

COTTON MARKET HAS ADVANCED AND SHOWS REAL STRENGTH

New York, March 20.—Contrary to general expectations, cotton prices have advanced during the present week to new high prices on this crop for the season...

askatchewan at the present time has 8,250,000 acres of land ready for seeding this year. Of this 60 per cent will be devoted to wheat...

THE HIDE MARKET

Table listing various types of hides and their prices, including cow, steer, and sheep hides, and their respective market values.

FORMALDEHYDE IS USED TO KILL SMUT

Farmers Should use it More Generally as it is by far the Best in this Connection

A CANADIAN PRODUCT

Demand is Increasing Greatly from Foreign Countries as German Supply Has Been Shut Off—Great Trade Possibilities.

There is every spring a greatly increasing market for the greatest disinfectant ever discovered—formaldehyde. Not only does this meet with use in the hospitals, but also in farming...

This disinfectant is particularly adaptable to the almost general use throughout the country inasmuch as it can be used with equal ease with either hard or soft water. It suits all grain equally well...

The raw material from which formaldehyde is made is hard wood, such as maple, beech, oak and birch, and of these woods there is no lack of supply in this country.

A great deal of help to new settlers has been extended in this province, where new lands have been opened for settlement that are heavily wooded...

Most interesting is the manufacture of this article. It is made from refined wood alcohol. What it is without its patriotic properties is not true...

From refined alcohol, formaldehyde is obtained by a further process of heating the alcohol and passing the fumes through red-hot copper mesh and drawing off the gas into water.

From time to time come complaints from farmers that the formaldehyde has killed their seed and from others that the formaldehyde has failed to kill the smut.

It needs to be kept moderately warm and if the barrels are kept too cold or are subjected to cold when being hauled from the stations...

Essential to formaldehyde is purchased from barrels it is very essential to make certain that it is kept well shaken up and has not been subjected to too much cold.

This year the makers and shippers of formaldehyde are receiving material help from the railways. Formaldehyde has always been shipped in heated cars...

Formaldehyde should never be carried in metal cans or pails as the metal affects it to some extent.

The upward movement of prices continues with prices still soaring as the market seems absolutely bare. Merinos have been notably strong...

The manufacturing position of the mills is steadily improving. Woollen mills are well sold ahead, and worsted mills are bracing up.

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MR. J. H. PLUMMER. Who has just returned from New York, where he was successful in booking a large number of orders. The company's plant at Sydney is operating at 60 per cent. of capacity.

TRADE REPORTS

New York, March 20.—Disputes by Dun's Review from branch offices of R. G. Dun & Co. in leading trade centres of the Dominion of Canada, reflect a general improvement in sentiment...

Gross earnings of all Canadian railroads reporting to date for the first week in March show a decrease of 10.2 per cent. as compared with the corresponding week last year.

Commercial failures in the Dominion this week numbered 78 as against 71 last week and 56 the same week last year.

MONTREAL—A fair volume of trade is being done in drygoods and a big season is predicted in cottons. Sales of footwear are below the average...

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AMERICAN RUBBER OUTLOOK CLEARER

United States Manufacturers Have Co-Operated With Great Britain to Mutual Satisfaction

CARE WITH SHIPMENTS

Shipments to Neutral Nations Must Be Made Through Great Britain After License is Obtained—Competition is Keen.

(Exclusive Leased Wire to the Journal of Commerce.) New York, March 20.—From the recent raising of the English embargo on shipments of plantation rubber to this country to March 6th, receipts of this rubber in New York have amounted to 5,200 tons.

Secretary Adair also reported to the committee that Sir Richard Crawford, one of the British commissioners of Customs and excise, who is located at the British Embassy in Washington, is much pleased with the way the American manufacturers have co-operated with His Majesty's Government in the matter.

In regard to the shipment of American manufactured articles containing small portions of rubber, such as clothes, umbrellas and carpet sweeper, to neutral European countries, Secretary Adair said that some of the shipping lines will take them and some will not.

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WIDE FLUCTUATIONS IN WHEAT PRICES DURING THE WEEK

Chicago, Ill., March 20.—Wide fluctuations in prices continue to attract attention to the grain market, particularly the erratic price movements in wheat.

Early in the week, wheat prices declined sharply on reaching of stop-loss orders, but just when indications pointed to a wide open break, heavy buying movement by foreigners started in, resulting in a sharp recovery to the level of prices prevailing a week ago.

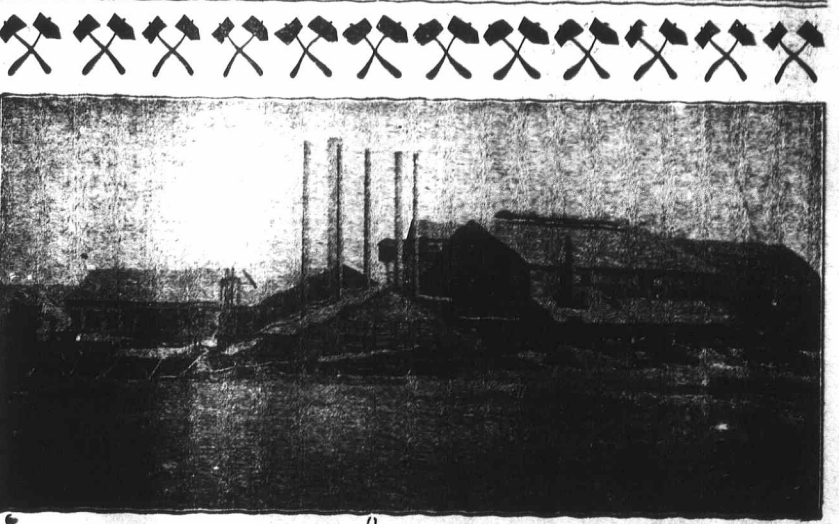
It is figured there is 250,000,000 bushels of American wheat available between the present time and July 1 next. The home requirements for food will take up 227,000,000, and leave only 23,000,000 bushels for export until July 1, and for carry-over reserves, which on July 1, 1914, amounted to 7,000,000 bushels.

NAVAL STORES MARKET. New York, March 20.—The naval stores situation shows no change, there being a small routine inquiry for actual needs of the consuming trade at better prices.

Consolidated Coal Co. Chicago, Ill., March 20.—The Consolidated Coal Co. reports for the year ended December 31, 1914, as follows:

Table showing financial data for Consolidated Coal Co., including gross earnings, expenses, and net earnings.

Tests show that ton of fuel burned in electric generating station for use in railroad traction develops double the tractive force of the ton burned in steam locomotive.



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