

GROCERY MARKETS

The following comment on the market situation as regards foodstuffs appears in the Canadian Grocer this week: Like a bolt from the blue to the trade was the advice that the United States government placed prunes and dried peaches on the conservation list, thus prohibiting the export of these to Canada. Canada has been in the habit of receiving these about the same basis as domestic buyers, and depending altogether on the United States market for supplies. From this it can readily be seen that the outlook for the future, when present stocks are absorbed, is not encouraging. Whether any modification of the order will be considered cannot be determined yet, though representations have been made to the Canada Food Board and War Trade Board in an effort to secure at least partial shipments. Montreal.—It is evident that the wholesalers are doing their best to supply the trade with their requirements. Supplies are sometimes temporarily short, and then new arrivals serve to relieve this trouble. Just now a good deal of activity is noticeable in canned goods. There also is a good movement of dried fruits, and some supplies are still available. Winter wheat flour is firm and has advanced all around thirty cents per barrel. The temporary embargo against shipments of flour to points east of Montreal has been lifted. Some special mill feeds have been advanced slightly in price. New jams, fruits and canned vegetables are beginning to arrive, and the prices are high. This applies also to jams just received. Self-raising flour is up ten cents, and five cents on the six-pound and three-pound sizes, respectively. One of the most important features of the week is that of the United States War Board's order prohibiting export of prunes and peaches, and this may be extended to take in apricots, raisins, figs, etc. The sugar situation is steady and unchanged. All refiners are selling at \$9.10, excepting the Canada Sugar Refineries, their price being \$8.65 still. Toronto.—Occupying the centre of interest this week is the announcement that prunes and peaches have been placed on the conservation list by the United States government and export trade here, and an effort to have the order modified will be made. Apricots have advanced two cents per pound in some sections over opening prices named. The feeling exists that the use of substitutes for wheat and flour will continue, even after the new crop is available. At the imperial conference of food dictators, being held in Great Britain, the question of building up reserves against all possible contingencies has been brought up, and action along these lines will very likely necessitate a continuation of restrictions to some extent at least. The outlook in almonds is higher

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prices for the future. Latest reports estimate yield about 60 per cent of last year's total, and with transportation difficulties multiplying, or at least showing little improvement, the situation as regards this market is not hard to determine. Some doubt exists in the minds of importers as to whether the embargo against the shipment of walnuts from France will be lifted. The crop there is light, and stocks on this side are dwindling. That wholesalers may have to pay \$1 per pound for walnuts is now being hinted at. Canned fruits will rule high for practically all lines, it is thought. Jam manufacturers and canners are paying very high prices for the fresh fruit, and with all other costs mounting, there is no prospect of a low scale of quotations. Some jam manufacturers have withdrawn prices recently issued. This is felt in some quarters to be because new pack is sold up rather than pointing to higher prices, though the latter contingency cannot be overlooked. Sugar remains scarce and little opportunity for building up reserve stock exists. Refiners have again been asked by the Food Control Board to refrain from shipping straight cars to retailers. Owing to the restrictions placed on the use of sugar in the United States by householders, the feeling exists that similar action may be taken in Canada and supplies rationed. Winnipeg.—Sugar supplies are reported very good and equal to all demands now being made, this in spite of the fact that one of the refineries has withdrawn from the market. The trade are somewhat concerned over the very high opening prices on canned strawberries. Prices here are \$1 per dozen higher than last year. The delivery will run about 25 per cent. At present all lines of fruits and vegetables are reported to be selling well and bringing good prices. Speculation as to the interpretation to be placed on the United States government's restrictions on shipments of prunes and peaches is general. Some look for balance of 1917 crop to come through, while others think this will be absorbed by government's demands at once, and that some new crop may later be released.

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