

RETAIL MERCHANTS HAVE LITTLE REASON TO COMPLAIN

Regarding the existing condition of trade in the city Montreal and vicinity Bradstreet's has this to say: Trade weather during the past week has been delightful and has been beneficial to business. There is, however, very little change to note amongst our retail trade, but everyone seems satisfied the way things are going.

CALIFORNIA OIL OUTPUT

Yok, April 30.—According to the Standard Oil Co. of California, the production of California oil declined 2,730 barrels daily in comparison with February. Shipments of 236,074 barrels indicated a healthy increase over February and a close approach to production. Shipment from fields for March aggregated 7,318,309 barrels, oil stock at the end of March stood at 60,000 barrels.

THE HOP MARKET

Yok, April 30.—There were some small sales of hops reported from the Pacific Coast yesterday, less than 200 bales in all at about 8c. Growers still unwilling to make concessions, especially few remaining high grade hops, otherwise the market is heavy.

FRANCE BUYS 15,000 TONS SUGAR

Yok, April 30.—France yesterday bought 15,000 tons of refined sugar from the Central Sugar Refining Company, and additional quantities have been purchased from other refiners. Further large orders pending all refiners have reported their price 10 points to 6 cents.

NEW YORK CURB

Yok, April 30.—Curb market opened steady for copper, zinc, lead, tin, silver, nickel, platinum, palladium, iridium, rhodium, ruthenium, selenium, tellurium, vanadium, niobium, tantalum, molybdenum, tungsten, uranium, thorium, radium, polonium, actinium, francium, actinon, mesothorium, thorium X, thorium Y, thorium Z, thorium W, thorium V, thorium U, thorium T, thorium S, thorium R, thorium Q, thorium P, thorium O, thorium N, thorium M, thorium L, thorium K, thorium J, thorium I, thorium H, thorium G, thorium F, thorium E, thorium D, thorium C, thorium B, thorium A.

THE PRODUCE MARKET

Butter, Creamery, 31c to 31 1/2c; Sterilized, 30 1/2c to 30 3/4c; Sweetened, 29 1/2c to 30c. Cheese, Cheddar, 16 1/2c to 16 3/4c; Swiss, 16c to 16 1/2c; American, 15 1/2c to 15 3/4c. Maple Products, Maple syrup, 8-lb. tins, .65 to .70; 10-lb. tins, .75 to .80; 13-lb. tins, .90 to 1.20; Maple sugar, per pound, .11 to .12. Honey, White honey, 15c to 15 1/2c; Clover, 13c to 13 1/2c; Buckwheat, 11c to 11 1/2c; Alfalfa, 8 1/2c to 9c. Beans, 1 1/2-lb. pickers, \$3.00 to \$3.05; 2-lb. pickers, 2.75 to 2.80; 5-lb. pickers, 2.65 to 2.70; 10-lb. pickers, 2.55 to 2.60. Potatoes, 48 1/2c to .50c.

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COTTON EASED OFF AFTER RECORD HIGH

Fears for the Crop Have Restricted the Morenebt Somewhat--Foreign Demand also Hurt

DOMESTIC TRADE BETTER

Rains in South Have Been Followed by Reports of Damage to the Crop--Sentiment Regarding Them Has Been Divided.

Nervousness and irregularity prevailed the cotton market during the past week and after once more making new high records for the movement, prices reacted under realizing. There has been but restricted selling influenced by fears for the condition of the crop in the Southwest and the continued steadiness in the Southern spot markets. A private cable received from Liverpool reported that the British Government had prohibited all exports of cotton to Europe, with the exception of Russia, France, Spain and Portugal. This naturally tended to unsettle sentiment and the export demand has no doubt, fallen off, but there is still a large amount of cotton on shipboard awaiting clearance and the export movement for the month of April bids fair to meet bullish expectations.

Spinners' Takings Shorter. Spinners-takings for the last week fell somewhat short of the expected total, but fluctuations in the out-of-sight movement frequently result from shipping conditions, and transportation facilities abroad must be more or less unsettled by the war, with the volume of the actual exports and domestic mill consumption a safer guide to probable requirements, than can be found in the visible supply changes at the end of any single week.

Very heavy rains have fallen in the Southwest, resulting in overflows, and followed by reports of damage to early planted cotton and a necessity for churning that at this season of the year they were more likely to damage corn than cotton, and that some corn land might be turned into cotton, as there is still plenty of time to plant the staple. Moreover, the additional moisture in the ground was not considered an undesirable feature, and while the unusually heavy precipitation caused more or less uneasiness, perhaps, due to a fear of its possible continuance or recurrence, there is a feeling that the actual damage could not be repaired with favorable conditions from now on. The weekly report of the Weather Bureau on Wednesday indicated that crop preparations and planting had made generally satisfactory progress, but stated that moisture was needed to bring up cotton in the Eastern belt, and continued dry weather in that section is beginning to attract some attention. Ideas as to acreage still vary, but we notice that preliminary reports published by the Journal of Commerce this morning indicate a largely increased acreage in grains in Texas and Oklahoma, with estimates of the decreased cotton acreage in Texas ranging from 10 to 50 per cent, and Oklahoma from 10 to 40 per cent. The Texas crop is reported two weeks late and Oklahoma about the same.

NAVAL STORES MARKET

Yok, April 30.—The demand for spirits was fairly good though not up to expectations. The weather has been unfavorable for painting but this source of consumption should be more in evidence before long. For spot turpentine 48c was asked by the sellers.

Tar was unchanged at the basis of \$5 for kiln burned and 25 cents more for rosin. Pitch was steady at the basis of \$4.

Rosins were merely steady with a fair movement for the export and domestic trade. Common to good strained was held at \$3.85.

The following were the prices of rosins in the yard: B, \$3.70 to \$3.80; C, \$3.70 to \$3.85; D, \$3.80 to \$3.90; E, \$3.90 to \$3.95; F, \$3.95 to \$4.00; G, \$4.00 to \$4.10; H, \$4.05 to \$4.20; I, \$4.05 to \$4.30; K, \$4.40; M, \$4.75 to \$4.85; N, \$3.60 to \$5.70; W, G, \$6.00 to \$6.10; W, V, \$6.20 to \$6.25.

Savannah, Ga., April 30.—Turpentine firm at 44 1/2c to 45c; sales, 222; receipts, 498; shipments, 14; stock, 29,258. Rosin, firm; sales, 917; receipts, 1,740; shipments, 200; stocks, 77,370. Quote: A, B, \$3.30; C, D, \$3.40; E, \$3.45; F, \$3.55; G, \$3.70; H, I, \$3.75; K, \$3.85 to \$3.95; M, \$4.20 to \$4.45; N, \$5.15; W, G, \$5.65 to \$5.70; W, V, \$5.80.

Liverpool, April 30.—Rosin, common 12s.; turpentine spirits, 38s.

ANOTHER NIPISSING SHIPMENT. Cobalt, Ont., April 30.—The Nipissing has shipped 291 bars containing 256,500.88 ounces and valued at \$127,129.20.

Within the past few weeks the Nipissing has been marketing the bullion in London and shipping by way of New York City.

MAY WHEAT DELIVERIES. Chicago, Ill., April 30.—Deliveries on Saturday on May contracts are expected to include 400,000 to 500,000 bushels wheat, 700,000 to 800,000 bushels corn and 2,000,000 to 4,000,000 oats.

PHILADELPHIA STOCKS. Philadelphia, Pa., April 30.—Market opened steady. Philadelphia Company 3 3/4 bid; Philadelphia Rapid Transit 9 3/4-16, off 3-16.

BOSTON STOCK MARKET. Boston, Mass., April 30.—Market opened strong. North Butte 3 1/4, up 1/4. Smelting 40, up 1/4; Butte & Superior 7 1/2, off 1/4.



LT.-COL. G. S. RYERSON. In charge of the Canadian Red Cross work in London. Col. Ryerson had one son killed and one wounded during the recent fighting around Ypres.

FARMERS CAN AID THE WOUNDED THROUGH THE RED CROSS SOCIETY

Dr. James W. Robertson, chairman of the Red Cross Society, whose office is in the Union Bank Building Sparks Street, Ottawa, makes the following further appeal to the farmers of the country for aid. "Our country, with its Allies is waging a great war for justice, for the protection of small nations in the enjoyment of their rights for continued and growing freedom, and for the maintenance of its pledged word of honor. Much destruction and desolation are being caused. Lives are being lost by the thousand. Canada's first continent is now in the thick of it. Some will fall sick, many may be wounded; some will pay the last full measure of devotion to their country and its cause.

"The Red Cross Society exists to succor the sick and wounded in war. The need of Red Cross Service is great and growing greater as the war goes on. The price of progress towards lasting peace is very, very dear. It cost lives, homes, health and much besides Canada's part in the process of payment, though giving for Red Cross work, is a mercifully light and easy, even when all have given to the extent of reality feeling it.

"The soldiers and sailors pay the price exacted by the desolating struggle from week to week. What they paid in blood and did in sacrifice a month ago was not enough for them. Shall we say it was enough for us? What they are doing and suffering and achieving have put aside, for the time, all their thoughts and plans for individual welfare, comfort and safety. They don't hesitate to establish precedents. But they are precedents of heroic sacrifice for our country and its cause, for our principles and ideals that they may be upheld.

"Farmers, individually as well as through their Institutes, Clubs, and Cheese and Butter Factories, are in a position to help very greatly. Their business does not suffer from the war. Prices of nearly all farm products have gone up. While labor is scarce there is time to think of the boys at the front and to send the Red Cross Society a gift to be spent for the sick and wounded.

"Farmers are generous in sentiment and generous in giving when their hearts and heads point the way. This is a case when they do so not only clearly, persuasively and urgently. In this crisis, in the lives of nations, none can pray too much, do too much or give too much.

"I appeal to farmers to send me sums from \$1 to \$50, during the first week in May. Every \$50 provides one additional hospital bed with the giver's name over it. By sending me about \$10,000, you would serve your country well, bring credit to yourselves, and make all of us very proud of you. For the sake of the wounded boys, make the gift substantial. It will be an investment towards the recovery of some Canadian soldier who stood in our stead that our cause might be upheld."

The Journal of Commerce will be pleased to receive subscriptions on behalf of the Society which is deserving of liberal support, forward the amounts to Ottawa, and publish the names of the donors.

THE HIDE MARKET

Yok, April 30.—There was no material change in the hide situation yesterday. The market was quiet. The stock of dry and dry salted hides continues heavy, amounting to 185,231, as compared with 6,399 last year. The city packer market was dull.

Table with columns for Bid, Asked, and various hide types like Orinoco, Lagayra, Puerto Cabello, Caracas, Maracaibo, Guatemala, Central America, Ecuador, Bogota, Vera Cruz, Tampico, Tabasco, Tuxpam, Dry Salted Selected, Payta, Maracaibo, Pernambuco, Matamoros, Wet Salted, Vera Cruz, Mexico, Santiago, Cienfuegos, Havana, City Slaughter Spreads, Do, native steers, selected 60 or over, Do, branded, Do, Bull, Do, cow all weights, Country slaughter steers 60 or over, Do, cow, Do, bull, 60 or over.

JUTE IS UNCHANGED. New York, April 30.—Jute shows no change, there being few offers and prices ruling merely nominal. For good firsts May-June 5.50c is nominally asked. The interest now centres about the estimates for the coming crop. Indian mills have bought up some months supply against government orders.

LIVERPOOL CASH WHEAT. Liverpool, April 30.—Cash wheat opened easy, unchanged to 2 off from Thursday, No. 2 hard winter 11s. 8 1/2d.; No. 2 soft winter 12s. 6d. Cash corn opened easier, off 1/4 to 1 1/2 from Thursday. American mixed 8s. 6d.; La Plata 8s. 4d.

N. S. FISHERIES ASSN. WAS RECENTLY FORMED

Branch of the Dominion Association was Formed at Halifax, With A. H. Whitman as President

ADOPTED SAME CHARTER

First Annual Meeting Will be Held in September at Lunenburg and in Meantime Association Will Carry on Work.

(Special Staff Correspondence.)

Halifax, April 30.—At a meeting held Tuesday in the board of trade rooms and attended by representatives of the fishing industry from all over the province, the Nova Scotia branch of the Canadian Fisheries Association was formed. The Canadian association was organized at Ottawa, on February 15th, 1915. S. Y. Wilson, of this city, is first vice-president and A. H. Whitman is one of the three Nova Scotia directors. Prominent fish handlers of the province came to the conclusion that a Nova Scotia branch of the Association would be a good thing for the province, and so a meeting was called for the purpose of forming one.

The work of organizing was carried out and the officers elected. The rest of the day was devoted to the discussion of live subjects, of interest to fishermen, chief among them being the pickled fish inspection act, which comes into force on May 1st, and the modification of the "modus vivendi," as applied to vessels engaged in fishing out of our ports. Committees were appointed to look after the interests of the fishermen and fish merchants in both of these matters. The "modus vivendi" came into effect before fishing vessels began to install auxiliary power, and an effort will be made to secure for these fishermen the same rights enjoyed by the sailing vessels not equipped with gasoline power.

The constitution and by-laws of the Dominion Association were adopted with the necessary amendments to make them agreeable for the Nova Scotia branch. The following officers were elected:— President—A. Handfield Whitman, Halifax. Vice-President—E. F. Hodge, Lunenburg. Secretary-Treasurer—S. Y. Wilson, Lunenburg. Executive—R. H. Williams, Halifax; Chas. Rawlins, Pictou; Maurice McKinnon, Clark's Harbor; Robt. Matthews, Lunenburg; H. B. Shortt, Digby.

The meeting was for organization purposes only and the first annual meeting will be held on the third Wednesday in September at Lunenburg. It is then expected that a large number of those engaged in the fishing industry will have seen the advantages which a membership in the Association will bring them and a large representation will be looked for. As the objects of the association are in the best interests of all those engaged in the fishing industry, the formation of this branch can not fail to prove of great benefit.

The President of the Dominion Association is Mr. D. J. Byrne, of Leonard Bros., of Montreal, and the secretary-treasurer, Mr. F. William Wallace, Montreal.

PARIS SPOT WHEAT.

Paris, April 30.—Spot wheat up 1 1/2 from Thursday at 184 1/2.

FOREIGN GOODS OCCUPIED MOST ATTENTION IN BOSTON

Boston, Mass., April 30.—Business in the wool market during the past week was again chiefly confined to foreign goods. It was estimated that sales of Australians and Capes totalled about 1,000,000 pounds.

Although the west opened strongly, some consignments are on the way, bought at rather high prices. In the woollen and worsted goods market, duplicate orders on fabrics offered some time ago are being received, and there is a more favorable outlook. One of the larger concerns made reductions in prices during the week which upset the market to a certain extent.

There have been good demands for light weight fabrics for spring. On account of increased cost of production worsted manufacturers will favor woollens. It is believed that the limit has about been reached in the substitutions for many colors. In connection with the dyestuffs situation, probably more cotton will be used in making army goods, and this has been done already in Europe.

In the dress goods, market sellers are more optimistic than they were, but the situation is not any too good at present.

COTTON FUTURES OPENED QUIET.

Liverpool, April 30.—Futures opened quiet, 2 to 2 1/2 points off. At 12:30 p.m. market quiet.

Close . . . . . 566 572 581 1/2 598  
Due . . . . . 552 559 568 594 1/2  
Open . . . . . 554 571 580 596

At 12:30 p.m. there was a moderate demand for spots. Prices-easier with middlings at 5.66d.; sales 10,000 bales; receipts 23,000 bales, all American. Spot prices at 12:45 p.m. were: American middlings fair 5.65d.; good middlings 5.62d.; middlings 5.66d.; low middlings 5.52d.; good ordinary 4.82d.; ordinary 4.52d.

Liverpool, April 30.—2 p.m.—Futures easier 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 points off, sales 10,000 bales including 5,800 American. May-June 5.53 1/2, July-August 5.69 1/2, Oct. Nov. 5.80; Jan.-Feb. 5.95 1/2.

LONDON MARKETS INACTIVE.

London, April 30.—Markets inactive. Consols 65 3/4-1/8, War loan 94 5/16.

New York 1 p.m. Equivalent. Changes.

Amal. Copper . . . . . 80% 77 1/2 Off %  
Can. Pacific . . . . . 174 1/2 167 Off %  
Erie . . . . . 20 1/2 20 Off %  
M. & T. . . . . 13 1/2 13 Off %  
Southern Ry. . . . . 19 1/2 18 Off %  
Southern Pacific . . . . . 97 92 1/2 Off %  
Union Pacific . . . . . 137 1/2 132 Off %  
U. S. Steel . . . . . 61 1/2 59 Off %  
Demand sterling 4.80.

COTTON MARKET UNCHANGED.

New York, April 30.—Rio market unchanged, stock 448,000 bags, against 212,000 last year. Santos off 100 reis stock 654,000 bags, against 1,174,000 year ago. Port receipts 34,000, year ago 15,000. Interior receipts 24,000, year ago 15,000. Rio exchange on London 12 1/2d, off 2-3/2d.

COPPER EXPORTS FROM U. S.

New York, April 30.—Exports of copper from the United States in March, according to figures compiled by the Department of Commerce totalled 66,583,500 pounds as follows: Pigs, ingots, bars 59,977,711, plates and sheets 1,996,350, rods and wire 4,646,867, all other 268,422.

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