

Toronto Grocery Market.

Sugars, syrups and molasses—For a few days last week there was a sign of more activity in the sugar market in anticipation of an advance in prices, but later foreign advices have been weak and buyers have become indifferent again. Refiners are maintaining old prices however and show no disposition to make concessions. Continued cutting in yellows is reported; while 3½c is nominally the inside price, frequent sales at ½c less are reported. Syrups are dull and easier. Refiners sell at fully ½c less. On the street there was a sale at 2c for a car. Retail lots are quoted at 2½c up. Sugars—Granulated, 1 to 15 bbls, 5c; do., 15 bbls. and over, 4½c; grocers' A., 1 to 15 bbls, 4½c; do., 15 bbls. and over, 4½c; Paris lump, boxes, 5½ to 5½c; extra ground bbls, 5½c; do, boxes or less than bbls, 5½c; powdered bbls 5½c; do, less than bbls, 5½ to 5½c; refined, dark to bright, 3½ to 4½c; Trinidad, raw, 3½ to 4c; Demerara, 4½ to 4½c. Syrups—D. 2½ to 2½c; M., 2½ to 2½c; B., 2½ to 2½c; V. B., 2½ to 2½c; E.V B., 2½ to 3c; ex-super, 3 to 3½c; N.N., 3½c to 3½c; XXX and special, 3½ to 3½c. Molasses—West Indian, bbls 30 to 45c; New Orleans, open kettle, 45 to 55c; centrifugals, 30 to 40c; low grades, 23 to 25c.

Currants—Barrels, new, 5½ to 6½c; half barrels, 5½ to 6½c; cases, 6½ to 6½c; Vostizza, new, cases, 7 to 10c; Patras, bbls, 7 to 7½c; half bbls, 7½ to 7½c; cases, 7½ to 7½c; Raisins—Valencias 5 to 5½c; do., selected, 7 to 7½c; layers, 8 to 8½c; Sultanas, 9 to 13c; London layers, \$2.25 to 2.50; black baskets, \$3.50 to \$3.75; do ¼ boxes, \$1.20; blue baskets \$4 to \$4.50; finest Dehesas, \$4.75 \$5; do ½ boxes, \$2; muscatel, 2 cr, \$2.25; do 3 cr, \$3. Figs—elemes, 10 lbs and up, 11 to 16c. Malaga 56 lb bags, 5 to 5½c; natural bags, 4½ to 5½c; Dates—Hallowee, 5 to 6½c. Prunes—New cases, 7 to 8½c; old, do., 5½ to 6c. Nuts—Almond, Tarragona, new, 13½c to 15c; Ivica, 14 to 15c; do, shelled Valencia, 29 to 35c; filberts, Sicily, 10½ to 11c; Walnuts, Grenoble, 14 to 15c.

Canned goods—Lobster easier; Clover Leaf brand has been reduced 20c, to \$2.75; ordinary brands rule from \$2 to \$2.25. Mackerel dull at \$1 to \$1.25. Fish—Salmon 1½, flat, \$1.60 to \$1.79; salmon, 1½ tall, \$1.35 to \$1.45; lobster, Clover leaf, \$2.95; lobster, other 1½, \$2.10 to \$2.30; mackerel, \$1.00 to \$1.10; sardines: French, ½s, 40c; sardines, French, ½s, 17c, American ½s, 6 to 8c; sardines, American ½s, 9c. Fruits and vegetables—Tomatoes, 3rd \$1.05 to \$1.10; corn, 2s, \$1 to \$1.05; cor., 3s, \$1.50 to \$1.60; peas, 2s, \$1.10 to \$1.25; beans, \$1; pumpkins, \$5 to \$1; strawberries and raspberries, 2s, \$2.25 to \$2.40; peaches, 2s, \$1.90 to \$2.10; peaches, 3s, \$2.75 to \$3.50; plums, 2s, \$1.45 to \$1.65; 3s, \$2.00; pears, 2s, \$1.90 to \$2.00; 3s, \$2.90 to \$3.00.

Rice and spices—Rice, bags, 3½ to 4½c; do., off grades, 3½ to 3½c; do., Patna, 6½ to 6½c; do., Japan, 4½ to 5½c; Carolina, 8 to 8½c; sago, 3½ to 4½c; tapioca, 4½ to 6c; pepper, black, 12 to 18c; do., white, 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 25 to 30c; cloves, 15 to 20c; allspice, 12 to 15c; nutmegs, 90 to \$1.10; cream tartar, 25 to 35c.

Peels—Demand dull, but values are firm at 16 to 18c for lemon, 16½ to 18c for orange and 25 to 28c for citron. Coffee prices are—Rios, 16 to 19c; Jan-aca, 18½ to 20c; Java, 27 to 32c; Mocha, 29 to 33c; Porto Rico, 25 to 28c.—*Empire*, Jan. 22.

English Wheat Crop.

Says the London, England, *Millers' Gazette*: The British Agricultural Department has issued its estimate of the wheat crop of Great Britain for this year, and makes the yield per acre rather larger than last year, 31.26 bushels, or about 2½ bushels above the normal average, against 30.74 bushels per acre last year. The acreage sown being about 90,000 acres less than last year, the total yield is estimated at 72,126,263 bushels, against 73,354,484 bushels last year. It is a pity that the Board of Agriculture does not, like the Agricultural Departments of

all other countries, give also the weight per bushel, because the fact that a large proportion of this year's crop is defective in condition and weight means that there is really a smaller crop in comparison with previous years than is here shown. It is worthy of note that, according to the returns of the Board of Agriculture the wheat crop in the last five years has not varied more than 2,500,000 bushels, the best crop being reaped in 1887, when it was 74,322,000 bushels, and the worst in 1888 when it was 71,940,000 bushels.

Maize.

During 1891 the imports into United Kingdom have amounted to almost exactly 6,250,000 qrs., or an average of 120,000 qrs. per week. Of this quantity only one-third came from North America, or an average of 40,000 qrs. per week. This seems a very small weekly supply, and half of it came to Liverpool. It accentuates the theory that North America fixes the price of maize, and we in England, or even Europe, have very little to do with it. About four million qrs. came from the Black Sea, and this source of supply may be expected in 1892 to send a reduced quantity in view of partial prohibition. We therefore may expect the larger part of our wants to be filled by North America. At the present range of prices our consumption should be nearly 200,000 qrs. per week, and for the first six months of the year we may certainly expect to receive 75 per cent. of this quantity from the Atlantic coast. It is too early yet to forecast the amount of South American exports, but up to the time of writing there is no reason to anticipate such a failure of the crop as took place last year. In 1891 Egypt exported about 400,000 qrs. of maize, and the grain seems to be shipped in a cleaner condition than used to be the case.—*Liverpool Corn Trade News*.

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