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Produce and Provisions.

(Saturday's Trade Review.)

Fish.—The quantity of old fish on the market this week has been negligible, being now very little of the last week's catch either in St. John's or at outposts. A few cargoes are on way to the Portuguese market the latest report from there the stocks on hand the lowest some time, there being only 18 quintals in stock, with two car-just entered. Of these, one, that the schooner Ronald Douglas is on way with new fish from the West. Several other vessels have "up" at South West Coast points to new fish, and still a few others on the way across. The price in for old fish is kept up to 45 cents while 49 shillings is being for new, but it is predicted this figure will be advanced. The St. John's for the first of this week will, it is expected, exceed a few hundred quintals were during the week by steamer New York for transshipment, and schooner Charles C. Bryant took quintals from the Union Export Port Union for Barbados. The T. Walters entered to load new from Thos. Garland of Gaultois. Short bank catch on second-half for Newfoundland and Lunenburg is expected to have a considerable effect on prices for this season.

Wool.—The week's transactions in wool were small, but prices are steady. There are few offers at \$110.00 per ton and it seems pretty near all old stocks are held up. Dealers assert that conditions in the American market are a favorable tone and prospects that there will be little or no effect on the present price. The shipment by steamer to New did not exceed two thousand.

Wheat.—This market gives signs of the best for very many years. The fear exists in several quarters that ill-advised action in holding for higher prices may result in loss of the best part of the season's consumption. As wheat \$25 and \$27 has already been bid locally for lobsters, but there reluctance to sell at this figure.

Some dealers predict that the price will go to \$32. It is considered extremely hazardous, however, to hold back too long.

Flour.—During the week prices have been subject to considerable fluctuations, but a steady undertone has been noticeable all through and the market closed with quotations at about the level that had prevailed the previous week. The imports to date are well up to the average and large stocks are held by local dealers who, are quoting leading brands at \$9.70 with other qualities ranging from \$9.20 to \$9.50. The United States crop report published on the 10th inst. reduced the estimates by about forty million barrels, but stronger markets which were looked for as a result did not materialize. The Canadian crop outlook continues good and growing conditions have been so favorable the past week as to eliminate almost all possibility of anything but a large harvest in the Northwest.

Pork.—Fat back advanced one dollar in New York this week, according to latest quotations received by local dealers. There has been little buying since last report, but no reduction is looked for on stocks to arrive. At present there are sufficient holdings to meet domestic requirements, some five hundred barrels having come in by the different steamers the past few days. The advance in pork has not yet been reflected here and dealers are quoting the same as last week. Present prices are: Ham Butt \$30.00; Fat Back \$22.00; and Grocers' Family Mess \$22.00.

Beef.—The stronger tendency in pork finds no reflection in beef and some brands of this commodity are quoted at lower figures this week. There is not much buying yet and dealers anticipate no advance in present prices for some time to come. Fairly large stocks are now held here and holdings were augmented by arrivals during the week amounting to over a thousand barrels. Box Plank is now being quoted at \$23 per barrel, other grades being, Family \$21, Family Special \$18.50, New York Boneless \$17.50 and Morris' Boneless \$17.00.

Molasses.—The molasses markets are strong at present quotations and further advances are not unlikely. Fancy is quoted at 80 cents per gallon by the puncheon and Choice at 70 cents. One cargo arrived since last report, the schooner Union Jack from Barbados, bringing a shipment of 420 puncheons. A small shipment of about 200 tierces arrived by steamer. There are several cargoes of molasses now landing and on the way here from Barbados which will mean ample Fall stocks.

Sugar.—Reports indicate an enormous distribution of sugar the present season. The markets during the past week or so have been quiet and the tendency has been easier, the natural reaction of previous unusual activity. Refiners are largely sold ahead and when demand again revives, it is anticipated that prices will advance. Transactions in raw sugar have in the past two weeks been practically nil. Granulated is still being quoted at \$11.10 per hundred pounds.

Potatoes.—The week's imports have not exceeded 500 barrels, the demand showing no increase. Stocks will be kept down to immediate requirements as a few weeks more will see new local potatoes on the market. The potato crop promises to be the largest on record this season, and the keen competition between local and imported tubers should give the consumer a much cheaper article than has been obtainable for many years.

Oats.—Oats continue firm but there is very little buying. Despite the fact that this is the season of least demand it costs as much to stock oats to-day as it did several months ago. Mixed oats are still quoted at \$3.80, but other feeds show a lower tendency.

Hay.—There is no change whatever

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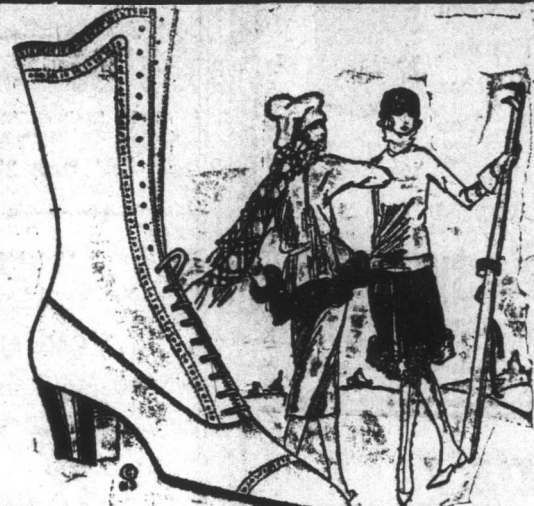
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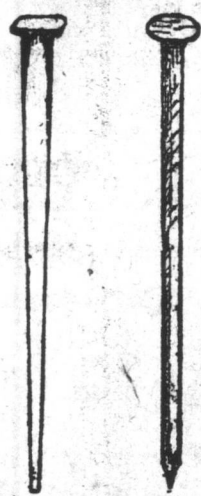
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London's Welcome.

Even hardened Londoners—we old staggers who remember Queen Victoria's Jubilee, Maifeking Day, Coronation Days, Armistice Day, and Peace celebrations had to admit surprise and rub our eyes at the home-coming of the Prince of Wales, writes "Temple Bar" in the Glasgow Weekly Herald. The spontaneous enthusiasm of everybody has been amazing and has far surpassed anything else of the kind. Wisely there was not the slightest attempt to manufacture the thing,

which just happened, and for that reason was so valuable. What puzzles me is where the crowds came from. It was no Bank Holiday business. The busy life of London everywhere was going on all the time—one missed nobody—none of the other streets were deserted. Yet it is safe to say that nowhere from the beginning to the end of his tour can the Prince have had such a wonderful reception as was awaiting for him all the way from Paddington to his home. I have been very much struck on many occasions by the way the King effaces himself by the way the Prince shall have the time-

light. The King's own original intention was to return quietly by another route to Buckingham Palace with the Queen, leaving the Prince to be the only attraction for the public; but H.R.H. would have none of it and wirelessly his own plans home, which included the company of his father and brothers.

Capture of Gibraltar.

On July 24, 1704, an event happened which has proved to be of the greatest importance to Britain, namely, the capture of Gibraltar, the "key" of the Mediterranean. Gibraltar had been a famous place for many centuries. It was celebrated, even in the days of the Phoenicians and Greeks, and it was fortified by Tarik the Berber leader who invaded and conquered Spain in 711. It was finally captured by Spain in 1462. After its capture by the British in 1704 it was repeatedly attacked by the Spaniards, and underwent a long siege in 1726. From 1779 to 1783 it withstood the greatest siege in its history under the gallant Elliot against the Spaniards and French. Since this unsuccessful attempt it has remained in British hands, and is considered impregnable. The Rock has only a length of 2 1/4 miles and a breadth of 3/4 of a mile. The town is at the north west corner upon a narrow sandy flat, and consists of a main street, nearly a mile long. The site is much crowded by its 20,355 inhabitants exclusive of its garrison of 6,500 men. Gibraltar being a free port as well as a naval base and coaling station is much frequented as a depot and place of call. The whole of the West, North and South walls of the rock are pierced by galleries at various levels and mount in their embrasures a number of heavy guns. At the extreme South of the Rock is Europa Point, which, with Ceuta on the African Coast formed the "Pillars of Hercules" of the ancients.

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