

Grocery Trade Notes.

The Ontario tomato crop is short, pickers expect their output to be away below the average this season.

Present prices for Snyrna figs are about 10¢ more than ever known in the history of the trade for so early in the season—New York Commercial.

The prospective shortage of supplies of China and Japan teas as well as with the new season is estimated by conservative authorities at 1,000,000 pounds.

The American Sugar Company has a large line of sugar in the Western States. The amount of the crop is 30c per 100 pounds on best sugar and 25c on lower grades.

There is a large shortage expected in Indian teas, and London prices have advanced 1d per lb. and are making a good strong market.

The commercial apple crop of 1901, according to the final report of the American Agricultural Association, is valued at 2,100,000 barrels, against 18,000,000 barrels one year ago and nearly 70,000,000 barrels in the bumper crop of 1900.

A sharp advance in brooms in the Canadian market is predicted during the present season. Canadian factories are all said to be on the short side of the market and broom corn is 10 per cent. higher at producing points. Other materials which enter into the manufacture are also higher. The market for brooms is very active and prices are tending upward in sympathy with advances from primary sources. The prices of brooms of pepper, mace, cassia, pimento, and ginger have been steadily decreasing since the prospective demand will be a large demand from now until the Christmas holidays are over.

The quantity of Indian tea cured to August 15 for three years, together with actual output for complete seasons, follows: Manufactured to August 15, 1901, 12,100,525 lbs. against 78,123,724 lbs. in 1900 and 75,544,076 lbs. in 1899. Actual production of the crop for 1900 was 187,527,755 lbs. against 174,861,403 lbs. in 1899. Estimated output of crop 1901, 184,290,080 lbs.

A much firmer and better feeling has developed in the market for all iron and steel during the past week, says the Montreal Gazette, and this has been coupled with an improved demand, consequently, a fair amount of business has been done, and what buyers are commencing to show some disposition to operate, the prospects for the future are more encouraging than they have been for some time past. A cable received from Japan this week reported the market stronger, and supplies small. Conservative authorities estimate that the shortage in the supply of China and Japan teas as compared with last year will be 1,000,000 pounds. On spot, Ceylon and Indian teas are strong, and in demand. Gunpowders are scarce and wanted. A sale of 150 packages of gunpowder was made at 14c, 100 Japan at 15c, and 225 do. at 16c.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

IRON AND STEEL PRICES.
From Pittsburgh Dispatch: It is stated in usually well informed circles that a series of small advances in the prices of iron and steel products has been decided on by the financial interests which control the United States Steel corporation, and that these changes would be spread out over three or four months. It is asserted that the scarcity of supply on hand, as a result of the strike, justly considerably higher prices and in addition, the fact of a much better demand than had been anticipated. This is due to the fact that manufacturers have been holding off, thinking they would be able to buy to better advantage.

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

An advance of 15c per 100 lb in the price of putty in bladders has been made by eastern manufacturers.

The Standard Oil Company is now an important factor in the lined oil trade of the United States and is seeking to secure control of the business.

A thoroughly stated that this year has witnessed more adulteration

of lined oil than any previous year in the history of the trade. Cottonseed oil has been used to a very large extent in carrying out this practice. The introduction of this oil into lined oil very greatly interferes with its drying qualities which is an important point with painters.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

A FINE STOCK OF SPINNING GOODS.

Gault Bros. & Co. are displaying a very fine line of goods and summer samples in their Winnipeg warehouses and should be able with such samples to give the trade the best of the spring trade. One of the newest and finest lines they have is known as "Patience" a line of materials patterned blouse cottons which will retail at 12c.

Mercedized satens and silk-lanes, both black and colored, to sell at 25c, are also very useful lines which they are showing. Tuck lawns and tuck nainsooks are also shown in great variety. Their stock of silks includes a fine line of colored goods for ladies' waists, worth in a regular way here \$1 per yard but which at present prices can be retailed for 60c.

A new and beautiful line of handkerchiefs 12 inches wide, for costumes and skirts, to sell at from 50c up to \$1, is a feature of the dry goods display. They also show full ranges of ladies' cloth, covert, railway coat, soles, poplin, etc., in popular colors.

The line of fashions includes the newest and best Valenciennes, guipures, all-overs, etc. in an endless variety of patterns. A specialty in the way of tucks is boxes of fancy patterns for ladies' blouses, each box containing enough material for two blouses of different kinds. The goods are shown in great variety and so put up that the retail merchant buying them in sets of one dozen will get six different looks with each set.

"Patience" velvet ribbons will be another of the specialties of this house next year. Also Foxglove gloves "Dacia" waterproof coats for ladies, and "20th Century" umbrellas. The goods of this house are altogether entirely new in that line and will have to be seen to be fully appreciated. It is made in several different styles. The goods of this house are altogether entirely new in that line and will have to be seen to be fully appreciated. It is made in several different styles. The goods of this house are altogether entirely new in that line and will have to be seen to be fully appreciated. It is made in several different styles.

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Implement Trade Notes.

The consummation of the scheme to commodate a number of the plow manufacturers of the United States has been again deferred and the opinion seems to be growing in the trade that the promoters will not be successful in their endeavors.

The very large demand for binder twine for the United States corn harvest has cleaned up the market almost completely, and as stocks of twine in America are very tight there has been an advancing tendency in prices of cordage of late, with prospects of continuance and possibly still higher prices. Some authorities claim that financial twine will open next season fully 2c per pound higher than last.

Lumber Trade Notes.

It is the intention of the Hanbury Manufacturing Co. of Brandon, to take out sufficient logs this year to keep the mill running for two seasons, as there are many advantages in keeping a season's supply ahead.

One of the largest pulp mills in Canada is said to be built at Stevens Islands on the north shore of the St. Lawrence. An excellent water power has been secured on the St. Marguerite River and about 500 square miles of spruce limits in the vicinity.

Canada's exports of pulp wood and wood pulp in the last year amounted to \$1,355,265, of which \$909,929 was sold to Great Britain, \$222,275 to the United States, \$65,194 worth going to other countries. These exports show an increase of \$1,477 over those of the preceding year.

The last shipment of pine logs from Canada to the United States reached the Saginaw river on August 29th from the Indian reserve lands. The Ontario Government has not put a stop to this traffic. Since the rafting of logs to Canadian mills was commenced 1,041,000,000 feet are said to have been taken over.

According to reports from fire areas there has been terrible devastation in the northern portions of Ontario. Tracts of country 2,500 square miles in extent have been burned over and millions of cords of pulpwood destroyed, entailing a loss in value of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Game has been burned alive, or driven out of the districts, while fish have died in the waters polluted by ashes and cinders.

Dairy Trade Notes.

Ontario cheese won the gold medal offered by the Pan-American exposition in competition with the cheese of North and South America.

Live Stock Trade Notes.

The shipments of live stock from the port of Montreal to the old country for the week ending October 30, were: 2,342 cattle, 1,320 sheep and 26 horses.

A stock train with a shipment of cattle sent east last week from Winnipeg by Mullins & Wilson and Gordon & Ironsides had a record of hard luck. At Wolf River, the train was run into while standing on a siding and one car of Mullins & Wilson's cattle were killed and at Mattawa it was again crashed into and two carloads of cattle belonging to Gordon & Ironsides killed. Chicago advices to hand state that the export horse trade has fallen to the lowest point reached in several years. The export for September aggregated 567 horses, against 1,110 head for the same month last year, 1,900 head in 1900, and 1,721 head in 1891. The reason given for this is that prices in foreign countries have not advanced in proportion to the domestic markets.

The department of agriculture has received a summary of the winnings

of Canadian live stock at the Pan-American. Practically all the live stock awards were in cash, hence the following statement is indicative of the relative merits of the exhibits.

Cattle, United States, \$3,813.40; Canada, \$3,111.00. Sheep, United States, \$1,390.62; Canada, \$2,152.50. Swine, United States, \$105.00; Canada, \$377.50.

A thousand men exclusive of Indians, are engaged in trapping and hunting on the vast extent of fur-bearing country on the upper Yukon. Dawson is the central market for this fur country and sends fully 100,000 pelts annually to the great pelts markets of London and New York, yielding an annual revenue of about \$100,000.

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