

learn before they can put their fruit alongside Smyrna as a competitor."

The new raisin crop, says the *San Francisco Grocer*, is moving out of Fresno at a lively rate. Some days 30 cars go forward. This is 720,000 pounds a day. The crop, including all grades, with dried grapes, will be probably not less than 60,000,000 pounds. The market is not absolutely strong, but choice grades are not to be had any below quoted rates. The crop will average better than usual, but is a trifle late. Of course, in so large a pack all are not choice, and with an abundance in sight, poor quality is not quickly disposed of.

The effect of the rescinding of the prohibitive quarantine order respecting the importation of dried figs and other dried fruits from Smyrna, virtually removes any quarantine restrictions against the importation of any fruits in Canada, either dried or other.

From San Francisco it was advised that the Santa Clara valley crop of prunes this season will amount to 30,000,000 lbs.

Eighteen thousand dozen of eggs and five cars of fresh fish, says the *Kingston News*, have passed out of Canada, at Ogdensburg, during the past few days, bound for New York.

Great Britain took 17,899 cases of canned tomatoes from America during the nine months ending September 30th, as against 30,085 cases in the corresponding period last year.

A New York authority makes total stock of sugar in all the principal countries 340,975 tons, against 391,156 tons at same date last year. Afloats to the United States from all countries estimated 78,000 tons, against 95,000 tons last year.

Prune culture in Idaho is attracting the attention of Eastern capitalists. A New York company proposes to plant an orchard of ten thousand acres of prunes in Southern Idaho at an early date, 400 acres of which have been already planted.

Referring to an Amherstburg merchant's advertisement, "1,000 bushels hickory nuts wanted," the *bona fides* of which seem to have been doubted by a neighboring newspaper, the *Amherstburg Echo* says: "A thousand bushels of hickory nuts is only a small quantity to handle in the burg. Nuts have been a staple crop in Essex since the days of Columbus, thousands of bushels being handled by Amherstburg merchants annually. The crop, however, is growing smaller each year. Our mariners on the great lakes must have nuts."

The first oyster boat of the season arrived in Montreal on the 20th inst., and the cargo sold at \$2.50 a barrel, picked lots ranging somewhat higher.

The potato crop throughout Restigouche and Gloucester counties, N.B., says a local paper, is first-class this year, the yield being large and the quality the best for years in some districts.

It is estimated that this season's orange crop in the State of Florida will reach 4,500,000 boxes, and orange growers generally throughout the State are becoming more in favor of organization in the sale and shipment of the crop.—*Shipping and Commercial List*.

Frozen pork will shortly be imported into London in addition to mutton, lamb and beef. A Townsville, New Zealand, firm has arranged to send to London a trial shipment of pigs, and anticipates making a good profit out of the venture.

The Vancouver grocery firm, Messrs. Tuft & Sons, propose to make Calgary the distributing point for their trade in the North-West

Territories, and have appointed local agents to look after their interests there.

The old country grocers are not so busy chasing guineas that they cannot take some enjoyment out of life. The Manchester Grocers' *Review* tells us of the sixth and final prize meeting of the season of the Manchester Grocers' Bowling Club—this is bowls on the green, not the perspiring game of ten-pins in a bowling alley—on a Wednesday afternoon this month, at the Victoria Hotel, Urmston. "Some capital games resulted," says the *Review*. There were president's prizes and consolation prizes competed for. The first prize was a gold-mounted umbrella. The second, a handsome claret jug; and the third, a gentleman's dressing companion. The first consolation prize was a pair of serviette rings in solid silver presented by the club. A tea of the usual good character was afterwards provided by host John Walton, Mr. John Bury occupying the chair, and Mr. Robert Fox the vice-chair.

SHOE AND LEATHER NOTES.

The Goodyear Shoe Machinery Company have become incorporated in Canada, with headquarters in Montreal.

A new boiler and other improvements are being placed in the tannery of Messrs. W. & R. Farmer at Ottawa.

Toronto wholesale leather merchants report that shoe manufacturers are now making more active enquiries for stocks. Spanish sole and colored leathers are in best demand.

Joseph King, of King Bros., manufacturers of calf, kip, grain and shoe lace leather, Toronto, and tannery at Whitby, Ont., has been in the city the present week, taking in the Fair and securing pointers for the adoption of the most approved American machinery for their tannery.—*Chicago Shoe and Leather Review*.

Retail shoe dealers should beware of the man, woman, or even child, who approaches them with a note purporting to come from some well-known resident of the town or city, requesting that "several pairs of shoes be sent to the undersigned for selection." This fraudulent game has been and is still being worked in the country and city stores of the United States.

The sale of the season's output of the Toronto Rubber Shoe Manufacturing Company came off last week, and was very largely attended by buyers from all parts of the Dominion. No less than 5,873 cases of rubber boots and shoes were disposed of. Amongst the heavy buyers was Mr. L. Higgins, wholesale shoe merchant of Moncton, N.B., whose purchases will fill six freight cars.

An odd yet elegant shoe for evening full dress occasions, says the *Shoe and Leather Reporter*, is a woman's laced satin boot, with low suede foxings. The color is mauve, as nearly as can be described, and the upper is embroidered. The top is doubled over upon itself for a couple of inches, and is trimmed with lace and satin balls. The toe is decidedly pointed, and the heel is the merest pretext for a support, of the pivot order, and there is a handsome rosette at the ball.

Messrs. Brisco and Watson, of the Alberta tannery, Calgary, have received the gold medal at the World's Fair for the best buffalo robe on exhibition. The skin referred to is that of a wood buffalo three years old, and measures eight feet square. A fur pack including 400 musk ox robes of fine quality, says the *Calgary Herald*, is expected from Athabasca shortly.

CLEARING-HOUSE RETURNS.

The following are the figures of the Canadian clearing-houses for the week ended with Thursday last, compared with those of the previous week:—

	Oct. 26th.	Oct. 19th.
Montreal	\$10,907,266	\$10,957,115
Toronto	5,565,412	6,037,857
Halifax	1,250,934	1,154,308
Hamilton	645,989	803,369

Total clearings.. \$18,369,601 \$18,952,649
Aggregate balances this week, \$2,634,348;
last week, \$2,471,190.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

THE BOOK OF THE FAIR.—The third number of this beautiful book has been issued and quite fulfils the promise of the first. The opening chapters dealt with Fairs of the Past, sketching the development of such world's exhibitions, from the Oriental bazaars or fairs of yesteryear; then came a historical sketch of Chicago, and of the gradual evolution of the present World's Fair; next, details of the plan of management and financing, which are extremely interesting; particulars of the construction of the buildings; an account of the New York ceremonies; and the present number closes with an account of the Government building, and profuse illustrations of its instructive contents. Having seen the Fair, inside and out, every day for a week, we can say how truthfully, how worthily this book describes it by pen and pencil. And what is a feature of great value in gratifying the natural interest one feels in the master minds who designed it, faithful portraits are here of the architects, builders, artists, and administrators of this wonder of the time. The quality of the work is beyond criticism, and everybody who wishes a specimen of its value should send to the Bancroft Company, Auditorium Building, Chicago, one dollar, and procure a sample copy. Our word for it, he will order the work.

CANADIAN CHURCHMAN.—This established journal has embraced the interesting occasion of the first General Synod of the Church of England in Canada, lately held in Toronto, to secure large-sized photographs of the Upper House, i.e., the bishops, and also of the Lower House, the clergy and laymen. These two pictures, of separate groups, are offered for a dollar to new subscribers to the *Churchman* who pay for a year's subscription in advance. This, it seems to us, is a great chance, for either of these really good pictures is worth two dollars. Here in a group, reclining on the Trinity Green, are the eloquent Dean Carmichael, the impassive Dr. Walkem, the stalwart Dr. Langtry; here is Judge Macdonald, with a weight of care on his brow; Archdeacon Kaulbach from Nova Scotia and Judge Hanington from New Brunswick. In the centre of the group stands the venerable and still handsome Chancellor Bethune, of Montreal, and in front of him, seated, is the sturdy Mr. Jenkins, of Petrolia, perhaps the most active worker in bringing this great event about. The group of bishops is, properly, the more imposing. The primate and the archbishop of Ontario are seated, the others standing. The most striking form among the bishops is that of My Lord of Algoma; he looks his office. Equally tall but with a more arrogant dignity stands Bishop Courtney, of Nova Scotia. Monseigneurs Huron and Toronto are familiar; Quebec looks a worthy prelate, but much interest centres in the new arrivals from Qu'Appelle and Columbia. The latter in particular has a kind, benignant face.