

some slight corrections, may be stated as follows -

	Pounds.
Cane Sugar.....	355,297,833
Beet Sugar.....	12,091,838
Maple Sugar.....	1,000,000
Sorghum Sugar.....	1,105,286

Total.....373,377,050

There was a small quantity of sugar produced, chiefly maple sugar, in quantities too small to secure the bounty, so that there may have been a total production of approximately 375,000,000 pounds; this is about 200,000,000 pounds less than the early and sanguine estimates. The total bounty, when all is paid will aggregate about \$7,332,000 in round numbers.

The bounty will doubtless stimulate the production of sugar, but there are natural difficulties to a large increase in the growth of cane sugar in this country, and we may look for the enlargement to be mainly in beet sugar. — *Price Current.*

Canned Fruit.

A line of goods that is causing some concern to holders just now is canned fruit. There is a very considerable surplus yet unsold, a great part of which is likely to be carried into next year's stock. The great advantage of factory production over domestic production, which previous to 1891 had caused a big shrinkage in the volume of the latter that was put up yearly, was offset a year ago by the unprecedented cheapness of sugar and abundance of fruits. The readiness of holders to concede a little on prices for the sake of making sales is moderated somewhat by the belief that this summer's pack will be a very light one, the last year's experience being likely to make the canners chary of going in to put up fruits on a large scale. This likelihood furnishes ground for hoping that a surplus carried over from this year will find a good market next year. The general feeling, however, appears to be that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, and any chance of getting a customer now is not let slip if a few cents from the price will hold him. — *Canadian Grocer.*

Advance in Benzine.

The tremendous advance in the price of benzine shows how a market may be affected by a matter apparently quite extraneous to it. Some of the gas companies in the west have taken to using crude petroleum as their basis for gas instead of coal, and a great deal of crude petroleum is being consumed for this purpose. But the companies insist upon having oil of a certain specific gravity, which has been proved by experiments to be the best adapted for the production of gas. In order to produce oil of the proper gravity, it has been shown to be the most economical plan to add a proportion of crude benzine to the oil. The consequence is that it is more profitable to utilize the crude benzine for improving the oil for these customers than to refine it for an open market. Accordingly crude benzine can hardly be bought, and of course refined is even scarcer. The price has accordingly advanced over one hundred per cent. in Petrolia for bulk benzine, while refined can hardly be bought at all in large quantities. There is some talk that it will be necessary to import benzine from the States to supply the demand here, although this importation is greatly checked by the high rate of duty. This change in the market has therefore arisen directly from the fact that it has turned out that coal oil is preferable to coal for gas making in the west. — *Trade Bulletin.*

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