

Stocks of inferior eggs have been reduced and the trade is in better condition. Supplies now arriving show improved quality, and prices have advanced. Dealers quote No. 1, 12 to 13c., and No. 2, 8 to 9c. per dozen.

Slipp & Flewelling, pork packers, St. John, have greatly enlarged their premises, and put in operation last Saturday for the first time in that Province, the direct expansion ammonia system of refrigeration and cold storage. And it works like a charm.

The steamship "Patria" arrived in New York on Sept. 1st, carrying about 2,000 cases of Valencia raisins for Canadian markets, the first shipment of the season. The "Patria" made an unusually quick voyage and the raisins will be received sooner than was expected.

The Halifax *Chronicle* tells the story of a large sale of Canadian cigars last week. "One of the largest sales ever made in the Maritime Provinces." It was made by the representative of a Montreal house to H. W. Wentzell, and the sale included a quarter of a million cigars.

Present prices for Tarragona almonds are said to be the lowest in the history of the trade. The barque "Francesca R.," which passed Gibraltar on July 19th with some 8,000 bags, is expected to arrive here about the 15th of this month.—*N.Y. Journal and Commercial Bulletin*.

Eleven steamships conveyed from the port of Montreal last week no less than 94,634 boxes of Canadian cheese, which was nearly 40,000 boxes in excess of the shipments of cheese to Europe for the corresponding week of 1895. These shipments were the heaviest of any one week this year so far.

In their last circular the Hills Bros. Co. say, regarding figs, that latest advices from Smyrna are to the effect that the first shipments left August 27th, and should arrive in New York between September 24th and 27th. The crop is about ten days later in maturing than last season, but is reported a good one, both as to quality and quantity.

The Spokane fruit show will be held from October 6th to 17th inclusive, and the North-West Mining Convention will be held there at the same time. In response to an invitation for the Province to send exhibits, the Provincial Fruit-growers' Association of British Columbia has appointed a committee to make arrangements and gather exhibits.

No further reports of damage to the new currant crop have come forward from Greece, which means that fine weather still prevails there; and should this continue for seven or ten days longer the entire crop will have been harvested in good condition and free of damage. Prices for early shipments: Barrels "Wedding Cake," 3½c.; barrels provincials, 3 7-16c.; cases "Gems," 3½c. September shipment from Patras ½c. cheaper.

Advices from Cape Cod relative to the cranberry yield this year, says the *N.Y. Journal and Bulletin*, are very conflicting, and from some important sections the crop is estimated all the way from 50 per cent. of what it was last year to 20 per cent. more than last year. Growers seem to be very much apart as to the yield. Some investigations have been made by dealers here in an effort to obtain some idea as to the yield, and from their reports the crop will average 10 to 20 per cent. more than it was last year.

FRASER RIVER SALMON FISHERY.

The committee appointed by the fishermen of the Fraser River, held a meeting at Steveston, a few days ago, at which Mr. Morrison was chairman, and Mr. Robinson, secretary. A petition was drafted to the Hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries, praying that no more than one license be issued to one individual, and only to Provincial voters; that a heavy duty be imposed on all fish imported from American traps; that more hatcheries be erected on the river; that the weekly close season be extended from 6 p.m. on Saturday to 6 a.m. Monday, to be the only close season, and that steps be taken to keep the mouth of the river clear of nets during the rest of the week; that \$10,000 annually be appropriated for keeping the river clear of snags, etc.; that traps be abolished in British Columbia waters; that naturalization be more stringently enforced; and recommending the establishment of a local advisory board. The petition will be immediately circulated for signatures.

It is further stated by the *Columbian* that the committee also took the preliminary steps for the organization of another fishermen's co-operative company, which there is every prospect will be successfully organized, and will be in operation next year.

TORONTO INDUSTRIAL FAIR.

Year by year, as is indeed to be expected, exhibitors at Ontario's Great Fair are learning the best means of placing their wares before the public eye. And as a result of experience, we find an increasing proportion of them, who are usually to be found in the Main Building, providing themselves with separate stands, kiosks, high show-cases in which to place their wares. This method they find, presumably, the

best for a concentrated display of certain goods in limited space. It will not answer for every description of merchandise, and it is not, perhaps, desirable that everyone should adopt the same plan. But that the array of such graceful ornamental temples now to be found in the Main Building, at the Toronto Exhibition, improves the aspect of the main floor, and gives better opportunity to the visitor both for seeing and for moving about, will hardly be denied.

The Toronto Silver Plate Company was one of the first to provide itself with a portable glass case for the annual display of its dainty silverware and glassware. And John Taylor & Co., makers of perfumery, make this year, in an oak and glass pavilion, an exceedingly attractive show of their goods in graceful bottles, with labels and wrappings that are worthy of Paris. Near by is a space, railed round with wrought iron spikes higher than one's head, inside of which is, or is to be, for it was not there at our reporter's visit, a diamond exhibit.

Opposite the booth of Morse's Eclipse Soap and various other soaps, which is presided over by a very large, very fat, and very yellow beaver—of soap, is the structure of the Ireland National Food Company. They make many food preparations, as our readers know, from wheat, oats, corn, barley and other farinaceous substances. But their new and taking specialty in the way of breakfast food is "Farinosa." Southward from this is the large and creditable display of Jas. Robertson & Sons' lead works.

An excellent site has been chosen by the Canada Paint Co., limited, close to the south door and near what used to be the fountain. And an excellent exhibit of their products is here set out, pyramidal in form and with some striking features. For instance, a model of the yacht "Canada" confronts one, and the legend thereon tells us that the company painted that victorious racer with the Aird-Felch patent composition for boats' bottoms. They show dry and mixed paints in every sort of package; also oil wood stains; shingle stains; bicycle enamels; varnish gums. A specialty is their Diamond Graphite paint, "fire-proof, preservative, and of great covering power."

The handsome fur garments turned out by J. H. Rogers, of Toronto, are in evidence near the north door. Unhappily on this occasion they are crowded into too small space, and do not show to the usual advantage.

RED, BLUE AND GREEN;
SPOONER'S COPPERINE.

We do not put it this way because it is epigrammatic, or because it happens to rhyme but rather because this is the shape in which it found its way into the note book. And it is, perhaps, as short a way as there is of saying that this excellent material for metal bearings continues to be put up in red, blue and green boxes.

Towards the end nearest the lake is the booth of the Heintzman pianos, some forty feet square, containing a variety of their products, uprights and grands, in light and dark woods of admirable finish. It is well worth while to remark the decoration of this booth as something unusually effective, while at the same time simple. The whole booth, facade, ceiling, sides and posts, is hung in cloth, canary and white alternately, and with shirrings—might we not almost say ruchings—of the same. To the bright-faced decorator who was kneeling near by making the word "HEINTZMAN" out of cloth and nailing it on a board, a bystander said: "You're an artist;" to which the cheery man quickly answered, "No, I'm no artist; I'm a workman." And so he was, in that sense of the word which describes an artist as "A skillful person; an adept."

The building which used to be known as the Annex is now designated the Music Pavilion, and it is devoted entirely to pianos and organs. A very good room for the purpose; its contents much more effective than they used to be when it was occupied by furniture, groceries and knicknacks. At a guess we should say the room is 120 feet in length, and of a width which gives space for a row of booths on either side, making a dozen or two different exhibits of musical instruments, some of them striking and some confused. If the demands of the treasury will permit the Exhibition Company refusing to fill up the narrow space in the centre with peddler's booths of any kind, and so preserve the building for music alone, besides giving needed room for promenading and observing the exhibits, we shall be glad.

AUTUMN MILLINERY.

The autumn openings of Toronto wholesale millinery houses began this week, and in spite of the generally admitted trade depression, business in this line has been active. It is very difficult to describe the peculiar styles that mark the present season from that of last year. The designers of head gear have rather sought to improve the old ideas than bring forth anything very novel. Merchants who are carrying any of last year's stock will appreciate the absence of radical changes in style. It was to be expected that in view of the bicycle craze, a good assortment of cycling hats would be shown, and accordingly they, everywhere, occupy prominent places in the season's