

## THE GROCERY TRADE.

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Coffee consumption has increased largely this year.

White beans are costing 10c per bushel higher to lay down from the east.

Rice is firm abroad and higher prices are being asked for some sorts, particularly Rangcon.

The price of the 2-ounce size of Boyrill has been reduced from \$3.75 to \$3.50 per dozen.

New Corsican citron peel is now in stock in Canadian wholesale centres and shows very fine quality.

New California quinces are in the Minneapolis market. The opening quotations there were \$3.00 per box.

Cables indicate great strength in the market for high grade currants. The quality is said to be very fine.

The average cost per case of the salmon put up on the Fraser river this year is estimated to have been \$4.50.

Split peas are costing 10c higher and pot barley 15c higher to lay down here, compared with prices lately prevailing.

New stock Valencia raisins recently opened show quality above the average. Quotations for these at primary markets are firm and likely to remain so.

The United States pack of canned vegetables will be lighter than usual owing to unfavorable weather in some of the producing centres.

Rains have slightly improved the canned vegetables situation in Ontario with the exception of corn the crop of which is regarded as too far gone to be benefited by rains now.

English advices on the state of the rice market indicate continued strength. The rains in India, recently reported, have not been general and there is still strong likelihood of a restricted crop.

Mail advices on B. C. salmon say: Several of the largest canners in British Columbia have placed their entire pack. R. P. Rither says his company has sold this year to Canada and Australasia. Heretofore they have also sold to England.

Latest reports received by Winnipeg agents of eastern canners say that no corn can now be obtained at under 85 to 90c at the factories. Tomatoes are held firm at 75c. Peaches and gallon apples are being held higher. No cheap brands of peas are now available.

B. A. Lytle & Co. are putting up their pickles, etc., in new and more handsome shapes of bottles this season. The bottles have patent fasteners and some lines also have patent glass stoppers. The new samples with W. L. Mackenzie & Co., their Winnipeg agents, are very fine.

Advices from California indicate that the market for dried fruits has touched bottom and is now on the upward move. Latest reports are quite strong. Advices received in Winnipeg this week report an advance of 1-1c on peaches from the low point and a further advance is predicted as the market is strong. Apricots are reported 1-2c higher and pitted plums 1c higher. Pears and nectarines are firm. Prunes are reported steady at unchanged prices.

New Orleans papers speak with satisfaction regarding the rice crop of the past season as compared with that of the two previous seasons. The crop for the state approximated 1,200,000 sacks, of which 681,827 sacks were received in New Orleans. As a whole the crop was of a rather inferior quality.

Minneapolis wholesale grocery houses have advanced their prices on all lines of woodware in response to advances from manufacturers that an advance would immediately go into effect at factories. The advance on tubs and pails amounts to about 10 per cent, and is the second or third within a few weeks. The advance is caused by scarcity of hardwood lumber.

A second consolidation of starch manufacturers has taken place in the United States. Five of the leading companies not in the National Starch company have amalgamated with a capital of \$6,000,000. The new concern will be known as the United Starch company. Bitter rivalry between the two big trusts is expected to ensue. The companies in the new concern are: Duryea & Co., New York; Sioux City Starch Works, Sioux City, Ia.; T. P. Kingsford & Son, Oswego, N. Y.; Argo Manufacturing company, Argo, Nebraska; American Glucose company, Buffalo, New York.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

## CITY MILLINERY OPENINGS.

The event of the city dry goods trade during the past two weeks has been the fall millinery openings. These have been conducted with unusual éclat and have been highly successful in every way. The leading millinery and dry goods stores, such as the Hud-



The Directoire Hat.

son's, Day, Furner's, Robinson's, Bain's, Craig's and Preston's have all held formal openings and been thronged with shoppers, from morning to night. The styles of hats shown—and there is a multitude of them—have been decidedly attractive and consequently conducive to extensive buying. The prices too have been, in the estimation of the ladies, if not in that of their husbands and fathers, very reasonable.

In these days of correct styles and elegant fabrics the tailor-made girl is not complete without a tailor-made hat to match her costume, made of stitched felt and trimmed with breast, bird quill, and wing effects. For those who like elaborations these will not find favor, but elegant dressers will consider them good style.

The Directoire hat is at present the leading shape, but any shape is considered, "smart" sailors included, if the coloring and trimming is "chic" and

artistic. Drooping effects in back and front are great favorites, and one handsome design was shown with Turb crown of white satin finely folded in French folds of black satin and a small star crown of jet. The under rim was a mass of white shirring in white chiffon, smart black and white wings, a black bird and a handsome new fringed sash completed a very distingue hat. In toques the grebe and pheasant breast effects in the brim are made up with rich tonal velvet crowns in brown and claret.

"Pastel"—An artist's term—is used to denote the hazy blending of the rainbow tints found in landscape painting.

Mink will be used extensively in mid-winter toques, and will be made up with the Persian bandana effect in panne velvet.

Ties in chiffon, net, ribbon velvet are the distinguishing features this year, the picture hats, a directoire shape of semi-poke effect was charmingly built in amethyst velvet having an under facing of white chiffon in fine folds, and way in over-lying this was large double parma violets pressed flat. A white bird, a garniture of wide soft ribbons in two shades of violet and ties of black chiffon completed a very charming confection. A toque in claret velvet and pastel pink was declared "most artistic."

These are a few ideas gleaned from the hats shown at the openings; what the favorites will be for western wear remains, to some extent, to be seen, as a great deal of buying is yet to be done.

## Lumber Trade Notes.

J. F. Boyd will open a lumber yard at Minnedosa, Man.

A combine of the saw mills of the interior of British Columbia is being discussed by some of the mill owners.

The damage done to the Hastings saw mill at Vancouver by the bursting of the engine fly wheel is estimated at \$15,000.

The lumber mills at Norman (at Portage) were threatened with destruction by fire on Sept. 14, by the partial burning of a residence of one of the mill foremen, close by. The fire was subdued.

There is a marked hesitation in regard to new projects in the building line in the northwestern states, due to the inability of lumbermen to supply the demand for lumber. Dry stock has long since become almost unknown in the market, and prices for green lumber have reached such a height that many building schemes will have to stand over.

D. L. Mather has secured a contract from the C. P. R. for from forty to fifty thousand jack pine ties to be delivered during the term of open navigation, says the Kewatin Enterprise. These ties are being taken out at Eagle Lake and will be loaded at Vermillion Bay. The use of jack pine is a new departure for the C. P. R. Owing to the scarcity of tamarac and the difficulty of handling it in the summer season the management decided to use jack pine in laying some of the branch lines that are under construction this season. Mr. Mather intends putting up a tie loading plant at Vermillion Bay.

H. Buckle, Sr., for many years connected with the printing business in Winnipeg, has gone to the old country to reside.