

Montreal Grocery Trade.

There is a good demand for refined sugar; in fact business is brisk at 43c for granulated and 33c for the lowest yellows.

Molasses is moving fairly well at 30 to 34c, the outside price being obtained for single packages.

The coffee market is without change, a moderate business passing. Rio has sold at 19½ to 21c, and Maracaibo 20 to 21c.

Spices are quiet and steady. We quote:—Black pepper, 6 to 7c, Jamaica ginger 16 to 18c, Pimento 6½ to 7c, and nutmegs 52c to \$1 as to quality.

As already noted last week, the market is firmer in dried fruit, but there has been little change in the volume of business passing. Advices from New York are of the same firm tone. We quote: Valencia raisins, off-stalk, 4½ to 4¾c; fine off stalk, 5½ to 5¾c, and layers, 5½ to 5¾c for straight lots.

Currauz met a fair jobbing demand at 3½c per lb in bbls, 3½c in half bbls and 4c in cases. Figs and dates are unchanged, and a small quantity of Turkish prunes which arrived this week sold, to arrive, at 4½ to 5c.

If all reports are to be believed the canned goods market is in a rather bad condition. The wholesale grocers who bought salmon freely at \$1.22½ to 1.30 are now repenting, as the same goods can now be had for \$1.17½. One firm is said to have about 1,000 cases of a leading brand on hand. Tomatoes are a drug on the market. One broker has, it is said, about 10,000 dozens of canned vegetables, principally tomatoes. They are being offered at 80c, but are moving in a very small way. Corn is also plentiful and other lines are in good supply.

Lobsters, per case	6 00 to 6 25
Mackerel, per dozen	1 10 to 1 20
Sardines, per case	8 50 to 9 50
Salmon, per box	1 25 to 1 30
Clams, 1-lb tins, per dozen	2 00 to 0 00
Oysters, 1 lb tins, per dozen	1 40 to 1 45
New Brunswick sardines, per 100	0 00 to 5 00
Tomatoes, Quebec	0 85 to 0 90
Peaches, per dozen	2 00 to 2 10
Bartlett pears, 2 lb tins, per dozen	1 50 to 1 75
Strawberries, 2 lb tins per doz	2 00 to 2 25
Pineapples, 2 lb tins, per doz	2 30 to 2 40
Plums, 2 lb tins per dozen	1 25 to 1 75
Corn, Erie & Aylmer, per doz	0 90 to 1 00
Corn, Hoeggs	1 25 to 1 30
String beans, 2 lb tins, per doz	0 85 to 1 00
Lima beans, 2 lb tins, per doz	1 65 to 1 75
Marrowfat peas, 2 lb tins, per dozen	0 90 to 1 00
Succotash, 2 lb tins, per doz	1 50 to 1 60
Pumpkins, 3 lb tins	0 80 to 0 90
Jams, 1 lb pots	2 00 to 2 25
Marmalade	0 00 to 2 15
Boston baked beans	1 50 to 2 00
Pig's feet	0 00 to 2 75
Roast chicken, 1 lb tins	0 00 to 2 20
Roast turkey	2 30 to 0 00
Canned beef, 1 lb tins, per doz	0 00 to 1 50
" 2	2 40 to 2 50
" 4	0 00 to 4 50
" 6	0 00 to 7 50
" 14	17 50 to 0 00
Lunch tongue, 1 lb tins, pr doz	3 20 to 3 25
" 2	5 50 to 5 75
Ox tongue, in 1 lb tins, per doz	5 50 to 5 75
" 2	7 00 to 7 25
" 2½	8 40 to 8 50
Fine English brawn, 1 lb tins, per doz	0 00 to 2 25
Chipped dried beef, 1 lb tins, per doz	0 00 to 2 50
Canned haddies, 3 s. 50 cans	5 00 to 0 00

The ninth annual meeting of the Metallic Roofing Co. of Canada, Ltd., was held at the head office in Toronto on the 15th inst, when E. Samuel was re-elected president, A. D. Benjamin vice president, and J. O. Thom secretary-treasurer. The company are putting several new specialties on the market for 1894.

Handling Grain at Odessa.

The growth of the port of Odessa, on the Black Sea, says the *American Elevator and Grain Trade*, is a conspicuous indication of the progress which is silently transforming all of Southern Russia. A hundred years ago Odessa was only a Tartar village, dominated by a Turkish citadel; it has now become one of the most important centres of the world's commerce in grains. The quantity in store at this port at the end of the year 1883, when there had been for a time an ice blockade, amounted to 500 000 tons, or, say, about 20,000,000 bushels of sixty pounds.

An extract from the table of annual exports will show past development and afford a basis for a calculation of future growth. Beginning with 1836, when the shipments amounted to 5,300,000 bushels; in 1853 they reached 16,000,000; in 1871, 23,000,000; in 1885, 44,000,000; and in 1893 they were 66,600,000 bushels, or 2,000,000 tons.

The Manitoba & Northwest Land Company.

The fifteenth annual report of the Manitoba and Northwest Land Company (Ltd) has been issued. It is as follows:—

The directors have pleasure in submitting the report of the business up to the 31st December, 1893. The net profits of the year are \$27,617.51. After providing for the seven per cent dividend declared and losses on properties sold there remains a balance of \$13,423.84, which is permitted to remain at the credit of revenue account for the present. Debentures to the amount of \$149,222.55 have been disposed of in Great Britain and Canada, and debentures to the amount of \$166,544.92 have been redeemed, showing a decrease of \$17,322.37 on this account. The total amount of debentures now outstanding is \$1,092,297.62. In consequence of the financial disturbance and consequent depression in Australia, United States and elsewhere, the directors have pursued a more conservative policy than in the past, which may have to be continued until there is an improvement in financial matters. The depression has been the cause of the slight decrease in the debenture account.

The president and Mr. Turner visited Manitoba last August, and made a thorough investigation into the investments, books and business of the company and visited portions of the province. An improvement in the cultivation of the land, also in the mode of farming was observed, mixed farming becoming the rule rather than the exception. The quality of the grain produced was very good, but the price has been exceptionally low, as it has been in other countries. The improvements in Winnipeg continue and are most marked in the character of the buildings erected recently.

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