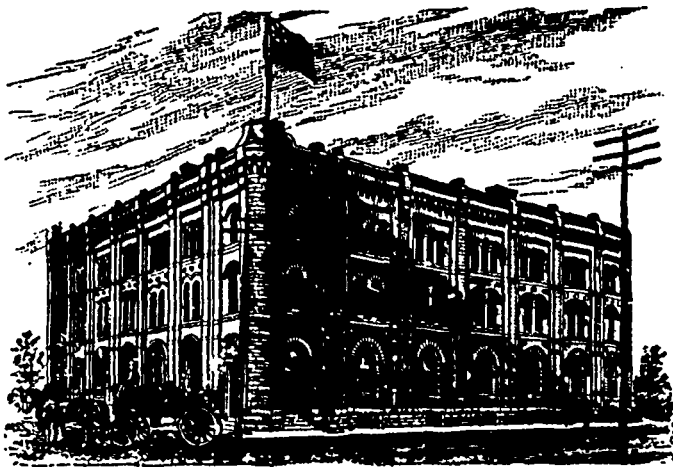


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Items About Trade.

Hides were again lower at Toronto last week.

Eggs hold at 17 to 19c in eastern Canada markets, per dozen.

The current rate on commercial paper at Montreal last week was 6 and 7 per cent.

Oats were easier on latest mail advices from Toronto, and quoted at 39 to 39½c on track.

Potatoes were lower and only worth 45 to 50c per bag, in car lots at Toronto last week.

Dried apples were held at 8c at Toronto in a jobbing way, and evaporated at 13 to 15c for new.

Nails have advanced 5 cents at Montreal, and are now quoted at \$2.50 for large and \$2.60 for smaller lots.

Butter quoted at Toronto at 11 to 17c for medium to finest dairy, and 21 to 23c for creamery. Store butter 7 to 10c.

On October 18 No. 2 Manitoba hard wheat sold at \$1.12 for early delivery, and \$1.10 to \$1.11 for later delivery during the month.

Dairy butter was quoted at 10 to 14½c at Montreal last week, with townships at 18 to 20c for finest, and creamery at 17 to 22c per lb.

Poultry were quoted as follows at Toronto, chickens at 45 to 50c a pair; ducks, 50 to 70c; turkeys, 11c per lb.; and geese 7 to 8c per lb.

Offerings at the cheese fair at Brockville on October 16 were 6,000 boxes, of which about two-thirds were white, balance colored; 10½c was offered for selection of both white and colored, but no one accepted. After the board closed there were sales at 10½c.

A feature that is very satisfactory to some of our fruit men, says the *Montreal Gazette*, is the firm position of apples, the first cable advices which were received this week indicating a very favorable opening for the first Canadian offerings at Liverpool, prices being 25 to 50 per cent. better than those of a year ago.

Of canned goods the *Toronto Empire* says: "The enquiry from both jobbers and retailers continues active, and values are firmly maintained. Tomatoes and peas are selling freely at \$1.15, and corn at \$1.10 to \$1.15. Offerings of fruit are very light, and prices are firm. Fish in fair request; salmon is going from \$1.25

to \$1.45 for tall tins and \$1.60 to \$1.65 for flat. Mackerel firm at \$1.40 to \$1.50.

The eastern Wholesale Grocers' Guild has advanced prices ½c on starch to the following quotations: No. 1 laundry, 5½c; Canada laundry 4½c; silver gloss and lily white 6½c; satin and Brantford gloss, 1 lb. chromos, 7½; No. 1 laundry, barrels and halves, 4½; No. 1 prepared corn 7½; Canada and challenge corn, 6½; rice, 9; cube, 1 lb. packages.

Of cheese, the *Montreal Gazette* says.—"Cheese continues dull on the whole at present, and the market seems to have drifted into a quiet spell after the slight spurge that occurred last week. There is some odd business going on all the time in a picking up way, but it is not of a general nature. About 10c is what most buyers talk, and some of them are willing to go a fraction or so more on best goods, but we heard of nothing to-day except the sale of some "tail ends" at 10c or thereabouts. The cable is up 6d. which may be taken to mean that August stock is having its effect in stiffening prices at Liverpool. It has to respond considerably yet to represent the value of September."

Provisions at Toronto are quoted as follows by the *Empire*:—"Receipts of dressed hogs are increasing, but there are still only a few little lots coming by rail. Prices are steady at \$6 to \$6.25 for hogs averaging 120 pounds and upwards. Lard—Steady. Pure Canadian is selling at 9c in tubs and 9½c in pails, but compounds can be bought 8½c. Smoked meats—Hams and rolls are in active demand, but there are not enough offering. Stocks of old are exhausted and new are not coming out in sufficient quantities. Hams are selling at 12½c for large and 13c for small medium. Rolls remain at 10c. Backs and bellies are dull; there are several lots of old on the market, which are selling slowly, though offered at 8 to 8½c; for new cured 10c is asked. Bacon—Long clear steady with a good demand. Old is selling in cases at 8½c. New Canadian mess pork offers at \$15.50, and short cut at \$17.

Dried Fruit at Montreal.

The activity in dried foreign fruit noted last week has been continued, most of the first

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arrivals being turned over; prices are firmer at the advance which we intimated as likely a week ago being made. This is owing to the fact that the *Dracona's* cargo has been delivered from the wharf, while the most of it has gone into consumer's hands, so that wholesale lots are very scarce on spot. Prices, therefore, are fully ¼ of a cent higher, and sales of carload lots of *Valencias* have been made here at 6½c; consequently values are bound to rule firm until the arrival of the second direct steamer, the *Escalona*, whose assignment is not so large as the *Dracona's*. She is expected here toward the end of the month, while the third boat, the *Florence*, sailed from *Denia* on the 12th of September. The amount of her cargo should be very small, but no definite news has been received regarding it beyond a letter to a leading firm of importers here, which states that their agent at *Denia* cannot speak of her cargo, as the scarcity of boxes at *Denia* is a great drawback and as fresh lumber cannot be got forward soon enough the *Florence's* cargo is bound to be light. In currants, business has been fair during the week, prices being very firm with sales of good sized lots at 5½c in barrels, 5½c for half barrels, and 6c in cases. The first arrivals have been pretty well turned over and no one expects any decline. Mail advices from Great Britain state that business in this article has been brisk with activity in all growths.—*Gazette*.

At a meeting of the *Montreal French Chamber of Commerce*, a deputation of egg packers was received and it was decided to represent to the government the advisability of placing a duty of five cents per dozen upon eggs in retaliation for the *McKinley* bill. Last season there were imported into this country 700,000 dozen eggs from the United States.

Fire on October 11, completely destroyed the *Pillow & Hersey* Manufacturing company's rolling mills at Montreal, throwing three hundred men out of employment. The buildings and plants are fully covered by insurance in the *Factory Mutual of the United States*. The nail works escaped but they will be inoperative as supplies were drawn from the rolling mill. The loss is estimated at \$80,000.