

A WEST INDIA MAN'S OPINION.

Some of the remarks about Trinidad, made by Mr. J. E. De Gannes, a cocoa planter of that island, are printed by the Maritime Merchant. He came up by the steamer "Oruro," and has visited Halifax and Montreal, and is coming further west. His opinion is that with the excellent steamship service between Canada and the West Indies many more Trinidad people will be induced to come north during the summer months in future. He was quite surprised to find such a good service, and thinks that Pickford & Black should make a special effort to develop the passenger trade north in summer as they have been doing for the southern traffic in winter. On the way up the ship called at St. Vincent, Barbadoes, St. Lucia, Montserrat, Dominica, St. Kitts, Antigua, and Bermuda, at all of which Mr. De Gannes went on shore.

Discussing the industrial condition of Trinidad, Mr. De Gannes said that the outlook for sugar is very discouraging, and that the loss of the industry will be felt severely by a large number of poor people who find employment on the different estates. He thinks, however, that the struggle will be only temporary, as the opportunity for cocoa planting is especially attractive. Small holdings of land can be planted with cocoa which for the last ten years has paid a very fair margin of profit and if the poor people once succeed in starting on their own account, their future will probably be more secure than under old conditions.

Cocoa planting in Trinidad would seem to be a very profitable industry. Mr. De Gannes says that the average planter grows about two hundred bags per season, and some estates produce as high as 1,500 bags. The usual net profit for the past few years is about ten dollars per bag of 170 pounds, and the planters are increasing the production from ten to fifteen per cent. yearly. Mr. De Gannes considers that Canadian people should drink more cocoa. In a cold climate such as ours, he thinks cocoa would be extremely suitable as a beverage of daily use, and he was rather surprised to find that it is regarded as a luxury by nearly all Canadian people.

LIVERPOOL LUMBER MARKET.

A recent circular from Liverpool describes lumber conditions in Great Britain, as follows: Arrivals from British North America during the past month have been 51,198 tons register, against 36,160 tons' register during the corresponding month last year, and the aggregate tonnage to this date from all places during the years 1900, 1901, and 1902, has been 350,741, 304,368, and 314,067 tons, respectively. Business has been rather quiet though of a steady character. The arrivals on the whole have been about an average for the time of year and the deliveries fair. Stocks of

some articles have increased, but all round are not excessive, and values as a rule are very firm, whilst for some of the leading articles an improvement has been established. Of Canadian Waney the import has been on a moderate scale; the deliveries have fairly kept pace, and stocks, especially of first-class wood, are light; values are high and continue very firm. For second quality wood the demand is more limited, but prices are steady. Square pine has arrived freely, and has been in slightly better request at improved prices, but stocks are increasing. The import of red pine consists of about 6,000 cubic feet on contract; the demand is quiet, and stocks adequate. Of oak, the arrivals, amounting to about 75,000 cubic feet, consist chiefly of first-class wood on merchant's account; the deliveries have been fair, prices are steady and stocks are moderate. Elm.—The arrivals show a considerable increase on the previous month, but there has been a fairly satisfactory consumption, and stocks are not too large; values are firm. Ash is in very limited demand; stocks are sufficient. Quebec pine deals have again been imported freely, but the deliveries have about kept pace; stocks, however, all round, are large, but values are unchanged. Red pine deals show little improvement, and stocks are ample. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia spruce and pine deals.—The import during the past month has been heavy, and largely exceeds the moderate import of the corresponding month last year, viz., 25,000 standards, against 13,800 standards, but less than that of 1900, viz., 27,700 standards; the deliveries have been fairly satisfactory, and latest sales have shown improvement; stocks, though large, are not excessive. Pine deals have been imported sparingly; the demand is fair and stocks moderate. Of birch logs the arrivals have been very moderate, and have gone largely direct into consumption; stocks are fairly light; values firm. Planks have again been imported freely; the deliveries, however, have been fair, but prices rule low, and stocks are too large.

A LARGE number of people assembled in Brantford, Ont., last week to attend at the presentation of the deeds of Agricultural Park to the city by the late Mr. Cockshutt, and to listen to the address to the bereaved family by the Board of Park Commissioners.

—Lady: "Here is a penny. Now what are you going to do with it?" Weary Waggle: "Ah, mum, I'll hev ter submit dat question to de board ov directors ov de 'Copper Trust.' It wouldn't do ter dump all dis metal onter de market at once widout considerin' de probable consequences."—American Tit-Bits.

A JOINT stock company is being formed in New York and Philadelphia, with a capital of \$500,000 to place the well-known mineral waters of St. Catharines, Ont., upon the market once more, upon a large scale. The company is to be known as the Springbank Mineral Springs Co., of St. Catharines.

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