

Toronto Grocery Market.

SUGARS, SYRUPS AND MOLASSES.

Sugars have been quiet, the demand being very light. Granulated is moving at 4½ to 4¾ and yellows at 3½ to 4½ for ordinary retail lots. Little or nothing is doing in large lots. The consumption is light and retailers see nothing in the situation to encourage stocking up. Sugars—Granulated, 4½ to 4¾; Paris lump, boxes, 5½; extra ground, bbls, 5½ to 6½; powdered, bbls, 4½ to 5½; refined, dark to bright, 3½ to 4½; Demerara, 4½; Trinidad, 3½ to 3¾; Barbados, 3½ to 3¾. Syrups—P., 1½ to 2½; M., 2½ to 2¾; B., 2½ to 2¾; V.B., 2½ to 2¾; E.V.B., 2½ to 2¾; ex super, 2½ to 2¾; N.X., 2½ to 3; N.X.N. and special, 3 to 3½. Mola-ees—West Indian, bbls, 30 to 50; New Orleans, open kettle, 45 to 55; centrifugals, 30 to 40; inferior low grades, 25 to 28.

TEAS AND COFFEES.—Teas are again in good demand, and the more the season progresses the more intensified becomes the evidence of short crop and the assurance that present purchases will be cheap compared with spring prices. This applies mainly to Japans, though green and black tea markets are in sympathy, and have demonstrated three or four cents' worth of strength in the past two weeks. Local supplies of Japans are light, especially low grades. Coffees are meeting with a fair demand at unchanged prices. Prices are: Rios, 19 to 21c; Jamaica, 19 to 20; Java, 25 to 31; Mocha, 28 to 32½; Porto Rico, 23 to 25.

DRIED FRUITS.—The whole tone of the market is strong and in a few instances prices are higher. Valencias, which show the principal advance, are firm at 5½ to 5¾ for ordinary quality, up to 6 or 6½ for fancy off stock. Currants are steadily held at quotations. Barff & Co.'s currant report, dated Patras, October 12, says: "Very little of novelty has occurred in our market during the past fortnight, as the finer growths are now nearly all disposed of, and the demand for average Provincial, Pyrgos and Calamata is extremely restricted, owing to the poor reception accorded to these growths in the various markets of consumption. Holders and growers of these latter qualities have been consequently compelled to lower their prices, but not much business has resulted, as France keeps quiet, and no speculative purchases on a large scale will be gone into until some sort of estimate of French requirements can be made. Gulf and Vostizza are now all disposed of, and are fast being shipped off. The run on Patras fruit continues, and prices are rising daily; only 1,500 tons are unsold. Good dry Provincial (which is scarce), as also Campos and Mesolonghi, have been in better demand, as they are considered the only lower qualities suitable for shipment to the United Kingdom. As will be seen by note of shipments at foot, about half the total crop, which we reckon at 120,000 tons, has already been shipped off. Island crops—Cephalonia.—Buyers have been trying to get in at under 17s f.o.b barrels, but holders are firm. Zante.—The few remaining Casalina parcels are held very firmly, those which changed hands lately fetching 22½ to 23s 6d f.o.b., half cases; doubtful if those which remain would sell at 25s f.o.b. Some 300 tons Sarraglia were bought yesterday by a speculator at equal to 17s f.o.b., barrels, principally for shipments in cases and half-cases to Liverpool. Shipments ascertained to date are: To London, 22,162 tons; Liverpool, 14,876; outports, 2,073; United States, 5,725; Canada, 1,329; Marseilles, 5,452; north of France, nil; north of Europe, 3,642; Trieste, 980; Australia, 1,394; Russia, 51. Total, 57,601 tons in 1882, against 73,207 tons in 1891. Currants.—Bols. 5½c; do, fancy 6½c; half bbls, 5½ to 5¾c; cases, 6 to 6½c; Vostizza, cases, 7 to 8½c; Patras, bbls, 6½c; cases 6½ to 7c. Raisins.—Valencias, 5 to 6c; layers, 7 to 7½c; Sultanias, 7½ to 11c; London layers, \$3.25 to \$3.50; black baskets, \$3.75; blue do., \$4.75; connoisseur clusters, \$4.50. Figs.—Elemos, 10lbs and up, 11 to 16c; 14oz, 10 to 11c. Dates.—Hallowee, 5 to 5½c. Prunes.—Cases—5 to 6½c;

hhd, 4 to 4½c. Nuts—Almonds, Tarragona, 13½ to 15c; Ivica, 14 to 15c; do; shelled, Valencia, 20 to 35c; filberts, Sicily, 10½ to 11c.; walnuts, Grenoble, 14c; Bordeaux, 11 to 12c.

Canned Goods—Business has not been as active as in other departments. Buyers are waiting for developments or until they are forced to purchase. Leading staples—corn, peas and tomatoes—are selling from 85c to \$1, according to brands. Salmon strong but not active. Holders will make no concessions. Fish—Salmon, 1's flat, \$1.60 to 1.80; salmon, 1's tall, \$1.45 to 1.55; lobster Clover Leaf, \$2.95; lobster, other 1's, \$1.75 to 2.25; mackerel, \$1 to 1.25; sloop haddie, \$1.40 to 1.50; sardines, French, ½s, 40c; sardines, French, ½s, 17c; sardines, American, ¾s, 6 to 8c; sardines, American, ½s, 9c. Fruits and Vegetables—Tomatoes, 3's, 55c to \$1; corn, 2's, 85c to \$1.05; peas, 2's, 90c to \$1.10; beans, 90c to \$1; pumpkins, 75c to \$1; strawberries and raspberries, 2's, \$2.10 to 2.25; apples, 6's, \$1.75 to \$2; 3's, 85c to \$1; peaches, 2's, \$1.90 to \$2.10; peaches, 3's, \$2.85 to \$3.25; plums, 2's, \$1.40 to 1.75; 3's, \$2.65; pears, 2's, \$1.60 to \$1.75; 3's, \$1.75 to \$2.10.

Spices, Rice, etc.—Spices quiet and unchanged. Rice steady. Rice, bags, 3½ to 4; do, off grades, 3½ to 3¾; do, patna, 4½ to 5½; do, Japan, 4½ to 5½; sago, 4½ to 5c; tapioca, 4½ to 5c; pepper, black, 11½ to 12c; do, white 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 18 to 20c; cloves, 10 to 15c; allspice, 10 to 12c; nutmeg, 90c to \$1.10 cream tartar, 28 to 35c.

Peels.—The market is fairly active at unchanged prices at 16 to 17c for lemon, 17 to 18c for orange and 26 to 28c for citron.—Empire, Nov. 4.

Seeds of Trees.

Mr. Saunders, director of the Dominion experimental farms, has learned from the superintendent of the farm at Indian Head that one hundred and fifty sacks of seeds of trees grown in Qu'Appelle valley, and from Mr. Bedford, superintendent of the Manitoba farm, that half a ton from Brandon district has been collected for forestry purposes. It is Mr. Saunders' intention to have a portion of these seeds distributed from the two experimental farms in the far west, but a large portion of the supply he will have forwarded to Ottawa for distribution to Manitoba cultivators and others desirous of planting trees of a hardy variety. Two years ago sample packages of seeds containing one pound each were sent out to over 500 settlers, and last year the demand was so large that the small crop at the director's disposal was insufficient to supply it. The quantity available this year, however, will allow a liberal distribution to some four or five thousand persons. Mr. Saunders intimates that parties desiring to participate in this distribution should send in their applications as soon as possible.

Montreal Markets.

Flour—A very fair volume of business has been transacted during the week, large quantities of flour having been shipped to Newfoundland and the Maritime Provinces. A good trade has also been done for account of Quebec and other eastern points, but at exceptionally low prices which have been the chief factor in inducing the more liberal demand. Western millers have written to us to the effect that they never remember being more busy than at the present time, many being unable to fill their orders fast enough. Others have been much hampered by the scarcity of cars, there being a great rush to catch the last boats. This has created a great demand for freight room, most of that which has already been secured. It is estimated freight room is not available for more than 2,000 to 3,000 barrels by the Newfoundland and Lower Ports boats. Straight rollers have been sold at \$3.60 on track here, and \$3.75 to \$3.90 to the local trade. There appears to be no outlet for extra, which is quot-

ed \$3.10 to \$3.20, but these prices are too high to admit of business to any extent. Sales are reported of strong bakers in round quantities at \$3.95 to \$4.00, although one of our large milling companies claim to be getting \$4.10 for its best city strong brands. We quote prices about the same as those of last week.

OATMEAL.—There is not much change in the market, but if anything there is a little better demand and prices have a slightly steadier tone. Car lots of rolled oats are offered at \$3.85. We quote jobbing prices as follows:—Rolled and granulated \$4.00 to \$4.10; Standard \$3.90 to \$4.00. In bags, granulated, \$2.00 to \$2.05, and standard \$1.90 to \$1.95.

MILL FEED.—The demand for bran continues fair, with sales of car lots at \$13.00 to \$13.50, and jobbing lots at \$14.00. Shorts are quoted at \$15.00 to \$16.00 and middlings at \$16.00 to \$17.00. Moullie is quoted at \$20.00 to \$24.00 with lower prices for inferior brands.

WHEAT.—Some low sales have been made in this market during the past week, a lot of No. 2 Ontario red winter wheat selling at 75c last week; but to-day it is said that not more than 72 or 73c could be obtained, while as we go to press a dealer here says he has been offered it at less money. Of course it is worth more money to those who have freight space to fill which was contracted at lower prices. No. 2 hard Manitoba was said to have been offered yesterday at 66c Port Arthur. A lot of Manitoba frosted wheat was offered at 70c Montreal all rail.

Oats.—The sale of 5 cars of No. 2 white oats was made at 32½c per 34 lbs, which shows a drop of fully 1c per bushel. Other lots are offered at 32½c, but holders say they cannot dispose of them.

Barley.—Feed barley is quoted at 40 to 43c, but there is very little demand. Malting barley is still quoted at 52 to 58c.

Butter.—The market is quiet and easier, and prices are fully ½c per lb lower, holders who refused to accept less than 24c a short time ago now offering their goods at 23½c; but buyers claim that as the demand from England has fallen off, they cannot pay that figure for the best full make. Eastern townships dairy has been placed at prices ranging all the way from 18 to 21c for good sized lots, and western quoted at 15 to 19c as to quality. It is generally conceded that a large make of full creamery is in the hands of factorymen, and unless the English demand springs up again, we shall undoubtedly have too much for local wants. Local dealers appear fully determined to buy only from hand to mouth at the present high range of prices, as it is claimed money was lost last year, and they do not intend to be caught again. We quote prices as follows:—Creamery choice fall 23 to 23½c; do, good to fine 22 to 22½c; eastern townships dairy, choice fall 21 to 21½c; do, good to fine 19 to 20c; Morrisburg and Brockville 19 to 21c; western 15 to 19c. Roll butter.—The receipts are still limited, and few lots of western so far received have sold at 17 to 19c as to quality.

Cheese.—The market is decidedly firm at 10½c for finest western, some dealers refusing to entertain any price under 10½c, but it is safe to say that nothing in the shape of finest western can be had in this market under 10½c. Last week the shipments again exceeded the receipts by about 35,000 boxes, which is very remarkable for this time of year. It is very certain that English houses have been grossly deceived by the circulars of interested parties that have been sent broadcast throughout England, circulating the most absurd stories regarding a big November make. As a rule, the cheese factories shut down both in Ontario and Quebec about Oct. 15th, and the great majority have done so this year. Almost all the cheese outside of the Ingersoll section is now in second hands, and stocks here are certainly much higher than at this time last year. The public cable stands 6d higher at 52s, although private cables quote higher figures. There is quite a demand for underpriced goods in this market, but they are difficult to find.