

this and corresponding past seasons from Yokohama and Hiogo down to July 16 :

	Current Season.	1893-94.	1892-93.
To New York, Eastern, Middle and Southern cities and Canada...	20,712,876	19,093,388	19,118,851
To San Francisco.....	651,215	1,099,906	598,041
Total.....	21,364,091	20,193,294	19,716,892

#### PRESCRIPTIONS FOR DRUGGISTS.

Cables from China report an advance in cassia buds.

Winnipeg commission houses sometimes receive as much as \$4,000 worth of seneca root in one week.

Sponges weighing 110 tons and valued at £50,591, were exported from Tunis last year, mainly to France.

A manufacturer of anti-fat pills who has read in the Bible that "all flesh is grass," calls his medicine "Lawn Mowers."—*Philadelphia Record*.

The principal articles affected by the disturbances in the far east are cassia buds, cantharides, camphor, menthol, anise and cassia oil, and Japan wax.

Contrary to general expectations, the sale of cacao butter in Amsterdam on August 7th passed off at materially higher prices, the lay down cost in New York being equal to 31½ cents.

Iodoform, it is said, can have its disreputable odor successfully masked in the following combination: Iodoform, powdered benzoin, powdered cinchona and magnesium carbonate, equal parts, and a little oil of eucalyptus.

An ointment consisting of twenty-five per cent. of ichthyol and seventy-five per cent. of lanolin, is the very best remedy for erysipelas. Ichthyol is also useful in rheumatism, in the form of an ointment consisting of equal parts of lanolin and ichthyol.—*Modern Medicine*.

The situation in China and Japan is considered sufficiently serious to impart a strong tone to the market for products of those countries, and the upward tendency of values is reflected by an advance of two cents per pound in camphor.—*N. Y. Shipping and Commercial List*.

The New York *Drug Reporter* lists the following drugs as having advanced in price: Opium, menthol, oil anise, American saffron, lovage root, Mex. sarsaparilla, foreign millet seed, camphor, Canada fir balsam. These drugs have declined: Alcohol, cacao butter, ergot, balsam Peru, oil peppermint, canary seed.

The London *Chemist and Druggist* of the 28th ult. says: "Our Constantinople correspondent, writing on July 21, observes: The arrivals of the opium crop here and at Smyrna, as compared with last year's, point to a very heavy yield, but it must be taken into account that this year's crop is three or four weeks ahead of last year's, and besides this the early producing districts will yield above the average. The same, of course, does not apply to other Anatolian districts, where the output will be considerably below an average. We cannot help thinking that as stocks accumulate prices will recede.

United States special officers, says the *Reporter*, are exerting every effort on the Canadian side of the line to locate the source of supply and the channels through which such large quantities of smoking opium are finding their way across the border without the payment of duty. In 1880 the total quantity of crude opium imported into Canada was only 5,000 pounds. In 1885 this had increased to 80,000 pounds, and in 1890 to 130,000 pounds. In 1893 it ran up to 155,000 pounds, the maximum point. The impression in official circles is that the refining, which was formerly done in British Columbia by the Chinamen, is now being done in Montreal, where the refined material is nearer a market than on the Pacific coast.

#### INDUSTRIAL NEWS ITEMS.

The output of the McNeill mine at Canmore, N.W.T., is now 200 tons daily.

The labor organizations of London will have a celebration on September 3rd.

The Ottawa Granite Company will lay \$15,000 worth of pavement in Belleville.

A company has been formed in Hamilton to make a hand propeller for small boats.

The gross earnings of the railroads of the United States for 1892 were nearly \$1,250,000,000.

The other day a big Cornishman knocked a three story house down with a single blow from a hammer. He was an auctioneer.

A number of Ohio stave mills have closed in sympathy with the action of the Canadian mill men.

Krug's furniture factory in Berlin is closed down for a few weeks while a new boiler is being put in.

The Canada Screw Works at Hamilton have closed down for a few weeks during the hot weather.

Old Lady—"Poor man; so you've been living on water for three days. Here's a quarter." Rollingstone—"Yes'm. I was working my way on a canal boat."—*Philadelphia Record*.

Willy—"Yes; but I am just trying to show you to-day that you got the worth of your money yesterday."—*Puck*.

Mother—"I gave you 10 cents to be good yesterday, and to-day you are just trying to show how bad you can be."

The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Steel and Forge Co., Limited, will be held in New Glasgow, N.S., on August 22nd.

Dr. Selwyn, director of the Dominion Geological Survey, has gone to Athabasca Landing, N.W.T., to superintend the location of borings for petroleum.

Berthallet made the discovery of a new bleaching process by accidentally noticing the corks with which he had stopped the bottles containing chlorine gas.

Proprietor of Mountain Resort—"This is truly a lovely clime." Puffins—"That's what I don't like about it." Proprietor—"What?" Puffins—"The lovely climb."

The platinum mines of the Ural Mountains, which constitute the world's chief source of supply, are being worked to their fullest capacity with orders two years ahead.

The Hamilton Bridge Company has received a number of large orders, and its works will be opened again before long. The draughtsmen are now busy on the new work.

Stranger—"What price do you set on that red cow of yours?" Mr. Hatcode—"See here, mister, air you an assessor, or has she been run over by the railroad?"—*Indianapolis Journal*.

The Gurney-Tilden works in Hamilton have been shut down for nearly three weeks owing to lack of good coke. A supply has been secured and the foundry is now in operation.

It is reported that the Canadian Pacific Railway proposes to use electricity for moving its trains over the Rocky Mountain division of the line. The method is to be tried first at Kicking Horse Pass, where there is ample water power.

James Watson & Co., Glasgow, say in their weekly report: "We regret to have no change to report in the position of affairs this week. The colliers' strike appears to be as far off settlement as ever, and the iron trade of Scotland, in consequence, continues paralyzed. Warrants have again remained stationary."

Magnetized steel corrodes more readily by about 3 per cent. than unmagnetized iron. This result was determined by immersing bars under both conditions into solutions of cupric chloride for some hours and afterwards weighing the bars. The magnetized bars invariably lost more than the unmagnetized.

Shipments of pig iron from centres in Great Britain since the beginning of the year are as follows: Scotland, to July 21st, 156,903; Middlesbro', to July 27th, 537,334; Cumberland, to July 21st, 214,156 tons. Shipments made during a corresponding period in 1893: Scotland, 178,254; Middlesbro', 503,458; Cumberland, 147,869 tons.

The market for tin plates is inactive, says the London, England, *Iron and Steel Trades Journal*, but prices are maintained at 10s. 8d. to 10s. 6d. for Bessemer cokes, f.o.b. Swansea. Disputes with the men are frequent, and not much is being done towards re-opening idle works. The mills in operation are more than sufficient to meet the present needs of the market.

The carriage makers of Montreal are taking steps to form an association with a capital of \$100,000. They say that the Montreal market is overloaded with the product of Ontario manufacturers, and they wish to be in a better position for competition. The following is the organization committee:—Messrs. Felix Mercier, president; M. A. Lamarche, vice-president. Directors, Messrs. Ledoux, Berard, Major and Danse-reau.

#### LUMBER AND TIMBER PIECES.

A St. John River lumberman thinks the year's cut is 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 less than in ordinary years.

Nine rafts have gone down to Quebec from the Upper Ottawa this summer. This includes two that were left over from last year.

The lumber shipped to the United States from the Ottawa district during the quarter ending June 30 amounted in value to \$460,584.57.

The Department of Crown Lands will hold an examination of candidates for licenses as cullers of sawlogs at Callendar, Ont., on August 14th.