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Dry Goods Trade Notes.

bag trade of Manitoba and the districts of the Territories has within a few years to an enor-extent. The Commercial has informed that one retail house in bags this past season: Count-o bags to the bale, would make bags for one retai! house alone, enting a value of well up to

Canadian mills are very firm on le Canadian mills are very firm on mills. They appear to be indepen-about orders for the future. A r from a leading mill this week that they are the future in the grade; "and that it was not the grade; and that it was not the orican markets for finished goods on a basis of 8½ or aw cotton, it difficult to see how an advance in se could be avoided.

Grocery Trade Notes.

ne crop of Grecian currants is now mated at 140,000 tons.

he crop of Tarragona almonds will be over half that of last year. he crop of Grenoble walnuts has n seriously damaged by bad weath-One cable says it is practically

market for foreign dried fruits med up at primary points. Va-raisins 1s 6d higher at date of firmed up at p ia raisins 1s 6 cable advices.

deports received at Toronto on ursday indicate that the bean crop western Ontario is a total failure. loss in Kent, the bean county of tario, is estimated at \$500,000.

he market for raw beet sugar ned up last week and advanced v 14d in London. This advance largely due to unfavorable weath-onditions in Europe, which have red the growing crop.

red the growing crop, all advices from Japan report ments of Japan tea to the United es and Canada in September 322, 771 pounds, against 24,496,160 dds last year; total shipments for scason 1901-1902 were 36,014,708

The market for Japan teas continues rong, says the Montreal Trade Builm, sales being reported of several mired packages at 17½ to 21½ cs. at 10½ to 10½ cs. at 10½ cs. at 10½ to 10½ cs. at 10½

ong and in fairly good demand.

exters from Kobe, Japan, dated

joember 3, asy: "Contrary to gen
expectation, there is a marked

rease in the production of third

p leas, due to the prolonged un
reported to have been sustained

the leaf in some districts from in
ts. The decrease has not only

ugust about an important change in

condition of the market, but also

yout lisures. According to inculries ffects to a marked degree this year's sport figures. According to inquiries hade to-day, the year's export may e estimated to be about the same as six year, and even taking into con-ideration the probable increase in the kport of siftings, the total figures illi not, in all probability, exceed 36,-90909 pounds."

Lumber Trade Notes

Mahogany lumber is becoming very carce in America and Europe and cices have advanced fully 20 per cent.

William Robinson's new saw mill at William Robinson's new saw min eat selkirk, Man., is fast nearing impletion. A gang of about sixty en are at work on the building.

Hardwood lumber looses none of its rength in United States markets. here have been some further ad-ances in prices of late in some lines. The Pigeon River Lumber Company,
Port Arthur, through its agents in
the east are getting men for the winr camps. They will have five camps
Over 500 men. camps. They over 500 men.

The Pigeon River Lumber Company's w storage warehouse at the Cana-an Northern station, Port Arthur, tt., is nearing completion. It is 225 in length, with a width of 80

Advices from Vancouver on Sept. 26 said: Many mills have enough orders to last a year and a half for shingles and lumber, partly owing to the big demand in the Canadian Northwest. They cannot supply demand how. west. They cannot supply de-however, owing to the scarcity mand, however, owing to the scarcity of labor. Loggers are paid as high as \$4 per day in the woods, and Chinese are getting \$1.35 per cord for shingle blocks where they used to get 100 cents. It is reported a movement is on foot among the mill owners to try and import 5,000 harvesters from the Northwest after threshing is done.

White pine demand seems to be quieter in the west, but expanding in the eastern and central States, says the American Lumberman. West of the Mississippi river demand is comthe Mississippi river demand is com-paratively light, partly because dis-couraged by the lightness and broken character of stocks at the rail mills; but east of the Mississippi demand is heavy. Cheago wholesalers are hav-ing all they can comfortably take care of in the way of car shipments and ing all they can connfortably take care of in the way of car shipments and the same report is heard from all the leading markets along the lakes. Bast leading markets along the lakes. Bast cledibly care to the latest leading the latest leading to the latest been sorted in.

Hardware Trade Notes.

Turpentine has advanced 2c per gallon in Toronto.

In Ontario the discount on harvest tools has been changed from 60 per cent. off to 60, 10 and 5 per cent. off the list.

In Ontario the discount on poultry netting, 2-inch mesh, 19 w.g., has been changed from 50 and 5 to 50 and 10 to 60 and 60 and 10 per cent. off the

The bicycle season of 1902 is now practically over and dealers are total-ling up results. They state that a fair amount of business was done, but no-where near the number of wheels have days. The business is in some respects on a better basis now as the transient agent has practically gone out of business and the bicycle is now a regular line of hardware trade.

Implement Trade Notes.

The Massey-Harris Co. has appointed Geo. A. Bell as superintendent of its agencies in southern Alberta. His headquarters will be at Lethbridge.

headquarters will be at Lecturian.

Manufacturers of plows and other
farm implements claim that they will
have to have higher prices for their have to have higher prices for their goods next year, owing to increased cost of raw materials. The advance will amount to about 5 per cent.

The growth of the carriage trade in anada is exemplified in the McLaugh-Canada is exemplified in the McLaugh-lin factory, at Oshawa. The Mc-Laughlin Carriage Co. built a large and already this build for their business. R. McKenzie, manager at Winnipeg for this company, informed The Commer-cial that the company is building an addition to the factory, size 70x130 feet, three stories high.

Dairy Trade Notes.

At Brockville on Thursday last a very firm feeling prevailed in the cheese market, all offerings being dis-posed of at 10%c.

The price of butter has moved up ½c per pound at Montreal, owing to demand in the old country. The supply of Australian butter is falling short and Canada is being called upon to make good the deficiency.

Watches Scarce.

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In common with most other lines the wholesale jewellry trade has been having trouble this year keeping up stock of some manufactured lines. Watch movements have been particularly hard to obtain. Both the Wattham and Eight companies are heavily overtaxed with orders and are only able to expense of the control of the co

nipeg, states that his firm have had great difficulty of late in supplying their western trade with watch movetheir western trade with watch movements from these factories, and may orders which might be had if they could be filled promptly are of necessand Eligin companies state in their correspondence that they are enlarging the capacity of their plants to meet the improved demand.

Meat Trade in Winnipeg.

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The newly formed Holman Meat Co, began business in Winnipeg on meat business of P. Gallagher & Sons, and also the business formerly carried on by Holman Bros. Here two concerns carried on two reheave two concerns carried on two returns the company will ultimately open or content on the new Holman Meat Co. starts out with four shops, and it is said the company will ultimately open or content of the company will ultimately open or content of the content of th

sale trade.

In this connection it is interesting to note how the meat trade of Winnipeg has been revolutionized within the past two or three years. Formerly the wholesale fresh meat trade here was divided up among a large number of very small traders. There were several fairly large retail meat afront of the several fairly large retail meat afront of the sever, was greatly cut up, and amounted to little better than a peddling business. Now, there are three small jobbers, who worked a car of cattle now and again. have mostly disappeared. Retailers have, in the resentine, practically cased doing a trader of the several properties upon the wholesale slughtering concerns, who now have sale fresh meat trade here their supplies upon the wholesale slaughtering concerns, who now have much better facilities than formerly xisted for handling the trade

Ocean Freight Rates.

Business in ocean grain freights since this day week has been quiet, owing to the fact that both local and western shippers have been able to secure a lower rate from American ports than steamship agents would accept here; therefore, until the difference which now exists in rates between American and this port is rectified little activity is anticipated. A few odd loads have been taken, but rates on the whole are purely nominal for the present. We quote asking rates on the whole are purely nominal for the present. We quote asking rates as follows: Liverpool, is 6d October; London, is 10½ to 28 October; Glas-gow, is 6e October; Manchester, is 9d October; Hamburg, 28 October; Ant-werp, is is 16½d to 28 October; Belfast 2- October; Dublin, 28 3d October There has been little improvement. In the demand of the property of the con-

can ports, according to mail advices just to hand, and rates to all ports are reported as being entirely nominal for the present. The British steamer Queensland has been chartered to or the present. The british steamer Queensland has been chartered to sail from Philadelphia to picked ports United Kingdom or Continent with 17,000 quarters at 1s 9d October, and 17,000 quarters at 1s 9d October, and the Danish steamer Nordkap, from the Gulf to picked ports United Kingdom or Continent, with 23,000 quarters at 2s 74,6. Liverpool, 17s; London, Antwerp, 18d; Rotterdam, 45d; Bristol, 28d; Rotterdam, 45d; Bristol, 28d; Leith, 24d; Hull, 3d; Breman, 25 pfennigs; Hamburg, 32½ pfennigs; picked ports to the United Kingdom or Continent, 1s 6d to 1s to 7½d; Cork, for orders, 2s 3d to 2s 4½d.—Montreal Gasette.

October Canadian Magazine.

There is some good reading in the October Canadian Magazine. Dr. Geo. Bryce has a short article on "Canadian Loyalty." John Stuart Thomson gives a brief description of Hong Kong, and the illustrations add much to its value. Elist A. Dent continues her popular profusely illustrated article "Bowling on the Green" gives an integrating action to the Green, gives an integrating action to the Green, gives an integrating action. on the Green" gives an interesting account of the origin and developmen of this out-door sport. There are tw

excellent short stories by Virna Sheard and R. Henry Maince. In his depart-ment "Current Events Abroad," John of the current cartoons on this com-mercial subject are decidedly interest-ing. Mr. Colquboun gives some good advice on the subject of "Winter Rad-oning," advice which every Canadian should read.

The Coal Strike.

No definite progress has been made towards a settlement of the Pennsyl-vania coal strike. The unions are still intact and most of the strikers standing firm, although hunger and vania coal strike. The unions are still inteat and most of the strikers standing firm, although bunger and the inevitable desire for excitement is incompared to the investigation of the out of the ten great mining districts and the necessity for military protection seems to sity for military protection seems to stry for military protection seems to stand the most proposed to the seems and th

How Claims for Shortage May Occur

How Claims for Shortage May Occur. An Instance occurred in Winnipeg the other day as to low demands for shortage or for receipt of damaged goods may occur. As a representative of The Commercial was proceeding along the street, he was suddenly startled by a crash, and glancing quickly in the direction whence the packing case had failen from the rear end of a transfer wagon. The case was smashed by the impact with the hard pavement, and a portion of the contents in the form of biscut a, were contents in the form of biscut as desired and proceeding the contents of the form of biscut as the process of t a good many were so badly crumbled that they could not be gathered up. The case was then nailed up again, loaded on the wagon and taken to the railway freight shed for shipment. Whoever receives that case would Whoever receives that case would have a badly smashed up lot of bis-cuits, and would undoubtedly have good reason to make a claim for damages.

Insurance Notes.

D. E. Kilgour has been appointed agent of the Manufacturers' Life In-surance Co., at Brandon. He is from Guelph, Ontario.

Osler, Hammond & Nanton have Oster, Hammond & Nanton have been appointed general agents for Manitoba and the Northwest Terri-tories of the Western Fire Insurance Company. This, it is claimed, is the oldest Canadian fire insurance com-pany in existence.

The report of a meat combine in awson City was a fake.

An official proclamation has been issued making October 16th Thanksgiving Day.

The market for hides is off anther ¼c at Chicago. The regular rice now for buff hides is 9¼c. It is onfidently predicted that they will go

Toronto apple buyers say the crop throughout the province is turning out much better than was promised earlier in the season. Not only is it larger, but the quality of fruit is improved.

A new feature of the fuel situation in America—which has been much dis-turbed by the Pennsylvania strike—is turbed by the Pennsylvania strike—is the declared intention of the coal pro-ducing companies not to let any poor people suffer for want of fuel. Their wants will be supplied to the best ability of the companies at moderate prices. The city of Montreal has also announced its intention to see that its poor are provided with cheap fuel during the coming winter.