

A Big Deal in Raspberries.

During next week the first carload of Canadian raspberries will leave Montreal for Boston, being the first shipment on account of some sweeping purchases made recently in Canada on behalf of fruit dealers in New York and Boston. The agent who did the buying for the syndicate of Americans was a well known Bontocours market dealer, and he has had his men out scooping in all the berries he could get during the past fortnight. The result of this heavy purchasing has been that although the receipts of berries at Montreal have been unusually heavy, the crop being a large one, prices have been kept steady by the prospect of this large quantity of fruit been taken across the lines and so relieving the local pressure. So far as known from 70,000 to 100,000 packages have been contracted for on behalf of the American syndicate, and the ruling price has been 70c. From this it is evident

they must want the fruit very badly, for it is the exact figure at which they are jobbing out in an ordinary way to the trade in Montreal. Therefore the Americans must have hopes of a pretty high market at home to induce them to make these large purchases at this comparatively full figure. Most of the buying so far has been done in the St. Jerome district, but they are paying attention to other sections as well.—Toronto *Grocer*.

Montreal boot and shoe manufacturers say that the fall business promises to be late, and that orders from travellers are very disappointing. Some houses, however, are cutting up in anticipation of the fall trade, as it will no doubt set in suddenly. Some houses report the receipt of fall orders, but they admit it is not as large as at this time last year. Prices are keeping steady for both fine and coarse goods.

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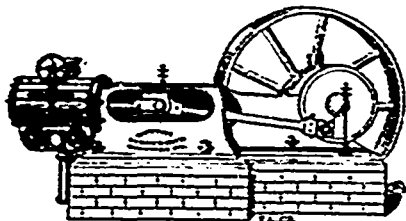
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