

Montreal Grocery Market.

The sugar market is without any new features since our last Cable advices on the raw article report the market quiet and steady at 9s 3d for best for November and December. In New York values have ruled steady at 8½c for crystals and granulated at \$1 11 per 100 lbs. net. Locally the demand has fallen off considerably, owing no doubt to the fact that buyers have ample supplies on hand for the present and in consequence the market has been quiet with only a small volume of business doing at steady prices. Granulated has sold at 3½c in round lots and at 4c in small quantities. Yellows continue scarce and prices range from 8½c to 9½c as to quality at the factory.

The demand for syrups is still slow and prices are unchanged at 1½c to 2½c per lb, as to quality at the factory.

In molasses business continues very quiet and the market on the whole is dull and featureless, with prices ruling easy at 26½c to 27c for Barbadoes, and at 27½c for Porto Rico.

The demand for spices continues fair as is usual at this season and the market is moderately active and firm. The following quotations are what jobbers can buy at only. Penang black pepper, 6c to 7½c, white pepper 10c to 12½c, cloves, 7½c to 9c, cassia, 5½c to 9½c, nutmeg, 6c to 9c, and Jamaica ginger, 15½c to 18½c.

The tone of the rice market is firm in sympathy with the strong advices from abroad. The famine in India has had considerable effect upon values, but they have not advanced here anything like in comparison; consequently, rice in this market is comparatively cheap as compared with abroad. Business at present is quiet, as buyers bought freely previous to the rise. We quote:—Crystal Japan, \$5.00 to \$5.25; standard B. \$3 70 Patna, \$1 50 to \$1 95, Carolina, \$1.75 to \$1.72, choice Bermuda, 5½, and Java kinds \$1.25.

The tea market during the past week has been inactive, and little business of importance has been transacted owing to the fact that buyers seem to have ample supplies on hand. The tone, however, is firm, and holders show no disposition to share prices in order to force sales, believing that that the teas will be wanted later on.

With no Valencia raisins in first hands and wholesale grocers' stocks not by any means well assorted, firmness in these fruits is quite natural, especially as prices for new importation entail an advanced cost. As a result of this jobbing houses here are very firm sellers of what they have. A few small lots are on the way via New York, but they will not have any influence on spot prices, which are quite apt to go higher in the near future, and at this writing values are held. Ordinary off-stock, 5½c to 5¾c; fine 5¾c to 6c; selected, 6c to 6½c and layers, 6½c to 7c.

Buyers find it difficult to place orders for California raisins, and it would cost this week fully 8½c to lay down 2 crown fruit. With small supplies in hand here and no large quantity on the way, values are strong.—2-crown, 6½c; 3-crown, 7c to 7½c, and 4-crown, 8c to 8½c.

Sultana raisins are steady at 8c to 12c according to grade.

Fine Malaga table cluster fruit continue steady, also ranging from \$1.40 to \$1.00 per box, according to brand. The advance in California loose muscat raisins this fall has induced a new department in Malaga fruit, viz. the importation of Malaga loose Muscals, some specimens of which are now on the way. They are wanted with some interest in order to compare them with the Californian fruit.

Currents are quiet and unchanged here though cables from Patras are easy. We quote provincials and Filiatras bris. 4c; half bris. 4½c, saacs, 4½c, half cases, 4½c. Fine provincials are worth about ½ of a cent a penny more; Patras, 5½c to 6c, and Vostizsas, 6½c to 8c.

Among the recent arrivals were some high grade French plums for which jobbers ask up to 15c. We quote: prunes, French, 5c to 15c. Austrian, 5½c to 7c and Californians, 10c to 11c for 40 to 50's, 9c to 10c for 50 to 60's, 8c to 9c for 60 to 70's; and 7c to 8c for 70 to 80's.

The only new nuts of 1896 crop on the market are Valencia shelled almonds which job out at 18c to 20c. The first shipment of Grenoble walnuts, shelled walnuts, Marbots and Cornes are expected here about the 15th of December.—Gazette, Nov. 27.

A Successful Creamery.

The success which may be attended in manufacturing butter in Manitoba and the Territories is exemplified by the results attained at the Moose Jaw factory. This factory is under the control of the Dominion Government dairy department. The following from the Moose Jaw Times tells what has been accomplished at this creamery:

On Nov. 14, the Moose Jaw creamery ceased operations for this year, having run since May. It is now three years since the creamery was first started in Moose Jaw, and the progress made in that time has been, to say the least, remarkable.

During the six months operations the output has totalled 75 000 lbs. In May, 10 000 lbs. were manufactured; in June, 15 000; in July, 15 000; in August, 12 000; in September, 12 000; in October, 8 000, and for the two weeks in November, 3 000. This represents the butter made from the milk of 800 cows, owned by about 70 patrons. In 1894 the output totalled 23 000 lbs.; in 1895 it was 53 000 lbs and this year it reached 75 000 lbs. thus more than tripling in the three years.

For this butter the patrons have advanced 10 cents per pound, which means that this industry has brought about \$7,500 to the district in the course of a few months. When the butter is sold, and the cost of manufacturing, freight, etc., deducted from the proceeds, there will be still a balance of about 5 cents per pound coming to the patrons. In fact it has been shipped to the British market and is nearly all sold now, and as far as we have been able to learn a good figure has been obtained. Last week Mr. Moorehouse, the manager, disposed of what he had on hand, viz. 5,000 lbs. to the Canadian Pacific Railway company and 2,000 lbs. on the local market, realizing 22½c per pound. The Territorial demand has been very good the past season, and during the past few weeks large orders from the west have had to be cancelled owing to there being none on hand.

For the 75,000 lbs. of butter made, the Government deducted 4 cents per pound to defray the expenses of manufacturing it. This sum totalled \$3 000. Of this amount \$1 900 was for running expenses; \$700 was expended on a new boiler and engine; and the balance, \$400, went for purchasing new vats, and improvements on the building. Still further improvements will be made next year for it is anticipated there will be at least 100 patrons with no less than 1,200 cows patronising the station by that time.

At the Central Experimental farm, Ottawa, a series of experiments has been started in feeding cattle for beef. It is proposed to test the fattening properties of several classes of fodder, and the results will be published for the information of stock raisers.

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