

Weekly Market Report.

There is no improvement in the foreign markets in price, but the stocks in this week with 8,000 con-

total exports this week were 793 bales from Montreal and Charlottetown by S.S. Canadian Sapper. Canada has had a record year her total trade of all products, the increase for the year ending March 31st being \$246,846,887. The total value of all crops was \$1,148,530,880.

Oats—The Oats market is not strong. Local prices are \$3.60 to \$3.80 per sack of 4 bushels for Mixed, \$3.70 for White, and \$4.00 to \$4.30 for Black. The S.S. Maple Dawn from Montreal, via P.E.I. brought in 1,700 sacks last trip, and the S.S. Canadian Sapper running on the same route 368 sacks. The market is now well supplied. July quotation for Western Canada oats this week at Winnipeg is 48 cents per bushel.

Flying Five Miles High.

AMAZING ALTITUDES ATTAINED BY BIRDS.

Since men took to flying, the naturalist has come into possession of a good deal of knowledge about the flight of birds.

Years ago it was stated that no lark ever rose to a height greater than 700ft. Not long ago an observer in an aeroplane flying at over 2,000ft. spotted a lark coming down past his machine.

While migrating, small birds rise to far greater heights than they do at any other time. Swallows, for instance, when in residence, seldom fly at a greater height than 400ft., rise to 4,000ft., or nearly a mile, when on their big trek.

In April, 1918, two pilots coming home from France by aeroplane met an immense flock of swallows at a height estimated at 4,200ft.

But the swallow is one of our strongest fliers. Take the tiny golden-crested wren, or its equally minute cousin, the fire-crest. Here are birds which, with all their plumage, weigh but half an ounce apiece, and if you start one of these dainty little creatures from its haunt in a fir tree its wavering flight seems unable to carry it across a single field. Yet these migrants, when migrating, cross the North Sea in one night, flying at a height of at least 10,000ft. above the sea.

Astronomers watching the stars at this time of the year, or during the autumn migration, frequently notice tiny black spots passing across the field of vision. These are migrating birds, and although it is impossible to identify their species, it is possible to estimate the height at which they fly.

We have careful estimates from trained observers showing that some of these birds actually fly at the almost incredible height of 15,000ft., or three miles above the earth's surface.

The reason why birds mount to such immense heights seems to be that they will rise until they find a current of air favourable to their flight, a wind which will carry them in the desired direction. For no birds, however powerfully built, could carry out a flight of several hundred miles in the teeth of a gale of wind.

There is another puzzle for the naturalist. At 15,000ft. the air is very thin, and one is driven to wonder how it can sustain a small bird accustomed to the much denser atmosphere nearer the earth's surface.

Birds that usually fly at great heights, such as the condor of South America, are specially built for the purpose. Their wing expanse is enormous.

Moth Balls, 20c. package at STAFFORD'S, June 8.

How to Help the Sale of Home-Grown Potatoes.

A city potato dealer said this week: "It would increase the sale of local potatoes very much if the vendors who have considerable quantities in the outports to dispose of would put them up in 90 lb sacks instead of in barrels when they bring them to the St. John's dealers. In barrels nobody knows the exact weight and the packages are, beside clumsy and unhandy. The Canadian dealers who export their potatoes to Newfoundland put them all into clean, tidy sacks of either 90 lbs. or 180 lbs. in weight, chiefly the former because they find from experience that it is easier to sell the smaller parcel. Some of our Nfld. farmers in the outports have gone half way in this reform and put their stocks intended for sale in St. John's into oat sacks. This is better than in flour barrels, but the element of uncertainty as to weight is still there, and besides in most cases the sacks are soiled and unattractive as compared with the tidy, clean sacks that come from Canada. The mouths of the oat sacks, moreover, are tied up in a bunch with twine instead of being nicely sewed along the whole width of the bag. You would be surprised at the difference it makes. The Canadian 90lb. sack clean and neatly sewn across recommends itself by its outside appearance to the purchaser while the soiled oat sack or bread bag suggests suspicion at a glance as to the reliability of the contents. If all the Newfoundland potatoes that are offered in the local market for sale were put in 90lb. sacks like those of that come from Charlottetown, P.E.I. and if only potatoes of uniform size were in the sacks the sales would increase five fold and we should not be obliged to import so extensively."

SIDETALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

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Home Life Menaced.

Never in the history of the world has the life of the family as a social unit been menaced as it is to-day.

Social unrest, the independence afforded women by opening up almost every profession and every line of industry to them, equal rights with men, all of which are perfectly justified if not abused, and women have the health and strength to carry out their inclinations in these matters. But alas, when the woman is almost at the point of breaking from her household cares and social life, to take on outside duties often means the breaking point, and homes are often neglected for lack of strength or some ailment develops because of overwork. Weak and ailing women will do well to remember that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound made from roots and herbs benefits 98 out of every 100 women who try it, and let it help them.

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Duties of the King's Proctor.

Divorce is not quite so easy in England as it is in some other parts of the world. When the court grants a "decree nisi," only the first step towards divorce has been taken.

"Nisi" means "unless"—unless the King's Proctor intervenes; that is, shows cause why the decree absolute—the actual divorce—should not be granted.

The King's Proctor is a State official with a staff. His salary is \$10,000 a year.

Between the decree nisi and the decree absolute six months must elapse. This period is set to allow the King's

Proctor to satisfy himself that there is no valid reason for the withholding of the decree absolute.

During this time the King's Proctor's department institute inquiries in all suspicious cases. If there is evidence of collusion the King's Proctor intervenes when the case comes up before the court at the end of the six months.

The Matrimonial Causes Act of 1860 limits the powers of the King's Proctor, to cases of collusion. But that limitation can be overcome. Any member of the public can intervene in a divorce case to show cause why the decree should not be granted. The King's Proctor, therefore, is at liberty to intervene as a private citizen.

In the same way any member of the public can communicate facts concerning persons seeking divorce when they have evidence of collusion. This is done more frequently than is supposed.

During the years 1920-1 the King's Proctor intervened in 111 cases. Not all of these, however, were cases of collusion.

During the six months between the decree nisi and decree absolute the petitioner must not be guilty of misconduct. In cases where the King's Proctor has evidence of this he intervenes, for it is no assumption of the law that a person seeking divorce must not be guilty of any breach of the moral law.

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THAT'S GETTING MONEY UNDER FALSE PRETENSES.

—By Bud Fisher.