

Toronto Grocery Market.

Sugars, Syrups and Molasses—The consumption of granulated sugar, though phenomenally great this summer, has undoubtedly been kept down very much by the limitations put on the supply. There would perhaps have been nearly one third more consumed if it could have been furnished when it was wanted in every case. This has restored to yellow in some measure the proportion of the demand that passed from it to granulated when the latter became cheaper by the removal of the duty. It was expected that the price of fruit would be kept up pretty well throughout the season because of the sharp demand for it that cheap sugar would create, but because of the difficulty of getting sugar, fruit prices have ruled generally easy. The want for sugar is as great as ever at unchanged prices, that is, 5 to 5½¢ for granulated and 4¢ and upwards for yellow, with the majority of jobbers quoting no lower than 4½¢ on yellows. Raw sugars are offering at \$3.65 and upwards, which enables wholesalers to job them out at at \$3.75 to 3.90 per cwt. A lot of 300 barrels of Trinidad is on the way to one house. Molasses is moderately firm at at 38¢ for barrels of West Indies and 55¢ for good table New Orleans. The latter is selling fairly well. Granulated 1 to 15 barrels, 5½¢; do, 15 barrels and over, 5¢; Paris lump, boxes, 5½ to 5¾¢; extra ground, barrels, 5¾¢; do, boxes or less than barrels, 6¼¢; powdered, barrels, 5¾¢; do, less than barrels, 5¾ to 5¾¢; refined, dark to bright, 4½ to 4¾¢. Syrups—D., 2½ to 2¾¢; M., 2½ to 2¾¢; B., 2½ to 3¢; V. B., 3 to 3½¢; E. V. B., 3½ to 3¾¢; E. S. V. B., 3½ to 3¾¢; N. X., 3½ to 3¾¢; N. X. and special, 3½ to 3¾¢.

Teas and Coffees—New Darjeelings are offering and receiving attention at prices to jobbers from 13½ to 1s 9d. The drawing quality is good. Consignments will soon reach this market. Low grades of Japan to retail at 25 to 30¢ are in leading demand, but business has to wait on their arrival, which is now nearly due. Coffee is plentiful and dull. The market is supplied with all the grades that sell. Rios, 21 to 22¢; Jamaica, 22 to 23¢; Java, 27 to 35¢; Mocha, 29 to 35¢; Porto Rico, 25 to 28¢.

Rice, Spices, etc.—Rice, bags, 3½ to 4½¢; do, off grades, 3½ to 3¾¢; do, Patna, 6½ to 6¾¢; do, Japan, 4½ to 5½¢; Carolina, 4 to 4½¢; sago, 3½ to 4½¢; tapioca, 4½ to 6¢; pepper black, 12 to 18¢; do, white, 18 to 25¢; ginger, Jamaica, 25 to 30¢; cloves, 20 to 35¢; allspice, 12 to 15¢; nutmegs, 95¢ to \$1.20; cream tartar, 25 to 50¢.

Dried Fruits—Currants are the only fruits with any life in them. They are quite firm and selling reasonably well at 6½ to 6¾¢ in barrels, and 6½ to 6¾¢ in half barrels for provincials. Case prunes are 6½ to 7½¢, and tend to remain in the low range, as stocks are full. Valencia raisins are still in the demoralized state frequently referred to, 4½ to 6¢ being the lowest and highest prices. Currants, barrels, new, 6½ to 6¾¢; half barrels, 6½ to 6¾¢; cases, 6½ to 8¢; Vostizza, new, cases, 7½ to 9½¢. Raisins, Valencias, 4 to 5½¢; do, selects, 7½ to 8¢; do, layers, 8½ to 9¢; Sultanas, 15 to 18¢. London layers, \$2.50 to \$2.75. Prunes, cases, 6½ to 7½¢; hogheads and bags, 6½ to 7¢. Figs, natural bags, 4½ to 5¢; Malaga mats, \$1 to \$1.25; Elemeas, 10 to 20 pounds, 10 to 13¢. Dates, Hal lowce, 5½ to 6¢; old 4c. Nuts, almonds, Tarragona, 15 to 17¢; Ivica, 14 to 15¢; filberts, Sicily, 10½ to 11¢; walnuts, Grenobles, 16 to 17¢; Marbots, 12 to 13¢; Bordeaux, 12 to 12½¢.

Canned Goods—The enquiry for canned goods is clearly not so forward as it commonly is at this season, though improvement has been wrought in it by the weather of the past fortnight. Future peas, corn and tomatoes are unchanged at \$1 to \$1.05, with none but ordinary stock contracted for at the lowest figure. In fact, in the upper ranks of brand prices are nearly always steady and cutting is unusual. The peas referred to a day or two ago are quoted at \$1.15. There is no change in the situation of the salmon pack. Local brokers are making slow progress with business, the dulness being perhaps as much due to indecision on the part of packers as to hesitation on the part of jobbers. There appears to be no special eagerness on either hand. Spot tomatoes are \$1.60 and nearly out. Lobsters are \$2.75 for Clover Leaf, and \$2.25 to \$2.30 for other grades. Fish—Salmon, 1's flat, \$1.65 to 1.70; do, 1's tall, \$1.35 to 1.50; lobsters, Clover Leaf, \$2.75; do, other 1's, \$2.25 to 2.30; mackerel, \$1.20 to 1.40; sardines, French, 1's, 9 to 11¢; do, ½'s, 15 to 22¢; do, American, ½'s 6 to 8¢; do, ¼'s, 9c. Fruits and vegetables—Corn, 2's, \$1.10 to 1.25; do, cream, 3's, \$1.75 to 1.80; peas, 2's, \$1.30 to 1.50; beans, 99c; pumpkins, 75; strawberries, 2's, \$2.25 to 2.40; tomatoes, 3's, \$1.60; apples, 3's, \$1.10 to 1.15; do, gallons, \$3 to 3.20; peaches, 2's, \$2.50 to \$2.75; do, 3's, \$3.50 to 3.75; plums, 2's, \$1.60; do, 3's, \$2.60; pears, 2's, \$2.—*Empire*, July 24.

An Official Grain Weigher.

The grain section of the Toronto board of trade have had under consideration for some time the question of an official grain weigher. At a recent meeting the matter was referred to a special committee, which has since reported. The report recommended the erection of a joint central elevator capable of holding single cars; that a committee be appointed to wait on the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk Railways and urge the necessity of building a joint elevator here and a transfer one at Junction points for weighing grain loaded outside, not destined for the city. The committee considered that ½¢ per bushel would be sufficient remuneration for the railway companies for the extra work entailed in weighing the cars of grain in the elevators, and that the weighing should be done by the inspector at the rate of 25 cents per car. The report was adopted and Messrs. Carrick, McIntosh, Chapman, Baird and Tilley were appointed a committee to wait upon the railway companies. In the meantime the council of the board will be requested to exercise all possible energy to secure a qualified person for the position of official weigher. The *modus operandi* at present is to have the grain weighed by the load at the city scales, as taken from the car. This is often disappointing, as the quantity contained in the car is not thus ascertained till the aggregate is made up and then it is not an uncommon occurrence for the dealer to be informed that there is a shortage of several bushels. A case in point, of recent date, is that of Norris & Carruthers, who were out 33 bushels on one car of oats. Under the proposed change every car of grain will be run into an elevator, where it will be unloaded, weighed, replaced in the car and sealed, and a certificate of weight will then be issued by the official weigher and this taken as final.—*Canadian Miller*.

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