SOME CHANGES MADE IN GROCERY LEVELS

Tea Showing More Activity---Dried Fruits Very Firm---Sugar and Coffee are Unchanged

BLACK TEA MAY WEAKEN

Movement Has Started in Ceylon and India, in the Heavy Tea Stocks There and This May Mean Greater Easiness in Spot Stocks Here With Prospects of Fresh Supplies.—Rice and Patna Steady.

During the past week in the market for sugar, there have been no great changes in the situation or prices, although the tone seems to warrant a drop. Refiners, however, are holding firmly to their stocks, and it is not likely that anything will materialize this week. Buying is not on a large scale, although refiners are busy working on standing orders. They claim that they are operating at a loss at present levels, but they are the only ones complaining. To the consumer, the price is still much too high and they would welcome a decline. They state that if the refiners bought heavily when sugar was higher, it is no reason why they should pay inflated prices to keep the refiner losing on his investment. The expensive raws which they stocked heavily at the outbreak of the war are still stocked heavily, and according to the present demand they will not be used up very rapidly. Until they are, refiners state that they will keep prices to present levels. During the past week, France has placed some heavy orders in New York and refiners there are busy on the orders.

There is practically nothing doing in molasses, this being the quiet season. The market continues steady at last week's quotations and the demand is fair. It is not thought that any price changes will occur during the prescent week.

The steadiness of the past two months is still felt in the local market for rice and patna and there have been no changes in prices. Supplies on spot are fairly good and the demand is fair.

The tea market has experienced some good activity during the past week, low-grade Japan's seeming to be in favor, selling around 16½, and the orders are said to be quite heavy. Supplies, however, are hard to secure and in consequence, a strengthening of the price is expected. There has been a movement in the stocks in India and Ceylon, which are heavy, now that the German cruiser Emden is safely out of the way, and it is expected that there will be a decline in black teas if this movement should assume any large propensities. For the most part, teas locally are scarce and it will take the actual arrival of the stocks to affect the market to any perceptible degree.

With the Christmas trade coming on, it is expected that lower prices will prevail in many prominent lines of dried fruits, although advances will be felt in some stocks of which are very scarce. Dates are one of these latter lines. It is expected that prices will have advanced fully 30 per cent. when the present movement is completed. One steamer reached New York last Monday laden with the fruit but these were shipped previous to the outbreak of war and it is not thought that any further supplies will come forward for some time to come. Raisins are in very good demand and dealers who have not stocked heavily are now hurrying to secure their holiday supplies. In consequence, the price is very firm. There is a steady tone for currents which are unchanged. Citrons and peels are slightly easier and prices have been reduced ½ cent. by jobbers, during the week. Prunes have advanced especially on the new crops, which are very scarce, and are now due to arrive.

GROCERIES.

The following table shows the prevailing prices on the local market this week:—

SUGAR—	
Extra Granulated—	
100 lb. bags	6.75
20 lb. bags	6.85
2 and 5 lb. cartons	7.05
Second grade, in 100 lb. bags	6.70
Extra Ground—	
Barrels	7.15
25 lb. boxes	7.75
Powdered—	
Barrels	6.95
50 lb. boxes	7.15
25 lb. boxes	7.35
Crystal Diamonds—	
Barrels	7.40
100 brl. boxes	7.50
50 lb. boxes	7.60
Cartons and half cartons	8.75
Crystal Dominoes, cartons	8.85
Yellow—	
No. 1	6.35
No. 2	6.65
No. 3	6.35
Barbadoes, puncheons	0.36—0.38
Molasses—	per gallon.
Barbadoes, puncheons	0.36—0.38
Barbadoes, barrels	0.39—0.41
Barbadoes, half-barrel	0.42—0.43
Rice—	per cwt.
Rice, grade B	—3.50
Rice, grade C.	—3.40
Imported Patna—	per lb.
Bags, 224 lbs.	0.06 —0.06½
Half bags, 112 lbs.	0.05¾—0.06
Quarter bags, 56 lbs.	0.05⅞—0.06⅛
Sago, brown	0.06 —0.06½
Old Government Java	0.35
Pure Mocha	0.33
Pure Maracaibo	0.27
Pure Jamaica	0.25
Pure Santos	0.27
Fancy Rio	0.20
Pure Rio	0.21
Dried Fruits—	
Apricots	0.14 —0.15
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Candied peels: Lemon	0.10 —0.11¾
Oranges	0.10 —0.11¾
Citron	0.16 —0.18
Currants	0.07½—0.08¼
Dates	0.7½—0.14½
Evaporated apples	0.06½—0.07
Prunes	0.06 —0.13
Valencia Raisins	0.07½—0.08¼

ILLINOIS STEEL COMPANY.

Chicago, November 23.—It is announced that the Illinois Steel Company's South Chicago plant will put back to work to-day 2,000 men who were laid off last spring.

About 5,500 are working now. Superintendent Young says the prospects are bright and he expects soon to be running full capacity.

THE PRODUCE MARKETS

Prices for butter continue steady and well-maintained and show no changes to note. Supplies, however, are none too large for this season of the year. Buyers are not putting forward a very keen demand and are purchasing in a "hand-to-mouth" manner, and trade is quiet. Several cars for shipments for Vancouver are being held here but shipments west have been scarce.

Finest creamery	27½c to 28c
Fine creamery	26¾c to 27¼c
Seconds	26¼c to 26½c
Manitoba dairy	24c to 25c
Western dairy	25c to 25½c

Some fair local demand has been felt in cheese as well as activity in an export way. The Liverpool cable was advanced 1s per cwt. for finest Canadian to 77s colored, and 76s 6d for white. Some sales have been made where English prices met the Canadian. The question of freights is difficult to solve, however.

Finest western, white	15¼c to 15⅝c
Finest western, colored	15¼c to 15⅝c
Fineste eastern, white	15¼c to 15⅜c
Finest eastern, colored	15¼c to 15⅜c

There were no new developments in the local market, prices being firm, with a fairly active trade doing in most grades.

Strictly fresh stock	43c to 45c
Selected cold storage	31c to 32c
No. 1 cold storage	29c to 30c
No. 2 cold storage	25c to 26c

The tone of the market for beans is steady, and in a jobbing way a fair amount of business is doing, but the demand for car lots is rather quiet just now.

Hand-picked beans, per bushel	$2.65 to $2.75
Choice 1-pound pickers	2.55 to 2.60
Three-pound pickers	2.30 to 2.40

Owing to the more seasonable weather which has prevailed of late, supplies of dressed poultry have been coming forward more freely, but as the demand for the same is good and prices more reasonable this season, the consumption is larger and the tone of the market in consequence is steady:

Turkeys, per lb.	16c to 18c
Chickens, per lb.	12c to 13c
Ducks, per lb.	12c to 15c
Geese, per lb.	10c to 11c

There is no change in the market for pototaes, prices being firm under a continued fair demand, and sales of car lots were made at 65c to 67½c per bag ex-track, and in a jobbing way at 75c to 80c per bag, ex-store.

COUNTRY DAIRY BOARDS.

London, November 21.—At the meeting of the board to-day there were 1,064 boxes of cheese offered, for which the bidding ranged from 14c to 14½c, but as these prices did not seem to suit factorymen, no sales were reported.

New York, November 21.—Butter, steady and unchanged. Receipts 1,004 boxes.

BUTTER AND CHEESE RECEIPTS.

The following table shows the receipts of butter and cheese in Montreal for the week ending November 21st, 1914, with comparisons:

	Butter. pkgs.	Cheese. boxes.
Receipts, Nov. 21, 1914	652	3,521
Receipts, Nov. 14, 1914	1,259	6,394
Receipts, Nov. 22, 1913	1,443	3,601
Week ending Nov. 21, 1914	3,422	27,056
Week ending Nov. 14, 1914	4,218	43,242
Week ending Nov. 22, 1913	4,896	20,039
Total receipts May 1st to date, 1914	362,492	1,493,490
Total corr, period 1913	432,844	1,580,118

STANDARD OIL STOCKS.

New York, November 23.—Standard Oil stocks opened steady:—

	Bid.	Asked.
S. O., of Ohio	425	430
S. O., N. Y.	189	191
S. O., California	294	296
Prairie Oil	375	385
Ohio Oil	172	175

PHILADELPHIA BANK CLEARINGS.

Philadelphia clearings, $21,095,000; decrease, $2,492,485.

SOME IMMIGRATION FIGURES.

Washington, November 23.—Figures compiled by the Bureau of Immigration show that from August 10th to November 20th, inclusive, 152,462 alien immigrants arrived in the United States, against 511,431 for the corresponding period of last year.

During the past several weeks, however, the disparity in immigrants arriving in this country is not so great, 1,548 immigrants having arrived on November 20th, against 1,949 for November 21st, 1913.

THE HIDE MARKET

New York, November 23.—The market for common dry hides lacked new features on Saturday. Tanners manifested little interest in the situation and no sales were reported.

The market retained a firm tone and previous quotations were reported. There were no changes in wet or dry salted hides.

The city packer market was quiet.

	Bid.	Asked.
Orinoco	...	29
La Guayra	...	28½
Puerto Cabello	...	28½
Caracas	...	28½
Maracaibo	...	28
Guatemala	28	29
Central America	...	28
Ecuador	...	24
Bogota	28	29
Vera Cruz	...	24
Tampico	...	24
Tabasco	...	24
Tuxpam	...	24
Dry Salted: Selected—		
Selected, Payta	...	17
Maracaibo	...	17
Pernambuco	...	17
Matamoras	...	17
Wet Salted:		
Vera Cruz	...	16½
Mexico	17	17½
Santiago	15	...
Cienfuegos	15	...
Havana	16	17
City slaughtered spreads	...	21
City native steers, selected 60 or over	20¾	21
City branded	...	18¾
City bull	16	16½
City cow, all weights	18	19½
Country slaughtered steers 60 or over	16½	17
Country slaughtered cow	16¾	17
Country slaughtered bull, 60 or over	16	16¼

A LOCAL PRODUCE MAN

HARRY A. HODGSON.

Mr. Hodgson is prominent in local produce circles, and is one of Montreal's largest butter and cheese exporters.

GRAIN AND FLOUR EXPORTS.

The following table shows the exports of grain and flour from the port of Montreal for the week ending November 21st, 1914:

	Wheat. bush.	Oats. bush.	Flour. sacks
Liverpool	88,000	......	5,800
London	471,675	......	9,125
Bristol	205,297	103,456	3,500
Leith	72,011	......	3,900
Hull	175,000	......	......
Bordeaux	16,616	......	......
Total	1,028,599	103,456	22,325

LOCAL STOCKS OF GRAIN IN STORE.

The following table shows the stocks of grain and flour in store in Montreal on the dates mentioned:

	Nov. 21. 1914.	Nov. 14. 1914.	Nov. 22. 1913.
Wheat, bush.	3,728,892	4,361,153	1,185,780
Corn, bush.	3,004	11,657	51,741
Oats, bush.	1,273,835	1,243,915	1,042,220
Barley, bush.	146,423	96,157	545,916
Flax, bush.	91,319	140,342	370,834
Flour, sacks	104,248	110,515	155,816

NEW YORK TRADE.

New York, November 23.—Exports of general merchandise from New York Saturday totalled $2,133,055; decrease of $3,592,715, compared with a week ago. Imports were $1,628,281; increase $124,633.

PARIS WHEAT.

Paris, November 23.—Spot wheat closed up ½ from Saturday at 1.51.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, November 23.—Wheat opened off ½d. from Saturday's close. Dec. 9s. 7½d. Corn opened off ¼d. from Saturday's close. Dec. 5s. 8d.; Jan. 5s. 8d.

UTAH COPPER COMPANY.

New York, November 23.—Utah Copper Company production during October totalled 6,765,396 pounds.

THE HOP MARKET

New York, November 23.—Advices from the Pacific Coast indicate a firm hop market for the best grades, which growers are holding at firm prices. Inferior grades, however, are easier. There were no changes reported either in state or local market conditions.

The quotations below are between dealers in the New York market, and an advance is usually obtained from dealers to brewers:

States, 1914—Prime to choice 27 to 29; medium to prime 23 to 26. 1913—Nominal. Old olds 7 to 8.

Germans, 1914—38 to 40.

Pacifics, 1914—Prime to choice 13 to 14; medium to prime 11 to 12. 1913—9 to 11. Old olds 7 to 8.

Bohemian, 1914—39 to 44.

THE FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

Washington, November 23.—The foot and mouth disease can now be stamped out without quarantining any more states, is the belief expressed in the statement by the Department of Agriculture. The raising of the quarantine against Canada last Friday was the first step toward normal conditions, the department asserts, and it is hoped that other infected areas soon may be released from the embargo.

LIVERPOOL OPENING.

Liverpool, November 23.—Cotton futures opened quiet, market steady. May-June 4.17d.; July-Aug. 4.24½d.; Oct.-Nov. 4.34d.; Jan.-Feb. (1916), 4.41d. At 12.45 p.m. there was fair inquiry for spots with prices steady. American middling, fair, 5.50d. Good middling 4.82d.; middling 4.50d.; low middling 3.89d.; good, ordinary 3.20d.; ordinary 2.70d. Sales 7,000 bales; receipts 5,911, including 1,759 American.

COTTON MARKET QUIET.

New York, November 23.—Cotton market quiet and steady, professionals were offering distant months and some foreign covering of December was still in evidence.

COTTON MARKET STEADY.

New York, November 23.—The cotton market was quiet and steady. There is covering still going on in December. The activity of the first hour has petered out.

Traders report that local shorts are trying to cover, and that the market looks as if it would go higher.

Liverpool cables that spinners are calling cotton, and that indications are that futures will sel lhigher.

WEEK'S COTTON EXPORTS.

Washington, November 23.—Acording to Treasury figures the exports of cotton from the United States for the week ended November 21st were 184,152 bales.

COTTON AT NEW YORK.

New York, November 23—(1.30 p.m.).—Cotton, Dec., old 7.33, up 7; March, new 7.63, up 6; Oct., new 8.13, up 3.

COPPER AT LONDON.

London, November 23.—Spot copper £55 5s., up £1; futures £55 10s., up £1.

Electrolytic £57 15s., up £1. Spot tin £139 10s., up £2 15s.; futures £138, up £2 10s. Straits, £146 10s., up £2 10s. Lead £19 5s., up 17s. 6d. Spelter £25 5s., unchanged.

ADVANCE IN COPPER.

New York, November 23.—A large copper concern has advanced its price for copper to 12½ cents.

THE FRUIT MARKET

There has been a seasonable increase in the price of oranges, owing to the expected heavy demand which will come forward for holiday supplies. The advance amounted to about 25 cents for all lines. Supplies, however, are coming in in fair volume, and it is not expected that there will be any serious shortages. Lemons are weaker this week, declining 25 cents, for extra fancies. A slightly firmer tone has developed in apples, which are moving out well. Fameuse apples have advanced to 25 for No. 1's. Other varieties remained unchanged, although the under tone is very firm for most lines.

Since Almeria grapes arrived, there have been no further changes from first named prices, but the tone is steady, and the demand good. Figs and dates are active, there being but a small supply of either on hand. Prices, however, do not show any changes from last week. Bananas are steady, with but little moving. There is a steadiness to the market, however.

The following table shows the prevailing prices in the local markets:—

California Fruits.	
Winter Nellis Pears, per box	3.50
Easter Beurre Pears	2.50
Emperor Grapes in Crates	2.50
Special California Grapes in kegs, very fine, per keg	4.00
Oranges.	
California "Sunkist" Late Valencias, 176, 200, 216 and 250 size	4.50
California "Sunkist" Valencias 126 & 150 size	4.50
Lemons.	
Extra Fancy, 360 size	4.25
Grape Fruit.	
Finest selected 46 and 54 size, the famous "Gray" Brand	3.00
Finest selected 64 and 80 size	3.00
Apples.	
McIntosh Reds, boxes	$2.25
Fameuse No. 1's	5.00
Fameuse No. 2's	4.00
Spies, Baldwins, Russets, Greenings, No. 1	3.00 to 3.50
Other varieties—winter varieties No. 1's	3.00
Other varieties—winter varieties No. 2's	2.65
Box Apples.	
Special boxes fancy Greenings, per box	1.00
Cranberries.	
Finest Cape Cods, per barrel	6.00
Onions.	
Red Onions, 100 lb. to bag, per bag	1.85
Spanish Onions, in cases	3.50
Sweet Potatoes.	
Kiln dried, best quality, per basket	1.75
Bananas.	
Limon Jumbo, per bunch	2.00 to 2.50
Almeria Grapes.	
Heavyweight, longkeepers, per keg	5.50
Medium weight, per keg	5.00
Dates.	
Hallowees, very fine quality, per lb.	7½c
"Dromedary" package stock, thirty packets to case	10c
"Anchor" package stock, thirty packages to case	8c
Figs.	
Extra Fancy "Camel" brand 2 inch 10 lbs. bxs	14c
Extra Fancy "Camel" brand 1¾ inch 10 lb bxs	13c
Extra Fancy "Camel" brand, glove boxes, each	13½c
Nuts.	
Peanuts, Bon Tons	13c.
Peanuts	16c.

NEW YORK METAL EXCHANGE.

New York, November 23.—Metal Exchange quotes tin firm. 5 ton lots, $33.37½ to $34.25; 25 ton lots $33.37½ bid. Lead, $3.80 to $4; spelter, $3.75 to $3.85.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, November 23 (2.30 p.m.).—Cotton, Dec old 7.31, up 5; March, new 7.60, up 3; May, new 7.76; Oct., new 8.12, up 2.

COPPER EXCHANGE RE-OPENING.

New York, November 23.—The following notice has been posted at the Coffee Exchange: "A special meeting of the Board of Managers will be held Wednesday, November 25th, at 12 noon, at which your attendance is requested."

It is understood the meeting is called for a consideration of re-opening of the Coffee Exchange. The probable date set by traders is December 2nd.

COMMERCIAL PAPER MARKET.

New York, November 23.—Sentimentally the commercial paper market is easier, due in a measure to huge surplus reserve reported on Saturday. Institutions, however, are not as yet inclined to increase their purchases appreciably. Rates for best names both in city and country are 5 to 5½ per cent.

CHICAGO MERCHANT DEAD.

New York, November 23.—H. E. Rycroft, president of Messrs. Bartlett, Frazier and Company, of Chicago, is dead.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET.

New York, November 23.—Foreign Exchange market opened firm with demand sterling up ¼ from Saturday's close.

Sterling—Cables 4.89 to 4.89⅛; demand 4.88¼ to 4.88⅜.

Francs—Cables 5.10½; demand 5.11⅛.

Marks—Cables 86 5-16; demand 86¼.

Guilders—Cables 40⅝; demand 40½.

NO DEVELOPMENTS IN AMERICAN TRADE

Sugar Market a Waiting One---French Have Placed no Further Orders, Waiting for Concessions

REFINERS HOLDING ORDERS

Coffee Market Dull but Stocks Not Accumulating—Dried Fruits Were Fairly Active—Molasses in Some Demand—Rice Fairly Active.

(Exclusive Leased Wire to The Journal of Commerce.)

New York, November 23.—The sugar market continued in a waiting character during the week, both in raw and refined. The awaited French orders for refined sugar were not forthcoming as the foreigners continued to hold aloof in the hopes of securing concessions.

A lowering of the quotation on standard granulated to 3.80 cents f.o.b. would have doubtless resulted in liberal export buying, but refining interests were taking nothing under 4 cents. It is generally believed that sooner or later the French must place additional orders as their needs, particularly under present circumstances are large. The situation in the raw market was much the same. Buying was at a standstill as refiners withheld their orders in the hopes of securing price concessions. Raws were not obtainable at three cents prompt shipment and refiners were not willing to pay this figure for new crop Cubas.

The coffee market was very apathetic during the past week. There was an increased demand for Brazil and milds which helped to prevent accumulation of stocks, there also being larger direct shipments. Prices in the local spot market remained unchanged.

The dried fruit market passed a fairly active week, with strength in coast prunes the feature. There was a good demand for Santa Clara prunes to the coast, the sizes most desired being 40's to 60's. Bids on these were 5 to 5¼ cents, but there were few if any sellers at these prices at primary points and coast shippers are reported to have declined shipments of quite a number of carloads which buyers expected to secure on the above basis. Packers were asking 5½ cents f.o.b. coast. There was a slight increase in activity in spot prune market, though the movement is still confined to jobbing limits. A cargo of new dates arrived late in the week. It was stated that practically all of the fruit had been sold before the steamer docked.

Owing to the late arrival of the shipment it is thought that some of the interior markets will not get supplies in time to meet the Thanksgiving trade.

Raisins were dull with prices unchanged. Demand was slow, but there was no pressure to sell.

There will be a fair consuming demand for grocery grades of molasses for immediate needs. Offerings were light as southern2 planters2 appeared to be awaiting a recovery in sugar.

Rice was firm and fairly active. Blue Rose was particularly in demand. Dealers were asking full prices and received them where distributors were in need of supplies. Reports from Texas are to the effect that a rice shortage is expected with small prospect of receiving supplies from abroad.

NAVAL STORE MARKET

New York, November 23.—There was no feature to the market for naval stores with business still covering actual needs of the trade. The market was naturally quiet, Saturday, but some circles profess to be satisfied with the results of the week. It is pointed out that at least Savannah has made progress, and prices are not far below the set figure of the factors combine. There is still some stock from the independents for sale, but the liquidation appears to be running its course. On the spot turpentine was quoted at 48 cents to 48½ cents with a moderate buying movement from the jobber and the manufacturers.

Tar is quiet and unchanged with both kiln burned and retort held at $6.50. Pitch is maintained at $4.00, being seasonably dull.

Rosins are repeated with less disposition to make concessions. For common to good strained $3.75 is asked in the trade. There is a fair consuming movement.

The following were the prices of rosins in the yard: B, C, $3.80 to $3.90; D, $3.95 to $4.00; E, $4.00 to $4.05; F, $3.95 to $4.05; G, $4.00 to $4.10; H, $4.05 to $4.15; I, $4.35 to $4.40; K, $4.60 to $4.80; M, $5.25 to $5.30; N, $5.90 to $5.95; W. G, $6.25 asked; W. W, $6.50 asked.

Savannah, November 23.—Turpentine firm, 44½ cents. No sales; receipts, 284; shipments, 206; stocks, 32,385.

Rosin, firm. Sales, 132; receipts, 1,707; shipments, 174; stocks, 121,295. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F, $3.45; G, $3.50; H, $3.55; I, $3.70; K, $4.15; M, $4.75; N, $5.45; W, G, $5.70; W, W, $5.95.

CROP WEATHER MAP.

Cotton Belt.—Generally clear. Some rain in Texas. Temperature 40 to 64.

Winter Wheat Belt—Generally clear. No moisture. Temperature 20 to 44.

American Northwest—Generally clear. No moisture. Temperature 16 to 40.

Canadian Northwest—Clear, no moisture. Temperature 30 to 36.