

## DRY GOODS TRADE.

## Toronto Dry Goods Market.

The trade being done in printed goods at present is entirely satisfactory, says the Toronto Globe. The retailers have already bought liberally, owing to the very attractive lines of domestic and British goods offered this season, and the excellent values they present, the demand is keeping up wonderfully well and is expected to continue for some weeks. About the biggest demand lately has been for gingham. These have been in great straits. This line has forged well ahead in the sales of wash fabrics. The consumers seem to have recognized in them better wear and faster colors, and better values than in other lines. They appear to present more effective coloring and all this has led to a large increase in the demand. The gingham which are selling so freely start with a low light colored check for children's wear and run to some effective stuff with solid colored stripes, alternating with plain open work lace and fancy worked lace stripes. This line, which is very beautiful, can be retailed at the popular price of 12½¢, and is a great credit to the domestic mills. The difficulty with the wholesale trade is not in selling these goods, but in securing prompt delivery of the quantities of the goods wanted. Generally the sales of printed goods have been bigger than ever this season.

One line in which fabrics that is most successful this season is a silk plush pongee, a light-weight fabric with a glossy finish, and very soft, being a cross between a muslin and a print, which is suitable for costumes or waists, and is shown in very stylish designs in a large assortment of colors and makes. It makes an ideal summer costume.

## Dry Goods Trade Notes.

Blue and white and black checks and small, neat effects in Louisiana silks are in good demand in American markets.

Pongees, which have been very popular this season, are somewhat scarce in the New York market, and orders for quick delivery are hard to fill.

Blanket manufacturers in the United States expect to advance their prices 5 to 10 per cent very shortly. Cotton bedding will also advance 5 per cent.

The market for linens continues strong. Offers sent with samples of Scotch towelling recently to the old country showed an advance asked in the price of 17 per cent over what was paid for the goods last November. The wholesale men point out that retailers would do well to buy promptly such lines as they need for the fall that are showing an advancing tendency.

Staple lines of dry goods hold very firmly to present values in eastern markets. Jobbers are of the opinion that all stocks now in sight and all that the factories can make for months to come are required to meet actual necessities of the trade, and they are, therefore, not inclined to shade prices for the sake of promoting quick sales. In all eastern wholesale centers sorting trade is now active and is expected to continue so.

Silk and linen cloths are in good demand. The natural linen cloth allows of elaborate trimming. Some others show marked leno stripes in white or black or color. Tissue cloths, combinations of silk and cotton, and high finished in black, white and colors, did fair to be favorites among the light-weight materials. Some are plain and others show dots and small figures in lapet patterns. White tissues are favorites in these as well as in other fabrics.

## Grocery Trade Notes.

Lemons are 50 to 150 per box high in New York.

Private cables announce a decision in the Greek chamber of deputies regarding the amount of the government retention of currants out of this season's crop. The quantity to be retained, it is stated, has been fixed at 24 per cent. of the whole, or 4 per cent more than that retained out of last year's crop. The cables report the market in Greece as somewhat depressed as a result of the announcement.

Recent estimates from Brazil relative to the new coffee crop places the

figures between 32,000,000 and 15,500,000 bags, indicating another season of production in excess of consumption. A very strong feeling prevails in the market for Barbados molasses, owing to the fact that the yield of this season's crop is turning out very disappointing, therefore, the shortage is expected, will be much larger than anticipated, and higher prices are looked for, as private cable advices received here yesterday stated that the complete crop would be disposed of by the first of this month, and there has not been a single puncheon of it purchased up to the present for Montreal account, which is a thing that probably has never before occurred in the history of the trade with stocks of old on spot as light as they are just now, and still, importers state that buyers show no disposition to operate at these high prices. The first cost at the island yesterday was 18c per gallon, an advance of 1c per gallon, and equal to 37½¢, duty paid, Montreal.—Montreal Gazette, Friday.

## IMPLEMENT TRADE.

## Binder Twine.

Cordage Trade Journal, New York: Since the announcement of prices for binder twine there has been a very active demand, and independent manufacturers have been offered more business than they care to take. Pow, if any, cancellations of the guaranteed contracts or priceless contracts have been made after the manufacturers announced their prices on the basis given in the last issue of the Cordage Trade Journal. Some few buyers of hundred-ton lots have been firm in holding to the prices named, and the jobbers have been glad to pay car-load prices for larger lots. Fifty-and-hundred-ton lots have sold at 10½ cents for sisal and standard f.o.b. New York within the last fortnight. Very little twine is offering, and the sisal and standard varieties are particularly scarce. The Union Selling Company has advanced its prices on sisal and standard, and is now asking a quarter of a cent per pound more than the International Harvester Company's schedule. Another eastern manufacturer is this week quoting 10½ cents for less than car lots, and states that he will soon dispose of all he will make this season. Still another eastern manufacturer is quoted as taking large orders, and is asking 11½ cents f.o.b. factory or New York for five-ton lots. One two eastern manufacturers are under contract to make binder twine for the International Harvester Company, and will have no twine for sale until July 1st. The United States Agricultural Department's first report on the condition of winter wheat for the season, made on April 10th, shows an almost unprecedented situation, the condition being placed at 97.3, against 98.7 on April 1st, 1902. The acreage seeded last autumn was given as 34,070,000 acres, against 32,000,000 acres, this condition indicates the largest crop of winter wheat ever harvested, and this will require a correspondingly large amount of binder twine. If spring grains do even as well as they did last year, the consumption of binder twine this year should be the largest on record.—If the twine can be procured.

## Implement Trade Notes.

The price of binder twine manufactured at the Kingston penitentiary has been flat for the season as follows: Fine Manila, 150 feet, 11½¢; fine Manila, 600 feet, 10½¢; Kingsport special, 525 feet, 9½¢.

Those Winnipeg implement houses which handle drills have been disappointed in some respects over their spring business. The poor freight service has been a serious handicap. In a number of cases, the goods have been so long delayed on the road after leaving Winnipeg as to deprive their purchasers of the benefit of the season and they will have to be carried over to another season.

## Lumber Trade Notes.

The Dominion cabinet had under consideration on Saturday last the lumber business, and the result of the matter was brought to the attention



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of the government by Hon. Thomas Greenway. He asked for a commission to investigate the matter. It is pretty well understood that this will be granted.

## Dairy Trade Notes.

The British Home and Foreign Produce Exchange has reported to Lord Strathcona that "fewer complaints than usual have been made the past season of the quality of Canadian cheese. Speaking generally, it may

be said the average shows a distinct improvement over the previous years. The condition of the boxes still gives rise to comment. There is room for improvement.

It is reported that fifty per cent. of the sheep of Utah, Southern Idaho and Eastern Nevada have died from a new malignant disease which has appeared among them and from the severities of the past winter.