

## THE GROCERY TRADE.

## PACIFIC COAST SALMON PACK.

In its revised report of the salmon canning industry on the Pacific coast the San Francisco Trade Journal gives the following figures showing the total pack for the years named:—

	1897.	1898.	1899.
Alaska ...	569,850	556,975	1,041,207
B. C. ...	1,015,477	484,161	768,420
Puget Sd.	423,500	417,700	597,824
Columbia River ...	552,721	473,280	340,417
Oregon, outside pack ...	88,083	78,600	74,932
Wallapa & Gray's Harbor	37,500	33,100	36,515
Sacramento River	42,500	28,000	33,550
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,110,231</b>	<b>2,371,760</b>	<b>3,245,904</b>

## GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

Orders for new crop Japan teas have been booked at Montreal.

Advices from Greece say that the market for currants is very strong.

Private advices to this city from Greece report the market for currants at Patras very firm.

Evaporated apples sold 1-4 to 1-2c lower at Montreal last week at 7c for choice, and 6 1-2c for inferior.

London cable advices reported an easier market for cocoa, prices at the auction sale showing a decline, of 1 to 2 shillings.

Advices received in the city this week give the coffee market in New York as being weaker and prices were off 1-4c on Monday.

The stock of sugar in the United Kingdom on February 27 was given as 58,000 tons against 56,500 tons the same time last year.

Advices from Malaga are to the effect that stocks of Jordan shelled almonds there are very light, some handlers have none to offer.

Barbadoes molasses brought 15c ex cask at the islands for the first small lots marketed from the new crops of cane. Some other lots brought 16c but the quality was poor.

Advices from England are to the effect that conditions in the salmon situation there are steadily improving. The supply of salmon in England is reported to be far below that of last year at this time.

The tone of the market for canned goods at Montreal last week was firm, and prices fully maintained. Beans were firmly held at 85c; peas at 75 to 90c; tomatoes at 87 1-2 to 90c; corn at \$1.05 to \$1.10, and one gallon apples at \$2.10 to \$2.15.

Eastern advices state that the stock of beans in Canada to-day does not exceed 60,000 bushels as against 300,000 to 250,000 a year ago. This shows a remarkable falling off, and accounts fully for the great advance in price, which has taken place since last year's crop was taken off.

Mail advices from Messina say that the Sicily filbert crop, as anticipated, was a small one. The total stock remaining in Sicily on January 1st was 10,000 bags strongly held. As Europe will not be in the market until the next crop is ready this quantity can only be utilized in America, and prices will be subject to the demand from the United States. It will therefore, not be surprising if lower figures should be quoted soon.

A car of groceries consigned to Grand Forks, B. C., took fire in the C. P.R. yard at Brandon a few days ago and was partially destroyed.

The New York Journal of Commerce says: An entirely new condition has developed in the refined sugar situation within the last few weeks. This in brief is the unofficial, but none the less complete and effective, abandonment of a fixed price. It is true that certain "list" prices are a matter of daily record at the offices of all refiners, and that these are the figures at which small wholesale quantities will be sold. But prices for large quantities are to-day quite as much a matter of barter as in any other department of merchandise. Two of the rival refineries—Dochter and the Arbuckle—sell at a net price. The other refineries—the American and the Mollenhauer—sell at gross figures, from which discounts are allowed according to the desirability of the buyers' order. And the whole matter of sugar distribution is in such unfavorable shape as to leave as a rule any profit entirely with the retailer.

Wisor & Co., in their circular, dated Shanghai, January 20th, says:— "Black teas—A moderate demand has existed during the month under review. For some small lots of very common tis. 15 a tin. 16 has been paid; for better quality tis. 17 a tin. 19, and tis. 21 3-4 for a parcel of kept over first crop, with a few shipments on native account of similar teas. Settlements since the 22nd December, 2,500 half-chests, leaving a nominal stock of some 2,100 half-chests. Green teas—Our market has been practically cleared of country teas during the interval, the stock now consisting of one chop of Moyune and one of local pack. Prices have gone about half a tin lower, several of the settlements being resales of speculative purchases made by natives last October. The stock of Pingsuey has been reduced to a small compass by considerable shipments on native account and a few purchases. Prices paid have tended rather in favor of buyers."

## Dry Goods Trade Notes.

One of the favorite lines of feminine headgear this season will be ready-to-wear hats, which come ready trimmed from the factories.

Styles in gentlemen's soft hats for the coming season are but little altered from last year. In stiff hats the crown is somewhat lower. Prices of hats are from 15 to 20 per cent higher for both felts and straws.

Golf rugs, fringed, made of fine Scotch wool, are in big demand. They are used for making into golf capes with a hood and are very useful for all seasons. Some come in solid colors on one side, with the reverse in plaid of a very pretty hue. Prices asked at present are reasonable, but it is expected the price will be 50 per cent. higher before many weeks have passed.

## THE HARDWARE TRADE.

## A TRAIN-LOAD OF HARDWARE.

As showing the extent to which Winnipeg has grown as a jobbing centre attention has been called this week to an immense shipment of hardware which left the Winnipeg depot of the Canadian Pacific railway on Tuesday morning for the west, composed exclusively of goods from the warehouse of James H. Ashdown. This shipment comprised a solid train of forty

cars drawn by two powerful freight engines. The goods are for distribution along the main line and branches west, and comprise a part of the spring shipments of the firm. The goods have a value of over \$60,000. This is, of course, only a part and not by any means a major part either, of the orders being filled this spring by this house. When it is considered that Winnipeg has several other large jobbing concerns doing business in the same line, the extent of the hardware jobbing trade of the city can be imagined. It is said that no such large consignment of hardware as this has ever before left a jobbing warehouse on this continent. Winnipeg is essentially a distributing centre, and, no doubt, as the country tributary to the city becomes settled up and its requirements increase, such events as the shipment of a solid train of goods from one warehouse will not be such an unusual sight as it has been in this case.

## HAIRDWARE TRADE NOTES.

English vermilion is 5c dearer in eastern Canada.

Castor oil gained 1-4c per pound at Toronto last week.

Local dealers have received the new price list on varnishes showing advances of about 10c per gallon.

Range rollers are lower at factories as a result of price cutting. Thirty gallon rollers which are listed at \$8 are now selling at \$6.75, and other sizes in proportion.

Rope makers are offering a quality of rope known as Mixed Merchants, which is finding ready sale. This is composed of manila and sisal hemp mixed and sells at 2c under pure manila.

Hemp prices have taken a rather abrupt tumble in London as a result of advices which indicate large receipts at Manila. Over 46,000 bales were received in one week recently. The decline amounts to 27 10s.

Stocks of linseed oil in Montreal have become very much reduced and under the influence of a good demand prices advanced 2c last week as shown in our special wire. Boiled oil is now quoted at 70 to 71c and raw at 67 to 68c per gallon.

The industrial activity in Belgium and England has led to further advances in the price of glass. This is due to higher cost of coal and wages of workmen. So far the advances amount in all to about 20 per cent over last year's prices. Canadian importers followed the higher prices last week to the extent of from 5 to 7 per cent for Star glass. Double diamond is also to be higher on small sizes.

## THE IMPLEMENT TRADE

## BINDER TWINE.

Dealers are still very reluctant about placing orders, says the Implement Age, and the small volume of sales is developing a tendency toward weakness in the market. Jobbers are withholding their contracts, and the mills in consequence are booking few orders. Some mills in fact are making little binder twine. Production, therefore, for the time being is comparatively light, and unless the output is materially increased before long, the non-accumulation of stocks will counteract the weakening tendency growing out of the inactive demand,