

Montreal Trade Notes.

City mills bran sold in car lots at \$10, but prices ranged as high as \$18.

The *Trade Bulletin* says: Owing to slow collections on the part of country storekeepers in Ontario, it is anticipated that renewals with wholesale houses will be numerous between now and next October, at least, that is what some of our large dry goods houses look forward to, and consequently have exercised a great deal of caution in filling their orders of late. We have made it a point to interview travellers in different lines of business who have recently returned from the West, and they have invariably informed us, that trade partakes of a very unfavorable aspect in Ontario, owing to overtrading on the one hand, and a scarcity of farm produce on the other hand.

Sales of dark maple syrup were reported at 5 to 6c per lb., with choice light colored quoted at 8 to 9c. Syrup quoted at 50 to 65c for small sized tins and at 70 to 75c for large sized; in wood, 6 to 6½c per lb.

Dried apples firm and a fair demand, with sales at 7c. Evaporated steady at 9½ to 10c.

Provisions were quoted: Mess pork, Western, per bbl., \$17.50; lard, western, in pails, per lb., 10½c; bacon, 11 to 12c.

Trade in raw furs is about over. Receipts of late have principally consisted of spring rats, which have sold at 15 to 17c. Prices of other furs have remained about as before, as follows: Beaver, \$3.50 to \$4; bear, \$10 to \$12; cub ditto, \$4 to \$5; fisher, \$5; red fox, \$1 to \$1.25; cross

ditto, \$2 to \$3, lynx, \$2 to \$2.50; martins, 60 to 65c; mink, 50 to 60c; fall muskrat, 8c; winter ditto, 12c; spring, 17c; raccoon, 25, 50 and 75c; skunk, 25, 50 and 75c; otter, \$8 to \$10.

There has been a fair trade in foreign wool at 14 to 15½c for Cape, and 15 to 19c for Australian. Fleece is in light supply at 21 to 23c.

Green butchers' hides at 6, 5 and 4c, for No. 1, 2 and 3, while sales have been made to tanners at 6½ to 7c, for No. 1. Lambskins are in better supply at 20c each. Sheepskins, 35c to \$1.25 each. Calfskins, 5c.

Shipments of May cheese leaving port will cost from 8½ to 9½c, the average price being 9c. As soon as receipts increase to any extent shippers look for lower prices.

Butter was quoted at 21 to 22c for creamery; 19 to 20c for townships, and 17 to 18c for western, all new season. Stocks are commencing to accumulate.

Eggs easy at 14 to 15c a dozen.

An advance of 30c per barrel on oat meal has been announced.

Special Trade Notices.

All tobaccos except the finest Virginia have a pungent effect upon the tongue and will smart it if the smoking is long continued. Some of them even will blister it, or at least destroy its outer skin at the point where the smoke impinges upon it. The "Myrtle Navy" is entirely free from this defect, which together with its fine full flavor makes it a great favorite with smokers.

Lumber Cuttings.

H. W. Petrie, of Brantford, Ont., has shipped a saw mill to be erected in the Lilloet district, B. C.

Campbell & Stevens, late of Regina, are about starting in the lumber business at Glenboro, Man.

Fader Bros., who recently bought the plant of a small mill at Vancouver, have got the mill in running order. One of the firm has gone east to arrange for additional machinery for the mill.

John Elwood's shingle mill on the the Semiahmoo spit, near Westminster, B. C., was burned recently. This mill was turning out large quantities of shingles.

The *Mississippi Valley Lumberman*, published at Minneapolis, has completed its first year under new management. The journal is handsomely printed, and is a credit to the lumber trade.

At a meeting of the Northwest Ontario and Manitoba Lumber Association, held at Norman (Rat Portage) on Thursday, it was agreed to continue the present price list with the exception of a slight advance in some sizes of dimensions.

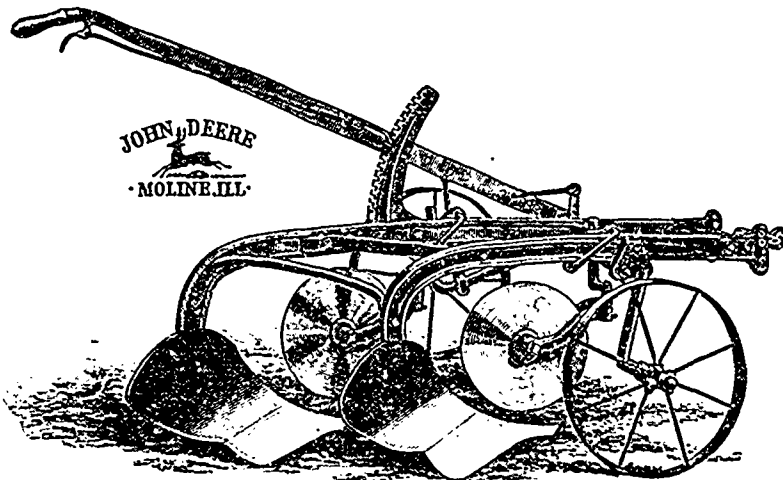
Minneapolis Lumberman: Personal and local interests in some cases may color this opinion, but the body of lumber makers, lumber dealers and pine land owners are ready to have the free lumber come in at any time. The white pine manufacturers have less to fear from this source than from the yellow pine product of the south and the fir of the Puget Sound region.

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