

Sugar in New York.

Considerable excitement exists in the New York market for refined sugar, the reduction in price caused by the removal of the duty having created such an extraordinary demand for all grades of refined, that sellers were unable to fill the numerous and fast accumulating orders. Buyers who cannot get deliveries this month are extending their orders into next month. The enquiry was of such a fierce nature that sellers easily obtained an advance of 1/2c per lb. all round. Owing to the fact that certain re-ailers were selling granulated and yellow refined sugar in this city within the last few days at considerably under prices, at which they can be obtained at the refineries. This fact appears to indicate that smuggled United States sugar has found its way into the heart of the Dominion. The price of granulated at the refineries is quoted at 6 1/2c, but it is said by reliable parties that round lots can be had at below that figure. The Canadian market for refined sugar is undoubtedly in a very unsettled condition, and it will remain so until the government announce the course they intend to pursue. Now that the duty has been removed from sugar, in the U. S., Canadians are watching the New York market with a great deal of interest.—*Trade Bulletin.*

Winnipeg Beer.

The breweries and manufacturers of aerated waters, in Winnipeg, employ over 100 men, and yet vast quantities of these goods are brought in from the east and from the States. The importation of lager beer from the States is especially large. Here is an opportunity for encouraging home industry. We do not advise our temperance friends to take to drinking beer, but those who do use these articles might make a preference for the home article. Some who are supposed to be judges, claim that Winnipeg lager is equal to the imported, and the writer, though not an expert at sampling beer, could not detect any advantage in favor of a famous Milwaukee brand, when compared with the Winnipeg article. It is just possible that the great demand for imported beer, like the popularity of imported boots and shoes and some other classes of goods, is largely whimsical. At any rate, we should advise that a fair trial of the home article be made, and if it is up to requirements, it should be preferred on the ground of encouragement to home industry. The demand for Manitoba barley at home would be doubled and trebled if the imported beer were replaced by the home made article. Thus the encouragement of one home industry in directly supports other home industries.

The North Shore Route.

The great improvements being done on the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway between Winnipeg and Ottawa, should set at rest the foolish reports circulated at intervals during the past few years, that the company contemplates abandoning the route north of Lake Superior, in favor of a route south of that lake. All the trestles are being filled in, and the entire line is being relaid with 72 pound steel rails. The intention is to make this portion of the line first class, and this great expense would not be undertaken if there was even the vaguest intention of abandoning the route.

The Great Northern Railway Company have let a contract for a portion of their line through the mountains to the Pacific coast.

The Clarendon Hotel, Winnipeg, is being painted, calcined, enamelled and decorated anew throughout. The first floor has been furnished with new oak furniture, and new carpets.

The statement of J. Birrell & Co., dry goods, London, Ont., who assigned recently, show liabilities of \$285,030. The banks are owed \$153,000, English creditors \$65,030 and Canadian creditors \$61,000. The assets are placed at \$121,000.

The council of the board of trade has considered the Ontario Government's mining legislation. It was decided to ask the Government to abandon the scheme of royalties, or if not, to defer their collection until the mines become paying institutions.

The Dominion trade returns show the exports for nine months ending March 31st, of the current fiscal year amounted to \$73,734,013, compared with \$73,208,731 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of \$525,282. The imports were \$81,780,945, as against \$82,522,897, a decrease of \$722,944.

The Dominion Government has replied to the resolution of the Territorial Assembly on the subject of immigration, that the recommendation could not be made; that Parliament should not be asked to make a grant for immigration purposes which would not be administered by the minister responsible to the House of Commons for the expenditure.

The upper lake trade this year is said to be opening badly. There is less stuff to carry and rates are lower than last year. Contracts have been taken for wheat from Chicago to Montreal at six and three quarter cents per bushel, while last year eight cents was obtained. From Duluth to Montreal rates have opened at six and a quarter cents against a round eight cents last year.

There is said to be a virtual hay famine in the states of Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri, due to the shortage in the hay crop of the south west. Agents from Kansas City, St. Louis, Omaha and St. Joseph are reported in the north west States buying all the hay offered at \$7.50 per ton. A dispatch to Bradstreet's from Memphis reports that market bare of supplies. Press dispatches report baled hay as worth \$17 per ton in St. Louis.

A despatch has been received at Ottawa from Sir Julian Pauncefote stating that Mr. Blaine has fixed Monday, October 12th, as the date for commencing negotiations between the United States and Canada on the reciprocity question. Any draft of treaty arrived at would have to come before Congress for ratification, so that there is no urgency in arranging for negotiations at once, as it could not be taken up by Congress before next fall anyway.

It is not yet too late to take a hand in the great Dominion Illustrated prize competition, and try for one of the hundred prizes which will be distributed among the subscribers to that splendid journal. The first prize is \$750 in gold, and the list includes a Heintzman piano, Bell, Karn and Cornwall organs, gold watches, etc., the lowest prize being valued at \$5. On receipt of 12 cents in stamps, the publishers, The Sabiston Litho. & Pub. Co., Montreal, will send to any address a sample copy of the journal and full particulars.



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