen.

The starch and gum sugar contains only 6 parts of carbon, 10 of hydrogen, and 5 of oxygen.

Any one can easily see, inasmuch as the carbon forms the body and the oxygen the strength of the taste, that just in proportion as the raw cane sugar from Cuba, or Porto Rico, or other countries, is adulterated by the inferior beet, corn, grape, starch, carrot, potato, gum, or other cheap and weak sugar materials, with the proper quantity of sugar-colored clay or sand (added to form the body I suppose) our present sugar may be rightly considered as not possessing all the virtues of good cane sugar, and that double the quantity is required in the attempt to achieve the same result as formerly. It is to be hoped our Legislators will see to it that we get a good quality of sugar in the future instead of the evaporating stuff now served out at the usual price for the real article, and if our Canadian manufacturers cannot meet the requirements of the country, let the tariff be modified to allow importers of the refined sugars to do so. Let the Government have a committee appointed to investigate the matter and procure a careful analysis of all our refined sugar and then, no doubt, a remedy can be found by proper tariff regulations.

Yours, &c.,  
CANADIAN.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.  
GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.  
Trains leave Guelph as follows:  
—WEST—  
2:17 a.m.; 9:45 a.m.; 1:50 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.; 8:35 p.m. To London, Goderich and Detroit. To Berlin.  
—EAST—  
8:05 a.m.; 8:10 a.m.; 11 a.m.; 4:12 p.m.; and 8:35 p.m.  
GREAT WESTERN-GUELPH BRANCH  
Going south—6:40 a.m.; 1 p.m.; 2:30 p.m.; and 4:30 p.m.  
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FACTS FOR ADVERTISERS.  
In this, as in everything else, the best papers will command the best prices. It is cheaper to pay 5s. for inserting your advertisements in a journal having a circulation of 5,000, than to pay 2s. for one that has only a circulation of 1,000. Of this you may be sure, that any journal that inserts advertisements too cheap, is, in fact, an almost worthless medium. If it were really a good one, it would have no need to lower its prices, for its sheet would be better filled without the sacrifice. You may lay it down as a rule that every journal knows its value, and that if it adopts low prices it is because it is conscious that it has a low circulation in number or respectability.—Wilson's Handbook for Advertisers.

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Particular attention paid to  
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Money always on hand in sums to suit borrowers, on mortgages or good personal security. No delay or extravagant charges.  
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2nd and 3rd divisions of lot No. 26, on the  
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and laid out into regular fields. The  
dwelling house almost new, built of  
brick, two stories high, with brick kitchen  
in the rear. The barns, stables and  
other places are all frame, and substantial  
buildings. This farm is well worth  
the notice of agriculturists, either as a  
breeding farm or cheese factory.  
4th division of lot 34, Owen Sound road, 100  
acres, nearly all under cultivation. Good  
log dwelling house, frame barn and  
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road from Arthur Village.  
UNIMPROVED  
South half of 15, in 2nd con., 140 acres.  
TOWNSHIP OF LUTHER.  
Lot No. 1, and west half of 2, in 6th con., 300  
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sold in two farms if desired.  
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65 of which is under cultivation. A good  
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town line between Arthur and Luther.  
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in 9th con., 200 acres,  
and 15, in 11 con., 400 acres,  
in 12th con., 200 acres.  
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acres, 4 in 8th con., 200 acres. This is a fine lot  
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Lot 17, con. A, Peel, 52 acres, about 40 cleared  
and under cultivation, 2 good log  
dwelling houses, log and frame barns and sheds.  
Also, west half of 28, in 2d con., Garafaxa,  
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under cultivation.  
Northwest part of lot No. 25, in 17th con., 50  
acres, 33 or thereabouts under cultivation.  
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