

**Canned Goods at Toronto.**

The market continues quiet, with wholesale prices unchanged. Packers, however, have advanced their views on corn, peas and tomatoes, and it is said also on peaches 2½c, but there are very few selling. Wholesale dealers are asking \$1.10 to 1.20 for tomatoes and \$1.10 to \$1.25 for corn. Peaches are very firm. In fish there is a fair enquiry for lobsters, but they are scarce and firm.

**Fish—**

Salmon, 1's .....	\$1 60	to \$1 80
Lobsters, clover leaf .....	2 25	0 00
Lobsters, other 1's .....	1 65	1 90
Sardines, French ½'s .....	0 08	0 11
Sardines, French, ¾'s .....	0 14	0 22
Sardines, American ¾'s .....	0 06	0 08
Sardines, American ½'s .....	0 09	0 11

**Fruits and vegetables—**

Apples, 3's .....	0 90	1 00
Apples, gals. ....	2 00	2 25
Corn, 2's .....	1 10	1 20
Corn, cream 3's .....	1 75	1 80
Peaches, 2's .....	2 20	2 40
Peaches, pie. ....	1 35	1 60
Peas, 2's .....	1 10	1 30
Plums, greengages, 2's .....	2 40	2 55
Plums, blue, 2's .....	2 25	2 40
Strawberries, 2's .....	2 35	2 45
Tomatoes, 3's .....	1 10	1 25

—Empire.

**Sugar, etc., at Montreal.**

Raw sugars have been strong during the past week, and in consequence the market here is firm in tone, with a tendency towards higher values, and yellow refined have moved up fully ½c during the week. The advance is steady and permanent, sugars having strengthened everywhere. The demand has been fair, and sales been regularly made at quotations. Syrups are quiet and strong, having advanced somewhat during the week, with a quiet demand. Barbadoes molasses is quiet, with little doing at unchanged prices.

Granulated .....	7½	to 7½
Yellows .....	5½	to 6½
Paris lumps .....	0	to 0
Raw .....	0	to 0
Syrup .....	4½	to 5½
Molasses, Barbadoes .....	44	to 46
Port Rico .....	00	to 42
Trinidad .....	38	to 40
Antigua .....	40	to 41

—Gazette.

**Montreal Hide and Skin Market.**

Business in hides has been quiet, owing to the limited demand, and no sales of any consequence have been made. The tone of the market remains steady, except for western packers' steers, which have ruled weak in Chicago, and values here in sympathy have declined fully ¼c to 9c to 10½c. Owing to the large stock of leather on hand at present, tanners are holding off and do not feel disposed to buy for future wants, notwithstanding the low range of prices now ruling. We quote: No. 1 Toronto's at 5½c to 6c; No. 2, do at 5½c to 6½c; No. 1 Hamilton's at 5½c to 6c; No. 2 do at 4½c to 5c. Western buff and upper No. 1 at 6c, and No. 2 at 5c. The receipts of green hides have been fair, for which the demand has been quiet and prices steady at 4½c, 3½c and 2½c for

No. 1, 2 and 3, tanners paying ½c extra. Lambskins are unchanged at 65c to 70c, and calfskins continue dull at 5c.—Trade Bulletin.

**Dried Fruit and Nuts.**

Valencia raisins continue to excite a great deal of attention. Prices on spot are firm at 6½ to 6¾c for No. 2 quality, and 6¾ to 7c for choice of stalk. All outside advices are strong, and the general opinion of the trade is that the present prices will be fully maintained. Malaga fruit is in good demand, London layers selling freely at \$3 to \$3.25, and black baskets at \$4 to \$4.25. Sultanas are scarce and firm at 9½ to 11½c, as to quality. Currants are unchanged. Prunes are firm here and to-day's cables quoted firm prices. Grenobles are worth 15 to 16c. Sicily filberts are selling at 10½ to 11c, and Tarragona almonds at 14 to 15c.

**Currants—**

Bilsand ½'s .....	5½	to 5¾
Patras .....	6½	7½
Vostizza .....	8½	9½

**Figs—**

Natural .....	4	6
14-oz .....	8	10
Elemes .....	11	20
Dates .....	6	6½

**Raisins—**

Valencias .....	6½	to 7 c
" layers .....	8	9½
Sultanas .....	9	11½
London lay		
ers .....	\$3.00	\$3.35
Prunes—		
Bosnia, cs. ....	7½	to 8½c
" kgs .....	5	5½
" bids .....	4½	5

—Empire.

**The Travelling Men.**

At the recent meeting of the Manitoba and Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association,

At the quarterly meeting of the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada, held at Toronto recently, A. A. Allan was re-elected president and the following were nominated as the Winnipeg board of directors: J. B. Mather, vice-president; Geo. Galt, S. Miller,

held in Winnipeg, M. R. O'Loughlin was elected president, Fred. Chilcott vice-president, and A. Strang treasurer, by acclamation. W. M. Ronald, the retiring president, would not consent to his name being put in nomination again for the presidency.

The following candidates for directors were nominated: H. Bell, L. C. McIntyre, T. A. Montgomery, J. C. McLean, J. K. Whinerey, M. W. Bushe, J. Lamb, H. B. Gordon, J. Holman, C. F. Church, J. C. Gillespie. The annual meeting takes place on the 21st, when the directors will be elected and reports submitted. It was decided to hold the annual dinner on the 30th inst., and committees were appointed to arrange for the event.

The order forbidding the transfer of bonded freight from Puget Sound ports to British Columbia, in United States vessels, has been suspended, pending investigation. This order created intense hostility at Victoria, as a large quantity of freight comes over the Northern Pacific from Eastern Canada, for Victoria, and the new regulation seriously handicapped the handling of this traffic.

The following were the coldest days of last winter at Edmonton, Northern Alberta, a point 1,000 miles northwest from Winnipeg, according to the *Edmonton Bulletin*:—On November 14th the thermometer went down to 4 below zero; on January 11th and 12th it was 1 below; and January 24th it was 4 below. The cold snap of the winter was between February 5th and 24th, when it got down as low as 29 below. Only once after that, on March 14th did it get

down to zero, when it went 4 below. From that date to this it has not reached zero at any time, the nearest approach to it being on the 18th of November last, when the reading was 8 above or 24 degrees of frost.

At the last meeting of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, a resolution was passed, requesting the Ottawa authorities to provide at once for connection between the C. P. R. and the N. P. & M. railways at Winnipeg. The resolution points out that the means for effecting freight transfer between the two roads have been in existence since early in August last, but so far the railway committee has failed to order a connection. A motion was also passed to petition the Department of Marine and Fisheries to extend the daily weather forecasts issued by the Canadian Signal Service Department to all telegraph stations in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. Last year when the board petitioned, the Government stated that the cost of the service would be greater than the amount of the then available fund, but it was intimated that a sufficient sum would be placed in the estimates this year.

**Stock Notes.**

Christie & Fares of Emerson, Man., shipped to Port Arthur, recently three cars of cattle and sheep, and one car of dressed beef.

Six more carloads of cattle were shipped from Binscarth, Man., last week, making in all eighteen cars this season.

Cattle are doing well on the western ranges. The *Macleod Gazette* says: "Cattle were never in better fix at this season of the year. The grass is thoroughly cured, and the feed said to be excellent."

**Algoma Items.**

The steamer *Algonquin* took on a cargo of 65,000 bushels of wheat at Fort William for the east on her last trip. She will winter at Sarnia.

There has been seven months of navigation on Lake Superior this year. The Canadian Pacific Railway boats have made thirty-two trips each. The last boat left Port Arthur on December 3.

The Port Arthur *Sentinel* of Wednesday last says: Lake Superior, as far as the eye can see from Port Arthur, is clear of ice. Thunder Bay, eighteen miles across to the Sleeping Giant, is clear of ice, and even the harbor near the town is entirely open, and a birch bark canoe could land at any place along the shore or at the docks."

Misses M. & J. MITCHELL, general merchants, Regina, have sold out to James Duncan, who will continue the business. The Misses Mitchell have moved to Medicine Hat, where they will open a store.

R. S. NORTON, who represents Cornell, Spira & Co., wholesale furnishings, etc., Winnipeg, along the main line west, has prepared a handsome holiday advice card to be sent to his customers through the west.

W. M. RUBLEE, of Rublee, Riddle & Co., wholesale fruits, etc., Winnipeg, returned last week from a trip south.

JOHN CARMAN, wholesale commission dealer, Winnipeg, arrived home last Saturday from Chicago and southern points.