

## DRY GOODS TRADE.

## The Linen Market.

A prominent linen agent who has just returned from a trip abroad says: "The fact that buyers from this market have placed conservative orders while on the other side will not help to soften prices any way for purchasers in this market, and at present there is little chance of a reduction. The position of the jobber is substantially the same, for although there are some flat have goods which were secured at somewhat lower prices than now prevail, these goods do not figure very largely when compared with the entire stock, and there are few if any who can afford to sell any grade of goods much below present quotations except at a loss. The new crop is not due for two months yet, and is well taken care of already. In the European markets conditions are much the same as those prevailing in Dundee and Belfast. Yarns are reported high and supplies of manufactured goods decidedly low. Manufacturers will find considerable difficulty in filling all the orders that are coming to hand."

## Dry Goods Trade Notes.

Underwear prices are firm, and the demand has improved. Prompt deliveries bring a premium. Manufacturers of woolen underwear are working steadily to catch up on old orders. Exports of yarn from Manchester, England, to the United States amounted in quarter ended September 30 to 75,000 bales, as against 531,217 pounds in the same period of 1901. Exports of cotton velvets, cords and lustans totalled 5,004,410 yards, compared with 4,671,188 yards in the quarter ended September 30, 1901.

The secretary of the Winnipeg board of trade has received from a gentleman in Minneapolis a request for the address of a correspondent who would go into the manufacturing of all kinds of the fine skirts or custom goods of old description, or, if it were not found desirable to manufacture such goods at Winnipeg, to arrange to manufacture them to order in Minneapolis.

Great efforts are being made in the Province of Quebec to reawaken interest in the larger Canadian home industry of ornamental woven material, which is tufted in a way peculiar to southern Europe centuries ago, and well known to the habitant. Some time ago the Women's Historical society endeavored to "float" Canadian tweeds, cloths, etc., in Toronto, having beautiful samples of these sent from the mills in Canada and the Maritime Provinces.

## Grocery Trade Notes.

Strong cable advices have been received from the east on nutmegs, latest reports being that stocks are exhausted.

London cable advices reported a bumper market for India and Ceylon teas, prices for the lower grades showing advances of 5d.

An advice from London reports that the total shipments of bag tips from Smyrna to the English market has not exceeded 8,000 bags.

Red Alaska sugar advanced 2c on the Pacific coast last week. It is predicted that another advance of 1c will take place by Jan. 1.

Sugar advanced 2c at Minneapolis last week. Brokers say that it will advance again. The statistical position of sugar is strong and unless the refineries fall out and cut prices again there is no reason why sugar should not hold at least its present value.

Higher prices for teas are now ruling. Cables announce that on Indian and green Ceylon teas an advance of from one farthing to one penny per pound has taken place in the London markets, and the supplies on hand are scarce. Japanese teas are also higher. The tea men say that prices have been too low for many months, and that the public have been enjoying the benefit of the cheapness.

With reference to currants, advices sent to hand state that the statistical position continues to become brighter. Shipments to all parts from Greece up to October 31 footed up 91,560 tons gross, as against 73,000 tons gross last year. This shows an export during the last half of October of

about 20,000 tons, or about 5,000 tons more for that period than was shipped to the consuming markets during the same two weeks last year. The market in Greece remains very firm, and with a reported excellent demand from Italy and Holland—in fact from all continental countries. Advices from England indicate a continuance of the good demand there, which is quite unprecedented in volume, the imports having been much larger for the first two months of the crop than before experienced in recent years.

## IMPLEMENT TRADE.

## Wagons.

It requires no more than a cursory observation to become aware of the fact that Canadian wagon builders are doing excellent work and more work than in past years. The demand while not extraordinary, is particularly gratifying to wagon makers because of the wide range of country from which wagons come. There has been no particular departure from old methods, but it is observable that the wagons lately being turned out possess features in point of durability that make them deserving of the confidence they are receiving. Travellers who have recently returned from business trips in remote sections are able to report a broadening market for our wagon makers, and the wagon makers themselves are not slow to appreciate the fact and to realize that there good work is appreciated. The steady development of agriculture is, of course, the basis of the demand. In cities and towns a better grade of wagon is being introduced. More money is being paid for them, better service being gotten out of them, and the cost of wagons per year and per month is actually decreasing.—Implement Trade Journal.

## Implement Trade Notes.

The employees of the Massey-Harris Company, at Winnipeg, presented I. W. Housner with a solitaire ring, on the occasion of his leaving for Calgary to take the management of the company's branch there.

The good sleighing now so general in the west has greatly improved the demand for sleighs and cutters and business is brisk in these lines throughout the country. It looks as if the sleigh trade would for once be good at the outset of the winter.

A Minneapolis implement warehouse, carrying heavy goods collapsed recently owing to defective material. It is to be feared that a good deal of faulty material and workmanship is going into some of the warehouses being built nowadays.

It is reported that some American twine factories are already canvassing for next season's business. They are not quoting prices, but simply look orders subject to quotations at a given date or time of delivery. The market is expected to open at 10 or 11c, Chicago basis.

## Lumber Trade Notes.

G. Streeb has secured a contract from the Canadian Northern Railway to cut 250,000 ties during the coming winter. His camps will be located at Hanning, about 50 miles east of Fort Frances.

The Ross-McLaren saw mills, about three miles above New Westminster, on the north bank of the Fraser, will be put in operation again by their new American owners after nearly ten years of idleness. L. W. David, of Blaine, Wash., is one of the new owners, and the mills will be operated in connection with his mill at that place. Cedar logs will be cut into rough lumber and shipped to Blaine for finishing. In this way the export duty on logs will be avoided.

## Hardware Trade Notes.

The Cramp Steel Company's plant which has been in course of erection in Colwood, Ont., during the past two years is about completed. The buildings are extremely massive and solid. In every building the foundation has been built on bed rock.

The estimated shipments of celery from California for 1901-1902 are put by commercial authorities at 1,200 carloads, against 1,100 carloads in 1900-01 and 700 carloads in 1899-1900.



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