

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

## Fall Dress Goods.

The trade in dress goods for the fall is developing along the lines indicated in this column several weeks ago. There is being a demand for dress goods for the fall now, and orders that had been ahead of the business at this time are being filled. The fall is a very strong time for all the fine wool fabrics for all the many lines at present being carried. It cannot be seen for less than 10 to 15 per cent. advance. The fall wool at the recent London sales showed advances of 10 to 15 per cent, and the finished goods are fully 15 per cent. higher in some cases. It is clear that in view of these facts when present stocks become cleaned up and the wholesale firms have to repeat orders to replenish stocks, they will have to advance their prices. A demand for what is known as "Noupe cloth," a sort of matting ground with a knotted effect through it. Chemises are well in demand, and dresses are going out quite largely, navy, blues and blacks, and prices for these goods are very strong. Cheviot is in excellent demand for the fall in blacks, vixen blues, navys and in the corseting shades of blue and red. Greens are also likely to be quite a feature the coming season in all cloths. There is a definite feeling for plain face cloths, Amazons, broadens and Venetians being well taken by the retail trade. Poplins, selvies, satin cloths, matting and knickers are selling well. Prospects are for a continued active sale of fall dress goods, especially if the present encouraging conditions of trade are maintained.—Toronto Globe.

## Dry Goods Trade Notes.

Men's fancy half hose in stripes and pinks are meeting with a good demand this summer wear.

Print goods are selling well for fall wear, and Canadian makes are getting the preference.

Wide ribbons are in good demand this summer for the fall and jobbers report a steady movement in these.

Fashion seems to be dictating narrow widths in view of this season's summer wear, and the favorite colors are tan, black and mouse color.

Fancy moires and pields are looked upon by New York jobbers as entering property for the coming fall silk season, while the usual heavy demand for tafetas is expected.

Reports from Toronto say that dry goods trade there improved very much last week with the advent of warm weather. Jobbers were beginning to think that their summer trade of a boring character would not amount to much and have been turning attention to the fall placing business. This has been quite large so far and promises well as crop prospects are excellent at present.

## Grocery Trade Notes.

Valencia resins have advanced 1-2c to 3-4c in Toronto.

Maize syrup in five gallon tins has declined 16c per tin at Toronto.

Evaporated apple stocks are all out of jobber's hands in eastern markets.

In the Ontario canned goods market tomatoes are the ruling feature and the stocks are becoming exhausted. As high as 95c has been paid for tomatoes, and the selling price will be 10c to 11c. The market has never before been so bare of tomatoes. Peas also are becoming scarce and corn is showing more activity, as it is the lowest priced of the three vegetables. There is a fair movement in beans.

Five thousand tons of Egyptian sugar from Alexandria, Egypt, arrived at Philadelphia on Friday last on the British steamship Green Jacket. The sugar was grown in a country which for 20 years ago was a barren waste, but has been made rich by irrigation. Sugar experts say that it contains more saccharine matter than any other grown in the world. The hold of the vessel appeared like a mass of bright crystals, and in the dark, exhibit a phosphorescent light.

## IMPLEMENT TRADE.

## The Twine Market.

Business has been fairly active since the advance in price reported last week. Contracts have been closed with a good number of buyers, but not hereofore purchased any portion of their probable requirements, and with many others, whose first orders are considered insufficient. With this business and the mail and wire orders from the market, the twine market has shown more activity than at any time during the past two months. It is also said that quotations out since the middle of May and later were fairly accepted by dealers, but the orders received on such quotations were turned down.

The market is strong at prices quoted below. There is a feeling among manufacturers that the situation and outlook call for still higher prices at this time. One manufacturer yesterday predicted that July 1 would find steel and standard sailing at 13 cents. Prices for the remainder of the season will be regulated mainly by the market and developments with regard to demand. It was stated last week, the prospect for a large consumption of twine than was anticipated was the principal warrant for the last advance. As the season progresses, the supply of twine with reference to supply and demand comes to light the price will go up or down, according to developments.

Manufacturers are divided on the question of supply. Some say that it will be enough, while others predict an actual shortage. The crop prospects are not so bright as things considered, are not favorable to an adequate supply, but a great deal of twine will be made in the next few weeks. Whether it will be enough remains to be seen. In any event a surplus now seems entirely out of the question.

The following prices prevail:

Standard	12
Manilla (500-foot)	13 1/2
Manilla (1000-foot)	14 1/2
Pure Manila	16

Car lots 1/4 cent less. Five ton lots 1/2 cent less. Fall terms.—Farm Implement News.

## Wagon Prices to Be Advanced.

That prices of farm wagons will be advanced within the next few weeks, says Farm Implement News of Chicago, is the consensus of opinion of manufacturers who attended a special meeting of the National Automobile Manufacturers' Association held at the Auditorium Annex hotel, Chicago, yesterday. So much of an advance will be made has not been determined, but all agree that the high prices of the material render it imperative for manufacturers to obtain better prices. The question of costs and prices was thoroughly discussed at the meeting, but no recommendation relating to the necessary percentage of advance was considered. It was decided to take the matter up for further consideration at a later special meeting to be held some time next month.

## Implement Trade Notes.

Reports from Minneapolis say that the vehicle trade there has been disappointing this season, owing to the wet weather and bad roads. Many wholesale houses are left with large stocks on hand.

The Cordage Trade Journal of New York writes: The binder twine market has followed under the sun of Chicago, where the harvest approaches, the moderate movement of late of June 1. The market becomes apparent, and prices feel the effects of a nervous feeling that, though good crops are to be expected, all the crops will not be ready when wanted. Last week, quotations were advanced 10 to 15 per cent, and are steady at the advance. There is a general demand for binder twine from nearly all sections of the country, which is especially heavy where harvest is close at hand. This general demand is likely to be maintained to the very conservative buying of merchants throughout the season. They now find that a rank growth of twine together with improvement in the crop conditions in some sections, calls for a larger amount of twine than there was anticipated thirty or forty-five days ago. Manufacturers have made so little twine, comparatively, that the

effect of the increased demand is to raise prices. Some manufacturers are sold up to July list, while others have only their daily production, which is moderate, to sell. One manufacturer ceased making twine six weeks ago, and has not sold practically every bale he made previously."

## Hardware Trade Notes.

Lead pipe, composition and waste are 1c higher at Montreal. Tin has declined 1.00 per 100 lbs. at Toronto in a jobbing way.

Machine cuttings have been advanced in price by the jobbers of Montreal 4-1/2 per cent.

Pittsburg advises say that continued buying of iron and steel in heavy quantities for 1903 is a feature of that market. In that shipment there is a dearth of material. Pig iron has advanced 50c per ton.

The window glass jobbers of the United States met in New York last week to consider an advance in the price of glass as they realize that when they have to go back to the market for more stock in the fall they will be met with an advance there. The advance discussed was one of 10 per cent, and while no definite decision was announced from the meeting it is understood that this change is likely to be made.

## Lumber Trade Notes.

McLennan & Co.'s saw mill at Wabigoon was put out of business last week by a breaking of the crank of the engine. The mill has a lot of business on its books and the delay will be serious for those who are waiting for lumber.

The white pine trade is moving along in its usual course. Business is so large that stocks do not accumulate at the mills as they should at this season. The mills are putting out a lighter output than last year, though that fact is not certain. In white pine prices are very steady. The mills are attempting to get their selling prices up in proportion to the figures they have to pay. While there is no weakness in any kind of white pine, an estimate of the feeling in low grade boards than in anything else. It would not be strange to find higher prices in the west for the substitute woods in the box business and the prices of the latter part of 1899 are not impossible viewed from the present situation and the steady requirements for boxes.—American Lumberman.

## Live Stock Trade Notes.

There was a very strong market for live cattle in Toronto last week. Prices reached the highest point ever recorded in that market on Friday when \$7 per cwt. was paid for Holsteins. Exporters' cattle did not advance to the same extent as the local cattle, nevertheless. The reason for the high prices of exporters was the big demand from England for beef to meet the needs of the large crowds who are attending the coronation festivities.

## Weather at Edmonton.

The weather throughout the week has been unsettled, though there were light showers, which some days were frequent, the total amount of precipitation does not reach one half inch. On Wednesday morning there was a very slight white frost, but no damage was done to crops. Yesterday afternoon the sky began to clear, mosquitoes were in evidence in the evening and the night was perfect. This morning the sun rose as of old in Alberta and there is every appearance of a warm weather.—Edmonton Bulletin, June 20.

The United States government has practically decided to adopt the Panama route, for the Nicaragua route, for its isthmian canal. This will necessitate the purchase of the Panama canal works, which equipment which are still on the ground.

A wire from Perpignan, France, on June 17th. It has been snowing steadily here for four days. The towns of Mont Louis, Saillagouse, and Prades have been visited by unprecedented frosts for this time of year. The farmers in those districts are in despair.

Corn and cotton crop reports in the United States this week are positively excellent, and in some contrast with a year ago. Winter wheat is turning out better than expected in such states as Kansas, where the rains have interfered with harvesting in Oklahoma. Fruit crops promise to be very large, and a favorable reflection of this is already noted in sugar prices, which are firmer.

The season is now practically over for all California oranges. It has been quite a remarkable one. Owing to the dry weather, the climate was very dry, and in some places, climatic conditions, there was a heavy falling off in the receipts, as well as in the total shipment of the crop. The production in California was about 3,000,000 boxes less than last season, resulting in a material increase in prices on all varieties.

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