

### The Hardware and Paint Trade.

The market for sisal rope is very firm at the advance previously noted and the prospects are that still higher figures will rule in the near future.

Turpentine has made a sharp advance of 3c per gallon at Montreal, due to the recent steady upward tendency of prices at points of shipment. Recent sales of 5 barrel lots have been made at 49c and single barrels at 50c.

Western jobbers of window glass at a meeting held at Chicago, ordered an advance in price of 5 per cent., to take effect at once, and notified the trade of another advance of not less than 5 per cent. to take place November 1. Stocks of all the staple sizes of window glass are said to be very low.

A Montreal report says The trade of the market for glass is much firmer owing to the light stock, and the scarcity of some sizes. Importers in some cases have advanced prices 10c to \$1.40 for first break, but this change has not actually been established yet, as some firms are still selling at the old figures.

The organization of the great window glass manufacturers combination in the United States has been completed. It is called the American Window Glass Co., and is composed of all the factories in the country except half a dozen small concerns. The capital stock of the company is fixed at \$1,200,000, but the actual capital represented in the combination aggregates nearly \$30,000,000.

The Montreal Gazette says: The advance in English brands of cement has been followed by a rise of 5c per barrel on outside prices for Belgian, which is due to the fact that Belgian makers advanced prices 3d per barrel and rates of ocean freight are also 2s 6d per ton dearer. The prospects at present are that prices will rule still higher in this market, as stocks are unusually light and importers find it impossible to secure freight from Belgian ports.

### Grocery Trade Notes.

Currants advanced 1-2c in New York last week, and are very firm.

A cable received from Patras quoted 17s 6d for barrels and 17s 9d for half-cases of fine provincial currants for prompt shipment, the market still showing an advancing tendency.

A Toronto report says: Large supplies of Sultanias, Valenciennes and currants have been received ex-direct steamer Avlona via Montreal. There is a good demand for fruits and prices are very firm, especially for currants, which are in very active demand. Canned goods are in good demand and prices are firm. The pack of tomatoes, owing to the short season, was only about half the average.

Concerning the salmon situation the San Francisco Herald of Trade says: "The fish commissioner of Washington places the pack on the Pacific coast as follows: Puget Sound, 394,500 cases; Fraser River, 878,650 and upper British Columbia rivers, 150,000; Alaska, 1,000,000; Columbia River, 484,000. Total, 2,907,150. Adding to this the pack of Sacramento River, outside rivers in Oregon and the fall pack of Puget Sound and Columbia River, the total pack will reach fully 3,100,000 cases, which is 750,000 cases more than the previous largest pack. Even this very

heavy increase in the total pack will go into consumptive channels, owing to the exceptional low prices at which the fish have been put on the market. When it is considered that 3,100,000 cases represent 118,800,000 cans of one pound each it is readily seen that the enormous proportion this industry has assumed since its inception in 1866, when the pack was only 4,000 cases, equivalent to 192,000 one pound cans.

### Dairy Trade Items.

At a recent meeting of the Manitoba Dairy Association, held in Winnipeg, a resolution of condolence was passed with the family of the late Mr. Hottle.

It has been decided to hold the next annual meeting of the Manitoba Dairy Association at some point outside of Winnipeg, early in February next. The secretary is prepared to receive invitations from jointed dairymen of having the meeting.

London, Oct. 23.—Sixteen factories offered 6,030 boxes September and October cheese; sales 200 at 83-1c, 1,410 at 87-8c, 230 at 9c. Market quiet; factorymen inclined to hold for better prices.

The grand total of butter manufactured in the Dominion creameries in Alberta territory this season is 89,271 lbs., of which nearly 78,000 lbs. has been shipped, partly to Great Britain and partly to British Columbia. The balance of butter is intended for export. This is the production of five creameries. At the Calgary creamery 9,249 pounds were made, at Innisfail 25,115 pounds, at Red Deer 21,276 pounds, at Wetaskiwin 12,182 pounds, and at Edmonton, 18,787 pounds.

### Dry Goods Trade.

In the United States cotton fabrics are dull, the market being affected by the weakness in raw cotton. Prices for woollens hold firm and are gradually being worked higher. The advance in woollens, so far, does not cover the increase in the cost of the raw material.

Winnipeg jobbers report the sorting trade remarkably good, considering the fine, warm weather which has prevailed so long, such weather being unfavorable to an early movement of fall goods in this branch. With more seasonable weather business would have been larger. The outlook is regarded as very encouraging.

A Toronto report says: There is more business being done in wool. There is a better feeling among the Canadian woollen manufacturers and there is more disposition to place liberal orders. Prices being paid for manufactured goods are better. One mill received 10 to 15 per cent advance this week on a lot of goods for the west. Prices of wools are firmer.

### Dried Fruits.

The Montreal Gazette says: The dried fruit market generally, exhibits a firm tendency; in fact prices in many instances point upward. The most notable strength is shown by Valencia raisins. Cables from Denia quote fine off stalk at 17s, for shipment by the second steamer and supplies by this vessel will cost more laid down than those ex Avlona. Accordingly values here are firmly held in a jobbing way, at 1-1-2c for ordinary off stalk, 1-3-1c

for fine, 5 3-4c for selected, and 6 3-1c for 1-crown layers. California raisins are unsettled, as it is difficult to secure stable quotations for forward shipment. It looks very much now as though the importation of these fruit into Eastern Canada, at least, would be greatly curtailed this year. The Dingley bill has practically shut out Mediterranean fruit from the United States, and the Pacific coast article having the home market for itself, promises to sell so high that it will not be able to compete so successfully in Canada, with Spanish raisins, as in former years. Quotations to-day on 1-crown are 8 1-2c; 3-crown, 7 1-2c, and 2-crown 6 1-2c. Malaga table raisins are now on the way, and will be here presently. Based on c.i.f. prices they should open out for jobbing purposes about as follows: London layers, \$1.50 per box; Imperial Cabinet, \$1.75, and Empiro Delosha custers, \$2 Currants, rule firm, prices are Philadelphia, 5 3-8c barrels, half barrels, 5 1-2c, and half cases, 5 3-1c, Provincia s, half cases, 5 1-2c; and Patras, half cases, 6 1-4c. French prunes are very firm, and shippers in France have withdrawn quotations for the time being. Goods now on the way, are offered to arrive in jobbing lots at 4c to 4 1-4c. Cables on Bosnia prunes are 1-6 higher this week, and these fruit are expected to open out here at about 6 1-4c. The first shipments of dates, are expected to leave Bussorah, on the 10th, and will reach London about a month later. No supplies of new dates can therefore reach Montreal until after the middle of November, which is ten days later than last year. They are expected to out about 1c higher than last year, at 6c to 7c, in jobbing lots. New figs were offered for the first time on Friday at 12c per pound. Advances on Valencia shelled almonds from primary markets, state that they are dearer than they have been for four or five years. No quotations are spoken of yet. Shelled Grenoble walnuts are quoted for shipment on the 15th November at a figure equivalent to 16c to 17c laid down here, for jobbing lots.

### Hides, Wool, etc.

Hides were scarce and in active demand at Toronto, at an advance of 1-2c. There is a demand for them for export, but supplies were barely sufficient to meet home requirements. Green No. 1 were quoted at 9c, and cars of cured were at the same price. Lamb skins were 5c higher at 90c for green butchers.

A Toronto report says: The inquiry for leather is better, sales are larger and owing to the scarcity of hides and the demand for export at good prices values of leathers are firm.

Bradstreet's says of the United States wool markets: Trade has fallen off considerably during the past few weeks and the market is apparently settling down to a quiet period. There is very little weakness in values, however, and bids on territory lots of 1-2c below the grease price have been refused. Fleece wools are quiet but firm at 28 to 29c for XX and above Ohio, with medium washed at about the same price.

London wool sale closed 21-2 to 5 per cent. above the opening for best merinos.

The Verity Plow works at Brantford, Ont., were burned on October 26. Estimated damage \$60,000.