

INDUSTRIAL

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NEW FEATURES TO GROCERY TRADING

No Further Changes Were Made in Sugar Although Decline is Momentarily Expected to Take Place

MARKETS GENERALLY FIRM

Markets Continue Quiet.—Rice and Tapioca Firm.—Coffee List Shows Some Slight Reductions Made by Jobbers.

Despite the fact that in some directions, business in groceries is reported to be increasing in volume prior to the Christmas rush, there have been but few features of note in the local grocery markets. In fruit, however, a better and more active tone has developed, and dried fruits are also in demand.

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THE PRODUCE MARKETS

The demand for butter continues steady, but there has been no improvement noticed in the volume which is under the average for this season of the year. The tone holds steady, no changes having been registered throughout the week.

Finest creamery.....	27½c to 28c
Fine creamery.....	26¾c to 27½c
Seconds.....	26¼c to 27¼c
Manitoba dairy.....	24c to 25c
Western dairy.....	25c to 25½c

The feeling in cheese is firm owing to small supplies available as compared with previous years. There is a fairly good inquiry from English importers at higher prices than they have been bidding of late but owing to the scarcity of ocean freight space from here during the week the volume of business was checked to some extent.

Finest western, white.....	15½c to 15¾c
Finest western, colored.....	15¼c to 15½c
Finest eastern, white.....	15¼c to 15½c
Finest eastern, colored.....	15¼c to 15½c

A large percentage of the supplies coming forward were American eggs for export account, but as navigation from this port will be brought to a close for the season 1914 early next week, the receipts from now on will be lighter here. There is no further change in the condition of the market to note, prices for all grades being firmly maintained with a good steady trade doing.

Strictly fresh stock.....	48c to 50c
Selected cold storage.....	31c to 32c
No. 1 cold storage.....	29c to 30c
No. 2 cold storage.....	25c to 26c

The tone of the market for beans remains steady, but the volume of business doing is not large. There is some demand for car lots of three-pound pickers and sales of such were made at \$2.40 per bushel ex-track.

Hand-picked beans, per bushel.....	\$2.85 to \$2.75
Choice 1-pound pickers.....	2.55 to 2.60
Three-pound pickers.....	2.30 to 2.40

There is no change in the condition of the market for dressed poultry owing to the fact that supplies coming forward are more than ample to fill all requirements, and besides there is not the same competition throughout the country for the crop as in former years. The demand is good and a fairly steady trade is passing at steady prices.

Turkeys, per lb.....	16c to 18c
Chickens, per lb.....	12c to 13c
Ducks, per lb.....	13c to 15c
Geese, per lb.....	10c to 11c

In potatoes the feeling was about steady at the recent decline in prices noted. The demand is fair for car lots and sales of Green Mountains were made at 65c per bag, ex-track, and in a jobbing way at 75c to 80c per bag, ex-store.

BANK OF COMMERCE ESTIMATES CANADIAN CROPS

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has issued its official estimate of the grain crop of the prairie provinces for the year 1914. The information on which the estimate is based was obtained by the superintendent of the central western branches. In an interview he said that his estimate of acreage was based on the figures supplied by the deputy ministers of agriculture of the various provinces. The arrangement which these officials had for obtaining reliable and accurate information was not as satisfactory as it might be, but at the present time no one had facilities as good. These figures compiled by the provincial governments were much more trustworthy than those which were based on the census. The estimated yield per acre was based on statistics furnished by bank managers in the various districts of the three provinces, who were in a position to obtain information at first hand. The making of the estimate was delayed until fairly complete returns were in from the threshing. In portions of the country these returns from the threshers bore out the considerable part of the country however, the returns were disappointing.

The official statement of the crop, as prepared and given out by the bank for the four classes of grain in the various provinces, was as follows:

Wheat.....	1,815,975	140,261,000
Oats.....	6,236,371	144,437,000
Barley.....	1,967,791	35,728,000
Flax.....	4,004,512	5,738,000
Total.....		30,884,554
		326,199,000

FOXES AT \$10,000 A PAIR. Charlottetown, P.E.I., November 30.—At an important meeting of the fox men held at Summerside this week, the majority were of the opinion that no foxes should be sold for less than \$10,000 a pair. It being shown that this was the value on a fur basis. This refers to the genuine island bred stock. Another meeting will be held here to-morrow to make arrangements for a general advertising campaign in order that information concerning the industry may be given to the outside world through official and reliable channels.

WILL SUPPORT "EMPIRE MADE SLOGAN." London, Ont., November 28.—The London Board of Trade has pledged its support to the proposal of the Montreal Board, that Canadians be urged to make the coming Christmas "A Made in Empire Christmas," by purchasing only goods manufactured within the Empire.

NEW YORK MARKET QUIET FOR COMMON DRY HIDES

Exclusive Leased Wire to The Journal of Commerce. New York, November 30.—There was an absence of new developments in the market for common dry hides on Saturday. The market was quiet, tanners manifesting little interest in the situation. The tone was apparently firm, however, and mountain Bogotas were maintained at 20 cents. Previous quotations were repeated for dry and wet salted hides.

Orinoco.....	29½	
La Guayra.....	29½	
Caracas.....	29½	
Maracabo.....	29½	
Guatemala.....	28½	
Central America.....	29½	
Ecuador.....	29	
Bogota.....	29	
Veracruz.....	29	
Tampico.....	25	
Tabasco.....	25	
Tuxpam.....	25	
Dry Salted: Selected.....		20
Payta.....		20
Maracabo.....		20
Pernambuco.....		20
Matamoros.....		20
Wet Salted:		
Veracruz.....	16½	
Mexico.....	17	
Santiago.....	15	
Cienfuegos.....	15	
Havana.....	16	
City slaughtered spreads.....	21	
City native steers, selected 60 or over.....	20½	
City brand.....	18	
City bull.....	18	
City cow, all weights.....	16	
Country slaughtered steers 60 or over.....	18	
Country slaughtered cow.....	16	
Country slaughtered bull, 60 or over.....	16	

GOVERNMENT ORDERS RUBBER BOOTS. In connection with the order received by the Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co. from the Imperial Government last week, the company states that the order covers only the heavy type of duck and gum boots, large reserves of which are always carried. Filling this special war office order will not interfere in any way with the shipment of the company's rubber footwear regularly required by the domestic trade. The company, with its six factories and twenty-eight distributing branches throughout Canada, is in a position to cope with any special demand that may be made on its facilities.

METAL PRODUCTS ASSETS. New York, November 30.—Statement of the United States Metal Products Company filed with petition in bankruptcy shows total assets of \$3,700,869, with total liabilities of \$1,968,550, of which \$40,037 is secured and \$945,187 unsecured. Among liabilities is mentioned a suit against the Assets Realization Company for \$35,000. Of the assets \$704,733 is real estate, stock on hand \$294,215. Machinery and tools at book value \$935,163 and stocks and bonds \$212,221.

THE FRUIT MARKET

Generally speaking, the fruit market has assumed a stronger tone, and there have been advances in many lines. What might be termed the feature of Mexican oranges has been the arrival of the first crop of the week and are fairly reasonable in price, being quoted at \$2.50 per box. The quality is said to be exceptionally good. California fruits have strengthened slightly, Emperor grapes having advanced 25 cents per crate and California grapes, 25 cents per keg. There has been a reduction in lemons, and they are now quoted at \$3.50. Grape fruit continues steady. The apple market has held fairly steady, with the exception of winter varieties, which have shown some advance. No. 1's have advanced 25 cents, while No. 2's have gone up 10 cents to \$2.75. Cranberries held firm at \$5. There has been an advance in onions, the red having advanced 10 cents and the Spanish variety 25 cents. Other lines are holding about steady.

The following table shows the prices which to-day prevail in the local market:—

FRUIT MARKET.	
California Fruits.	
Winter Nellis Pears, per box.....	2.50
Emperor Grapes, in Crates.....	2.50
Special California Grapes in kegs, very fine, per keg.....	4.25
Oranges.	
Mexicans, 126, 150, 176, 200, 216 and 250 size.....	2.50
California "Sunkist" Valencia 126 & 150 size.....	5.00
Lemons.	
Extra Fancy, 300 size.....	3.50
Grape Fruit.	
Finest selected 46 and 54 size, the famous "Gray" Brand.....	3.00
Finest selected 64 and 80 size.....	3.00
Apples.	
McIntosh Reds, boxes.....	\$2.25
Emma No. 1's.....	5.00
Spies, Baldwins, Russets, Greenings, No. 1 2.00 to 3.50.....	
Other varieties—winter varieties No. 1's 2.00 to 3.25.....	
Other varieties—winter varieties No. 2's.....	2.75
Box Apples.	
Special boxes fancy Greenings, per box.....	1.00
Cranberries.	
Finest Cape Cods, per barrel.....	6.00
Onions.	
Red Onions, 100 lb. to bag, per bag.....	2.00
Spanish Onions, in cases.....	3.75
Sweet Potatoes.	
Kilm dried, best quality, per basket.....	1.75
Bananas.	
Limon Jumbo, per bunch.....	2.00 to 2.25
Almiera Grapes.	
Heavyweight, longkeepers, per keg.....	5.00
Medium weight, per keg.....	5.00
Dates.	
Halloweys, very fine quality, per lb.....	7½c
"Dromedary" package stock, thirty packages to case.....	10c
"Anchor" package stock, thirty packages to case.....	8c
Figs.	
Extra Fancy "Camel" brand 2 inch 10 lbs. box 14c.....	
Extra Fancy "Camel" brand 1½ inch 10 lbs. box 13c.....	
Each.....	13½c
Nuts.	
Peanuts, Bon Tons.....	13c
Peanuts.....	16c

APPLE GROWERS.

The annual meeting of the Pomological and Fruit Growing Society of the Province of Quebec will be held at Macdonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue on Wednesday and Thursday next, December 2nd and 3rd. The meeting will start at 2:30 on Wednesday with an address by the president, Prof. T. C. Bunt, of Macdonald College. This will be followed with papers as follows: "Distribution of Fruit," C. W. Baxter, Ottawa; "Lessons for the 1914 Crop," Rev. Father Leopold, La Trappe; "Transportation of Fruit," G. E. Macintosh, Forest, Ont.; "Life of Trees of Different Varieties in Quebec Province," Prof. W. T. Maconn, Ottawa.

The annual business meeting and election of officers will take place on Thursday morning. At the afternoon and evening sessions the following papers will be read: "Public Handling of Fruit," Fred H. Grindley, Ottawa; "Interpreting the Young Orchard," Prof. A. MacLennan, Macdonald College; "Commercial Lime Sulphur and Arsenate of Lead," Mr. Newton, Montreal; "Preserving Our Surplus Fruit," D. B. Davis, Ottawa; "Experiences with Fire Pots," M. J. Wood, Quebec, and a concluding address by D. Johnson, Dominion Fruit Commissioner, Ottawa.

PARIS WHEAT. Paris, November 30.—Spot wheat unchanged from Saturday at 1.50%.

LONDON METAL CABLE. London, November 30.—Spot copper £54 12s. 6d., up 10s.; futures £54 12s. 6d., up 10s.; electrolytic £57 15s., up 2s. 6d. Spot tin £143 5s., up £1 15s.; futures £141 10s., up £1 5s.; Strats £140, off £1. Lead £19 5s., unchanged; spelter £25 15s., unchanged.

LIVERPOOL CORN QUIET. Liverpool, November 30.—Cotton futures closed quiet. May-June 4.16%; July-Aug. 4.22%; Oct.-Nov. 4.31; Jan.-Feb. 4.37.

GENERAL QUIETNESS IN AMERICAN TRADE

Sugar Markets Continue Dull and Featureless Raws Closing at Three Cents

DRIED FRUITS QUIET

Demand in Spot Coffee Was Light and Prices Unchanged. Rice Was Strong and There Was a Lull in the Buying. Bullish Advice Continued to Arrive.

(Exclusive Leased Wire to The Journal of Commerce.) New York, November 30.—Business in the primary grocery articles during the past week was generally quiet. Demand in the spot coffee market was light and prices were unchanged. Cost and freight offers were steady with no change in quotations. Brazilian receipts at primary points were somewhat larger, being 72,000 bags, against 58,000 last year. There was also an increase in the movement from the interior. The sugar markets were dull and featureless. Raw sugar was slightly easier, closing the week at three cents, cost and freight, for prompt Cubas, which is equivalent to 4.01 cents, duty paid, New York. Refiners continued to withhold their purchases of raws, and it is believed that their stock is sufficient to carry them over into the new crop movement from Cuba, providing that a heavy renewal of European buying does not set in. Refined sugar was quietly unchanged at 3.10 cents, but this figure was merely nominal as standard granulated was available at a lower price. Export demand was again of no consequence as foreigners continued to withhold their orders.

Coast dried fruits were quiet, but there was a strong tone to the market. Demand for prunes was light and though consumptive buying increased, supplies were fairly large. The upward trend of prices was reported to have caused large inquiries by local distributors, but they were unwilling to pay the top prices and as sellers did not grant concessions, business was at a standstill. Rice was strong. There was a lull in buying, but this was considered natural owing to the previous buying spurt. Bullish advice continued to arrive from the South and export demand was good. Blue rice was firm and the price of rough in the South was advanced to \$3.85 to \$3.90 per barrel by the planter.

THE COFFEE MARKET.

New York, November 30.—The Coffee Exchange resumed its regular business with a large number of traders present. After the opening call, satisfaction was generally expressed with the prospects. The market was firm. There was a good demand, with little disposition to sell. Prices tended higher than the unofficial figures of Saturday. The total sales at the opening call were 4,000. From an opening bid of 4.51 for December coffee the quotation for that month advanced rapidly until sales were made at 5.52. Opening bid of 5.41 was followed by a bid of 5.45 and sale of 1,000 bags at that price followed by 250 bags more at same quotation. These sales were followed by bids of 5.45 and 5.48; at latter price 250 bags were sold. After continuing at 5.48 bid, 500 bags sold at 5.50, 250 bags at 5.51, followed by 750 bags at 5.51 and 750 at 5.52. This month was then 5.52 bid, offered at 5.52.

THE HOP MARKET.

New York, November 30.—There were no indications in the advices from the Pacific Coast on Saturday of any material change in the general situation. The tone of the hop market is heavy, except for the five varieties, and as these are sparingly offered, they remain firm. Conditions in New York State, according to the Waterville "Hop Reporter" are unchanged. There are no sales, and no indication of activity in any line. The only orders received by dealers have been for stock which could not be found. The English market is reported to be three-fifths sold out. The quotations below are between dealers in the New York market, and an advance is usually obtained from dealers to brewers: States, 1914—Prime to choice, 26 to 28; medium to prime, 22 to 25. 1913—Nominal. Old olds, 7 to 8. Germans, 1914—38 to 40. Pacific, 1914—Prime to choice, 13 to 14; medium to prime, 10 to 12. Bohemian, 1914—29 to 44.

REDUCTION IN LEAD.

New York, November 30.—The American Smelting and Refining Company has reduced the price of lead from \$3.90 to \$3.80 cents.

CANADIAN WHEAT IN NEW ZEALAND.

Ottawa, November 28.—The quarter of a million bushels of Canadian wheat purchased for the Dominion of New Zealand is now on the way west, part having arrived already in Montreal. The wheat was bought in the west, and represented some of the best of the product. It goes to St. John for shipment to New Zealand.

GROCERIES.

The following table shows the prevailing prices on the local market this week:—

SUGAR—		
Extra Granulated—		
100 lb. bags.....	6.75	
50 lb. bags.....	6.85	
25 lb. cartons.....	7.05	
Second grade, in 100 lb. bags.....	6.70	
Extra Ground—		
100 lb. bags.....	7.15	
50 lb. boxes.....	7.75	
25 lb. boxes.....	6.95	
10 lb. boxes.....	7.15	
5 lb. boxes.....	7.35	
Crystal Diamonds—		
100 lb. bags.....	7.40	
50 lb. boxes.....	7.50	
25 lb. boxes.....	7.60	
Cartons and half cartons.....	8.75	
Crystal Dominoes, cartons.....	8.85	
Yellow—		
No. 1.....	6.35	
No. 2.....	6.55	
No. 3.....	6.35	
Malasses—		
Barbados, puncheons.....	0.36—0.38	
Barbados, barrels.....	0.39—0.41	
Barbados, half-barrel.....	0.42—0.43	
Rice—		
Rice, grade B.....	—3.50	
Rice, grade C.....	—3.40	
Imported Patna—		
Large bags, 112 lbs.....	0.06—0.06½	
Quarter bags, 56 lbs.....	0.05½—0.06	
Large, brown.....	0.05½—0.06½	
Small, brown.....	0.06—0.06½	
Government Java.....		0.35
Pure Mocha.....	0.33	
Pure Maracabo.....	0.27	
Pure Jamaica.....	0.25	
Pure Santos.....	0.27	
Pure Rio.....	0.29	
Pure Rio.....	0.21	
Dried Fruits—		
Apples.....	0.14—0.15	
Chopped peel: Lemon.....	0.10—0.11½	
Oranges.....	0.10—0.11½	
Citron.....	0.16—0.18	
Cherries.....	0.07½—0.08½	
Raisins.....	0.74—0.14½	
Evaporated apples.....	0.06½—0.07	
Prunes.....	0.06—0.13	
Yellow Raisins.....	0.07½—0.08½	

ADULTERATED COFFEE.

Ottawa, November 30.—Out of 255 samples of coffee collected in Canada and examined by the Inland Revenue Department, 49 were found to be adulterated. The foreign matter found consisted mostly of