

CANNED GOODS IN NEW YORK.

Apart from the better feeling in tomatoes, there are no features in the market. Advices from Baltimore indicate that there has been a considerable amount of buying by insiders for investment, and some jobbers here also have anticipated probable future requirements to some extent, impelled by the prospect of higher freights after the turn of the year. This has served to stiffen the views of holders, and it would appear that the weak ones among them have been pretty well shaken out. Still there has been no quotable advance during the interval, and a majority of buyers seem reluctant to make purchases. In other vegetables, trade is dull. There is some talk of future contracts in Main and State corn, but no great progress seems to have been made in the way of actual business as yet. There is a good jobbing demand for California fruits, but limited supplies restrict business. There has been some demand for American sardines, and we hear that a number of small sales of quarter-oils have been made at \$2.55. In other lines there is nothing new and little business.—N.Y. Bulletin of Com., 20th.

Judging from the following in the Strathroy Age, the frontage tax system is not highly thought of in that town: "Alvinston is about to put its head into the noose by voting for a frontage tax by-law for sidewalks. Residents on the outskirts will vote for it, laughing in their sleeve at the chance to make down-town owners whack up. But in a few years the down-town owners will have the best of it, the others going home in the mud. That is Strathroy's experience." It has not been the experience here, we have had the frontage system for several years, and it has always worked well.—Leamington Post.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN HALIFAX CITY CHARTER.

The Laws and Privileges Committee held another meeting recently. The committee decided to re-establish the Board of Works. This change will likely be the theme of a lengthy discussion at the council meeting, when the new charter is sent up for approval.

At present there is a provision in the charter giving power to the City Council to allow a city official to engage in any other business, besides that for which he is employed by the city. This was changed, and now all officials are prohibited from so engaging in any other business, and the Council has no power to permit them to do so. The penalty for officials is forfeiture of office.

Formerly the Governor-in-Council had to approve of the appointment of a City Recorder. This section was revoked. Another important change is in relation to the appointment of the Stipendiary Magistrate. Under the present law the stipendiary is appointed by the local Government. The committee thought the Council should elect its own magistrate and a change to that effect was made in the charter.—Acadian Recorder.

LIVERPOOL PRICES

Liverpool, Dec. 21, 12.30 p.m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	6	11
Red Winter	5	9
No. 1 Cal	6	3
Corn	3	6
Peas	5	5
Lard	28	0
Pork	57	6
Bacon, heavy	33	6
Bacon, light	34	0
Tallow	26	9
Cheese, new white	57	0
Cheese new colored	59	0

—Miss Bertha Herbert, who ran for School Commissioner, in Westchester County, N.Y., at a recent election, and who defeated her Democratic opponent, reports that she paid \$34 for buttons, \$7 for photographs, \$11 for cards, \$4.50 for plates, \$4 for cuts, \$10.50 for cigars, \$28 for newspapers, \$10.20 for fair tickets, \$95.75 for carriages, \$9.27 for postage, and \$15 for meals for a substitute teacher for her school, while she was electioneering. This will do for an awful example.

—The Merchants' Association of New York has received word that the Central Passenger Association, which met in Chicago recently, has granted the reduced rates of fare to New York for the spring buying season. The Trunk lines had previously granted these rates, so that now the reduced fares will be in effect from all the territory west from the New Eng-

land boundary to the Mississippi river, including Chicago and St. Louis, and south to the line of the Ohio river.

—Cornwall, December 19th. — The operatives of the Canadian Colored Cotton Mills Company here, some two thousand in number, have been advised of a ten per cent. raise in their wages to take effect January 1st. As the present scale of wages is in advance of those paid by most cotton companies in Canada, the increase will be a big addition to the present pay roll.

—During the ten years which have elapsed since the first \$75,000 was offered for the library in Braddock, subsequently increased to \$300,000, Mr. Andrew Carnegie has given away more than \$9,000,000 for the purpose of building and maintaining libraries in the United States and other countries.

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