

autumn they can shoot partridges, grouse and ducks, and in winter (if they like to break the law) many a moose or a cariboo might fall to the sportman's rifle. The summer climate is a fine one, and the scenery magnificent; all agree upon that. Organized effort might make Algoma the Mecca of American and British tourists, and the Switzerland of America.

ABOUT TEAS.

Low grade Japan teas are very scarce. It is almost impossible to get anything to sell under 14 cents in this market. In Montreal there is brisk request for 12-cent Japans, but there are none to be had under 13 cents per pound.

Advices from Calcutta point to lower estimates and an early close of the season among Indian teas.

Throughout the country there is an increasing tendency to blend teas. A favorite blend appears to be Ceylon and Indian teas with Japan in about equal proportions.

The experience of the Toronto merchants proves that Indian and Ceylon teas are continuing to gain favor steadily throughout Canada. China black teas are being gradually displaced by the products of the British colonies. In addition to the increase which is taking place in the consumption of India and Ceylon tea in Canada, both Australasia and the Persian Gulf are taking larger supplies. The following table taken from Messrs. Moran & Co.'s circular shows the distribution of exports from Calcutta during the present season:

	1895.	1894.	1893.
Great Britain	63,015,008	62,796,723	57,093,596
Foreign Europe.....	163,018	121,034	170,000
America	594,200	185,562	51,405
Asia	2,493,711	1,707,906	1,454,659
Australasia and New Zealand....	3,273,922	2,237,839	3,041,647
	69,539,859	67,049,064	61,811,307

The tea report of Messrs. Gow, Wilson & Stanton, 13 Road Lane, London, Eng., estimates the quantity of Indian, Ceylon and Java teas brought to auction in London from June 1st to October 25th, as follows:

	Ceylon.	Indian.	Java.
1895-1896	554,346 pkgs.	424,097 pkgs.	23,122 pkgs.
1894-1895	523,345 "	393,085 "	14,634 "

THE LOBSTER PACK OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

From returns made at Ottawa we gather that the total pack of lobsters in Prince Edward Island this year amounts to 309,100 cans, a decrease of 70,000 cans as compared with last season. Supplies of lobsters were certainly short this year, and some Toronto merchants were disappointed in not being able to secure their accustomed stocks. Prices are slightly in advance of last year. It is impossible to advance prices in accord with the falling off in supply, so easily is the place of lobster taken by other canned fish. Wholesale jobbers quote Noble's Crown, flat tins, $\frac{1}{2}$'s and 1's, \$1.50 to \$2.60; ditto, tall tins, XX and XXX, \$1.85 to \$2 per dozen. Many complaints have been heard of inferior packing this last several seasons, but the new pack appears to show marked improvement, both in the fish selected and the manner of canning. There were 192 factories at work in Prince Edward Island this year.

FOR GROCERS AND PROVISION DEALERS.

The Prescott elevator will be ready to receive grain next week.

Large quantities of potatoes are being sent from Nova Scotia to Cuba.

An experimental planting of peanuts in Carleton county, Ont., gave good results.

A pork packing concern has just commenced operations in Edmonton, N.W.T.

The poultry market is "off" this week. Receipts are large and the quality very poor.

A. McNeil, M.P., is strongly urging the Fishery Department to establish a fish hatchery at Wiarton.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Montreal Journeymen Bakers' Society, V. Gaudry was elected president.

St. John grocers complain that hucksters are given the same privileges on the market that are extended to farmers.

A shipment of sugar beets grown near Leamington, has been sent to Guelph to ascertain what quantity of sugar the beet contains.

A Government inspector is visiting Essex county and intends to take energetic measures to stamp out hog cholera which is prevalent in this district.

A Parrsboro, N.S., man recently finished a three weeks' cruise

along the New Brunswick shore in search of spruce gum, and secured 3,000 pounds of it.

Thompson, Codville & Co., wholesale grocers of Winnipeg, have opened a warehouse in Nelson, B.C., so as to better care for their trade in the Kootenay district.

Walter Thomson has purchased the Great Western flour mills at Woodstock from Thomas McDonald. Mr. Thomson now has mills at Seaforth, Mitchell, Woodstock and London.

A new canning company has been incorporated in British Columbia, under the style of the Fraser River Packing Co. Vancouver is to be the principal place of business, and the capital stock is placed at \$125,000.

Glucose syrups are cheap, prices being fully ten cents per gallon lower than the values of three months ago. Merchants, in consequence of the low prices report an excellent consumptive demand for these syrups.

A letter received in Winnipeg from an English merchant states that Manitoba cheese and butter are well received in the old country markets. The only complaint is that some of the butter consignments appear to have been held too long before shipping.

Twenty-six grocers in Fredricton, N.B., the leading firms of the city, have decided to close their stores at 8 o'clock. On Saturdays and evenings before public holidays the stores will be kept open late. Ten days before Christmas will also be exempt from the agreement.

One of the largest consignments of brandies has just arrived in Montreal from France, consigned to Laporte, Martin & Cie, of that city. It consists of 539 packages of the celebrated P. Richard's brand. This firm has also received a full assortment of port and sherry wines of all grades.

Smaller quantities of oysters are being shipped this season than in former years. This is due to two causes—the increasing scarcity of the bivalves, and the unusually windy weather, which interferes greatly with fishing. However, high prices prevail, and this is the best compensation for the scarcity of fish.—*Summerside Journal*.

The British barque "Sardhana," 1,119 tons, finished loading her cargo of canned salmon at New Westminster, B.C., for the United Kingdom, on the 20th ult. The "Sardhana" loaded 34,999 cases, the product of various canneries, and the value of her cargo is recorded at customs as \$174,995. The value of canned salmon exports from Westminster during October, amounted to nearly \$900,000.

The direct Mediterranean steamer "Fremona" has reached Montreal; her arrival will help to relieve the dearth of Valencia raisins, for of these she has on board some 55,000 boxes. Of currants she does not bring any large quantity, her manifest showing 180 barrels, 700 half barrels, 1,385 cases, and 433 half cases. Of Malaga raisins she brings 6,689 boxes and 2,325 quarters, and among her miscellaneous cargo are 1,560 sacks and 1,304 cases of almonds, 300 sacks of filberts, 4,000 crates of Spanish onions, besides wines, green fruit, etc.

DRY GOODS JOTTINGS.

Merchant tailors are praying for cold weather.

Large quantities of medium worsteds are being made in Leeds for the spring trade.

Mr. Chas. Raymond, of Guelph, has decided not to remove his sewing machine factory to Brantford.

The Alberta *Tribune*, of Calgary, says that the wool crop of Manitoba and the North-West this year will exceed 800,000 pounds.

The dry goods merchants of Brussels, Ont., have adopted the early closing idea, and will do no business after seven o'clock, except on Saturdays.

To be without fur trimmings at this season of the year is to lack an essential commodity in autumn trade. Fur and fur imitations are in good taste, as trimmings for dresses and hats.

An American clothing firm prints a picture of Svengali and Trilby in its advertisement, with the legend beneath: "We don't want to put you into a trance—we are content to give you a fit."

Attempts have recently been made to introduce the two-loom system in the Huddersfield district. But the operatives are firm in their resolution to allow each employee to attend no more than one loom.

The following Canadian buyers have, according to the *Draper's Record*, arrived in British textile markets: Mr. P. A. Drolet (Beaudry, Drolet & Co., Three Rivers), Mr. O. A. Gauvreau (Gauvreau, Pelletier & Co., Quebec), Mr. J. C. McLimont (W. McLimont & Co., Quebec), Mr. O. A. Barrette (Thibaudeau Bros., Quebec), Mr. J. B. Bryson (W. A. Murray & Co., Toronto), and Messrs. J. W. Henson and T. C. Wilson, New York.